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The Middlesex Stamp Exchange Society.—REPORT.

Twenty seven sheets value £41 17s. 1½d., received for the August packet. The April packet returned on July 20th., but owing to a member having changed some stamps, etc., and the correspondence entailed thereby, the sheets were not returned to their owners till several days after. The April sales are the largest so far, having amounted to over £20.—WARNING.—E. H. Newman, of 56 Ossory Road, London, S.E. has been dismissed from the Club for changing and stealing stamps from the April packet.—P. J. PAINTER, Secretary.

En Passant.

AUSTRIA, Hungary, Bosnia and Servia have new stamps in preparation.

THE "Stamp Collector" reaches me very behindhand. I hardly know whom to blame, our publisher, or theirs. The other papers arrive promptly, considering.

IT is high time some of the powers that be, took it into their heads to endeavour to put an end to the eternal scandal of the thefts of letters abroad, more particularly in Sweden, Russia, Roumania and Hungary. The state of affairs is such, that ordinary letters *have* to be registered, if they are expected to reach their destination some time.

LONDON stamp papers are filling an inordinately large portion of their columns with wise and portentous pronouncements on the new Philatelic Club schemes. What is really wanted, is a centrally situated building or room where philatelists visiting London could call and get acquainted with some Cockney stampists. A philatelic newsroom, conversazione, library and exchange room would be well patronised if a small subscription were charged. As it is at present, I am afraid there is plenty of trouble brewing for the promoters, would-be and otherwise,

of the respective schemes.

MR. Percy C. Bishop is leaving the editorial chair of the "P. J. G. B." Differences with Mr. Brown on the question of editorial policy are the reasons for his so doing. I am requested to contradict the statement that Mr. Bishop is about to join the "International Philatelic Press Agency." He is starting the "Philatelic News Agency" himself, and a business like concern may be expected.

THE last number of the "Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser" contained a good portrait of Mr. J. W. Scott, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. The same issue also contains a contradiction of the statement that the 1847 stamps of Mauritius were to be reprinted.

INFORMATION reaches me from several sources as to the strange behaviour of a certain exchange secretary—who shall be nameless. It seems this gentleman rests under the impression, that, by ways ingenious, but dark, a nice little sum can be realised from subscriptions to "one exchange under many aliases and secretaries," as one of my correspondents writes.

WITH this number the heading of this journal undergoes a slight alteration, i.e., the words "and Circular" are omitted, as the publisher

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never intended to make his publication a general philatelic periodical until No. 3, when he found he had "struck oil," therefore the title henceforth is "The Stamp Chronicle"—and continued luck to it!

I HAVE been just inspecting a peculiarity in the shape of the halve of a 5 reis Grey Azores, cut to triangular shape, and evidently postally used. The paper to which it adheres is of an unusual texture for the average envelope, and the postmark is glaringly distinct, that myself and a friend regarded it with suspicion. I do not wish to commit myself, but the appearance of the "error" is so queer, that I would like some readers' opinions on the matter. It is priced high, I must say.

—TIMBRO-PHIL.

The Penny Stamps of Gt. Britain.

By H. L'ESTRANGE EWEN.

(Conclusion.)

Stamps perforated 14 first appeared in February 1855. The varieties of this stamp may be found with both ordinary and (the so called) local postmark. This latter consists merely of the name of a street, sometimes enclosed by straight lines. There are eight distinct varieties of the 1d. red, with stars in upper angles, viz.—

Wmk. Small Crown, die I, perf. 16 and 14 (red on bluish).

Wmk. Small Crown, die II, perf. 16 and 14 (red on bluish).

Wmk. Large Crown, die II, perf. 16 and 14 (red on bluish).

Wmk. Large Crown, die II, perf. 16 and 14 (red on white).

Several of these eight varieties are known with inverted watermarks.

The dies may easily be distinguished, as in die II both eyelids are distinct, while in die I the lower never is, and sometimes not even the upper.

Specimens with both eyelids distinct appeared in January 1855.

The large crown watermarked paper was first employed in July 1855.

Those printed in brickred on white appeared in April 1857, and continued in use until April 1864, when letters were introduced into the upper angles in the place of the stars, and plate numbers into the sides.

Of the varieties with stars in upper angles, the small crown watermark, die I, perf. 14, is by far the rarest, and next comes the large crown on bluish, perf. 16.

Shades of red may easily be found, though some are rare. When it was decided to make the alterations above named, 68 plates had been constructed with the aid of die II, which is really only die I, with lines deepened.

The first plate then which bore its number on the face of the stamps was 69, and the last was 225.

Of these 157, 6 were never used, viz.,

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69, 70, 75, 77, 126 and 128. Very many of these plate numbers are known with inverted watermarks, and a few sheets of numbers 116 and 136 were issued imperforate. The rarest plate number used is 225. My specimens are postmarked Wolverhampton and Dublin. Other scarce numbers are 88, 132, 133, 153 and 219.

Since 1880 our stamps have been printed by another firm, and are of a much cheaper description.

On January 1st. 1880 the 1d. brown-red appeared. This may be had with inverted watermark.

On June 28th. 1881, our present penny stamps appeared. This may also be found with inverted watermark. In 1885 a control letter was inserted on the margin below the eleventh stamp on the last row. Letters A to Q have been in turn employed. The early letters are now fast becoming valuable. In 1887 a line was added round the panes.

Many varieties besides those given in this list, may exist. I have perhaps, said enough to show that our penny stamps may be made very interesting.

Notes from London.

The Philatelic News Agency.

Of course everyone is talking about the recent meeting at the

Arbitration Room, Chancery Lane, and what came of it. Equally, of course, there is considerable division of opinion as to the prospective usefulness of the London Philatelic Exchange. It is not to be confined exclusively to dealers after all. Certain approved collectors may go "on 'change" with as much freedom as their brethren of the dealing fraternity. Such collectors however, will be only the favoured few, dealers alone being eligible to "put up for election" in the usual way.

BARGEN'S Restaurant, in Bucklersbury, is the venue chosen by the committee of the Philatelic Exchange. Provincial readers may not be aware of its precise location. It is a short, narrow thoroughfare, winding down from Cheapside to Walbrook, and bisecting Queen Victoria Street in its course. "Bargen's," a snug little restaurant of German proprietorship, is on the right hand side, going from Cheapside. The Exchange meetings will be held in a sufficiently capacious and decently comfortable room on an upper floor. Messrs. Theodor Buhl, Donald Mackenzie, and other city stampists resort to "Bargen's" daily for their mid-day "snack."

If there is one thing specially propitious about the outlook of the London Philatelic Exchange, it is the name of the rendezvous "Bar-

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gen's," as the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* puts it, is sweetly suggestive of "bargains."

THE agitators for a London Stamp Club meanwhile have been by no means inactive. Mr. Harry Hilckes has got together a strong committee of prominent philatelists; the scheme, already roughly drafted, is being perfected with all possible speed, and the matter generally, so far from having died an untimely death, is more alive and more kicking than ever. The preliminary general meeting, I am authorised to state, will be held on August 3rd, at Kennan's Hotel, situate just off Cheapside, and in the near neighbourhood of Messrs. Hilckes, Kirkpatrick and Co's premises. The arch-promoter of the scheme, the Herculean Hilckes, tells me that he is already assured of an attendance of at least fifty persons at this preliminary meeting.

INTO the main points of Mr. Hilckes's scheme I need scarcely go, since they have already been made public, both by circular and in the philatelic press. Still to those who do not know I may mention that the annual "due" will be only 10s. and that this will entitle the member to free copies of *two* official organs (one home, one foreign), besides the ordinary privileges of membership, such as admission to meetings, use of circulating philat-

elic library, etc.

It is likely that there will soon be another Richmond in the already crowded field of philatelic journalism. I have heard on pretty sure authority, a big London dealer who is also prominent in the Philatelic Protection Association will shortly issue a paper of his own. However, more of this in my next letter.

INTEREST in matters philatelic touched bottom at Mr. Hadlow's sale on the 13th. The attendance was conspicuously thin, and prices realised were strangely attenuated in consequence. What else could be expected from a stamp auction in mid-July? Mr. Hadlow's clients I should say, will scarcely thank him for selling their goods at such an inopportune time.

AMID all clamour for a recognised philatelic centre in London there has been one notable absentee from the various meetings which have been held. I refer to Mr. Charles J. Phillips. The head of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, is not remarkably "keen" either on the London Philatelic Exchange, or on the club project put forward by Mr. Harry Hilckes. His own expedient for bringing philatelists together is commendably simple. Mr. Phillips will keep at his handsome new premises in the Strand,

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August, 1893.

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Argentine. The colours of the 10 and 12c. are to be changed. Values of 6, 8, 25, and 80c. are also in preparation.

Belgium. "Sunday" stamps: 1c. grey, 2c. orange, 5c. green, 20c. red, 25c. blue on rose, 50c. bistre, 1 fr. carmine, and 2 fr. lilac.

Bamra. Messrs. the Bath Stamp Co. have the quarter anna in a new mauve tint.

Bolivia. We have received 1 and 5 centavo stamps very poorly lithographed. Provis.

Cape Verde. A 2½r. of new design has been issued, a band running from bottom left, to top right corner bears "Capo Verde." Colour, brown on white.

Ecuador. Wrapper stamps have been used as adhesives, cut to shape. Values, 1 and 2c. Next, please

Mauritius. To supersede surcharges, a 1 cent lilac is issued now.

Mexico. T w o "official" stamps have been submitted to us by Messrs. the Bath Stamp Co. They bear no value, and are very inferior looking. We fear the officials of this country are acting as "philatelic supply agents."

Montenegro. Official envel-

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lopes: 5kr. red on yellow, 1kr. violet on white, and 1okr. blue on white.

Nowanogga. This state has at last discarded the unspeakably ugly "stamps" so obnoxious to philatelists, and issued a rather handsomely designed stamp, with native inscriptions, colour black. In appearance, it somewhat resembles the Bavarian "Retourbrief" stamps, only a little larger.

Orange Free State. We are indebted to Messrs. the Bath Stamp Co. for two new postcards, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. They are of very plain make, and the printed inscription, "Brief Kaart—Orange Vrignstaat," is amateurish. The cards are formed by sticking the current postage stamps between the words "Brief" and "Kaat," and overprinting the stamp with the arms of the State in black. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. has the 2d. stamp on, surcharged " $1\frac{1}{2}$ d." in black.

Phillipines. 1c. de p. violet, 2 4-8c. de p. olive, 5c. de p. violet-brown.

South Australia. 5d. red on 6d. brown. Surcharged in thin letters, "O. 5" in black.

Transvaal. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in red, on 2d. olive.

Venezuela. A new set has been issued, somewhat similar to the past one, and a Columbian stamp is in preparation.

—THE EDITOR.

A Catalogue of British Stamps.

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I AM favoured with a copy of another new work, that being a very complete and exhaustive catalogue of Swedish Stamps, published by Mr. S. A. Wood of Regent House, Hanley, Staffs. It is written by Sven Lindhè Esq., than whom no better authority on the subject exists. The information embodied is given in a clear and concise manner, and the price of 1/6 is low enough for the humblest of collectors. — Every philatelist should read it, it will both instruct and interest him.

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(This scamp also practised under the name of Albert Ambler.)

E. H. Newman, 56, Ossory-rd., London, S.E.

The Zurich Jubilee Card.

THIS issue, as was expected, has proved to be an unmitigated humbug, and of course, nothing less than a rank money making speculation.

Wm. Madoery, Esq. of Basle, informs us that although at first the "brokers" of these cards realised about 20 francs each, they fell in price, and can now readily be obtained at 10 francs each and less—at least half of the entire issue was kept back for the various Swiss philatelic societies.

THE *Stamp Dealer* from the I.P. P.A., has not returned up yet. I am informed it should have appeared in May last.

Trade Notes.

THE supply of the latest Mauritius "surcharges" has somewhat exceeded the demand, so I hear.

THE 1893-4 wholesale list of the Bath Stamp Co. contains many reductions on previous ones. We notice a good line in French stamps which should be taken advantage of.

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EDITOR'S MEMS.

In our next number will be given particulars of a Prize Competition, open to subscribers only. The Prizes will be the articles best suitable for a philatelist. If you are not a subscriber, rectify the omission at once.

A NEW STAMP FOR CANADA.—We are informed by a Canadian correspondent that the 5 cents registration stamp is about to be withdrawn, and one of the value of 8 cents issued. By the time this is in print, the new stamp is probably on sale.—Ed.

En Passant.

GERMANY always go ahead in philatelic matters, has produced an enterprising dealer who is selling imitation U. S. Columbus stamps, perforated, and in the original colours, per complete set. This dealer evidently is not asleep.

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Two new stamp papers see the light this month, and as many "Annuals" are also issued for 1893-94.

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I HAVE in my possession a current 10c. yellow Bolivia on *brown* paper, not the result of an exposure to the sun, or such like effect, but an unmistakable dark-brown paper. I should like to know if this is an uncommon variety or not.

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RUMOURS, dark but vague, are afloat concerning two prominent Continental dealers, one in Paris, and the other in Berlin. I should like to mention the names, but must exercise caution, as the information supplied is scanty, and the possibilities of a libel suit, portentous to contemplate.

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I HEAR that the 10c. Monaco postcard, brown on white, is the result of a chemically produced change from the original lilac colour, and that such copies can be easily detected if a close examination is made.

I HAVE seen the Irish postcard, and with my limited space, cannot give a description that will be a just one. I therefore, recommend readers to try and procure one before they are bought up.

Treasure Trove.

TO the philatelic mind, the fact of their being innumerable old stamps lying unheeded in dusty old corners, chests, desks, etc., must be nothing short of exasperating.

There are hidden away at the present moment, I compute, about a million pounds sterling in old postage stamps, which for the greater part remain on the respective covers and envelopes through cherished recollections on the part of the owners, and not with any idea of hoarding them for any intrinsic value they might have.

Nearly every house holds its family bundle of old letters, in most cases with the envelopes and stamps intact, but the great majority of these are inaccessible to the philatelist, by reasons I have no need to state.

A friend, not long ago, suggested that a "traveller" could easily enquire from houses for "the stamps on old letters," and that the results would be beyond the most sanguine expectations.

This is not a bad idea, and I presume, has been carried out already

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in a small degree. I give an instance of what a casual search brought forth, the first time I thought over the possibilities of a "treasure hunt" in the dusty depths of old and forgotten letters.

I happened to be visiting a friend who had taken over the shipping business of an old established firm,—the principal being dead—and by a lucky chance called as he was overhauling bales upon bales of musty smelling, dusty letters, which he proposed to destroy. Not dreaming that the envelopes remained intact, I idly watched him going through them, when my attention was suddenly attracted by a letter, with the address written on the outside, before envelopes came into fashion, and bearing a yellow British 6d. stamp. Instantly my philatelic instincts were aroused, I picked up the letter, and lo! on the face of the stamp, and overprinted in rough black letters, was the word "SMYRNA." It was from a shipping agency in a small port near there, and I at once asked my friend if I could have it.

He readily granted my request, and my further one to look through the lot.

Down on my knees I went, and eagerly overhauled the piles before me.

At first all I found were of the genus known as "penny reds," which I scornfully threw on one side, but after about fifty were so

disposed of, I came upon two six-penny "POSTAGE," Natal, undivided, but with a most horrible big, dauby postmark.

However, as can be imagined, I joyfully annexed it, and went on with my search.

The following is, as near as I can recollect, a list of my principal "finds." Some of them repose in my album, the majority I disposed of to various dealers, who doubtlessly secured the best bargains of their existence.

Three Canada, 12 pence, all separated.

One Sydney View 2d. Torn unfortunately.

A pair of imperforated 1d. Bahamas; (which alas! I only got 10/- for).

About two dozen mixed Mauritius surcharges, including 4d. black on green, hardly touched.

About half a dozen Nova Scotia pence issues.

United States, 1856, 30c. imperf.

Ceylon, 4d. imperf.

Three Newfoundland, 6½d. red (one unused).

The above were the *best* things I found. There were about a hundred more or less, of stamps that would be worth from 1/- to 5/- each now.

The "Smyrna" surcharge, I am sorry to say, I exchanged for a quantity of other stamps whilst in Dublin about four years ago. The cover, however, I have preserved.

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This is only a personal experience but there are other lucky individuals who have brought to light some of the hidden treasures of philately.

Witness the find of the New Haven by that fortunate American, who paid a couple of pence for a bundle of old letters at an auction, and found a stamp worth a couple of hundreds.

Mr. Palmer's find of a Brattleboro' is also very wonderful, but as he has told the public all about it, I need not remark on it.

Then there are cases when treasures from a philatelic point of view crop up one day, and are gone the next. I recollect the instance of a Canadian postmaster who informed a wild-eyed collector he had that day destroyed a sheet of the 5 cents registered stamps *imperfornated!* Wild-eyed! I should think so.

Not so long ago, a man in New York purchased half-a-dozen 2-cent stamps, and returned them indignantly because they were not perforated, and seemed to think he was being imposed upon. Had that person been a collector—well! no great stretch of imagination is needed to suppose what would have happened.

An entire sheet of current Victoria 2½d. stamps was passed through various offices *imperfornate*, and only one came into the possession of a collector.

I have seen a strip of twelve

current 1d. English unwatermarked in a London stamp shop; it is a matter of great regret that I happened *not* to chance on a few sheets of these.

Unwatermarked current English exist in pretty considerable numbers, as well as reversed watermarks, but it is not surprising how few get into the hands of philatelists, when one reckons the insignificant proportion of those issued, that is seen by this branch of the public.

A great find was recently made in the Imperial Berlin Museum, where scores of sheets of stamps issued prior to 1884, were found intact and unused. They were submitted as complimentary "specimens" to the German Government. How many more hoards of this kind are hidden away, I hardly like to imagine.

There were issued in error about 100 2c. registration, in brown, in the year 1890; only two or three were observed by philatelists, the rest of these precious bits of paper were scattered broadcast all over the country.

In an American stamp paper recently, an account was given of the discovery of 4,000 5c. green Confederates, 1861, by a dealer in Nashville, who had been advertising for stamps in the local paper. A lady answered it, and sold him the stamps at 2 cents each (one penny), and evidently thought she was very lucky.

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Black List for September.

(Philatelists are WARNED against the following).

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Our London Letter.

(From the Philatelic News Agency's Literary Department.)

Now that we are on the brink of the philatelic season, collectors and dealers are returning in shoals from their holiday resorts. London will loom larger than ever in the stamp trade during the coming winter. Three new stamp shops have been opened during the past month, and dozens of new dealers have appeared on the horizon. Mr. Peckitt in the Strand has a place that almost rivals the great Stanley Gibbons establishment—in outward appear-

ance.

THE latest attraction here is the Tapling collection, or rather that part of it which is now placed on exhibition in the British Museum. It is disappointing to learn that instead of being able to view the collection as a whole, we shall have to take it in instalments. The fact is, space is so limited in our national museum that the directors cannot see their way to placing all the Tapling gems on exhibition at once. They have set apart four large frames in the King's Library for the reception of collections. Two of these are at present filled with stamps of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Hawaii, and Buenos Ayres, the “bright particular stars” of this lot being, of course, the early stamps of Hawaii, which may be valued roughly at £60 apiece. When public interest in these countries has been satisfied Mr. C. D. Bacon—the “arranger” of the collection—will substitute fresh lots, and so the process will go on, until at last the public will have had an opportunity of viewing all the Tapling stamps. As the result of my own visit to the Museum I must say that Mr. Bacon is doing his work admirably. The stamps are artistically mounted on suitable cards, and the explanatory notes are clear and concise.

If one had any doubt hitherto as

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to the enterprise and pluck of Mr. C. J. Phillips—that doubt would surely be dispelled by the news of the latest exploit of Stanley Gibbons's managing director. His purchase of two copies of the celebrated "Post Office" Mauritius stamp for £680 establishes a new record in philately.

"LATEST Stamp Tricks, by the Editor of a Philatelic Paper" is the heading to an article in the latest issue of *Answers*. Most of the "latest tricks" described by the writer are as old, or almost as old, as philately itself; and to anyone "in the know" the picture of this "philatelic editor" affecting to give away trade secrets is immensely funny. The editor of *Answers* is generally regarded as a fairly smart young man, but he has allowed the philatelic Ah S in to get ahead of him this time.

MR. Isaac A. Meekel, the youngest of smart Western trio of that name, is staying in "the big village." He finds London a great deal more philatelic than he expected to, and is glad he came. In a fortnight Mr. Meekel starts for Paris preparatory to doing the round of the principal continental cities. When he's at home, this particular Meekel is the editor and manager of the *Weekly Stamp News*, of which he is mightily proud.

It is just within the range of possibility that philately may again occupy the attention of gentlemen of the long gown before we are very much older. A certain prominent London dealer has lately been the victim of a stamp "substituter," whose hobby it is to remove good stamps from approval sheets, and replace them with specimens that are absolutely worthless. I understand that a writ is now issued for substantial damages. If the case reaches the courts some very interesting disclosures may be expected.

SOMETHING rather big in the way of a philatelic directory is to be jointly undertaken by Messrs T. A. Innes and Co., and the Philatelic News Agency. This will give the names and addresses of both collectors and dealers in all parts of the world. Indeed, Messrs Innes promise that the book will contain no less than 10,000 names; and I am told that their postage bill for the circulars they are now sending out will amount to nearly £30.

—TIMBRE-TOES.

The London Phil. Club.

ONE of the most important of recent events in London has been the formation of the City of London Philatelic Club. A report of preliminary meetings reached us

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just too late for insertion in our August issue. The club was formally constituted on August 2nd., and the first general meeting held on August 9th., both gatherings being under the presidency of Mr. G. C. Warden, Jun. The officers, as elected at the first general meeting are: *Vice Presidents*, Mr. Harry Hilckes, and Mr. G. C. Warden, Jun.; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. Percy C. Bishop; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr. F. B. Nicholson; *Hon. Librarian*, Dr. George Isaac Bryant. These gentlemen have for colleagues on the committee, Messrs August Keller, H. A. McMillan, Fred. George C. Lundy, J. C. Joselin, and Walter Morley. The club already boasts a membership of nearly 60 collectors and dealers, and it is hoped that by the first ordinary meeting, which is fixed for the first Thursday in October, the number will have passed 100. The annual membership fee, which covers subscription to two leading philatelic magazines, is only ten shillings. All communications from those desirous of joining should be addressed to the Hon. Secy., Mr. Percy C. Bishop, Philatelic News Agency, 171 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.

"Made for Collectors."

THE Egyptian Postmaster General in the course of a recent correspondence with a member of the

staff of the Philatelic News Agency, of London, admits with refreshing candour to the recently issued Egyptian Service stamp of value of 3 paras was designed, made, and issued for the sole and exclusive benefit of harmless, necessary philatelists. So far from being a legitimate postal issue, the label—it cannot be called a stamp—has been sold only in the used (1) condition, postmarked copies being supplied at face value to such persons as wished to purchase them for collections. Thus the 3 paras Service is practically unobtainable in the unused condition. Such unused copies as may be in circulation have been obtained by persons holding official positions. The Egyptian P.M.G.'s word is evidence enough, but to this may be added the significant fact that official letters lately arriving in this country have borne the ordinary postage stamps.

WE are afraid the "Stamp Collector's Herald," and the "Stamp Collector" are in the same boat as regards punctuality; or is the silence voluntary? We have seen a copy of neither since June last, which is strange, to say the least.

SEE that you get a copy of our next issue with particulars of the proposed Prize Competitions. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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I must, however, now cease writing.

These accounts of some of the Treasure Trove of philately are all very well in their way, but I fear I shall be arousing "unholy desires" in the minds of readers. So, for the while, *au revoir*.

—JNO. M. KEMP.

Essays.

THE term 'essay'—an incorrect translation of the French word *essai*—was originally intended to designate stamps which had been proposed to the postal authorities of any country and rejected.

Of essays which really fulfil this requisite, there are but a small number, the majority of the stamps known by this name being the fraudulent fabrications of Continental or American engravers.

Those which merit the title of genuine were made either by official engravers, at the direct request of the government of the country to which they belong, or were sent in on the occasion of a general authorised competition of designs. Amongst *bona fide* productions may be classed the stamps proposed by Mr. Whiting and others, when the question of cheap postage was first agitated in this country; most of the Italian essays (though these have been reproduced since their reject-

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Of essays which really fulfil this requisite, there are but a small number, the majority of the stamps known by this name being the fraudulent fabrications of Continental or American engravers.

Those which merit the title of genuine were made either by official engravers, at the direct request of the government of the country to which they belong, or were sent in on the occasion of a general authorised competition of designs.

Amongst *bona fide* productions may be classed the stamps proposed by Mr. Whiting and others, when the question of cheap postage was first agitated in this country; most of the Italian essays (though these have been reproduced since their rejection on a variety of coloured papers, and in a great number of tints); the Belgian essays, the Egyptian essay, the Wurtemberg envelope essays (the work of the government engraver), the Danish of similar origin, those proposed by the American Bank Note Co. as the type for new United States stamps, and those of France.

Amongst the many specimens which have been produced, there

are some very curious and interesting designs.

One Belgian essay gives the portrait of Leopold I without any inscription whatever, excepting "20c."

There was a "numeral" issue intended for Canada, that is to say, the centre design was a large figure, and I have seen a specimen in lilac, but of only one value, i.e., 1d.

Denmark narrowly escaped being inflicted with a "Mercury" design somewhat similar to the newspaper stamps of Austria.

One of the most startling of essays was one issued by a sanguine supporter of the Fenians. The central design was the "Harp Erin" with an inscription around "Republic of Ireland." The value was 24 cents (!) green.*

One of the French essays is rather interesting, and was prepared to show a proposed new method of cancellation. It was of compound design, and divided into two halves by a plain perforated space. The upper half bore a very small profile of the Emperor, and the lower an inscription in French to the effect that that portion had to be torn off after passing through the post (the upper part only was to be stuck to the letter).

One of the designs submitted to our own government for the penny adhesive makes one feel relieved

*An illustration of this appeared in No. 7.—Ed.

to realise that it was never brought into actual use. It was fully the size of the design on the new U. S. A. Columbus envelope, if not larger, and the sight presented by that, and one of the diminutive $\frac{1}{2}$ d. "half" stamps, side by side on a letter, would have been very comical.

One of the *Envelope* designs submitted about the same time, was almost *twice* the size of the much abused Columbus ones, and would have been a cause of great humiliation to us now!

A great many are familiar with the essay bearing the profile of Prince Albert, and very similar in style to the penny red. This however, was never intended as an essay for *ultimate postage use*.

One of the Grecian essays is twice as large as the present issue. It bears the portrait of King George I, in the centre of a view of the Parthenon, and would have been a conspicuous object in an album, seeing it was prepared in the following colours:—green, pink, mauve, orange, blue, gold, silver, chocolate and scarlet.

Three United States essays now before me each bear the picture of a huge Red Indian of a very ferocious expression of countenance, but happily the Senate were not prepossessed in their favour, and so rejected them.

There are many other essays of strange and wonderful execution

and design, but those chiefly described herein, are among the most interesting. There are, however, a great number of stamps now-a-days presented to the philatelic public, which about thirty years ago would have been designated "essays," but now,—well, we "live and learn!"

R. CLIVE.

Middlesex Stamp Exchange.

Report.

I have received 32 sheets value £65 6s. 2d. for the October packet which goes out in two sections.

There were several good stamps, amongst others, being a Cape wood block, very rare, Azores, etc.

It is to be hoped that now the holidays are over, all members will contribute to the packets.

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ton-under-Tyne.

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Road, Peckham, S.E.

(The latter gentleman's mode of
procedure is very simple. He re-
turns requests for payment of ap-
proval lots, franked "Not known"
in his own handwriting.)

Dealers are requested to send
names of defaulters for gratuitous
insertion. All have suffered some
time or another, therefore help us
in our task of exposure for swind-
lers.—Ed.

From France.

At last we will have the designs
of our postage stamps changed.
The design we are accustomed to
see for seventeen years has its days
numbered. The type of the future
French stamps has been put into
competition, and a commission has
been formed of the General Post-
master, two senators, two deputies,
two members of the fine art acad-
emy, Mr. Eimel, Engineer of Bank
of France, Mr. Many, the well-
known French stamp dealer, and
nine chief employees of the postal
administratory. What is certain

now is that instead of one single
type for all the values, there
will be three different designs, and
that they will not be historical but
of a republican tendency in alleg-
ory. Do not think that you will
soon have a new issue of French
stamps; things administrative go
very slowly here, and if in a year
or two the new design will be en-
graved, we may consider it an early
accomplishment.

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THE unpaid letter stamps, for
instance, were to be issued in new
colours, and this was decided eight
months ago, and though there was
no new engravings to be done, the
black stamps are still in use.
Nevertheless in two or three months
one or two of the values will be is-
sued, as I have already seen them
printed with the following colours:
(The 1 centimes will continue to be
in black.)

the 5cs. blue.
the 10cs. brown.
the 15cs. green.
the 30cs. rose.
the 50cs. wine-red.
the 60cs. buff.
and the 1fr. violet.

So you see no more 2cs., 3cs., 4cs.,
20cs., 40cs., 2 francs or 5 francs
are to be issued.

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It was a general idea that French
colonies surchargism was dead, but
we were all mistaken; it is yet in
its agony. Witness, Tahiti. Before

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accepting the new general type the Tahiti postmaster wanted to have the last turn of the surchargisms, and hastened in order that the remainder of the 1881 issue of the French Colonies in his office should be surcharged Tahiti between two thick vertical lines. I am sure Tahiti will not be the last, and that one fine day some new surcharge will find its way to the dealers offices. I would like to know what the Secretary of Colonies thinks about the way his prohibition of any further surcharge is obeyed in Tahiti.

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BUSINESS is slack at present, but rare stamps are always hard to get here in Paris. Dealers all complain, but you could not get them to sell you any French 1st. issue at 10c. "president," or 1fr. "empire" at 2 pence under the catalogue price. If you have any good French stamps, do not sell them in England, just send them over here, and you will get good Great Britain and good United States at middling low prices in exchange for them.

—J. B.

Theft of a £100 Collection.

A LONDON stamp dealer, Mr. D. Field, of Bookseller's Row, Strand, has just been the victim of a stamp robbery of more than ordinary aud-

acity. On Friday last, October 13th., a boy of 15 or 16 years of age—name at present unknown—went into Mr. Field's shop; sold that gentleman a few stamps, and then proceeded to re-invest the money so obtained. He chose a few stamps from the general collection kept on Mr. Field's counter and then said: "I've got sixpence left; I think I'll have an 8c. Columbus." Mr. Field had by this time gone into an inner room, leaving his sister to attend to the wants of the budding philatelist. She (Miss Field) had also to leave the shop to get the Columbian stamp. Imagine her surprise on returning, to find that the would-be purchaser had disappeared! She did not at once notice that the general collection which the lad had been examining had also vanished; but the book was wanted soon afterwards, and then its loss was discovered. Mr. Field hastened to inform the police and other dealers of his loss. Scotland Yard is now doing its best, but so far no clue has been obtained. Mr. Field, in a chat with a representative of the Philatelic News Agency, stated that the collection was put up in a large "Imperial" album (two volumes in one). He valued the stamps at £100, without reckoning anything for the time and labour involved in making up the collection. Both he and his sister would know the youth if they saw him again. He

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was a fairly frequent visitor at the shop, and it is probable that he succumbed to sudden temptation. Mr. Field describes him as being "simply mad on stamps."

Another Black Sheep.

We hear by a late advice that Lewis Bishop, Denver, Colo. the man who has been so extensively booming "The Philatelist," is an UNSCRUPULOUS SWINDLER. He has flown Denver to evade justice.—Ed.

En Passant.

THE Editor writes this page for the current month, "Timbro Phil" having gone for a well earned holiday. Readers will therefore pardon any literary shortcomings which they have found absent in previous instalments.

YES, we have decided to drop the Monthly List of New Issues; one reason being that to keep pace with the ridiculous emissions inflicted monthly on Philatelists, is a matter of impossibility. We shall however, make note of new issues for countries of importance, and at the end of the year purpose issuing an Annual, in which a complete list of stamps for 1893 will be a conspicuous feature.

THE recent issue of Commemoration Stamps in Paraguay has only been another item in the already well-filled chronicle of "fakes." Cancellations "while you wait" was taken advantage of by a vast number of enterprising South Americans. But surely, charging 12/6 for a stamp costing 2½d. is enterprise rather far fetched. Whether the dealer who offered this enticing bargain got his 12/6 is mere guess work, but it is not unlikely some enthusiast with more money than brains paid the sum. Apropos of Commemoration stamps I observe the Argentine issue is on sale almost everywhere at prices ranging from 1/- to 2/6, not more. This is an improvement on the extravagant sums reported for sales on the day of the issue.

SWEDEN and Italy are being agitated for Jubilee stamps, but whether they will have them or no, is another matter.

A DEALER friend of mine got the best of a stamp rogue the other day. After receiving the first approval sheet back safely, he learnt something of his customer that made him wary. He however sent a fairly good lot to him, telling him that it he selected a good amount from it, he would send him a valuable old collection to select from. The wily one jumped at the bait, kept far

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more than he really wanted, sent off the cash, but he is still expecting that collection. His name, I may mention, was in the "Black List" last month, and the dealer is now shaking hands with himself.

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ONE of our agents has been industriously counting some of the stamps in that portion of the Tapping collection already on show. He reckons there are:—

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919 Grand total.

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R. T. H.

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Philately of To-day.

THE above heading is my own improvement on "En Passant."

Let's hope the Editor will receive it kindly.

I find the stars dividing the previous paragraphs are conducive to my own and the printer's laziness, so I have dispensed with them.

Hardly one of the continental stamp contemporaries are without a little scandal, exposure or wordy warfare of some kind.

Challenges are floating about like men's hats in this chill and gusty November wind, and one firm of continental dealers invest in about £3 worth of advertising space for denouncing in three different languages, the reprehensible doings of an anonymous advertiser, who warned collectors that the said firm in question did a brisk trade in rubbish, and that dealings with them would be inadvisable. Perhaps there is, therefore, some justification for the columns of indignant rhetoric with which Messrs. Matteo repudiate the slander. The editor and publisher of D—E—der P—K— is also given a gratuitous shock by the publication of his name in one of the most influential German papers, under the significant heading "Warning!"

I have been sent a parcel of exchanges, in order to remark on their contents. I am always ready to please, but my abilities as a

linguist are limited to an elementary knowledge of French, German, Dutch and—English, therefore the doubtless interesting contents of a host of Italian, Portuguese and Spanish journals are not for my perusal.

The *Monthly Post*, No. 2 is an improvement on No. 1. I fear the idea of recruiting by means of a *semi*-stamp paper is a very thankless task, but if the editor succeeds in converting a few anti-stampists,—then I shall be one of the first to applaud him. — "Philately up to Date" is a smart feature, and the rest of the contents, if not strictly "stampic," are at least interesting, a quality absent from some present day stamp journals.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. There is nothing strikingly original in this number (34), but the clippings from contemporaries save the editor a lot of trouble and are doubtless edifying to the subscribers.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* is hardly as good as previous numbers. — Excuse the remark, Mr. Walton, but I am not the only one to opine that the P. C. and A., is getting rather too "technical" for the majority of the collectors who read it.

The *Stamps* last number is a very great improvement on the previous number.

This is about all I have to say. Since the Editor has taken to

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publishing London and Paris Letters, I find my occupation gone. Perhaps more again.

—TIMBRO-PHIL.

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A Handy Table for Collectors.

—Compiled by R. Clive.

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Cs or Quartos.—Spain, Cuba, Phillipines.

Dinero.—Peru.

G., Gr., Gra.—Naples, Sicily.

Groschen.—Hanover, Oldenbourg.

Grote.—Bremen.

Guten, Groschen.—Brunswick, Hanover.

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Neu, Groschen.—Saxony.

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Schw (schwar).—Oldenburg.

Scudo.—Rome.

Skill. Beo.—Sweden.

Soldo, Soldi.—Austrian Italy.

Tornese.—Naples.

From France.

THE philatelic novelty of the day is the new triangular stamps for Obock. After the record of the French Colonial Government, with 260 surcharges, we all thought we could draw a line under the list of French Colonial "novelties," but Mr. Obock (as we call here the surcharge fiend) had something new to show us. He obtained from the local administration, authority to establish a camel express in the desert, and with this in his pocket, he went off to the national postage manufacturers, who I may mention, print stamps for anyone who can pay for them, and this is the simple reason why we have to chronicle a new issue of stamps for Obock. When Mr. O have sold many of these triangulars from 5 to 50 francs he will buy some camels with the money, and try to establish the express in that colony.

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THE Franco-russian noise is over, and many attempts were made to induce the French government to

issue a special postcard, but alas! in vain. We certainly do not complain of this, but many French dealers have had the idea of issuing such cards themselves, and many a credulous collector has paid 75 centimes or 1 franc for what is only an ordinary bit of card.

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YOU are more lucky on the other side of the channel in having the name of our hobby settled once for all. Should it be Philately or Timbrology? This is a question not yet resolved over here, and lately many French philatelic papers have begun with fresh ardour the never ending discussion on both terms. Discussion brings light is a common saying, but between our continental conferes, discussion brings insults, and gives French philatelic papers a slight resemblance to some sessions of the French chamber of deputies.

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WHEN a new forgery can be announced before any of these have been sold, dealers and collectors must be grateful. We are happy to warn readers of the following:—United States, 1869, 90 cents black and carmine; the forgery is a steel plate engraving, finely done but with some imperfections, which we hear will be corrected. Monaco 5 fr. pale carmine, 1887; the forgery is very well done, but the lines are generally a little finer. Congo, 1887-89, 5 francs purple; a very

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—J. B.

Jubilee Cards.

THESE are becoming a little too numerous to be appreciated, and they bid fair to rival the demon surcharge, as a philatelic pest. France has only just issued two,—one in commemoration of some historical event at Dunkirk, and the other in honour of that convulsion of Europe, the visit of the Russian Fleet to Toulon. Rumour hath it that the latter is somewhat of "a delusion and a snare," which no one need be disposed to doubt under the circumstances. — Utrecht purposes issuing a jubilee card, and whispers reach us from the five capitals, of other similar atrocities in contemplation. In this case, let us blush while we write it. England herself initiated the whole series, Switzerland and Roumania followed, and no one knows where it will all end. There are dreadful possibilities.

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 and several other rarities. The sale realized over 400/.

Short Memos.

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Editorial.

THIS is the last number of our first volume, and in remarking this, we deem it necessary to remind subscribers to renew their subscriptions as early as ever possible, and are quite confident they will do so.

This number is not as "literary" as we could wish, but the influx of advertisements has been so great, that this month, we have to devote a much larger portion of the S. C. to dealer's announcements than usual. Next month we shall have a very attractive literary number, the quality of which will be maintained all through the coming year, and none but original contributions are accepted. We invite articles and notes from readers, especially those residing abroad. Articles of exceptional merit will be paid for.

An extra number of copies of this issue have been printed and circulated throughout the philatelic world, so as to give those interested in stamp journalism the opportunity to secure the complete volume for 1894. All receiving free copies of this extra issue, are invited to subscribe for the second volume, at their earliest convenience, as Nos. 13, 14 and 15 will not be sold after month of publication, unless in exceptional cases.

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Although we do not insert Foreign names as a rule, we mention *E. A. Raub, of Hyde Park, U.S.A.* who is, we believe, still pursuing his avocation as—among collectors *in this country.*

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Trade Notes.

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Swindling Up-to-Date.

THE following lines are especially meant for the perusal of small and large dealers, who, we are pleased to say, are with very few exceptions, firm friends with the "Chronicle," and we ought, therefore, to do them a good turn.

There is a gang of swindlers practising in the districts between Camberwell and Peckham, who, through the medium of accommodating letter receiving shops, are victimising dealers right and left. The leader of this select coterie appears to be a man with the dual names of C. Taylor and J. Walker. We have had shoals of letters from dealers complaining of thefts under

the former name. This gentleman inspired confidence by a striking monogram of his initials emblazoned in blue, and embossed in the most fashionable style. He wrote to us, and after a carefully calculated period of 96 hours, sent him one of our most meagre sheets. After an lapse of 10 days, we wrote for its return, and lo! and behold, the letter was returned "Refused," a second application was treated in the same rude manner. Then we rose in our wrath, and indited a portentous document to the Postmaster, who, strangest of all, made every investigation, and found that "the postman did not recollect delivering letters of such a name at 6, Peckham Rye." A month after this, the sheet of stamps was returned marked, "Not known." At the same time that our stamps were sent to Mr. "Taylor"—whom the postal authorities could not find—other dealers were sending theirs and being victimised. Well, well we give it up as a bad job. Another of Mr. "Taylors" names was "Geo. A. Cross, Esq." and one of the gang referred dealers to Mr. "Cross" for enquiries. The name of the gang are:—J. Walker, alias C. Taylor, Frank A. Jones, alias H. H. Fordham, Walter Moore, alias W. Jackson. The second man is still in the vicinity of Camberwell, and a couple of sharp detectives would soon stop their depredations. Dealers who

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are doubtful as to the *bonafides* of customers, and who are members of the S. D. P. U., (see notice in this No.), will please send the letters to us, and we will report.

Middlesex Stamp Exch. Society

Report.

ONLY 23 sheets value £50 were sent in for the December packet, the decrease being accounted for by the absence of several members from home.

The subscription has been raised to 2/6 per annum, and there will be no commission on sales.

Members are requested to note that the Postal List in future will be regulated as under:

"The member sending best sheet for the January packet sees it first, member with next best second, and so on."

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By mistake the "trettio" (thirty) at the bottom of the circle remained unchanged, and this is the explanation of why the stamp has two different values,—20 in the middle, and "thirty" at the bottom.

The printing of 6,000 sheets, each containing one error, took place on the 15th of December, 1879, and in January the next year 1,583 sheets were sent out to different post offices all over the kingdom. However, shortly afterwards, the mistake was discovered, and circulars immediately sent out to all post offices demanding the return of all sheets having this error.

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The error was the fourth stamp on the fourth row to the left from the top. All errors returned to the Postmaster-general were burned.

Latest from London.

By Our Special Correspondent.

"NOW is the winter of our well, hardly our discontent. Another good quotation gone wrong. What I want to say is that we are now in the thick of the stamp season, and that everyone is doing just as much business as he wants to. The rapidity with which new stamp shops and offices are being opened just now, is a trifle bewildering. An industrious and investigative friend assures me that there are now 76 shops and offices in the London district devoted to philatelic dealing and publishing. At the commencement of the year, the number was about 50. *Verò sap.*

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of many London stamp dealers that this fact will cause a fall in prices in this particular line. Mr. Vindin's Sydney business, I may add, has been entirely taken over by his partner, Mr. Fred. Flagen.

Mr. "The Meekel" of St. Louis U. S. A., recently returned to London on his way back to the States, and renewed his acquaintance with all our prominent men. By this time he is back in the editorial chair of the *Weekly Stamp News*, which has deluged

Boys' papers are going in for a strong dash of philately just now. *Boys*, the publication of the Sunday School Union, has an occasional column of "Stamp Gossip," while *Pleasure*, "the boys' half-holiday journal," gives its readers a weekly "philatelic corner," with a stamp exchange thrown in free, gratis and for nothing. The office of the last named paper, by the way, is at 3, Arundel Street, Strand—just next to the headquarters of the London Philatelic Society. Perhaps this explains it. There is nothing so infectious as philately.

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—TIMBRE TOES.

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THE *Monthly Post* for December dewailed the fact that collectors, who are members of exchanges, are so accustomed to paying *low* prices, that dealers in the ordinary manner of selling, have no chance. This is quite true. Stamps are sold at prices which a dealer would die before selling at, *but* why should not dealers join such exchanges themselves, and take advantage of this state of affairs. Let the *M. P.* take heart. All is not yet lost.

By reading the philatelic papers, one gleans that the "International Philatelic Union" is in a bad way, and evidently a bit of a white elephant. It looks as if the concern was getting somewhat too unwieldy to manage.

The *City Stamp* has evidently followed the other early 1893 stamp papers, and I hear that another long-lingering journal is not expected to live another month.

Evidently collectors over here are not so fond of patronising stamp papers, as our German friends. Not far short of half-a-score new publications are announced for this month, and the number in the field is quite bewildering.

A weekly French philatelic journal is promised. Why not have a daily?

It must be evident to the most careless buyer that there is a great

deal of underhand business going on in Eastern European post-office authorities.

The quantity of stamps torn off telegraph forms, which I have seen, is a revelation, and it has the injurious effect of considerably reducing certain high values in market price,—by artificial means, and dealers who bought in the usual manner, now have to sell at a loss.

Will our present style album be superseded? In France and Germany a new method of sheet arrangement is meeting with approval and a large Viennese firm is announcing a similar plan.

When are we to have the long-promised new Servian and Bosnian stamps?

Good taste demands a change for Servia, as King Alexander now rejoices in a promising moustache.

Young Alfonso of Spain also, will perhaps, draw his relatives attention to the fact that he is "getting quite a young man now," and new stamps would only be right under the circumstances.

The *Stamp News*. A continuation of the list of the Tapling collection is given, which is doubtless of interest to the more scientific readers of this excellent monthly. The reports of stamp societies take up a vast amount of room; might I suggest that they be somewhat curtailed in future.

The *Philatelic Record* presents its readers with a very handsome

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photographic portrait of the eminent French philatelist, Mr. J. B. Moens, which is the best thing of the kind issued with any stamp journal of '93. In the course of the biography accompanying this number, it is said that M. Moens claims for himself that he was the actual pioneer of stamp dealing. If this be the fact, philately owes much to him. He is an Honorary officer of the Chasseurs éclairés of the Civic Guard, the uniform of which he bears in the photograph.

The *Southern Philatelist* is a paper largely filled by editorial pars. It does not, however, suffer in interest—far from it. Mr. Luhn can turn out any amount of readable jottings, one of which I pirate. "The stamp collection of the late Isaac C. Martindale, which was recently sold at Philadelphia brought only about \$3,000, nearly \$7,000 less than its real value. Rare stamps were sold at prices unheard of before, and in some cases brought about one-fiftieth of actual value. We would like to have been there, as it was a good chance to get rich."

My most punctual exchange paper is the *Monthly Post*, and I must say, it is very welcome. Some journals are very philatelic, but barely 6 out of 12 collectors read them through. This is not the case with the *M. P.*, it is readable to the last line. This alone ought to send it ahead with a rush.

I observe a Mr. Reeve Wallace,

in the *Stamp News Annual* remarks that "it (the *M. P.*) cannot be taken as a serious paper." I infinitely prefer the matter in my exchange to the bumptious hash Mr. R. W., inflicts on the otherwise perfect *Annual*. When will you enlarge, friend Endle?

The result of the ballot of French collectors, as to whether "Philately" or "Timbrology" is the best style of denominating stamp collecting, has been given in *L'Intermédiaire de la Timbrologie* as follows,

Philately	...	324
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examined, was too much oblong in shape, and the points composing same were too far apart.

We are threatened with a new set of Mexican stamps, which from a specimen block we have seen, are not conspicuous for artistic beauty.

A contemporary announces *new* French unpaid stamps, in colours, the list of which was evidently taken from an early number of the S. C. Said contemporary is too "previous."

The Hawaiian Postmaster-General is inviting designs for a new issue of one, two, five, ten, and twenty five cents.

The "German East African" stamps are not made for *postal use*, the German Government having refused permission to the firm introducing them. I have been shown *used* specimens, so keep your eyes open!

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P. J. PAINTER,
Secretary.



"MEXICO
2 Reals, 1867,"
and
other
RARITIES.

(By an American Correspondent.)

IN a little stationery shop in E— V— street, New York, not five years ago, stamp collectors were won't to congregate, for the purpose of investing spare nickels in foreign stamps, well-filled sheets of which were advantageously displayed in the window. The proprietor of the shop was great on surcharges. He made a speciality of these, he said, and had a large stock of officially surcharged stamps, which he used to sell to small dealers at cheap trade prices.

The larger dealers, however, fought shy of him. He underquoted them in all branches of surcharges

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and consequently they whispered darkly among themselves as to the authenticity of all "overprints" coming from L—'s paper store. These rumours did not, however, affect his trade. Ceylon surcharges of the rarest type could be procured from him at ridiculous prices, and they bore a genuine appearance.

Many local collectors exhibited with pride curious surcharges, which they averred, were unique. L— had picked them up "somewhere" and let them go cheap.

I have one of these surcharges in a spare book at present.

It is a very thick, black numeral "3," and presents a very unsightly appearance, covering as it does nearly every part of the stamp. One day, however, small dealers in every part of New York were offering Mexico 1867, 2 reales, used, very cheaply. In fact, they were selling at 10 to 15 cents, and were catalogued at one dollar, that is the black on rose one.

On enquiry, they were found to have emanated from L—'s store, and a party of dealers approached a big stamp expert in the city, and ultimately had the satisfaction of leaving that gent's house, with the assurance that the Mexicans were pure fakes.

A raid was made on the E—V—street stamp emporium, and the enterprising L— discovered hard at work manufacturing rare provisionals, and other saleable "notions"

on a first class printing press.

A few dozen sheets of the Mexicans were discovered ready post-marked, and as all proofs were before the investigators, L— was "put away" for a while. I, however, do not at all doubt that there are others at the game here, he may be at it again for all I know. Certainly there are a vast number of cheap surcharged British Colonials to be had, locally.

—GEO VAN W.

Note by Ed.—Mr. L— whoever he may have been, very likely had no occasion to manufacture his block for the Mexico fraud, as among a lot purchased recently, we find an electro, *with a postmark*, which in all probability may have been used for taking off fraudulent impressions.

We saw an impression, in a collection recently, of the identical block we now produce, on *brown* paper, which of course, is a careless job on the part of the "faker."

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The Start and Developement of the Penny Post.

Interesting Notes for Collectors.

EARLY in 1834, a Mr. Charles Knight proposed through Mr. Hill, in the deputation on the abolition of Newspaper Stamps in March, that the newspapers should be circulated free by penny-stamp covers but the scheme was not adopted, the stamps remaining on the paper. In January 1837, Mr. Rowland Hill circulated among his friends, a pamphlet marked "Confidential," in which he proposed a *uniform penny postage*, to be prepaid in

money at the receiving office. In March of the same year, this gentleman issued a second edition of his pamphlet, with additions, in which he also proposed a second plan of collecting the money by means of stamped covers; referring to Mr. Knight as the source of the present suggestion.

The Royal Commissioners, being more alive to the public good than present Post Officials, convened a meeting, at which the chief Post Office authorities met, and the result was that they recommended the adoption of *stamped covers*, and approved of a specimen cover made by Mr. Dickinson.

A committee of commercial gentlemen was then established to induce the Government to further Mr. Hill's plan. A systematic agitation was made and the *stamp cover* was finally improved on by suggested adhesive stamps, of which numerous specimens were made.

The first step was made at the end of 1837, by way of experiment, but the charge was 4d., prepaid by money. In 1840, the rate was reduced to 1d. for each half-ounce, and on the 6th. of May 1840, the much sought for "Mulready envelope" was issued. Mr. R. Hill still cherishing his plan of a *stamp cover*.

The public, however, wished for adhesive stamps, and these were at length issued.

One of the first obstacles against the introduction of penny postage

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was the suggested complicated manner of keeping accounts,—the main argument being the unavoidably large proportion of unpaid letters.

France has a special stamp, employed in these cases, also Bavaria, Italy, Norway, Holland, Switzerland, and one or two other European countries, but England has not yet adopted the method, which is much to be regretted, as the system is much more convenient to addressee and post officials.

Victoria has recently issued "Unpaid" stamps, and very pretty ones they are, it ought not to be long now, before every British colony is provided them.

—DR. A. ROOS.

From Our American Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The new postal cards, of uniform size with those used for international correspondence, will make their appearance at the post office stamp windows on January 1, 1894, unless some further hitch occurs meanwhile in the work of preparing them. The report of the commission sent from the post office department to inspect the paper making plant of C. C. Woolworth, the contractor, did nothing to modify the verdict of inferiority which had been passed upon the samples of card furnished by him up to that time, but it did show that it was

possible for him to turn out a better quality if he went to work about it in the right way; and on the strength of this discovery, the post-master-general consented to his proceeding under his contract, it being fully understood that any deviation from the standard of quality would mean the rejection of the work at the cost of the contractor or his bondsmen.

(*Later.*)

Postal Cards Satisfactory.

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6 cent	4,330,250
8 cent	10,650,650
10 cent	16,485,260
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30 cent	600,300
50 cent	200,716
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The Adhesives of Chili.

By C. S. A.

OF all the South American States not one is more progressive and powerful than the republic of Chili. Lying along the western slope of the continent, with the lofty Andes for the eastern barrier, and the majestic Pacific for the western, the inhabitants seem to have imbibed a spirit of daring from the one, and a love of freedom from the other. Whether we look at its intrepid army or splendidly furnished navy, its internal resources or external commerce, there is an air of stability about the republic which reminds one very much of our own United States. It is not to be wondered at that this aggressive, enterprising people, a year or two ago, almost ventured to measure its strength against the whole American nation. Happily for both republics, our southern neighbour thought better of it, and concluded to pay the indemnity and be at peace with us. Let us hope that this fraternal bond will never be ruptured by any future international squabbles.

No higher proof of this progressive character of the Chilians is seen than in her excellent postal system. This is a better index to national progressiveness than is sometimes supposed. See the Japanese, "the French of the Orient," with a postal usage such as stands

alongside the most advanced nations of the world; and behold conservative China, whose progress is symbolized by the great wall around her, still without any postal system, and not likely to have one if it can be avoided.*

Hence as early as 1852—only a few years behind our own country—Chili issues the first set of stamps. While a little crude in execution, they are about as artistic as the earliest set forth by Uncle Sam. One feature dominates not only this, but all subsequent issues to this hour, and that is the strong face of Columbus. This is a further mark of the broad-minded patriotism of the people, thus to honour the man who made not only Chili, but all the other American republics possible. As is often with the beginning of philately, the first and lowest denomination is the figure 5; and in this issue the highest was 20. The one other denomination falling between was 10. The colour of the 5 centavos was red and brownish-red; the 10 blue, and the 20 green. This series served the postal needs of the country for ten years, when, in 1862, the 1c. yellow appears. This indicates an increase of postal business, and a corresponding step in cheapening the cost of postage. This whole series has for a watermark the double-lined numerals,

* Some signs are now noticeable of a change for the better in Chinese postal affairs.—Ed.

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and is unperforated.

Five years next elapsed before a second change took place, and this time both in design, and, largely in colour.

With 1867 a new stamp also comes into usage, the 2c. black; which is a further indication of postal expansion. The rest of the series repeats the numbers of 1852, only the 1c. is now orange instead of yellow. While the bust of Columbus is again the central feature, the execution of the stamp is far more artistic and the design more elaborate. This issue is perforated but without watermark.

This series lived the unusually long time of a second decade without change, when, in 1877, another issue was set forth. This is among the striking stamps of the South American republics, and it is a tribute to the artistic taste of the Chilians. It is larger somewhat than the two previous designs, and the ornamental scroll work is almost bewildering to follow. The bust of the Genoese navigator still holds its prominence, though it is a trifle reduced in size. This series has the same denominations as the preceding, but the colour of the 1c. is changed to gray, the 2c. to orange, and the 5c. to lake. This entire set, as well as all subsequent adhesives, is rouletted.

History is now being made faster in the little republic, and postal needs are increasing. The next

year, 1878, we find the denomination leaping from 20c. to 50c., the colour being violet, and the design being somewhat changed from that of 1877—the size a little smaller, the scroll work less elaborate, and the general effect darker. This last change has continued permanent now for twelve years, for, in the next issue, that of 1881, we see the same stamp, as well as with all subsequent series. In 1881 the 1c. was changed to green, the 2c. to pink, the 5c. to lake. This last, 5c., was further altered in 1883 to blue. In 1885 the 10c. blue of 1877 was changed to orange, and in 1886 the 20c. green was printed in gray. In 1893 two high values were issued, viz., \$1 and \$5; these stamps are about twice the size of the former issue, and are printed in two colours, the \$1 in dark brown and black, and the \$5 in vermilion and black.

This is a brief though sufficient guide to the beginner in Chilian adhesive stamps (and this article is written for the amateurs), and, for all its brevity, it offers some attractive suggestions.

First, we note a remarkably small number of stamps issued by this country. From 1852 to 1893 there are just twenty-seven distinct specimens, omitting the seven revenue stamps used postally, and the three telegraph stamps similarly used. This makes it an easy matter for one to get a complete

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set. There is no one thing which proves the stability of the people and government among our South American neighbours, more than this conservatism in issuing stamps.

Secondly, there being such a long interval between the issues, a large number of each series has been preserved, and hence the Chilian stamps are among the very cheapest to be had. A complete set of the adhesives, outside of the revenues and telegraph stamps, *unused*, may be obtained for about fourteen dollars; the same, *used*, would cost only about six dollars. A few dollars more would include the revenues and telegraphs.

Thirdly, this progressive nation has imitated the United States in shunning that philatelic abomination, called the "surcharge." Nothing so elevates this little South American republic in the present writer's estimation as her refusal to resort to this contemptible method of raising funds for the national need. Let us hope that the time may never come when she will lower her present high standard in this respect.

We cannot too warmly commend to the new collectors the stamps of the several South American republics. Many a lad is seeking the impossible in striving after a complete series of the United States. After years of toil and cost he is likely still to have only a fraction of the whole. The same effort

would easily give him complete series from many of the South American States, and a collection which would grow in value as in age. There is no more fascinating or profitable direction to make a beginning than with the stamps of the foremost South American republic—the State of Chili.



Philately
of
To-day.

Another philatelic weekly! This time a Canadian one, and the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* is something sour for the Meekel Co. Who is to be the first in the field with a daily stamp paper? Don't all speak at once.

The United States postal authorities forbid their clerks to collect stamps. This is doubtless, a gentle suggestion that mysterious disappearances in the post are due to the anxiety of philatelic post-officials to add numbers to their collections.

Would that autocratic Russia would do likewise! I know of a dealer who sent a Russian officer—an ardent collector—a fine approval selection by post, and received it back, minus the rarest stamps, and a polite note from a government emissary of a philatelic turn of mind,

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intimating that he had graciously taken a fancy to them. It is reported that the language used by the unfortunate dealer was most unprintable.

The United States can be reasonably expected to favour us with another new issue of stamps this year. Perhaps the Columbian experiment paid!

A writer in a Transatlantic contemporary bewails the absence of an American "Philatelic Protection Association," and remarks that such a society would soon put an end to the number of approval sheet and other frauds in the States and Canada. Perhaps the said is not aware that the English P. P. A., is utterly powerless in such matters, and that when victimised dealers write the society claiming justice against defaulters, they are informed "it is not within the associations' scope." What the "scope" may be is a matter of uncertainty, but it is a fact that we are as badly off as our American cousins for a genuine protection society. "The Stamp Dealers Protection Union" is the closest approach to my ideal, as yet.

The *Philatelic Californian*, a very good number for January, appears with a specimen stamp of the 2c. U. S. green, chemically changed to blue. The transformation is neatly done, and it will be a matter of concern to readers in possession of rare "shades," to learn how very easy it is to produce such shades of

colour.

The Coombes Bros., who were lately marked for manufacturing bogus New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, etc., "splits," and other rarities, are taking fresh names, and intend to capture fresh dupes. Let us hope they will catch tartars.

Austria is the next in the field with Unpaid Letter Stamps. All the stamps are in brown, of the values of 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, and 50kr. Great Britain! wake up.

The colour of the 2 cent "Sunday" Belgium stamp displeases the postal authorities, so it is to be altered.

The *Southern Philatelist* is the "society chatter" paper of the States, and as such is literally patronised. It is one of the philatelic journals which does not believe in weighty and scientific articles. The get up is very neat.

The *Canadian Journal of Philately* has expired in its infancy. Intending subscribers to same, please postpone.

Those philatelists whose business takes them to Holland, would do well to carry as little stock as possible. A case is on record of a dealer placing a fictitious value upon his case—much under the actual figure—and instead of being charged 5 per cent duty, the officials appropriated the stamps, and paid over to him the sum stated. I call this a very unpleasant experience.

There is a fine permanent postage

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stamp Museum at Dresden, much resorted to by visitors, and which was patronised by King Albert of Saxony, who donated a strip of Saxony error, $\frac{1}{2}$ g. blue. Amongst the treasures of this Museum are 60 Mulready envelopes, presented by Mr. Mulready himself.

There is a cheerful little squabble going on between those old stagers, the *Philatelic Record*, and the *London Philatelist* anent the merits and demerits of papers owned by dealers.

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Let us hope the perforating will be a little better than the current issue. It is really vile.

Eight million new stamps were issued from Uruguay on January 1st from the old plates, but in new colours. I rather like the shape of this state's stamps. What an offensive contrast to the Columbians!

Talking of Columbians, Puerto Rico has boldly entered the field

with a stamp, vaguely connected with the memorable landing of the now-notorious discoverer. It is a very poor production, and represents Columbus in a ship's dingy sailing for the shore. *Value*, 3 cent de peso. *Colour*, green. *Perf.* 12. *No. issued*, 5,000.

An English stamp paper has one or two advertisements from persons whose reputation is none of the best. I observe a continental advertiser actually receiving an announcement from Ph. Heinsberger, the "Secretary" of the bogus stamp club "Germania," and a man with a very bad character, in the States particularly.

The latest recognition of Philately's demand on the public interest is a very handsome prize competition for stamp collectors only, which is being started in *Pearson's Weekly*, prizes value £40 being offered.

The *Stamp Collectors' Monthly* is to hand in a very nice cover. Solid reading matter is conspicuous by its absence. I am sure the publisher will be pleased with the kindly remarks on the S. C., therein. It is a real treat to find contemporaries so generous and encouraging in sentiment.

The *Monthly Post* is going to enlarge. When it does, what a wailing will go on among the dead-alive papers. Messrs Smyth possess the knack of making it readable.

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States.

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A new cancelling stamp seems to have been adopted by the Canadian authorities. It does not tend to make better specimens for collectors.

With its January number, *St. Nicholas* opens a department devoted to stamps. The opening is liberally illustrated and will undoubtedly attract new comers.

There is a great speculation going on in Hawaiian provisionals, and it is reported that numerous sheets of Hawaiian issues are to be cancelled to order having been sent to the Islands for that purpose.

Why do the so-called Columbian postal cards possess any other than a souvénir value? We fail to see wherein the philatelic value is a bit greater than that of our ordinary, every-day sort of postal.

The bill recently introduced in Congress, providing for the redemp-

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tion of unused postage stamps, should it become a law, will be of value to dealers and others who receive large numbers of stamps in remittances.

The 90 cent Justice has been taking some big strides in price of late. It recently brought \$18.50, a dollar above the latest catalogue price we have seen. Those who have complete sets of the Departments are fortunate.

The *Canadian Journal of Philately* has been suspended, and a great number of bewailing subscribers are wishing Mr. Henry Ades Fowler were "suspended" too.

Several country postmasters have been approached by persons writing over "nom-de-plumes," and offered 2 cent stamps (unused) in original sheets, *at less than half the face value!* The Boston police are hot on the schemer's trail.

A stamp paper for January says in a note, that "times are bad in stamp affairs, and the man who says contrary is either lying or drunk," which is putting it tersely, at all events.

—YANKEE.

From France.

MR. Victor Robert is an unlucky man. He can not do anything without getting in trouble with somebody. English collectors have certainly heard about his catalogue

and Mr. Maury's allegation that it is copied from his own. This is certainly not the real truth but what is certain is that Mr. Robert has not made his catalogue from a stock of stamps or a collection methodically arranged, and only consulted the other known catalogues to patch up his own. Did he use the scissors as often as Mr. Maury and Mr. Moens pretend? The lawsuit now before the ordinary judges will decide. What is more curious and very little known, is that there exists another French catalogue edited by Mr. Plarms, which is so alike Mr. Maury's, that we really do not know why he did not protest against this one instead of Mr. Robert's one.

One of the oldest French philatelic societies, the Société Fromcaise de Timbrologie, founded 19 years ago, will soon be dissolved, as the most well-known collectors have resigned, and will form a new society under the name of Société Monvelle de Timbrologie. Among the founders of this society we see such names as Dr. Legrand, Philippe la Renotiere de Ferrari, Piet-Lataudrie, De Rosny, etc. We expect to see this society go up quickly.

The trade in France has been considerably slack this year. Collectors are losing their confidence in the dealers, and our hobby will certainly lose many a collector through French Dealer's surcharg-

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ism mania. Did you hear of that last trick of theirs in surcharging the lately issued Obock stamps? Those last stamps alone are a swindle, and what would you call the surcharge? What with all these surcharges; what with such inventions as Franco-russian and Dunkirk letter-cards, what with their jealousy between themselves, French dealers are spoiling their business and are doing a great deal of harm to philately in France.

Collectors and dealers are warned to look sharp on every Madrid 1 and 3 cuartos used offered to them. A known forger is simply taking the reprints of these stamps and soaking them for a long time in water, alters the paper and takes away the brilliancy of bronze, which distinguishes the reprints from the originals. He afterwards cancels them with a cork seal of 4 or 5 bars (I do not exactly remember). I know more than one dealer who has bought some of these forgeries in the conviction that it was all right.

We will soon receive in Europe the new engraved issue from Bolivia, which will do away with the fiscal provisionals, and lithographed stamps. The issue is seven values, 1 centavo buff, 2 centavos red, 5 centavos green, 10 centavos brown, 20 centavos blue, 50 centavos lilac, and 100 centavos dark pink. The design is completely a new one, though it contains the coat of arms,

and nine stars.

—J. B.

London continues to be invaded by both Provincial and Colonial dealers. It is extremely likely that a well-known firm of St. Louis, U. S. A., as also a prominent Canadian dealer will ere long grace the already large circle of London dealers "for good" as the saying goes.

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English Rarities.

By *H. L'estrang Ewen.*

English rarities are numerous, in fact, more numerous than most collectors suppose. They may be divided into three classes, namely (1) stamps of which a general issue took place. (2) stamps of which only a few sheets were issued. (3) stamps which were never issued.

The first class is naturally very small, and consists only of minor rarities. The best known of these is the 2s. red-brown, in use during the first nine months of 1880. This stamp has doubled in value during the last two or three years, fine specimens now selling for 35s. The old 10s. and £1 stamps have also grown scarce of late. The £5 English can scarcely be called a rarity, as any number could be obtained at the post office. Amongst old unused English stamps, many minor rarities are to be found; as instances I give the 2d blue of 1840, generally known as "2d without white lines," 6d., 10d., and 1s. Octagonal of 1847-1854, 4d. rose, small and medium garter watermarks, and 6d. lilac, plate 6, wmk. emblems, of 1865. A specimen of the latter stamp in 'mint' condition now sells readily for £2 or £3. The early perforated issues of the penny red and twopence blue of 1854-58 are also very scarce in an unused state.

To the second class belong the greatest English rarities. It was the custom of the post office authorities to have six impressions taken from a new plate, one of these being destined to receive the 'imp-primatur.' Until an impression from a plate had received the imp-primatur, stamps printed from that plate were not available for postage. The five extra sheets were printed, so that, should the first sheet meet with an accident, another could immediately take its place. These five sheets were however rarely required for this purpose, and it is to their issue that many of our rarities are due. In several cases the intended issue did not take place, the five sheets being alone sold. Many varieties which were issued in this way, have not yet been found. I give here a list which may prove of interest to some philatelists, especially to those who have large quantities of old English stamps continually passing through their hands, and who have plenty of time to examine them. I divide the list into (1) those already found, and (2) those awaiting discovery.

(1).—1864, 1d. red, plate 70.

1875, 2½d. rose, plate 4, wmk. anchor (supposed to have been found).

1862, 3d. rose, plate 3, with a white dot just above the lettering in the lower corners.

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1873, 6d. buff, plate 13.

1862, 9d. bistre, plate 3, with a haviline across the outer angle of each letter block.

1865, 9d. bistre, plate 5, wmk. emblems.

1867, 10d. red-brown, plate 2, wmk. spray. Two specimens of this stamp have been found.

1862, 1s. plate 3 (numbered 2 in error).

1880, 1s. violet, plates 13 and 14 are known unused and perforated.

1867, 2s. blue, plate 3.

(2).—We now come to those which await discovery.

1875, 2½d. rose, plates 5 and 6, wmk. anchor.

1865, 3d. rose, plate 5, wmk. emblems.

1880, 3d. rose, plate 21, wmk. spray.

1876, 4d. vermilion, plate 16.

1867, 6d. violet, plate 10.

1873, 6d. grey, plate 18, wmk. spray.

1880, 1s. green, plate 14, wmk. spray.

1867, 5s. rose, plate 4, wmk. croix patée.

There are many other varieties belonging to this class besides those named above. There are the errors, 6d. plate 5 and 1d. venetian red (of 1880) on unwatermarked paper and the 10d. red-brown of 1867 on emblems paper. There are also some twenty or thirty instances of stamps having been issued in an imperforate condition

which should have been perforated. Amongst these are the 1d. red, plates 116 and 136. There are also the rouletted penny reds known as Archers. Some stamps printed by Archer in 1850 and issued during that year at Exeter, Exmouth and Devonport, are indistinguishable from the issue of 1854. Several specimens have been found on the original covers dated 1850.

Lastly we come to those rarities which were never issued, but which have found their way into the hands of collectors. The collection now being exhibited in the British Museum, includes an unused imperforate specimen of every English stamp that has been issued up to 1884. Every now and then a few of these stamps are offered for sale, but it is probable a second complete collection of them would be impossible. The four chief stamps belonging to this class are the 1d. V. R. of 1840, the 1½d. lilac-rose on bleuté of 1860, the 3d. plate 2 (as originally constructed with reticulated spandrels), and 8d. red-brown of 1876.

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Are Stamp Blocks Permissible?

Hitherto, every dealer has considered it his right and privilege to use stamp blocks to illustrate his stationery, and no philatelic publisher would think of abandoning this handy means of adorning his publications.

The post office authorities have, however, suddenly taken it into their heads to consider seriously whether their use does not come under a clause forbidding the manufacture, use, etc., etc., of "imitation of postage stamps," and they write us a long and portentous document pointing out that *their use is not permissible*, and wishing to know whether we will persist in using them, pending their taking "the necessary proceedings."

We cannot but think that this is a *very* remarkable development of the proverbial red-tapeism and eccentricity so strongly marked in all

post office matters, and which, if adhered to, will mean much mischief to Philately.

The question is. Does the solicitor of the G. P. O., fully comprehend what a very wide use there is of the articles he objects to, and if he has ever seen the interior of a typical illustrated stamp album? We think it can be safely said that he is not aware of the effect which his mandate will have in stamp circles, and merely imagines ours to be an isolated case, whereas it is one out of hundreds, and a similar procedure among philatelists in general, will meet with a vigorous and indignant protest against this absurd indictment.

The stamp blocks objected to and noticed by the authorities, are two of the usual run of electros; one is a "New Zealand 5d." the other a "Honduras."

We are awaiting further development of the case and will make them known to our readers, as the matter is an important one to Philately.

—R. T. H.

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N.B.—We observe that a Canadian stamp paper for January sounds a note of warning with regard to the doings of E. E. Raub, Hyde Park, Mass, U.S.A. Readers will recollect we were the first to warn the philatelic world that this gentleman's business methods would not bear investigation. *Verb sap.*

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in type on surcharged stamps undoubtedly are.

The following is a list of those that have come under my notice:—

- 1.—One bar instead of two, upper missing.
- 2.—One bar instead of two, lower missing.
- 3.—“ 1 ” missing.
- 4.—“ Penn ” instead of “ Penny.”
- 5.—Upper bar broken.
- 6.—Lower bar broken.
- 7.—“ 1 ” missing, as well as lower or upper bar.
- 8.—Short bars, which do not obliterate “ 6d. ”
- 9.—Upper part of “ P ” in “ penny ” missing.

—*Philatelist.*

Editorial.

WE have been approached by numerous readers on the subject of re-instating our “ New Issue ” page. Will those who would approve of our doing so, kindly send a postcard to the effect. If insufficient postcards are received, we shall take it that the suggestion is not met with general approval, and act accordingly.

A “ Columbus ” Item.—An enterprising U. S. dealer made bold to write to the postmaster offering full price for as many complete sets of the Columbus issue as he could supply *cancelled*. The official virtuously declined.



British Colonial Cancellations.

Following the chief series of notes on postmarks in general, which appeared in the *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, we proceed to fulfil the promise then made, that we would give a list of as many of the various British Colonial postmarks as we consider may be of value to the detector of forgeries, and to the specialist.

As remarked before, we think those who study forgeries will find their labour considerably lightened if they have a list of what are known to be genuine cancellations. And so far as the specialist is concerned, he will find that the different cancellation have invariably been indicative of new issues, i. e., with new stamps, new postcards have been brought into use. Then again, we will often notice that the stamps of our country having been employed for another, shew a correspondingly different cancellation. We will quote a single example:—Antiguas marked A 18 are not stamps used *in Antigua itself*; they have come from a small isle named Barhida, which is too small to require its own series, and hence is placed for all governmental purposes under Antigua.

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At first English stamps were used in all colonies until they one by one introduced their own independent issues. The postmarks were usually an inscribed circle with date. In 1852 when the British Postal Administration re-organised the whole system of offices and cancellations (by dividing London into 8 districts, and adopting peculiar obliterations for the Provincial, Irish and Scotch branches), they extended their list of post offices by lettering and numbering the various colonies and dependencies which were supplied with either English stamps from a G. P. O., (such as Malta, Gibraltar and Egyptian and Turkish branches), or special stamps from the Crown Agents for Colonies, who managed all postal, fiscal and commercial matters. When giving orders to either Perkins, Bacon and Co., De la Rue's, or Waterlow's, they also ordered obliterating dies. The numbers and lettering of which were decided by the G. P. O. London.

It is remarkable that nearly all Western Hemisphere Colonial stamps are marked A and numbered, whilst the few colonies in the Eastern Hemisphere have B for what is now termed "the Colony letter." But there are two important exceptions, viz., Malta and Gibraltar, which although situate in the old world are lettered A 25 and A 27 respectively.

We now proceed to giving a list in which no doubt errors of omission or commission will appear, but we crave the indulgence of our readers for such faults, hoping with their assistance to remedy this defect in a later number.

The first is :—

- AO1 Jamaica Kingston.
- AO2 Antigua.
- AO3 Georgetown B. Guiana.
- AO4 „
- AO5 Bahamas.
- AO6 British Honduras.
- AO7 Dominco.
- AO8 Montserrat and Antiguas.
- AO9 Nevis.
- AO10 St. Vincent.
- AO11 St. Lucia.
- AO12 St. Christopher.
- AO13 Bermuda.
- AO15 Grenada.
- A 18 On Antiguas for Barbida.
- A 25 Malta. English stamps and own series.
- A 26 Gibraltar. English stamps and own series.
- A 33 Jamaica.
- A 42 „
- A 49 „
- A 59 „
- A 69 „
- A 73 „
- A 75 „
- A 77 „
- B 26 On Mauritius for Seychelles.
- B 31 Sierra Leone.
- B 53 Mauritius.
- B 62 Hong Kong.

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64 Seychelles.

Certain colonies have singly adopted the initials of their names; such as Lagos, Turks Islands, Bahamas, and Falkland Islands.

Hong Kong stamps were and are used in the Treaty Ports of China; such are cancelled with the initials, NI for Ningpo, SI for Shanghai, etc., etc.

The Gold Coast employs large numbers, viz., 554 for Accra the headquarters, and 556 for Chastianborg. This we believe was owing to the offices 554 556 in the United Kingdom being abolished.

(To be continued.)

—G. I. B.

The New United States Stamps.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The contract to furnish postage stamps to the Government for the four years beginning July 1 next was awarded late this afternoon to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The Hamilton and American Bank-Note companies, of New York, were among the bidders. All of the private bidders have protested against the award of the contract to the bureau.

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Our aim is to give the readers of this journal the results of our own independent and unaided enquiries into the history and use of the various Postmasters' Locals issued prior to 1847, the year in which the U. S. Government introduced postage stamps—in the first place; after which, we shall discuss in their due

order, the Governmental general issues, winding up with the Departmentals and Officials. Should these papers be received favorably, we will then deal with the Confederate States, Local and general issues.

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series of Postmasters' stamps issued as we propose to shew between March 1845 and July 1847.

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Several immaterial portions are omitted. According to the rates established stamps of 3 values would have been required, viz., 2, 5 and 10 cents, the lowest value for local deliveries, and the others for general employment. And it would be well were we to add that prior to the above enactment, the local rate was from 3 to 5 cents, according to locality. The reason for this statement will be seen presently.

No stamps were ordered by the

government, although one would have thought that in adopting one reform, viz., the uniform postage, they would have also adopted the other and more important reform that of the employment of labels.

In 1842, 1843, and 1844 numerous private carrying firms started using postage stamps, and when it was decided by the Postmaster of New York City to try the experiment in 1843, he was obliged to have a design already in use re-engraved. Thus New York claims the credit of being the first post office to employ stamps.

New York.

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Notes.—There was a concern called "City Despatch Post," and which used stamps of the values of 2 and 3 cents. Several varieties occur, and when the design was recut, the upper inscription and value were altered to "United States City Despatch Post" and "Three Cents," so it would appear that the "local 3 cents" was prepared while the 2 cents die was in the hands of the Government Post Office. Of this Government stamp we meet with four varieties.

- 1 Black on buff.
- 2 Black on blue wove glazed.
- 3 Black on grey wove.
- 4 Black on grey glazed.

The local cannot be confused with the government stamp, as the

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former was printed in black on green. Their use was only temporary, and as an experiment, so that all are scarce; the rarest being those on buff and blue papers.

1845. Providence, R. I.

Although some American authorities have assumed the date of issue as 1846 from certain evidence to be hereafter adduced, we shall show that stamps of Providence, Rhode Island, must have been made and used early in 1845, i.e., some little time after the Act of the 3rd. of March had become law (July 1845). There are two values, 5 and 10 cents, and it appears that there were 12 stamps to a sheet, 11 5 cents, and the twelfth a 10 cent. Postmaster Welcome P. Sayles it appears commissioned Henry Arthur Hidden to engrave the plate which turned up in August or September last under romantic circumstances. Its owner Lyeurgus Sayles sold it for \$2,500 to Mr. E. B. Hanes. It has been said that no authenticated used copy exists of any Providence Locals, and also that the engraver made two plates. It is certainly a strange fact that the so-called forgeries are next door neighbours to reprints.

5 5 cents black.

6 10 cents black.

Notes. These are the commonest of all the Postmasters Locals, and entire sheets are to be had now, so that a supply has been kept up

somehow. And now we had better produce our evidence as to the issue of Providence in 1845 and not 1846. There are very few collectors who show that in "Le Timbre Post" 1873, an extensive article by M. Albis on the St. Louis Locals appeared, and that in the same journal Mr. Tiffany published a reply. In the latter occurs an extract from "The St. Louis Morning Republican" Nov. 5th 1845 as follows:—

Letter Stamps.—Mr. Wymer, the Postmaster has prepared a set of letter stamps (or rather marks) to put upon letters, indicating that the postage has been paid. In this he has copied after the plan adopted by the postmasters in New York and other cities. These stamps are engraved to represent the Missouri coat of arms and are for five and ten cents. They are so prepared that they may be stuck upon a letter like a wafer, and will prove a great convenience to merchants and all those having many letters to send post paid, as it saves all trouble of paying at the post office. *They will be sold at the same rates they are sold on the card, viz., sixteen 5 cents or eight 10 cents for a dollar.*

The above extract shews, 1st., that St. Louis was behindhand in using stamps, and 2nd., that 5 and 10 cents were already sold and used, viz., at Providence, that being the only office to employ two values.

The design is simple, being the

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letters POST OFFICE—PROV. R. I.—FIVE (or TEN) CENTS in 3 lines on lined oblong oval within floral borders and angles oblong.

(To be continued.)

The Question of Stamp Blocks.

OUR announcement of the particulars of the post office authorities intended crusade against that harmless, necessary article, the stamp blocks, has created a nice "how d'ye do" among both publishers and dealers. In fact, so alarmed were many of the expressions that reached us, that we determined to get at the true facts of the case, divested of the mysteries of legal phraseology, and we have, thank goodness! something satisfactory and re-assuring to report. The Solicitor-General, after a series of vigorously worded epistles, on our part, has condescended to limit the extent of his "prosecutions," and we learn after all, that stamp albums, etc., are still safe from the ferocious attacks of St. Martin's red tapeism, but that the hitherto harmless illustrations on "covers of every description" will in future be mercilessly tabooed.

We have been using envelopes and wrappers bearing the impress of the block of an Honduras stamp and others for the past two years, and suddenly the all powerful

officials at the G. P. O., have discovered that their use is illegal; in fact, if epistolatory length and breadth of language go for anything, "your long suffering editor" would be the hero of an exciting law suit, with the entire philatelic world hanging on the verdict, and on the rack, until their apprehensions were nullified.

This of course is a greatly different thing to having our cherished albums ruined, and our philatelic publishers, ditto, for who could manage without the ever useful "zinco"?

But at the same time it is only the result of a modification of the intended campaign against "the use of fictitious postage stamps,"—as it is somewhat startlingly put by the Solicitor,—and does not signify that we are still out of the wood—far from it.

The long and short of it is that all stamp illustrations which come under the authorities' notice *whilst in transit on a cover, or otherwise exposed, are confiscated.*

The first number of "Vindin's Stamp Trade Journal" reached us safely with an innocent looking block of a "French Empire" in a corner of the wrapper, but neither the second or the third have reached us, and the postmaster here informs us that the covers have been stopped from passing through the post.

The number of letters which

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have not reached us from home and foreign correspondents is truly disgusting, and we can only judge that they have been confiscated, bearing the objectionable blocks.

Are the authorities in the right, however? We await our readers pronouncement, but have no fear as to its nature.

One thing is certain. The G. P. O. will not pause at "covers," no matter what their present attitude may be.

—R. T. H.

The British Philatelic Protection Union.

IN view of the great success of the "Stamp Dealer's Protection Union," and the applications for membership received from philatelists other than dealers, I have decided to change the title to the above, and extend the scope of the "Union" in such a manner that it will be of the utmost value to all connected with philatelic matters. A prospectus can be received from me an application, but only philatelists of known standing and respectability will be admitted. Address in first instance:—

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French and French Colonial Stamps.

How to Distinguish Them.

A difficulty which debars many an experienced philatelist is the trouble in distinguishing the French imperforated issues from the colonial ones.

I say *imperforated*, and this alone will guide the collector, unless his copies are cut too close, in which case he may suspect his stamps being issued in the metropolis, but with perforations cut.

The first issue of the French colonies as every catalogue will mention, is of the eagle type, and therefore allows of no confusion. The second issue (1872) is the same, and has the 1c., 30 and 80 centimes the same as the French issue of 1863-70 (laureated head), but is imperforated, not so with the 5c green which being of the unlaurated issue is easily mistaken for the 5c. of the French issue of 1853-60. The only way to distinguish these two stamps is the postmark, and I am therefore obliged to enumerate the different postmarks of the 1853-60 issue of France. The first and most common postmark is a six pointed star of round black dots, this star is the former of two supposed regular triangles of 23 mm and 10 dots on every side.

The second postmark is composed of a diamond of fine dots

with a small numeral in the centre, every side of the diamond measures 18 milli meters and has 8 dots.

The third postmark is of rectangular form, 37 millimeters long, and 13 mm wide, composed of fine dots, 2 mm distance between each other.

The fourth postmark is a diamond composed of lines measuring 27 mm each, and the interior of it shows 5 equidistant crossed lines.

The fifth postmark is a rectangle composed of 8 rows of black square dots, 1 mm square each, and measuring 23 x 17 mm.

The sixth postmark is the same as the second, but with a much larger numeral.

The seventh and eight postmarks are formed of two concentric circles ($2\frac{1}{2}$ cm of diamatres), one bearing the name of the town, hour, date, and a numeral, the other one with the name of the department instead of the numeral.

Now, the second postmark has been used in the French colonies and on French postal vessels, bearing an anchor in the centre instead of a numeral.

If you have any stamps with the eight first mentioned postmarks you may be sure they have been used in France.

The postmarks used in the colonies are:—

1st.—Two concentric circles, the inner one is formed of dots, the circular inscription bears the name

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of town and colony, and two white stars, in the centre is the date.

2nd.—Second French postmark, but with the following letters instead of numeral: C.C.H.—I.—G. B.—RUN.—MQE—N.C.E—GPE.—SPM—CON—LNDE

3rd.—Fifth French postmark, but the dots are closed together, there being 7 rows of 8, measuring 15 mm × 17 mm.

There are a few other colonial postmarks, but they have only been used when the French colonies have a different set of stamps from the French ones.

If you look out for the postmarks you will not mistake

the 10c. bistre,

20c. blue,

40c. red

of the second issue of the colonies, head of Liberty, though they resemble the first issue of France, and sometimes to the lithographed issue of France, 1871. Regardless of the postmark, they differ from the first by the colour, and from the second by the engraving and shading on the neck and eyes.

The several other issues of the colonies will not induce anybody to error, except the 20c. 1873-76 blue, which can be mistaken with the first issued 20c. blue of France, the postmark is the only difference; all the other values of the 1873 colonial issue have the value on the bottom in larger characters than the first French issue, the 1fr.

excepted, but it is buff and not green as the French 1fr. The 1877 and 1879 issue are imperforated, whilst the French issue is perforated

All the other issues are of a different design.

—E. GAINSBORG.

(Too late for our last issue.)

Albrecht's Last Sale.

Our U. S. Correspondent, Mr. A. R. Frey, kindly sends us the following particulars of the items fetching the biggest prices at Albrecht's March 1st. sale:

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The 1854 Issue of Switzerland.

By P. J. PAINTER,
Secy. Middlesex Stamp Exchange,
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I HAVE written the following statistics in the hope of inducing philatelists in general to take more interest in the different threads of these stamps, which have been very much neglected by collectors.

It may not be known, but to a few, that of the 1854 issue of Switzerland there are many varieties in the way of silk threads, and it has often been a matter of surprise to me why no catalogue in the English language has attempted to describe them.

The different kinds of watermarks are described, and why not the silk threads of the Swiss stamps?

These stamps were in use from October 1854 (not 1855 as generally supposed), to 1862, and as there were several editions of them, it naturally results that there are various coloured threads to each edition.

To show at a glance the different threads to each edition, I will class them in order as follows:—

October 1854. Printed in relief on quite thin paper. Imperforate. Soft colours.

Value	Colour	Thread
5 rappen	Brown	Yellow-green
5 "	Dark-brown	"

10 rappen	Blue	Yellow-green
15 "	Pink	"
20 "	Orange	"
40 "	Light-green	"

1855. Same type. Paper more solid.

5 rappen	Grey-brown	Dark-green
10 "	Blue	"
15 "	Dark-pink	"
15 "	Pink	"
20 "	Orange	"
40 "	Green	"
1 franc	Blue-grey	"

1856. Same type. Thick paper.

5 rappen	Brown	Yellow
10 "	Light-blue	Vermillion
15 "	Light-pink	Light-blue
15 "	Dark-pink	"
20 "	Yellow-orange	Yellow-green
40 "	Green	Blue
1 franc	Grey-lilac	Black

1857. Same type. Thick paper. Rougher colours.

5 rappen	Brown	Black
10 "	Dark blue	Vermillion
15 "	Pink	Light blue
15 "	"	White
20 "	Orange	Light-blue
40 "	Green	Red-brown

1858. Same type. Thick paper.

10 rappen	Dark blue	Carmine
15 "	Dark-pink	Dark-blue
15 "	"	Pink
20 "	Orange	Yellow
1 franc	Grey	Black

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1859.	Same type.	Thick paper.
5 rappen	Black-brown	Black.
10 "	Dark-blue	White
10 "	"	Green.
15 rappen	Pink	White
1 franc	Light-lilac	Yellow

1860.	Same type.	Thick paper.
5 rappen	Dark-brown	Green
5 "	"	"
10 "	Dark-blue	"
10 "	Light-blue	"
15 "	Pink	"
20 "	Orange	"
40 "	Green	"
1 franc	Dark-grey	Yellow

1861-2.	Same type.	Thick paper.
2 rappen	Grey	Green
20 "	Red-brown	Light-blue
40 "	Blue-green	White

One noticeable point about these stamps is the 2 rappen, which is generally catalogued as being issued in 1855, but was not in use till six years later.

I must admit that it will be a rather difficult matter for any intending collector of these stamps to class them according to their year of issue, owing to the similarity of the threads in the case of a few values, such as the 20 rappen orange which was issued with a yellow-green thread both in 1854 and 1856, but one way of assigning these their proper places is by the paper and postmark, which from 1854-56 was //////// (this mark is

designated in Switzerland by the name of "Rantenstemple"). P. P.P.D. These four letters are to be found obliterating a few of the 1854 edition, but were used extensively on the 1850 issue, which was the first series of stamps issued by the Federal administration.

From 1857-62 the postmarks show the date. There are one or two things I should like to mention before concluding, and one is in reference to the 40 rappen. In 1857 a sufficient quantity of this value (with red-brown thread) was printed, that there was no need to print another supply till three years later, so that the thread of course remained unchanged during this period. I take this opportunity of warning collectors against falling into error, viz., judging the colour of a thread by appearance. Many have been deceived in this way. To find out the colour, use a pin or needle, and very gently remove a bit of paper covering the thread at the back of the stamp. Without doing this you will find what looks like a blue thread is really a green, and so on.

I well remember having some time ago examined an 1861 specimen of the 40 rappen stamp which was submitted for my inspection by a friend who thought he had made a discovery.

The stamp was postmarked 1863 and had what looked very much like a dark-green thread, but upon

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pricking it out I found the thread was white, the deception in the colour being caused by the thread being so near the surface of the paper.

The rarest threads are blue and brown, but the yellow, white and black are very scarce.

I hope the foregoing will be of interest to the majority of readers, and if I have unintentionally fallen into any errors, I shall be glad to be corrected.

—P. J. PAINTER.

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Messrs. Mattos and Co., the much-maligned Portuguese dealers, have been admitted into La Societe Philatelique Francaise, so further slander must recoil upon the slanderers.

Americans are agitating for stamps, one to bear the likeness of Mrs Harrison, the other, the national flag. One thing is certain, the latter would sell well—to collectors.

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In answer to a query addressed to the Postmaster General, he replied that "*at present* there is no intention of the department adopting a system of unpaid letter stamps." * * * *

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The paper *Philatelic Record* contained some unusually good matter in its last, and the descriptive table of the contents of the Tapling collection is still a prominent feature in the *Stamp News*.

Il Francobollo for March contains a cut of the Milan Philatelic Exhibition building. A very handsome affair it looks.

By the-by, I have received a prospectus of the forth coming Paris Stamp Exposition, to be held in July. One feature of the show will be a large reading room devoted to philatelic publications of all nations.

El Filatelista Sud-Americano comes to hand punctually every month, and always contains a welcome budget of South American stamp news. In the last number received the Editor referring to the only William Brown, says "as he has not received (!!!) our paper, we shall not send it again." I sincerely trust Mr. Brown will attend to this contemporarie's exchange copies in future.

Portugal has issued a post card in connection with the Prince Henry Commemoration series.

Milan also issues a special one in honour of their Stamp Exhibition.

There are four philatelic societies in Wales,—two each in Swansea and Cardiff. Ireland has none, Scotland several. Germany has the largest number, and the United

States come next. England is not so enterprising in this direction as she might be.

L'Intermediare de la Timbrologie, a large name and a large paper (as the majority of our readers know), is the envied of all French publishers by the happy thought of M. Gainsborg to write to the leading literary men of "la belle France" for their opinions on the eventful question of "Philately v. Timbrologie." Messieurs Dumas, Simon, Coppee, Claretie, etc., have stated their opinions. Subscribers to the S. C., will see what they are; "sample copy" readers must perforce guess them!

—TIMBRO-PHIL.

Trade Items.

THE season fast drawing to a close has not been a prosperous one for stamp dealers in general, and the flooding of every available market with "labels" (not postage stamps), and made to order rubbish has done a great deal towards injuring the trade.

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combined with seductive prices, will be largely used by collectors.

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Report for May.

TWO new members have joined, thus bring the total membership up to 43. 20 sheets value £68 6 1 have been received for the May packet, which was despatched on the 2nd., as the summer holidays will soon be upon us, I hope all members will do their best and send good sheets for June and July packets in early.

—P. J. PAINTER, *Secy.*

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CONSIDERING the conditions attached to applicants for membership, I have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the Union is making progress. Intending members please observe that it is not any person who pays the fee that can join, as with the majority of the other societies.

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NEW CLAUSE : At the end of this year the committee will be re-formed, and those gentlemen who have gained the largest number of fresh members will take pre-eminence over their Brother Unionists.

A member writes to say that "Mr." L. Keller, proposed as No. 4, is a LADY, and moreover is not a fit person to enter the ranks of the B.P.P.U. It seems HER publication "Union" has suspended very abruptly, and left many advertisers in the lurch. She is therefore expelled, and members in general are warned against her. I am very pleased that the character of this person was so quickly ascertained by members, as I do not wish anyone to join unless they are absolutely trustworthy.

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Though there was a good selection of stamps on view, it is somewhat a matter of surprise that there were not many more contributors, there only being as far as I can remember about 20.

Mr. A de Worms showed a fine lot of used and unused Ceylon, British Guiana, and Mauritius. Mr. Castle's show of the Naples provisional stamps (viz., the rare arms, and cross), was enough to make ones mouth water. There being several specimens all in good condition.

Mr. Blest exhibited a very nice lot of triangular Cape woodblocks, and New South Wales, and Dr. Boswell United and Confederate States, etc.

A triangular Cape woodblock, light blue, with vertical fine laid lines, was shown by Mr. J. N. Marsden, who also exhibited several other good stamps.

Mr. Nankivell showed some early Transvaal, this being his favourite study.

Mr. D. Garth's exhibit were unused sets of Modena, Tuscany, and early Bavaria, and Mr. Oldfield's early Swiss, including cantons.

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DR. BRYANT.

THERE are several slight errors in the first instalment of these papers, but only one requires correction. On page 52, "they will be sold at the same rates they are sold *in the cast* (not on the card)."

As to the value of these interesting labels, a well-known American firm of dealers were in 1893 offering the entire sheet at £12 10s., or for separate copies, £3 19s 2d for the 10c., and 16s 8d for the 5c.

1845. New York.

We have already alluded to the first attempt on the part of the Chief Postmaster of this city to employ postage stamps. We have now to deal with the stamps of 5 cents issued some time between July and November 1845 by Mr Robert Henry Morris. The design is composed of a full faced portrait of Washington on oval lettered POST OFFICE FIVE CENTS in curved letters; NEW-YORK in upper angles. Large rect: printed in black on white.

7 5 cents, black on white.

8 5 cents, black on bluish.

Note.—The cancelled bear generally some initials such as A.C.M., in either red or other coloured inks.

The initials are those of the cancelling clerk. It is almost needless to say that these are the most common of Postmaster's stamps, several copies existing on the covers. According to Mr Harry Hilckes, reprints exist in black or bluish, but we should like more information on this point. The 3 cent value used in 1842-4 was issued without Government authority, and was suppressed about 1844, the new value being available for general letters destined for other cities.

The black on bluish has been known since 1864.

1845. Brattleboro' Vt.

It is presumable that the postmaster, Mr Frederick N. Palmer, of the little village in Vermont State, perceiving the success attendant on the introduction of stamps in New York, and Providence, decided to follow example by issuing what is now considered to be "one of the rarest stamps in existence." So, at least says Mr Puffer of London who is, or was, the fortunate owner of a copy for which he asked £250. And at the time this particular copy was advertised, it was said to be the only known used specimen,

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while so far back as in 1877, nearly a dozen specimens were in undoubted existence. So Pemberton tells us. We are unable to give the No. forming a sheet, but it must have been small; about 12.

(To be continued.)

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Mr. Lowe showed a nice lot of New Zealand, etc., and amongst the several other contributors were the Earl of Kingston, and Grand Duke Alexis.

A 3 Lire Sardinia with reversed head was amongst the exhibits I noticed, and a good specimen it was too.

The most prominent feature of the exhibits were the very early Mauritius and Newfoundlands, there being a large number of both these colonies.

—P. J. P.

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The Chemistry of Philately.

(Read to the City of London Philatelic Club, April 5th and 19th 1894.)

IT may possibly be remembered by some of the members present, that in a lamentably incomplete paper on "Errors," which was published last year in the "S. C. Monthly," I promised to contribute a paper on what might be well termed "The Chemistry of Philately," in which I proposed to deal with the various chemicals used in philatelic frauds; the agents for changing colours, and the re-agents employed in complex processes. I now proceed to fulfil in part only the promise so rashly made, inasmuch as although I have had so many years continuous and active experience in studying and detecting forgeries, yet on the other hand, our friends or enemies, as the case may be, the fakers are also increasing in their knowledge of rare stamps and the means of imitating them.

I think gentlemen, you will all agree with me when I say the labours of an expert or detector of forgeries are no easy ones at the present day, nor can he hope to be altogether infallible. The stamps on which the faker tries his luck, so to speak, are not of the same character as when forgeries were first brought into existence. The

idea of the stamp forger was before philately came into vogue to defraud the revenue. Since and from 1860 to 1894 is a long step, and no one can deny that the forger has kept pace with the rolling years and to day stands as rampant and defiant as of yore.

Before we proceed to our task, may I be allowed to call your brief attention to an interesting (for more reasons than one) paper which appeared in the "Ill B.Zeitung" from the able pen of one of our worthy Vice-Presidents, Mr Harry Hilckes, on the subject of what he called Councils, or Committees of philatelic experts. So very few English collectors and dealers are acquainted with German, that I trust no apology will be asked for, when I venture to bring before you some of the more salient points of the paper I refer to, i.e., their substance call for our serious attention. And I hope my poor version will bear out Mr Hilckes' views as expressed on the matter.

Mr Hilckes is of opinion that there should be in every country some well-known philatelists, appointed by some means or other, to act as judges or experts in questions as to the genuineness of a stamp, surcharge or any other peculiarity attaching to stamps. And although the very numerous societies and clubs devoted to philately include the most prominent collectors, yet there are on the other hand, col-

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lectors and dealers of many years experience, who keep aloof from all connection with such societies and clubs for various reasons. For instance, a well-known English authority on forgeries has never had any connection whatever with any public organisation of collectors, beyond now and then contributing an article to certain magazines. Mr Hilckes suggests that the gentlemen so appointed should form a Committee or Council, to which all questions on forgery or fraud might be submitted.

Now I should like to say a few words on these suggestions. First, although certainly there are many experienced philatelists who pose as experts, yet all are liable to error of judgment. Secondly, it is impossible for any one individual to be able to cope with the difficulties that undoubtedly strew the path of an expert. I am of opinion that should any such committee be ever formed, it should be composed of philatelists having the following qualifications distributed amongst them:—

1st.—A knowledge of the processes of wood, steel, copper and stone engraving and lithography, together with transfers, and re-cutting, or re-touching of dies.

2nd.—An acquaintance with the composition of, and ingredients used in the various printing inks and colours used in stamps and of printer's types.

3rdly.—A knowledge of the chemistry of colours, chemicals so far as changing colours are concerned, and of the various acids and reagents used in philatelic frauds.

4thly.—An acquaintance with paper making, and introduction of watermarks into pulp, and of forged watermarks.

The above is as Yankees would remark, "a large bill to fill," and yet I believe it possible.

In addition, many years experience as a collector and student of stamps should be demanded as a qualification. This is important, for it stands to reason, speaking plainly, that one who has had, say thousands of certain stamps pass through his careful hands, must be more experienced than another who has had but hundreds.

In America we find boys from 16 years upwards acting as "Counterfeit Detectors," which I daresay most of you will regard as grotesque in the extreme. I do not desire in any way to depreciate the merits of these younger collectors, nor indeed to damp their ardour, as I was "young myself once," although not quite so precocious, as many of them now are.

I mention the above circumstance just to shew that in America they think of forgeries by appointing "Counterfeit Detectors," and it is time we consider the matter in this country in some similar manner, only choosing our experts from

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among the highest authorities on philately in the land, at the same time fixing some kind of a remuneration according to the rarity and value of the stamp or stamps examined and judged on. This is one of Mr Hilckes' suggestion, and no one seconds his able arguments more than the present writer.

It is a step which needs and will have to be taken, on account of the most skilful and excellent forgeries and fudges that are daily exposed. When too late, as a rule, some one or other has suffered generally before they are discovered, and such a scheme when properly worked would save much money—and temper.

And now to the subject. In speaking of "The Chemistry of Philately," let it be borne in mind that we address ourselves to the task of enumerating some of the chemical methods used by forgers and fakers in their nefarious work displayed in different ways. Although no doubt the great majority of my audience are as experienced as myself, yet I hope in the cause of this paper to be able to say something of ever so little value. I am endeavouring to work for the benefit of all honest collectors, and the correction of any errors of statement or omissions will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

It does not do for a genuine philatelist to keep all the knowledge he possesses to himself concerning

any branch of philately in which he may be particularly interested. And we here desire to express our deep regret at there not being more collectors than dealers at these meetings.

First of all, let us speak of colours.

As you all know, the number of primary colours, i.e., those found in the prismatic solar spectrum is 7 viz., red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. And it is possible by different means to continue any of the colours so as to produce either new colours altogether, or shades. In printing postage and other stamps, the colours used in the early days were of metallic origin, in some few cases aniline dyes and water colours were employed (technically termed fugiteres). For instance, in Russia vegetable colours have been employed also, and by Brazil in 1881 to present date. In these two last, it is impossible to efface the cancellation without detection being possible.

You will easily perceive that in the primary colours, two groups naturally occur, viz., red, orange, and yellow for the first, and green, blue, indigo, and violet for the second. If for instance, indigo be mixed with black pigment (there are no such colours as black or white), blue-black will result. If therefore the colour of a stamp be a secondary one, i.e., composed of two

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primaries, then by chemical means we can discharge one or other of the primaries. And let it be understood that certain colours are more subject to either alteration by natural or by artificial means than others. We will quote an example. Lilac in the pale hue if exposed to strong light of any kind, gas, lamp, sun, and to dampness, the primary blue or violet, as the case may be, will disappear by dischargement, and leave the stamp a light green.

All colours which stand high, i.e., at the ends of spectrum, are easy to reduce in colour, i.e., a red can be altered to orange, and then to yellow, whilst violet can be altered to indigo, and then to green. On the other hand, it is difficult to alter the low spectrum colours to their higher shades, i.e., yellow cannot be increased to orange or red, without detection being possible, as we can employ what are known as re-agents, or bleaching materials, which will expel the false colouring and restore the original hues.

Taking the foregoing brief statements as our ground work, so to speak, we will now deal with the various colours, primary and secondary; and the various alterations of which they are now respectively capable.

RED. The philatelic faker possessed of chemical knowledge can accomplish some striking alterations with the minor shades of red, viz., rose, carmine and pink. He can

transform red into brown, yellow, green, and lilac, of which, however, the brown and lilac are easily detected by re-agents. The yellow and green are much more troublesome, as there is only one intermediate between orange and green, viz., yellow. In attempting to detect such changes we should have to employ two processes; still some consolation may be found in that if red be altered to grey-lilac, lilac, or grey, the original postmark if struck in colour, will suffer also, thus proving a means of detection. Only unused stamps can therefore be treated.

ORANGE and YELLOW. These in brief, are subject to the same alterations as red, save that the brown and green are easy of detection.

GREEN may be changed into brown-lilac, yellow, blue, mauve, and grey. The brown and violet can be easily detected by means of re-agents. When it is known that green can be made by combining blue and yellow, only the yellow has to be discharged by hydrochloric acid, leaving the colour a bluish green. Chlorine also will discharge the blue, those making a yellow stamp. There are so many errors of colours where a stamp has been by mistake (?) printed in blue for green, and *vice versa*, that I have made public the chemical means whereby any such falsities could be, and have been produced.

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BLUE is of all the primaries the most liable to chemical alteration, more so as you can not only change it into brown, orange, yellow, green, and violet, but you can also modify the shades of colour, which you are desirous of obtaining. Then blue has the knack of altering under and by natural means and circumstances to the blue-black or black. This we believe is owing to an oxydization of the particles of iron entering into the composition of colouring ink, by which the stamp assumes a more or less darkened hue. This was at one time considered legitimate issues. Light blues so often found in stamps can be altered to grey in addition to the other colours, but such are liable to easy detection.

No stamps have ever been, we believe, printed in indigo, prussian blue taking its place in the postage stamp colour chart. *Violet* the last primary colour is extremely susceptible of alteration into pink, yellow, green and blue, whilst it can be modified to either pale or deep lilac and grey.

There are a few secondary colours which call for a brief account. When speaking of red, orange, and yellow, we naturally think of brick-red, or vermilion, a colour so often met with in old English Colonials.

The oxydozing of these stamps is a great nuisance, and while there are collectors who go to the extent of restoring the hues to near their

pristine condition, yet stamps so treated, if treated to a mild solution of muriatic acid or muratias of potash, will shew signs of having been tampered with.

And we would remark that all stamps printed on coloured paper are capable of all kinds of alterations, not easily discoverable.

Black cannot be altered, but violet can be altered to black. In fact, by multiplying the necessary processes, we can gradually change a stamp from violet to red in the following order:—Grey—blue—green—yellow—red.

Lilac, violet, vermilion, and orange, are all liable to changes by natural means, in which the chemist has had no part; thus any rarities in errors of these colours will always be troublesome to both their possessors and to the experts.

And now having dealt with colours, let us turn to a different matter altogether. Although watermarks are not yet forged to that extent that they will be, there are a few imitations in existence. They are produced by stamps of the desired pattern, and not worked *into* the substance of paper, only stamped *on*. The following means of detection will we hope be considered of use. By dipping such "suspects" in a mixture of soda chl. 69gr., and water 100gr., the false will gradually disappear, owing to the paper being acted on, in what means I do not feel free to say.

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All stamps printed in black can be imitated by the photo lithographic process, postmark and all, and in future days this method of forgery will be very dangerous indeed.

Prussiate of potash, as you may know, entered into the composition of paper made in bygone days, and the result of the use of this paper was the large number of stamps known as "bleuté par la genune," blued by gum. For it was only paper containing this chemical that could be acted on. For the same reason, this chemical can be used to effect certain colour changes.

—G. I. B.

Addenda.

Red can also be transformed into black by two processes, the nature of which we can hardly be expected to disclose. But we feel perfectly free to give the re-agent employed in detecting such change of colour. If stamps so treated are steeped in a strong solution of ammoniacal liquor, or pure ammonia, the false colouring will disappear.

Sodine, which is a lyre resulting from the manufacture of nitrate of soda (nitric acid + saltpetre) is sometimes used as a colouring matter to produce yellow and orange.

I do not find any earlier reference to the Chemistry of Philately than that contained in the "Philatelist" of 1866, wherein we read that "the 2d. English stamp you send is a

well-known result from the common blue produced by inserting in strong acid. The operations with acids and alkali solutions are very rife just now. The 8d. large square N. S. W., was lately offered us *in red* produced by chemical manufacturers."

—George Isaac Bryant.

P.S.—Since April 5th when the above paper was first read to the Club, the London Philatelic Society have officially recognised the existence and status of forgeries by selecting a Committee of Experts, composed of such world renowned philatelists as Major Evans, Ed. D. Bacon, and M. P. Castle Esqrs., to examine and report on the question of forgeries. We are convinced the society could hardly have made a better choice in these names, and hope the new venture will meet with deserved success.

CORRECTION.—The address given in Mr H. C. Pledger's advertisement last month was incorrectly inserted in error, but if applicants to the same will communicate with The Lion Stamp Co., 58, Old Hill Street, Clapton, N., orders will be specially attended to.

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(The above list is a truly alarming one for *one month*.—ED.)



Philately of To-Day.

SEVEN new philatelic journals see the light this month, no less than three hailing from Roumania.

Vindin's Stamp Trade Journal has collapsed, so also has the *Stamp Collector's Monthly*.

There are reasons connected with the demise of the latter, which will be made public shortly in a

rather sensational manner.

Our American cousins are agitating for a stamp adorned with the portrait of Mrs Harrison. I am ungallant enough to think they won't get it.

Stamp frauds are alarmingly on the increase. Four out of every dozen philatelists seem to be thriving on ill-gotten goods. It has grown to such a pitch on the Continent that dealers affix the words "No Swindle" to their advertisements, and even this will not reassure buyers. I strongly advise every dealer who wishes to pursue his business in comparative safety, to join the B. P. P. U. The large dealer needs the benefits offered by the promoters, just as well as the small one.

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Philatelic articles are getting more and more common in the public press. One comes across pars everywhere.

A weekly periodical states that "a certain Indian Native State with a couple of thousand inhabitants has issued no less than 110 *varieties* of postage stamps." I should much like to have the name of this state. I know very little of philately in India after all.

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in London. How charmingly convenient.

The new Roumanian stamps are not works of art, not by a long way. This proves they were issued for *postal purposes*.

Light philatelic reading seems to be the order of the day. Hitherto staid and "elderly respectable" journals have taken to publishing frivolous papers on no subject or subjects in particular; our Continental brethren taking the palm for this.

Two different individuals in a German paper offer Puerto Rico Columbus stamps, one at £2 15s., each, the other at £1 2s. Comment is superfluous.

Il Francobollo blossoms out in an extremely handsome number, in honour of the Milan Exposition. There are pretty artistic coloured headings and frontispiece, illustrations of new issues in colours, illustrated philatelic jokes, and about 30 pages of interesting matter. It is the number of the year.

The Eastern Philatelist is one of the very few U. S. journals that contains really readable matter. Technical articles I do not observe however.

The Philatelic Record is a far better number than usual. Mr. Philbrick's paper is the pick of the current issue.

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The Monthly Post radiant in its new coat of crimson hue. It asks with sufficient reason, "when is Innes' Directory to appear?" The present number is as interesting as ever.

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THE STAMPS OF THE U.S.

BY DR. GEO. I. BRYANT.

(Continued.)

THE design is simple, viz., the Postmasters initials (F. N. P.) in script on vertically lined transverse octagon, in oblong frame bearing inscription BRATTLEBORO VT above P & O on sides, and value 5 CENTS below. Black impression on dark brown paper. Lithographed.

9 5 cents, brown.

Notes.—Photographs of this rare stamp are procurable, and are indeed worth possessing, as the Brattleboro' ranks among the "unattainables." The projector—Mr. Palmer—lost his life off the coasts of the United States about twelve years ago, whether by suicide or accidentally has never been satisfactorily explained. Mr. W. B. Avery of the London Philatelic Society exhibited at their late Exhibition, copies of nearly all the Postmasters Locals and Carrier stamps, including such rarities as the Brattleboro', Millbury, St Louis, New York, all on the original envelopes. Only the New Haven envelope and the Alexandria were absent from the grand array, and possibly at the next great exhibition of 1895, Mr. Avery may be able to shew *those* rarities. The

only drawback to such a possibility is the fact that the Alexandria is quite unique. The engraver and printer of the Brattleboro' was Thomas Ghubbuck of Springfield, Massachusetts.

1845. New Haven, Connt.

At the present moment the stamp to be described is creating much comment and interest in the States on account of the recent discovery of an entire copy in perfect condition. The circumstances attending the discovery are of so interesting a nature that we hope to be forgiven for going into the matter so fully. Following the example of other postmasters, Mr. E. A. Mitchell, the postmaster of New Haven, Connecticut State, introduced a stamp of the value of 5 cents for impressing by hand envelopes for public convenience. The die was simply a hand stamp, and the design very plain.

The stamp consisted of a large numeral and PAID under in block type, in centre, POST OFFICE, NEW HAVEN, CT., in two lines above; and P M. below with blank space for postmaster's initials or name. Coloured imp., large rect.

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truncated angles.

10 5 cents red, (postmaster's signature varied in colour).

Notes.—Each stamp was signed E. A. Mitchell before issue or sale. In May 1871 a cut copy was found in an old album by Mr Wm. P. Brown, and sold to Mr J. W. Scott. Then search was made for the die which proved to be in the hands of the New Haven Colonial Historical Society, who in conjunction with Mr. Mitchell (still alive) had a few impressions made, and which were signed by Mr. Mitchell. They are eagerly sought after, and command high and increasing prices.

11 5 cents, red, (Signed Reprints).

This was the only known specimen (original) till 1885 when Mr. R. C. Fagan of Middletown, Conn, discovered an *uncut* copy. This was sold to Mr. Chas H. Mekeel, but being an inferior copy fetched \$193 only at auction.

On May 11th 1892 at a sale of autograph letters, Mr. E. B. Sterling of Philadelphia, where the sale was held, secured a large quantity, amongst which were nine letters of the great American scientific writer Professor Silliman of Yale University. The price paid was 10 cents or 5d! On sorting them out a month after, Mr. Sterling found folded inside one, an entire New Haven envelope. The letter was dated Oct. 20th 1845. The stamp was printed in light red on a light

blue envelope measuring 131 x 83 mm. The signature of postmaster was in *blue* ink. The stamp was perfect, and by the side was stamped "Due 5" the rate to Washington (where the envelope was addressed) being 10 cents, just over 300 miles.

Mr. Sterling placed his treasure in the hands of Messrs Bogert and Hanes for \$1,000, in the hopes of their securing \$2,500. So at present there are 2 or 3 entires, and 1 cut (all originals) existing, besides the reprints of 1871.

The New Haven Locals was reproduced, envelope and stamp, in one of the American magazines for 1892, and bids fair to attain much distinction as *the rarest* of the postmaster's stamps.

1845. St. Louis, Missouri.

Thanks to the unwearied and praiseworthy enquiries and searches set on foot by Mr. Tiffany, the eminent lawyer and philatelist of St. Louis, we are in a position to give in complete detail the interesting history of the small series issued by the postmaster of this city.

We have already given—what is a very important item—the original newspaper notice of the issue of stamps by Mr. Wymer, P. M. of the St. Louis, of the values of 5 and 10 cents. We now proceed to quote as follows:—

"The Missouri Republican, July 19th 1845.

Stamped Envelopes.—For the

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use of persons who desire to pre-pay their letters, ever so late at night, Mr. Robert H. Morris, postmaster of New York (as the *Express* informs us) has prepared a set of stamped envelopes. They are marked FIVE CENTS, TEN CENTS, etc., etc., beneath these words is the name R. H. MORRIS. The 5 cents envelope will be sold for $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents each, or 16 for a dollar of the usual quality and size; others in proportion. This is the same price at which they are retailed by the stationers. A thin envelope may contain two letters for a single postage. Envelopes of all sizes and qualities will be furnished at order.

This project has been adopted by the postmaster (C. K. Gardner) at Washington, and approved by the Postmaster-General. It is not only convenient for the public, but must considerably augment the revenue of the department. Why should not our own postmaster here (St. Louis) adopt the same plan? We are of opinion that the general public would readily purchase."

Respecting the envelopes above described, it does not appear that they were ever actually brought into use in-as-much as no notice at all of them beyond what we here give, has ever been taken by the philatelic press of either the U. S., or Europe, but it is a remarkable fact that the so-called Baltimore

Local in design closely resembles the description of the New York envelopes. And we shall bring evidence to shew that there may exist many such stamped envelopes of the U. S.

And now as to the issue of the two values of St. Louis. Mr Wymer P. M. commissioned an engraver, by name Kershaw, to prepare dies and plates, and to print some 450 sheets at the rate of 75 cents per 100 labels, which of course included the engraving. The dies were in Mr. Kershaw's possession for some years, and nothing can now be satisfactorily ascertained as to their existence. And we have never been able to discover if the two values were engraved on the one plate. As there are three dies of the 10 cents known, this might mean a plate composed of 12 stamps = 4 10 cents and 8 5 cents, which would correspond with their selling rates, viz., 16 5 cents stamps or 8 10 cents for a dollar. Thus a dollars worth would be two entire sheets. So there remains a fourth die of the 10 cents to be discovered while of the lower value, eight dies would exist.

They were issued November 1845 and continued in use (very limited however) up to July 1847, copies are known dated as early as Dec. 17th 1845. The design is composed of the State Arms, with two bears rampant as supporters, and motto below in label; inscribed

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SAINT LOUIS at top, and POST OFFICE below; large figure of value above arms, rectangular, black on white.

12 5 cents, black on white.

13 10 cents, black on white.

Notes.—The higher value has name of town in smaller letters, for some time a 2 cents and 20 cents were believed in, the latter being the property of, I believe, Mr. Tiffany himself, but it has been most clearly shewn that it must be a falsity, that no such value was required; two 10 cents making up such a rate. As to the 2 cents, nothing at all is known, but the Statute of 1845 provided for such a rate of 2 cents for local posts. Here we would remark that there is hardly any reason for us to believe that such a stamp was required for the charge would be paid in cash when despatching letters. We have moreover been unable to discover if at the time referred to (1845-7) any Local Post of a private character existed of the 20 cents, three copies have been known since 1878, all unused. Mr Kershaw the engraver did not when giving Mr Tiffany information on the present subject, recollect ever engraving more than two values, but all the same he might have forgotten the whole circumstances, after something like 23 years silence.

Of each of the two values, four distinct types occur, which *might* mean that the sheet was made up

of 8 dies, value 4 5c = 25c and 4 10c = 50c or 75c per sheet. This will be seen is slightly different to what we have before assumed. The different dies are lettered DIE A—B—C—D for conveniences sake.

1846. Baltimore, Md.

This now famous seaport in the State of Maryland, has the credit of having had a Local stamp, and which was introduced in 1846 by Mr James M. Buchanan, Postmaster. The value is 5 cents, and so far as we are able to find out it was hand stamped in black on envelopes or letters prepaid. The design is simple, being the name of postmaster *in script* over the value 5 cents, all in oblong single lined frame.

14 5 cents, black on grey.

Notes.—This we believe was known for some years, and supposed to be a *private Local*. But, further and more recent enquiries have undoubtedly shewn this peculiar stamp to be one of the "postmaster's labels." A copy on the original letter was discovered some time ago, but only two or three copies are known to exist. First catalogued in 1877.

1847. Alexandria, D.C.

Only one copy is, and has ever been known of the quasi-local, which we proceed to describe. It was discovered about 1873, and the present writer well remembers

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the stir and excitement created in philatelic circles by the sudden upheaval, so to speak, from previous oblivion. "The Philatelist" published at Brighton for so many years, contains in the 1873 volume on page 47 as follows:—

"United States. In searching for information respecting the St. Louis Locals, Mr. Tiffany has detected among his correspondence a letter, dated July 10/47, with affixed stamp, description as follows:

ALEXANDRIA * POST OFFICE * in a circle, PAID 5 within. A circular framework of stars encompasses the whole, black impression on red-buff. This stamp was cut round and affixed by a wafer. The letter was postmarked with a stamp bearing ALEXANDRIA D.C. (District of Columbia), a large numeral within a rectangle, and the word PAID." (April 1873)

I reproduce from my Memoirs of 1873, written when first collecting, the remarks penned when first reading the foregoing account. It may be of some interest.

"It seems as if the postmaster or official in charge of "Alexandria P. O." had his office stamp lithographed, with "PAID 5" and the stars added. The first U. S. general issue was made July 1st 1847, nine days before the date of above Local if Local it be. Alexandria was a very small place indeed, and its correspondence with other parts of the States could not have been so

great as to warrant or force the postmaster to adopt "adhesive stamps" for franking letters. I am not at all satisfied with this wonderful resuscitation! Mr. Tiffany seems to have a *penchant* for turning up these long lost issues of which nothing whatever of an official nature is shown. Besides, as Alexandria is close to the capital, Washington, we should expect some notice or chronicle of such an innovation as the above would have been made in the newspapers of metropolis; but so far as I am able to say from researches, this is not the case. Only one copy is known and that was not discovered until the authenticity of the St. Louis."

(To be continued. Commenced in No. 5. Back Nos. 2d.)

News from the States.

The Stamp Market "Cornered."

A shrewd Collector said to have secured control of the one dollar Columbian Issue.

THE "corner" in the Columbian stamp market has come. No one thought when the Columbian stamps were issued that there would be such a thing as a "corner" in them, and there was no one who thought the demand for them would be greater than the supply, yet all this has happened. Such a condition of affairs is agitating the stamp collecting public all over the

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country, and possibly in the remote parts of the earth, the news has spread that the Columbian stamp market has been "cornered." The shrewd stamp operator who has thus played a Wall Street game on the trusting stamp collectors, is the head of a well-known postage stamp house in this city, and he has managed to secure control of the Columbian postage issue of the denomination of \$1.

The printing of the Columbian stamps ceased at the close of last year. The supply then on hand was thought to be large, and collectors who had not completed their sets did not hasten to do so. In the latter part of February, however, all the \$1 values of the Columbian issue suddenly disappeared from the post offices of the large cities, and the collectors immediately sent to Washington to know why. Investigation showed that, while the \$1 stamps had been sold out in all the large cities, there yet remained a good supply in the country post offices. These were all called in by the postal authorities in Washington, and notices were sent out that full sets could be bought at the Washington office. Just then, it is said, the shrewd stamp operator went to the capital, and by some inside "pull" he was able to buy all the stamps of the \$1 value. The result is that people who have not a complete set will have to pay an exorbitant sum to

make their sets perfect.

One stamp dealer said yesterday: "It is true there is a 'corner' in the \$1 stamp. The manager of the corner has under his control 10,000 or more. It is evident that he managed to get, through the employes in the Post Office Department, all the \$1 stamps in stock."

The stamp collectors will try to cause a break in this stamp corner by sending a petition to the Post Office Department, asking that the Government print 10,000 of the \$1 stamps.

High Prices for Rare Stamps.

THERE was a notable sale of United States and foreign postage stamps in the rooms of the New York Philatelic Society, in the Everett Building, Ann and Nassau Streets. The collection was that of Luis Sobrino, of Buenos Ayres. About thirty five stamp collectors and dealers from all over the country were present, among the cities represented being Portland, Me., Jacksonville, Fla., New Orleans, Denver, and Philadelphia. The interest shown was intense. A London dealer sent a bid by cable message for stamp No. 231, an Athens 5 cent stamp, a superb specimen on the original letter, and was the successful bidder at \$41 40. The prices obtained were good, and about \$4,000 was realised for collection of 500.

Some of the stamps which brought

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good prices were 3 cent, brown on white, full letter No. 174, the rarest United States envelope, \$1.02 75; St. Louis 5 cent black, die C, rare specimen, \$1.41; a Tellico Plains 5 cent Confederate States stamp \$1.00.

The Postal Envelope Contract.

Washington.—The formally executed contract of James Purcell of Hudson, N. Y., for furnishing stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, was filed at the Post Office Department to-day. All of the sureties are New York men. The principal one is Samuel J. Tilden, Junr., for \$200,000, and the others, whose amounts of surety aggregate another \$500,000, are W. A. Harden, Junr., Michael Purcell, Henry J. Kearney, Martin L. Hanes, Matthew Kenny, Matthew Conner, and Dennis H. Kennedy. The contract amounts to \$690,000.

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29.—Mr. F. L. Heygate, Ventnor House, Rushden.

30.—Mr. W. T. Haughton, 15, Eagle Street, Coventry.

31.—Mr. Louis Bruce, 18, Northwood Road, Highgate, N.

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34.—Mr. F. A. Pendlebury, 8, Fernhill Road, Bootle, Liverpool.

35.—Mr. Harold Conne, 12, Grenville Street, London, W.C.

36.—Miss A. Forster, Lonsdale Place, Whitehaven.

37.—Messrs Theodor Buhl and Co., (Honorary), 11, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

All the above have furnished us with the best of references, and if no objections are received within one month from date, they will be declared elected, and Membership Card delivered to them.

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R. T. Haberstraw, *Hon. Sec.*,
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A £70 Theft of Stamps.

MR. Dominic Brosnan, the London dealer, took a book of stamps to a certain hotel for the inspection of a gentleman who wished to see them. £70 worth was selected, and the purchaser retired to a back room to "get the money," but this extremely good customer never returned with the longed-for cash, and with wrath in his eye, and a

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list in his hand, Mr. Brosnan ambled out amongst the dealers of the City, and succeeded in recovering a few of the stolen stamps.

Up to latest advices, however, the enterprising stamp lifter is at large.

Philately of To-Day.

THE *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* extracts some of our information anent the recent Post Office pronouncement on stamp blocks, but without acknowledgement.

The *Stamp Collector's Journal* reproduces the paragraph, with an acknowledgement (*from the P. C. & A!*). Our readers may draw their own conclusions.

The *P. J. of G. B.* gave our remarks in full, with the source obtained from, and always acknowledges in this way.

Mr. Alfred C. Harmsworth, the Editor of *Answers*, is one of the keenest publishers in Europe, and proves it by being an ardent philatelist.

We sincerely trust the forthcoming new issue for Brazil will be a great improvement on the present slovenly type. The stamps are a disgrace to any civilised country.

The International Philatelic Union is in difficulties again. This is not to be wondered at. A society demanding exorbitant fees, and

giving in return nothing in particular, cannot hope to arouse enthusiasm among British collectors, besides, this country is not as partial to societies as it might be.

The following editors of philatelic Journals are black-listed abroad. I. M. Staebler, H. F. Ketcheson, Vittore Canello, and E. Wehrheim. Our contemporaries may avoid insertions of this kind, but we consider it their bounden duty to warn their readers *in time*, and not publish the particulars when the persons in question are brought to book.

We have in preparation a new illustrated cover for this journal, something novel in design.

Various persons have been arrested in Belgrade for purloining post office stock. This explains certain matters we wished to know more about.

A dealer of our acquaintance received 16s. worth of unused Venezuelan stamps about eight months ago, by means of 50c and 1 bolivar stamps. He found them difficult to dispose of at first, but now—he cannot sell one. For the reason, apply Seebeck and Co.,

Dijibonti, the latest French Colony honoured with a separate postal issue, is a settlement of between forty and fifty persons. Can sheer swindling go any further?

Egypt has now three philatelic journals, all of which commenced their issue in May and June. One

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of them is conducted in a far from honourable manner.

The Swansea Museum has now added a choice case of the rarer postage stamps, which is exhibited in the numismatic room.

The shape of the *S. C.* seems to be much in vogue with new papers. Ten out of eleven out of them have adopted the exact size. We would prefer to see others copying their example.

The *Philatelic Record* is of the same convenient dimensions.

The new 2½d. and 5d. South Australia are to be withdrawn. We are much pleased to hear it.

Indian Government Surcharges.

WHILE the various sets overprinted with either Service (large and small), H. M. S., C. W., L. F., etc., for the use of the particular Department whose initials they bear, are catalogued and valued with scrupulous care and exactness by and in the leading works and dealers' lists, one set—a small one certainly—are kept in the dark entirely, so to speak. We refer to the present one anna, brown, and 1 anna six pies, drab, overprinted *vertically* in small italics "Bombay Gazette" in black.

From enquiries recently instituted we find such stamps to be employed for the purpose of checking

the circulation of the Bombay Governmental Journal; the higher value when there is a Supplementary Gazette, and the lower for ordinary copies. They are strictly *official*, and we consider them to be quite as important as our own "I. R. Official," and "Govt. Parcels" stamps.

In 1879, for some inscrutable reason, a large quantity of the then current half anna blue, wmked. elephant's head, were overprinted 1879 in black. These were also of official origin, the copy we hold having been taken from off an *official cover*.

The one anna, brown, of 1855 type, exists in our collection on *toned paper*, no wmk. It is catalogued by Pemberton alone. It seems somewhat scarce.

The 1855 type, values ½a., 1 anna, 4 anna, and 8 annas, are *all* found on bluish or blued paper. Of these, however, only the 4 annas and 8 annas are plentiful.

Mems.

YES! it is a fact that at last there is going to be a sensible and practical handbook for collectors. It is called "The Stamp Collector's Manual," and the chief point about it is that it will be good value.

A Brazilian letter, addressed: "The Stamp Chronicle, Park Terrace, London," reached us safely,

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and everybody on the premises is mentioning it to his friends about a dozen times daily. After all, is it anything to be surprised at?

We are to have a formidable rival to the notorious French Colonials in the shape of the issues of the Chinese Treaty Ports. So far we have issues from Niang-Kiang, Chefoo, Hankow, Shanghai, Chung King, and a few others of similar mystic nomenclature.

Lyons is the next in the field with Commemoration philatelic supplies, this time in the shape of a letter card. Judging from advertisements in the Continental stamp papers, the Lyons collectors—and dealers, are taking every advantage of the opportunity offered them during the International Exhibition there.

There will be plenty of activity in the new issue line shortly, apart from Central American "issues." The United States, Bulgaria, Uruguay, and Spain, issue new stamps very shortly. The second name are to bear Prince Ferdinand's portrait.

The French press is agitating for a stamp bearing the portrait of the late President Carnot. Personally, we sincerely trust the suggestion will be adopted.

Apropos, the best designs for the new French stamps are singularly ineffective. Something novel and artistic is required.

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Collection of about 2 to 5,000 stamps wanted. Send full particulars with price to:—P. J. Painter, 9, Third Avenue, Queen's Park, W.

Japanese, Asiatic, Hawaiian stamps in exchange of 100-500 good foreign. 1894 Jap. Jub. set 1s. post free. If regist. fee 5d. paid extra, another set would be used on envelope. Wholesale lists desired; mine on application.—T. Mori, Azabu, Tanimach, Tokio, Japan.

Wanted collectors to forward stamps on approval, or would exchange capital verge watch, 52in bicycle.—Middleton, Mandeville Street, Walton, Liverpool.

Wanted to increase number of foreign correspondents. Selections of good stamps invited for exchange or cash.—G. Watson, Enfield House, Southsea, Hants.

Save money by sending your circulars for distribution to the British Mailing Agency. Address:—W. R. Durie, 48, Springcliffe, Bradford, Yorks.

H. l'Étrange Ewen, Swanage, Dorset, has several books of English stamps carefully arranged, which he will send on receipt of satisfactory references. New Catalogue of English stamps, complete, 6d. post free.

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ONLY one copy is known, and that was not discovered until the authenticity of the St. Louis adhesives was questioned (by M. Albis). It seems queer that until 1873 or thereabouts, the famous discoverer had not turned up his past correspondence before, for the St. Louis 10 cents was catalogued in 1864 * * * * but in any case it is strange to turn up in the way described. (September 1873).

15 5 cents, black on buff.

Notes.—There has been no post office at Alexandria for 30 years, it being practically a suburb of Washington.

1847. Millbury, Mass.

Very little is known of the actual history of this Local, which was discovered about 1887. But a few copies are known. The design is circular shaped, being a double lined circle lettered POST OFFICE * * * PAID 5 cts with portrait of Franklin to right. Black on bluish, imp.

16 5 cents, black on bluish.

Notes.—very rare; the Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Pennsylvania, are the owners of a copy, whilst others exist in the great

American collections. Mr. W. B. Avery of the London Philatelic Society, shewed a copy of this Local on the entire envelope, as also the Baltimore Local in like manner.

GENERAL REMARKS.

We cannot dismiss the interesting series of Postmasters without a few parting notes. It appears that the New York 1845 issue of 5 cts was printed in sheets of nine, and that reprints were made. It further appears that this particular stamp was supplied to the Postmaster of Boston for use as an experiment in 1845-6. There are several varieties of all the Locals before described, which will be listed in a Synoptical List to be appended.

From the earliest times up to the enactment of the 1845 Statutes relative to postage reform, the amount of postage chargeable on correspondence was denoted by large numerals handstamped or written in either a circular, oval, rectangular or octagonal frame, sometimes with, and sometimes without PAID, according to whether postage had been paid. But such marks had no franking power until July 1845, when by the various Postmasters

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introducing labels for the convenience of both themselves and the public, a system arose of franking powers being attributed to such handstamped marks. Even after July 1847, circular stamps were used, inscribed with name of city or office, date and value of postage, thus:—NEW YORK DEC 29, 10 CENTS and so on. It seems to me that in order to be anything like complete in our ideas as to what to collect in U. S. stamps, we shall have to pay more attention to these handstamped impressions. As a matter of fact they *are* being studied by various writers, in both Europe and the States.

PART II.

1847. First Governmental Series.

During the Session of 1846-7, a statute was introduced and passed. In which labels were proposed for *general* use; the franking system reorganized, and other postal reforms prepared. We quote the Statute referred to in part.

Stat. 2, Par. 2, Cap. 13. Approved March 3rd 1847.

§ 2. It is moreover enacted, that, in order to facilitate the transmission of letters by post, the Postmaster-General is authorised to emit postage stamps, which applied to any letter or packet whatever, will carry the same free. These postage stamps shall be put at the disposal of the public by all the postmasters of the country, and

those postmasters are formally prohibited from preparing, employing, or selling any other postage stamp than those coming from the head office.

The italics are our own, and we use them to shew that by March 1847, the Postmaster-General of Washington, or his subordinates in authority, must have been aware of the existence and use of some of the Locals already described in Part I. And this lends strength to our doubts of the authenticity of the Alexandria label in particular, and others in general. Nothing is said in the Statute about the numerous Despatch and Express Deliveries in operation in the large cities, in New York alone over 23 firms were working in opposition to the Government Post Offices, and the same applied to other important centres.

But with regard to the first series issued by Government. Only two values were fixed upon, viz., the 5c. and 10c. of 1845 Statute. Designs were invited, and the result was that Messrs Rawdon, Wright, Hutch, and Edson obtained the contract for the supply of postage stamps for four years (to June 1851). The designs are as follows:—5c. portrait of Benjamin Franklin to left on horizontally lined oval, inscribed in curve POST OFFICE above and FIVE CENTS below, U-S-5-5 in angles, all in floral frame, rect, imp. 10c. portrait of George Washington

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to right, otherwise similar, varying only in that the figures of value are Roman. Black imp. rect.

17 5 cents, light-brown on bluish paper.

18 5 cents, dark-brown on bluish paper. (Rare).

19 5 cents, brown on white,

20 10 cents, black on bluish paper.

21 10 cents, black on white paper.

Notes.—Although these have been out of use something like 43 years, the 5c. is nevertheless fairly common and easily procurable; the higher value on the contrary is steadily advancing in rarity and price. The issue of these labels by the postmasters was not *very* strongly recommended by the P. M. G., who, in an Office Circular dated June 1847 says, "that the stamps will be supplied to those postmasters who apply for them, and may be sold to such of the public as may ask for them." Their sale was not therefore so great, viz., 3,712,200 of the 5c., and 891,000 of the 10c.

In 1875 many requests being continually received by the P. O. Department for copies of the different obsolete series, recourse was had to reprinting from the old plates, but it was found that the 1847 dies had disappeared. Notwithstanding this, the Government had fresh ones engraved from ordinary specimens, the result being the Government Imitations now

existing, and which strange to say, from their official origin, are considered more valuable than those which they purport to represent.

22 5 cents, brown on white, Reprint (?) 1875.

23 10 cents, black on white, Reprint (?) 1875.

Notes.—These are shorter and wider than the originals; the initials of printers which are in the margin of frame at base in the genuine are much smaller and more indistinct. The month is smaller also. Moreover, to add to the list of shortcomings, the colours are too fresh, and the leaves too large. Copies were printed on card board for the use of the Post Office.

24 5 cents, brown on white card board, Official Copies 1875.

25 10 cents, black on white card board, Official Copies 1875.

The originals were issued July 1st 1847, and withdrawn June 30th 1851. Their selling prices are for the 5c. 1/9, and 10c. 10/-, modified of course, by condition.

1851. Second Governmental Series

The contract of Messrs Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, and Edson having expired in June 1851, a new series of labels were brought into use. And in his Annual Report ending June 30th 1851, the Postmaster-General stated that he had already entered into and completed arrangements for a fresh supply of labels, *and that the plates and dies, as well*

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as the unsold stocks of the 1847 issue were to be destroyed. Three values, 1, 3 and 12c were brought into use on the 1st July 1851, which is the commencement of the financial year in the U. S. The designs are as follows:—

One cent, Head of Franklin to right in solid oval; inscription in curved labels U. S. POSTAGE, above and ONE CENT below; ornaments at angles, rect., cd impression.

Three cents, Head of Washington to left in solid oval, within network frame, stars in each corner, inscribed in straight labels U. S. POSTAGE above and THREE CENTS below, rect., cd impression.

Twelve cents, Head of Washington to left in solid oval, in engine-turned frame; circular ornaments in angles, inscribed U. S. POSTAGE above and TWELVE CENTS below following oval. Rect, black imp. All imperforate.

26 One cent, pale-blue, normal die, full ornaments, imp, July 1st. 1851, worth 1/8 used.

27 One cent, dark-blue, normal die, full ornaments, imp, July 1st. 1851, worth 2/- used.

28 Three cents, red, normal die, full ornaments, imp, July 1st. 1851, worth 1d. used.

29 Three cents, carmine, normal die, full ornaments, imp, July 1st. 1851, worth 1d. used.

30 Three cents, brownish-rose, normal die, full ornaments, imp,

July 1st. 1851, worth 6d. used.

31 Twelve cents, black, normal die, full ornaments, imp, July 1st. 1851, worth 3/- used.

32 Twelve cents, greyish-black, normal die, full ornaments, imp, July 1st. 1851, worth 2/6 used.

Notes.—Neither of these values had appeared before, the 1c. being for printed matter, the 3c. for inland letters (uniform rate being reduced from 5c. to 3c. per single letter), and the 12c. for double and triple etc, letters. The full ornaments one cent represents the early printings and are somewhat scarce. Collectors should be particular as to the margins of their imp. 12c., so many perforated copies having been treated to the unscrupulous use of the scissors by misguided or erring philatelists. We must break our account of the history of the Second Issue for chronological reasons, in order to describe the few Carrier's Labels.

1851. Carrier's Stamps.

Of these very interesting stamps, some four distinct types occur, and account in all for eight varieties to be included—if possible—in our collections. All are uncommon *genuine* either unused or used, but reprints have been kindly (?) made for us of two of the types, so we need not despair of shewing something for our money, should we feel inclined to spend any. The first on our short list is the Baltimore

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series; design POST OFFICE—ONE CENT—DESPATCH in 3 lines, in white letters on solid colour, octagonal (oblong with truncated angles), used in 1852 (according to Scott's). The following rarities on the original covers were exhibited at Chicago last year by Hiram E. Deates Esq.

- 33 1c. green, 1852, Baltimore.
 34 1c. red on blue, 1852, Baltimore.
 35 1c. blue on white, 1852, Baltimore.

Notes.—Very rare indeed. Scott's catalogues (a) red on blue, (b) blue on blue, (c) blue. In the earliest edition I possess of Mount Brown's Catalogue, 2nd. ed., June 1862 on page 63 is catalogued the blue variety as follows: "Post Office Despatch, small oblong, 1 cent blue." Bailleau, a well-known dealer of Paris in 1864 offered for sale at 25c apiece, reprints (?) of all the U. S. Locals, inclusive of the Postmasters', Carriers' and Despatch labels of the variety under notice, he mentions blue—brown—and red. Bellars and Davie in the 1865 (2nd. ed.) of their Standard Catalogue in describing this local carrier in red and blue as being in use in *New York* on the authority of Mr. T. H. Smith of Philadelphia. (Description octagonal, "Post Office Despatch," white letters on coloured ground). So it the stamp has been known for 32 years at the least, and yet, until a few years since, it was con-

sidered to be but a private local. Even Scott's in their catalogues up to 1887 looked upon it as such.

1851. "The Horseman Carrier."

This too is, and has been known since 1861 as having been employed by the U. S. Post Office at Baltimore. Brown in 1862, and Bellars and Davie in 1864, both catalogue it in black, and rose, the former as used in Baltimore, and the latter in New York. Bailleau in 1864 omits mention of this particular variety. The design is somewhat attractive and appropriate to the real use of the label. Being a carrier on horseback in full gallop to right, inscribed GOVERNMENT above and CITY DISPATCH below in labels, with ribbons. On a pennant carried by horseman is printed in small type ONE CENT. All on vertically lined background. Oblong. Black imp.

- 36 One cent, black on white, 1851, Baltimore, value 12/-.
 37 One cent, black on white, 1851, Baltimore, error, value £1.
 38 One cent, black on white, 1851, Baltimore, error, no bar to A in Dispatch, value 12/-.
 39 One cent, rose or red (?), Baltimore, changed colour, value £2.
 40 One cent, black on white, Baltimore, reprint of 1872.

Notes.—The inscription is a tell-tale one. The error in spelling is remarkable but quite genuine. Both

unused and used copies are still procurable. We possess a block unsevered of 4 of these in black unused. The error, unbarred A, we discovered in 1887. For all we know however, it may be a reprint, as it has such a fresh appearance.

1849. "Prepaid Carrier."

Of this type which is only a hand stamped impression consisting of a small single-lined circle lettered U. S. MAIL—PREPAID with ONE CENT in centre in two lines,—three varieties occur. We find them *all* catalogued as far back as 1864 by Bailleau in black on yellow—chamois—and red papers for sale at 25c. each. Bellars and Davie only mentions the pink (or red) variety as used in New York. All the varieties known exist unused and used, but if it was hand stamped how could unused copies be in existence of a stamp employed only when the charge was actually paid *on delivery*? Black imp, circular.

41 One cent, rose paper, New York 1849, worth £2 used.

42 One cent, yellow paper, New York 1849, worth 15/- used.

43 One cent, buff paper, New York 1849, worth £1 used.

Notes.—Used specimens whether cut or on part or whole of original are far more preferable than unused copies, which may be for aught we know to the contrary but imitations. In what order the colour changes were rung, but as the rose

seems to be the scarcest, it may have been the first used, followed by the buff and yellow papers. It may have been used in other cities than New York.

1851. "The Franklin Carrier."

On the 29th Sept. 1851, in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, New York, Washington, and other large cities, the stamp now described was issued. In the first named two cities it met with a small sale and circulation, but altogether it was a failure, and being moreover too much like the generally used ordinary adhesive of 3c., it was suppressed and withdrawn on the 17th Novr. 1851 in favour of a new design. Only 300,000 were sold, and this in comparison with the large number of local or city letters is but a flea bite consequently it is to-day a rare stamp, and but rarely offered for sale, and then by auction only.

The design is, Head of Franklin to left in solid oval, in net work frame, stars in angles, and inscribed above and below on straight labels. Rect, No value, CARRIER'S—STAMP, Cd. imp.

44 (1 cent), blue on pink, 1851, various cities, original.

45 (1 cent), brownish-yellow, 1851, proof.

46 (1 cent), blue on pink, 1875, reprint, worth 1/-.

47 (1 cent), orange, proof (?).

Notes.—Twice reprinted; the same colours employed. This and

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the "Eagle Carrier" were manufactured by Messrs Toppan, Carpenter, Cassillar and Co., of Philadelphia, and printed in sheets of 200 in two panes of 100. Up to 1874-5 little was known of this interesting stamp. We reproduce the note on it in Dr. Gray's Catalogue, 6th ed., Overy Taylor, page 410, "This stamp was issued on the 29th Sept. 1851, to prepay the charge for delivery of letters to the house, the inscription being understood to signify 'Letter Carrier's Stamp.' The design closely resembled that of the 3 cents red (ordinary issue), and was consequently suppressed after a circulation of less than two months. Hence it was exceedingly scarce; no less than £15 having been recently asked for a copy, and its rarity must be our excuse for our inability to give an engraving of it. It was succeeded by type 9." (The "Eagle." See the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine," Vol. 7 page 150).

1851. "The Eagle Carrier."

This was issued on the 17th of November 1851, and remained in use but a short time, to the 27th of January 1852. The design is composed of an eagle on branch to left in shaded transverse oval, in lettered band U. S. P. O. DESPATCH above and PRE-PAID ONE CENT below, floriated angles. Oblong. Coloured imp.

48 One cent, blue on white, 1851, various cities, worth 1/6 unused.

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Notes.—A large number of sheets (200 in two panes) were left on hand and consituted saleable remainders; their fresh appearance will serve to distinguish them from originals. The die was preserved as also of the "Franklin Carrier," and was used for reprinting purposes in 1875. It has been said that the reprints exists *both imperf.* (as originally used), and perf.; but we are inclined to doubt the statement. Used copies sell from 6/- upwards. Proofs exist on cardboard in both blue on white and orange. It was principally employed in Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Washington. Bellars and Davie in 1864 informs us that is "the bird of Washington, etc." issued in 1848 and printed in blue and in gold on black, both rare, as the latter colour undoubtedly *is*, we never having heard of or seen it.

We give a note on these two last "carriers" contained in Pember-ton's S. C. Handbook Ed page 241 as follows: "The two Carrier's Stamps were for prepayment of city letters delivered by carriers. The one with head of Franklin is extremely scarce, but a large stock of

remainders of the eagle 1 cent has prevented them from becoming scarce. The earliest Carrier is more often found in collections in a brownish-yellow colour, which was a trial or proof colour, than in blue or pink as issued. Neither of the Carriers was used much, except in Philadelphia and Cincinnati. Since the first edition (1874) of this work, the blue on pink has been reprinted."

Previous to the 1st. July 1851, the charge for general single letters was as we have shewn by the Statute of 1847 5c. and 10c. according to distance, and for local letters 2c. In addition to this, a charge of 1c. was levied *if* delivered by hand, instead of being called for at the Post Office. Letters delivered per Carriers were called "drop" letters, as they were dropped, so to speak, at the address written on the covers. Hence the issue of the various types of Carrier's labels. The 1849 circular type seems to have been hand stamped *prior* to being delivered by hand, hence unused copies now existing can only be impressions made on letters or covers *not delivered*. What we mean is, we don't think they were adhesive stamps in the same way as the other 3 types, viz., Horseman, Franklin, and Eagle Carriers'. Possibly some of the local carrying companies in some of the cities and towns did this work of delivering letters per carrier's *for the P. O.*, levying the charge of

one cent or more. Should we recognise stamps so issued and employed as of equal interest and value as those issued by Government? I ask the question in the hope of receiving some sensible answer on the point.

(To be continued in our next. Began in No. 5. Back Nos. 2d.)

Black List for August.

Anton Jelinik, Warsaw.

Pierre Bruck, Luxemburg.

A. Killingley, Grace Road, Aylestone Park, Leicester.

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(Number 2 Division).

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San Marino, (every issue).

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 42.—Mr F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield Gore, U. S. A.
 43.—Messrs C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., St. Louis, U.S. A. (Hon. U. S. A. Members).

San Marino Again!

A circular letter has come into our possession, which purports to emanate from the Secretary (Sic) San Marino, and calls attention to the issue of Commemorative Stamps in honour of the "inauguration of the New Palace, and installation of the new Regents." The values will be one lira, fifty centimes and twenty five centimes, also a 10c. postcard, ready cancelled, and they will be issued on the 20th of September to the 9th of October.

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Philately of To-Day.

A large number of readers have written to congratulate us on our improved literary contents last month, and we shall endeavour to keep up to this standard. Subscriptions continue to roll in with charming regularity, and every philatelist worth knowing or corresponding with, takes in the crimson-backed monthly, in fact, as a friend tersely puts it: "those who don't send their shillings as subscriptions, haven't got the shilling to invest." So ends our quarterly little trumpet blast.

Though there is now a new issue of the much talked-of Niger Coast Protectorate, the three issues, namely, the Oil Rivers, the provisional Niger Coasts, and the June issue, can all be used for postage.

We have a letter from Bonny bearing four distinct varieties of one value, including a new provisional formed by halving the 1d, and surcharging "½d."

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R. J. Scott.—The N. S. W. is practically valueless. The "small head" you refer to is the ordinary watermark.

I. Mendho Tillo (Bahia).—We accept your offer of agency. Let us hear from you please.

A. F. Little.—Not dead, far from it. Very, very busy, though. As soon as this No. is launched we will try and contribute something. Phil-at-ely is the orthodox method of pronunciation—anyway it is ours.

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To some extent we shall have to tread upon beaten ground; our pathway is already smooth; so without trenching too deeply upon our reader's patience, we shall at once state it as our opinion that there was a plate in which the circle containing numeral of value was broken,

constructed as a "Key-plate" to the 3 and 6kr, which with the 1kr black, formed the first series issued 1st Nov. 1849.

The 3kr blue (shades) shews the "broken circle," and it is remarkable that it retained this distinction up to the extinction of the series, of which it formed a member. The 6kr however seems to have been altered in that the circle was made complete, and other minor details altered. The question here arises, whether a new die altogether was cut, or simply the old or first die modified? The writer of the *Philatelic Record* papers in May 1893 states that there was only one die ever made, and paid for. Certainly such a statement would seem to settle the matter, but why was the die altered at all? Surely it had not been so much used for printing from that it was worn! The rarity of impressions from it preclude such an idea!

Is it not far more likely that the first plate was composed of soft type metal, which could not bear the repeated striking off of impressions; this would seem so from the circumstance that in several of the "broken circle" stamps in our collection, those bearing the early cancellations in either black or red ink (a cross or penstroke), have the whole of lettering in somewhat larger type, whilst the colour is yellow-brown. The later used copies, viz., those bearing the "cog-wheel can-

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cellation" shews a distinct deterioration of the dies. This latter postmark it appears was brought into use on the 25th July 1850, and copies on letters after that date, according to the owners whom we consulted, are printed in deep reddish brown. This would seem to shew that the wearing of the die was so good that they adopted a distinctive colour.

The ordinary complete circle 6kr brown is met with; first, *with* a stop after the figure of value; this is an essay according to Moens; and secondly, *without* such a stop. We fail to see where such a stop could have been inserted after the numeral, as there is not enough room, (unless indeed, the figure was smaller in the essay than in the normal issue). The lettering is smaller; the arabesques are clearer and more defined in the second type; the date of appearance, or issue, of which is a matter we are in the dark. Our copy of the 3kr, pale blue, with "first cog-wheel," shews lettering *to be the same* as the "broken circle." Does not seem to strengthen our idea that there was one die only for both the 3 and 6kr of 1849? and in which the angles, centre, and left hand label would be blank for insertion of required value. The difference in size (height and thickness) of lettering between the two types of the 6kr is remarkable.

There are either of the two following hypotheses then for our con-

sideration and decision. First, that type 1 is the impression from soft type metal plates, in yellow, brown, and from electrotypes in reddish-brown, and type 11 from *altered* dies; or secondly, that type 11 is from a new die altogether. We ourselves confess it is exceedingly difficult to decide where so many distinguished writers have disagreed. But, taking all the circumstances and the rarity of the "broken circle" into account, we believe that type 11 represents a new die altogether. And that type 1 represents an unhardened plate, i.e., the plate was not hardened in time, but was nevertheless *provisionally* used. When the new die was completed (July 1850), the first plate was destroyed, and one charge only made for the two secondary dies. This would explain the difference in size of lettering.

The Instruction Label of 6kr is found in type 11 only in black on brown paper, and black on violet. Issued in 1850 and 1862 respectively.

In conclusion, we would remark that in looking over 6,000 copies of the 6kr brown, we found 3 only belonging to the "broken circle" type; thus proving their rarity. They are not at all appreciated nor understood.

—G. I. B.

Good Articles in preparation.

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Important.

WE have received a large number of complaints that the addition of our Supplement renders the weight of the S. C., over the stipulated ounces, and rather than inconvenience our subscribers, we have decided to abandon the "L'Intermediare" in future. The loss to our readers will not be so great, as only a small proportion are able to intelligently transcribe the French reading matter therein. Mr. E. Gainsborg, 30, Rue de Bondy, Paris, will, however, supply any further copies required.

The Rare Columbians.

WE have a table before us giving the different numbers of the higher value Columbians issued to the chief U. S. post offices.

The main point noticeable about this list is that the majority of the offices received twenty each of the one, two, three, four, and five dollar values.

Some had this quantity intact even in November 1893, in fact, the great majority had sold but very few.

It is significant that Scranton, Pa.; Las Angelas, Cal.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo., and New York, were the only post offices that had completely exhausted these values, and as our

readers are doubtlessly aware these cities are the headquarters of the largest American dealers.

This list also reveals one important fact, namely, that the 3c. value will not be so rare as generally anticipated, one city of 30,000 inhabitants having a supply of this value equal to the population.



Philately of To-Day.

MR. Harold Frederic, if he is the well-informed philatelist he claims to be, should have been aware that the Post Office authorities do not permit reproductions or "imitations" of English postage stamps.

Perhaps the *Million* will drop a feature which is likely to cost them money. This is another instance of the zeal of St. Martins in this direction, first experienced by the publisher of this journal.

We have already received several of the new postcards, i.e., bearing a half-penny stamp, but the majority evidently find the handy "5 for 3d" too useful to discard there and then.

The *Indian Philatelist*, and the *Philatelic World* are already deep in the throes of journalistic enmity,

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and the comments and criticisms of their respective editors makes quite amusing reading. *The Philatelic World* must, however, have some more original matter than that which comprises the principal contents.

The *Southern Weekly Philatelist* has reached its sixth number, and has a particularly healthy appearance. As a philatelic newspaper, it is full of notes and news from the principal stamp centres.

Panama has issued a philatelic journal, but when are we going to have a stamp paper for Djibouti? Surely such a thriving district of evident philatelic tendencies, will be up-to-date as the rest.

Mr Otto Bickel, late of San Marino, and now of Cetinge, Montenegro, owns the post office there, and when short of money, simply issues some new stamps for the "gullible" stamp collector. His latest freak is an "unpaid" stamp. Bah! to the fire with them. The population of Cetinge on the latest statistics is 1,500 all told, and the vast majority of these are indigent peasants, who have as much use for a postage stamp as a phonograph.

Monsieur L. Knot of Paris, has issued a wrapper bearing the portrait of Carnot.

Another Parisian firm is sending round circulars to dealers offering them supplies of a postcard they are about to issue in connection

with the Paris Stamp Exhibition.

The Philatelic Review of Reviews is the not unfamiliar title of the latest philatelic journalistic venture. Its get-up betokens capable hands at the helm.

In the next number I shall have some remarks to make about the extraordinary manner in which two English Stamp Exchanges are conducted. I won't mention names this month, but if the cap fits anyone, let them wear it.

The Egyptian Postmaster General has a couple of million old stamps, which he thinks he can sell to dealers, and he is therefore sending circulars to everyone of note.

A Ladies' Philatelic Society has been started in the States, and bids fair to prove successful.

Mr John Ruthen, Junr., of this town, possesses an almost complete collection of the plate numbers and control letters of the United States Columbus stamps. He has the second finest set in the world, the other fortunate collector being another of our subscribers, Mr H. E. Deates of Flemington, New Jersey, U. S. A.

Mr. Ruthen has strips of 5 of all the dollar values, shewing the plate number, control letters, etc.

We are promised a paper dealing with the many varieties for our next issue.

Mr Arthur Heywood, the big Montreal dealer, arrived by one of the Atlantic boats here the other

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day, and we had the pleasure of a long chat with him. He is very hopeful about the philatelic future of Canada, especially Montreal. It may not be generally known that Mr Heywood practically holds the monopoly of the used Canadian Registration stamps, and sold about half-a-million immediately on his arrival in this country.

He is of opinion that the 20c. and 50c. are doomed, being greatly disliked by the Canadians.

A contemporary who has evidently mislaid its exchange copy of the S. C., brackets our name with that of a notoriously erratic publisher, and makes some unnecessarily remarks, evidently intended as a *re-proof* to us for not attending better to it.

The motive hidden in such offensive tactics is too obvious to be mistaken.

American Notes.

THE "government printed" six cent stamp has made its appearance and shows that as yet the Bureau of Engraving have not caught into the "knack" of printing postage stamps, as the new issue is decided bungling looking. The ornaments added to the plate in the upper corners do not add to the beauty of the stamp.

There are two decided shades in the new due stamps, one a carmine,

and the other a bright red. The new printers evidently have not yet learned how to mix the ink.

A western collector recently showed me a curiosity in the shape of a card board proof of the 2 cent Columbian used. As it was sent by one non-collector to another, it was not made by an attempt to add to anyone's collection.

The various conventions for this year are a thing of the past, and all have passed off harmoniously. The American Philatelic Associations' (this was the only way we can now officially write it, for hereafter the initials A. P. A. are to be tabooed), was held at Niagara, the old President, Treasurer, and International Secretary were re-elected. A. Davison, of New York, chosen Vice-President, and W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., Secretary. The next convention will be held at Clayton, N. Y. The latter place will receive the next convention of the S. of P., while that of the P. S. of A. will go to Denver, Col. If this means anything, it means that the bulk of the western collectors will be with the latter society when the fall of '95 comes.

The various internal revenue collector's offices are busy looking up dealers stocks of playing cards, to see that the proper amount of revenue stamps are used. After ten years rest it looks peculiar to buy stamped decks again.

—H. P. A.

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The Stamps of the United States.

BY DR. GEO. ISAAC BRYANT.

(Continued from Our Last.)

1855. Second Governmental Series.

(Resumed).

The 1, 3, and 12 cents stamps of 1851 were in use until 1855, when a Statute was introduced in Congress and passed into immediate operation, by which prepayment of postage on all inland correspondence was rendered compulsory; the rates lowered, and a system of registration prepared, altogether rendering stamps of the old values of 5 and 10c again necessary. Dies were immediately prepared, the designs as follows:

5 cents, Portrait of President Thomas Jefferson (1801-1805) to right in vertically lined oval, in broad network frame, inscribed above U. S. POSTAGE, and value in full below. Rect. Col imp.

10 cents, Portrait of Washington to left on oval, with 13 stars in curve above, value in words below, Roman numerals in upper angles, foliated frame. Col imp., Rect.

5 cents, reddish-brown.

10 cents, dark-green.

Notes.—The Statute above referred to became law, the 3rd of March 1855, but the two labels did not appear till 5th of January 1856, and the 5th of May 1855 respective-

ly. In the 10c., a variety occurs in which the lower ornaments are removed by erasure.

10 cents, green, ornaments at bottom removed.

The 5c being issued for the prepayment of the registration rate, and occurs in reddish, yellow, and bark-brown, all of which, it is almost needless to say, are rare and valuable.

On the 24th of April 1856, a 24c value was approved, and although used copies in an *imperforate* state several sheets must have been either issued or distributed. The design is composed of Portrait of Washington to right in oval, lettered U. S. POSTAGE above, and full value below, engine-turned border, Rect., Col imp.

24 cents, dull lilac, imperforate.

1857. Perforation adopted.

Following the example set by Great Britain in purchasing—after repeated trials—Archer's Perforating Machine, the U. S. Postal Authorities quickly set about—to use a homely phrase—to begin with the newly introduced mode of separation, and agreeably to the terms of the Patent Laws, obtained and

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set up a machine. The 1, 3, 5, 10, and 12 cents then forming the current series were all issued perforated. But the designs and colours being retained, we can hardly call it a new series. But before proceeding to the compiling of a list, we would first draw our readers attention to some circumstances attending this new departure, and which, although well-known to and understood by collectors in the U. S., are as yet insufficiently understood in Great Britain. We refer to the numerous die varieties of the 1, 3, 5, and 10c.

It appears that in several of the values, the ornaments or outer lines as the case may have been, were intentionally erased or removed, both in the imperf and perfd. series. In the 1 cent, 3, 5, 10 cent named, the *first* few sheets perforated show "full ornaments," i.e., no alteration was made. Consequently these are all scarcer and more valuable than those which show "ornaments" or "outer line" removed. We think the erasures were made in order to allow of a sufficient clear border *between* the labels for the perforating lines. In other words, a correct alignment was not possible until the above named alterations were made. This view of the matter is strongly confirmed by the fact that whereas in the values engraved and plated in 1851-55, the distance between labels varied from 7-10th to 9-10th of a millimetre, those plated in 1856

and later years are as much as $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm to 2mm apart, allowing for the labels to be cleanly perfd. No doubt many of our readers will have noticed that the 3c. is often found with "U. S. Postage" cut off by perforation. This is due to the bad adjustment of the dies on plate and not to the machine itself.

One cent, blue, full ornaments, perforated 15, tinted paper.

One cent, deep-blue, ornaments removed, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Three cents, red, full ornaments, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Three cents, red-brown, outer line removed, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Three cents, dull-rose, outer line removed, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Five cents, brown, full ornaments, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Five cents dull-red, full ornaments, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Five cents, brown, ornaments removed, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Five cents, red, ornaments removed, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Ten cents, green, full ornaments, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Ten cents, green, ornaments removed, perforated 15, tinted paper.

Twelve cents, black, perf 15.

Notes.—Unused originals are scarce, and very easy to distinguish from the reprints of 1875-6. Not only by their colours, but from the perforation which is 12. The colour

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of the original gum was brownish, while the reprints have white gum.

All the 5 values, as also the 24c, 30c and 90c issued later exist as reprints. The 30c and 90c are also known *imperf*, unused, and it is beyond doubt that such are proofs.

The 5c brown, ornaments removed, shows the erasure at *both* top and bottom, whilst the 10c green has the bottom ornaments only removed. The 3c has outer lines, varying in number from one to three, the latter denoting that the spec. is a marginal variety.

In 1860, the values of 24c., 30c., and 90c. were issued for the postage of foreign letters. It will be remembered that the 24c. was prepared so far back as in 1855, *before* the adoption of perforation, thus its existence in an imperf state is quite probable, but it seems that the stock was held back for over four years.

The designs of the two highest values followed in principle the inscriptions of the other labels, the portraits being Franklin and Washington respectively. Rect., Col imp, and perf 15.

June 1860, 24 cents, dull-lilac, perfd.

August 1860, 30 cents, orange, perfd.

August 1860, 90 cents, dark-blue, perfd.

Notes.—The 90c is very scarce, and a good forgery made in Hamburg by Spiro, some nineteen years

ago, still exists in comparative abundance. Both genuine and forged are found penmarked, but the usual cancellation was a lettered and dated circle in red. All the three were reprinted in 1875 with perf 15, and in very bright hues. Proofs also exist on card board, so the specialist has enough to do.

All these labels were prepared by Messrs Toppan, Carpenter, Casillar and Co., Philadelphia, whose contract was rapidly drawing to a close, and when we bear in mind the fact that although the three higher values were issued—for uniformity's sake, say in August 1860,—by the 14th of August 1861, only a year afterwards, they were suppressed, in consequence of the Civil war. But this involving the issue of an entirely new series, of which we must defer the discussion till our next number.

—GEORGE ISAAC BRYANT.

(To be continued in our next. Began in No. 5. Back Nos. 2d.)



Stamps on Playing Cards Now.

INTERNAL Revenue Collector Sullivan received 40,000 playing card stamps yesterday, and gave them all out in small quantities to the dealers who have been waiting, unable to make sales without violating the law. The stamps were the first issued by the Government, and

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the presses are working day and night to print more. Mr. Sullivan expects another supply to-day.

The stamp is neat in design, representing a five-card hand. It is about the size of a postage stamp. Although the law says stamps shall be put on packs containing not more than fifty-four cards. Collector Sullivan said he would promptly arrest any one attempting to avoid the tax by a fifty-five card deck, and let the case be decided in Federal courts.

—U. S. Paper.

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American Notes.

I recently was shown a partial albino of the two cent Columbian envelope, only about one-quarter of the stamp receiving any colouring matter. A full albino is said to be in the collection of a western collector.

The English exhibition of Fiscals do not seem to have attracted much attention on this side of the pond, and no demand has yet become general, although more than one dealer is in anticipation that such a demand will come.

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OUR esteemed contemporary, the *P. J. of G. B.*, rails at made-for-collectors issues, in one column, and Mr. William Brown offers Nyassaland "stamps" in another, which is rather a curious proceeding.

We are surprised Mr. Brown should lend himself to such an obvious speculation as this. Speculation it is, or as nyass possible.

The *Reporter* is a monthly U. S. paper of a mere 96 pages. It is the first number we have seen, but we hope it is not the last.

We should like, however, to ask the publisher a question. He announces the subscription price as 15 cents ($7\frac{1}{2}$ d.) per annum. Seeing the postage of the number before us came to 3 cents, we fail to entirely understand the system of the thing. Can he enlighten us?

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ing and succeeds.

We have just been shown a Belgian obsolete 1 cent stamp *in pink*. Should say this was scarce in this condition.

Daily philatelic papers will after all probably be relegated to the achievements of the near future. There is now a stamp paper—small 'tis true—published *twice a week*, at Paris, and chiefly devoted to reports of the Parisian Stamp Bourse.

This is a nasty one for our American cousins.

Switzerland will, ere this appears, be favored with a new issue, abandoning the old "Cross" type.

One of the leading stamp firms in India is just at present resting under a dark cloud of suspicion. Let us hope it will be early dispelled.

A very well-known American firm is black-listed by a Continental contemporary.

A paragraph anent a non-armed gentleman, adding to his collection via mouth and chisel, has gone the rounds of the philatelic press. It is almost needless to add this remarkable personage hails from the States.

We have received a copy of a publication of 8pp. and cover, entitled the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*. It is conducted by Harry Hilckes, and *Percy C. Bishop*. To put it mildly, we are SURPRISED. Most philatelists who have been kept posted in matters general during the past year or so, will agree that more comment is unnecessary.

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1861-68. The Fourth Issue.

It will be remembered that although the series just dismissed (i.e., in the last chapter), falls into two divisions, viz., imperf and perf, the designs were not otherwise altered. The series now to be described likewise fall into two sets, but for a very different reason to be hereinafter detailed.

While the historical events with which France, Chili, Italy, and Germany, not to add other countries have been connected, have effected numerous changes of type and numberless new series; the U. S. in issuing its Fourth Series openly gave as a cause for such new issue, the then recent rebellion in which no less than 13 States had successively declared their independence of and withdrawal from the body of the Union; and inasmuch as the *casus belli* was raised by the Confederate authorities in bombarding Fort Sumter, on the 13th of April 1861, the Washington Postal Administration was hurriedly recast, each and every servant of the Government being required to take the oath of allegiance to the Union. Alteration followed alteration, and as on the 25th of May 1861, the

Southern newspapers contained an announcement "that after the 1st of June the Confederate States would assume her own postal arrangements"; the Postmaster General Blair of Washington quickly responded by issuing on May 26th 1861, the annexed Order:

"All postal service in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas, will be suspended after the 31st instant. Letters for offices temporarily closed under Order will be forwarded to the Dead Letter Office, except those for Western Virginia, which will be sent to Wheeling."

So we have once more to thank both history and humanity for a new series of postage stamps. As is well-known, the great bone of contention between the North and South in the U. S. was whether slavery should continue or not, and no one with any feeling can but rejoice at the result of the terrible War of Secession, in which the Confederates were finally overthrown, and the slaves made free! In another and later Memoir we shall treat at length of the small

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but interesting series of Confederate Stamps and Locals.

Messrs Toppan, Carpenter, Casillar and Co's contract with the U.S. Government for the supply of postal labels expired at the same time as the war broke out, and the contract for the new issue was awarded to the National Bank Note Co., of New York. We are gravely informed that "the whole issue of eight stamps was withdrawn from circulation in order to prevent the large stock of them still in the hands of the Southern postmasters *being improperly used.*" This we think is ludicrous in the extreme, as the Confederate Government having announced its intention of employing its own labels, so how could the "large stock, etc." have been "improperly used"; in fact, the Rebels were quite as anxious to do away with the "large stocks" as the Federals. And here we cannot help asking how it is that certain of the 1857-8 perforated stamps are not commoner unused than we find them to be? For what can have become of the stocks in the numerous maritime towns and cities of the Confederacy? Is it not therefore quite likely that "finds" may now and then occur!

On the 14th of August 1861 the new series was issued, consisting of the same values and colours as before. The heads also are alike, and we shall only remark anent the design, that the letters U S are in

lower angles in each stamp. Possibly this position of these letters refers to the then position of the United States in their being at war with each other. In 1851, the U S was above, in 1861 below. This may be design, not accident! Col imp, rect.

1 cent, blue, perf 12.

3 cent, rose, perf 12.

5 cents, yellow, perf 12.

10 cents, green, perf 12.

12 cents, black, perf 12.

24 cents, lilac, perf 12.

30 cents, yellow, perf 12.

90 cents, blue, perf 12.

Notes.—Although these stamps did not appear till August, we are told that the Government had withdrawn the previous series as far back as in May, the fact being that no further supplies were issued. And as the stocks ran out of the various offices, the postage on letters was invariably exacted in cash. The Federal authorities re-purchased at face value up to the 1st of September 1861, the stamps in the hands of the public. No doubt many 90 cents disappeared in this manner. None of the new stamps are very scarce, the best being the yellow 5 cents (not brown), and of course the 90 cents.

Both proofs and reprints exist of this set, and we shall not unduly extend our lists by giving colours, values and varieties. The proofs exist in fancy colours also.

In 1862 and 1863, certain of the

values were issued in new shades.

3 cents, light-rose, perf 12.

5 cents, brown, perf 12.

5 cents, dark red-brown (chocolate), perf 12.

24 cents, mauve, perf 12.

3 cents, light-red (scarlet), perf 12.

Notes.—The scarlet 3 cents is very scarce indeed, being one of the rarities in U. S., the chocolate 5 cents being commoner than the yellow 5 cents.

On July 1st 1863, a new value was issued for the reduced city rate of 2 cents. This bore the head of Andrew Jackson, much enlarged, and the colour was black.

2 cents, black, perf 12.

In memory of their then lately assassinated President Abraham Lincoln, who was shot whilst at a theatre by Booth, a value of 15cs, then required by postal changes was issued April 13th 1866, printed as a token of mourning in black.

This is a handsome label, the portrait of Lincoln being remarkably true to life.

15 cents, black, perf 12.

Notes.—Both these two last are common, and reprints, and proofs are abundant.

1867-8. Introduction of the Grille.

It appears that from the first employment of postal labels in the U. S., the Government were defrauded many times, in that the postmarks on used stamps were

cleaned, or removed, and the labels used again. Different rules and cautionary measures did but little to check the frauds, and in the First Session of 1862, an act was made law. We will cite the terms:

No. 158, chap CXXXVIII.

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The punishment thus prescribed ought to have been prevention enough, but as so many stamps were cancelled in pen and ink, such an act was almost nullified by the allowing of such cancellations to be made. In the Report for the year ending June 30th 1867, the Postmaster General stated that experiments had been made with a view to the stopping of the numerous frauds. A machine had been prepared with blunt needles or pins so arranged as to puncture the paper used for printing postage stamps; and the number of squares for puncturing was made to correspond as closely as possible with the number of stamps on sheets. “Stamps

printed on "embossed" paper were less liable to fraudulent manipulation. The tissue of the paper being broken, the obliterating ink penetrated the stamps, and made them proof against being washed or cleaned." Such a method so certain of remedying matters was at once adopted, and hence we now proceed to the list of the Fifth Series. But before the whole set was thus issued, three values were experimentally used, in which the whole of the back of the stamp was embossed.

3 cents, rose, covering whole back, perf.

3 cents, rose, points down, covering whole back, perf.

5 cents, brown, covering whole back, perf.

30 cents, orange, covering whole back, perf.

Notes.—Of the 5 and 30 cents, one copy of each only is known. This would tend to confirm the idea we have that the experiments referred to by the Postmaster-General were made on these high values. The 3 cent, points down, is extremely scarce, the other being little less scarce.

The general series run as follows:

1 cent, blue, 11 × 13mm.

2 cents, black, 11 × 13mm.

3 cents, rose, 11 × 13mm.

3 cents, rose, 18 × 15mm.

3 cents, rose, 12 × 16mm.

3 cents, rose, 12 × 14mm.

10 cents, green, 11 × 13mm.

12 cents, black, 11 × 13mm.

15 cents, black, 11 × 13mm.

Notes.—All these would be termed "large" grilles, and it will be seen that the size of grille decreased from the whole back of stamp down to something like a quarter. The 3 cents 11 × 13 is common, while the other three sizes are scarce.

In 1868, the whole of the ten values then in issue were issued with a grille, measuring 9 × 14mm, and hence known as the "small" grid.

1 cent, blue.

2 cents, black.

3 cents, rose.

5 cents, brown.

10 cents, green.

12 cents, black.

15 cents, black.

24 cents, lilac.

30 cents, orange.

90 cents, blue.

Notes.—Of these the 90 cent is undoubtedly the scarcest and most valuable, while neither the 5, 24, or 30 cents are common. The 24cs is sometimes met in grey, no doubt owing to the lilac escaping by exposure to damp. Proofs and reprints exist of all values.

By 1865, the famous War of Secession had ceased, giving victory to the North, and the discarded labels of the "Confederate States of America" gave place to the issue of August 1861.

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1869. The Sixth Issue.

The contract between the National Bank Note Company, of New York, and the Government, expired in 1869, and a new set of labels was prepared. The 5c value was abolished, and a 6c introduced for the first time. The colours were altogether changed, the size is much smaller, and we are treated to a perfect little "National Gallery" of both personages, scenes, and historical events. Why they should have been so much ridiculed passes all comprehension, inasmuch as specimens of artistic skill, minuteness of engraving, and delicacy of execution, they have never been excelled. Even the beautiful "Columbus" series lately current, are not to be compared with their ancestors of "69," for the former are nearly four times as large. The 15c and 24c values are simply wonderful! The grille was retained, square, col imp on white wove plain, perf 12.

- 1 cent, blue, Head of Franklin.
- 2 cents, brown, Postal Courier.
- 3 cents, blue, Locomotive.
- 6 cents, blue, Head of Washington.
- 10 cents, yellow, Eagle and Arms.
- 12 cents, green, Steam Ship.
- 15 cents, brown and blue, Landing of Columbus.
- 24 cents, green and purple, Declaration of Independence.
- 30 cents, blue and carmine, Eagle, Arms, and Flags.

90 cents, black and carmine, Head of Lincoln.

Notes.—The rarest of all is the 90c, followed by the 24c, 30c, and 15c. All these have brown gum, and hence reprints, which have or had white gum are easily distinguished. Certain of the values were issued without grille by error, of these we give as follows (being those in our own collection):

- 1 cent, brown, no grille.
- 2 cents, brown, no grille.
- 3 cents, blue, no grille.
- 6 cents, blue, no grille.
- 10 cents, yellow, no grille.
- 12 cents, green, no grille.

Notes.—The other values we believe to exist, unluckily however, the grille *can be removed*, hence we should be careful in buying any ungrilled stamps. All those we mention are used.

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We have not seen or heard aught of the *Stamp Dealer's Advertiser*, or the *Philatelic Californian*, for the last four months.

Is this cold weather killing them off?

Philatelists are warned against the South Essex Stamp Exchange Society. Members have not had settlements since the concern was started—about nine months ago! One or two other societies would be the better for a little judicious, and well-chosen language. All-round, these concerns seem at a discount in this country.

Why, it is hard indeed to say.

We have received a parcel on approval (!) of labels, purporting to be postal issues for Tientsin.

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The Japanese seem to be stirring up the Chinese ancients in no

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Holland is changing her stamps.

The Portuguese Commemoration "boom" has proved a financial failure.

This is the best news we have heard for some time.

They are forming an Anti-Seebeck Society in the States.

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The Czar is *not* a stamp collector. We have this on the best authority.

The editor of the *Philatelic World* takes exception to our remarks on the Indian "Bombay Gazette" surcharges, and humorously suggests that we should secure an expert's opinion. Very good indeed! Mr Larmour's view of humour is a peculiar one. In this country it is usually found in the half-penny comic papers.

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Church Streets, No. 101 Chambers, for years, and has grown rich there. He has a comfortable home at No. 234 East Thirteenth Street, and a country place. He is also a landscape painter of some ability, and sings well.

Everybody down that way, not to speak of the social circle in which he and his family move, will be amazed to hear that he was arrested Tuesday afternoon for stealing a rare postage stamp, and that he was arraigned in the Tombs Police Court yesterday morning for petit larceny and was not released, but was held for examination.

It seems that Mr Schedler, who is a good looking, carefully dressed man of forty two years, has a mania for collecting rare and valuable stamps. For years he has been a figure at all stamp sales, great and small, and has learned to know good stamps of all ages and countries, and has made not a little money in speculating in them. In that nest of dealers round about Nassau Street and Maiden Lane, he is well known, and several days each week he could have been found seated on a stool at the low counter turning over the leaves of books in which fine stamps are pasted as carefully as diamond rings are cased in the show trays of a jeweller's shop.

All these stamp dealers are very watchful of their customers, because a stamp is so easily stolen and so

often represents so much value. When a customer comes in, the clerk hands him a book, and then sits down opposite him and watches him as he turns the leaves. And as soon as the customer has gone out, the clerk runs through the book to make sure. In the last few months these dealers have been missing stamps, and the word went around among them to keep a sharp look out, as a thief was abroad. As all their customers are men and women of wealth, and a good deal of leisure, this meant that some kleptomaniac or dishonest rich person was the thief.

Down at No. 90 Nassau Street is the store of Rudolph F. Albrecht and Son, about the largest dealers in stamps in the city. A short time ago they got in a very valuable collection, which is to be sold at auction next week. The word went round among the collectors, and they have been dropping in and looking over the collection. Tuesday afternoon in came Mr Schedler. As soon as he sat down Mr Albrecht withdrew to his private office, pull the door to so that he could peer through the crack at Mr Schedler without Mr Schedler seeing him. Young Albrecht got down one of the books of the collection and sat opposite Schedler while he looked at it.

He noticed that Mr Schedler went through the leaves until he came to the first valuable stamp, a

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90 cent stamp of the United States of the issue of 1857, worth \$10. He saw that Mr Schedler continued to turn the leaves, but kept his hand in the leaf with this stamp on it, as if he proposed to turn back and look at it again.

"Pretty soon," said young Mr Albrecht yesterday, "I saw his hand slip out of the book, and close, and make a motion towards his vest pocket. I reached over and grabbed his hand, and at the same moment my father came out of the private office. He had seen the whole thing. When we opened Mr Schedler's hand the stamp fell to the floor."

Mr Schedler says that his hand remaining on that leaf was a mere chance, and that when he drew his hand out the stamp, which was loose, must have come out and fallen to the floor. But Mr Albrecht says the stamp was not loose and shows the place in the leaf where evidently a part of the back of the stamp has stuck to the little patch of glue.

"So we've caught you," said Mr Albrecht.

"What do you mean, sir?" said Mr Schedler, flushing and growing angry.

"Why, you have tried to steal that stamp," answered Mr Albrecht. "Now all we want is for you to admit it."

"I'll do nothing of the sort," replied Mr Schedler.

So they brought in a policeman, and Mr Schedler was arrested. Thanks to his influence, the police kindly suppressed the fact of the arrest, letting Mr Schedler give a false name, and letting him out on bail under that name.

He was arraigned by his proper name in the Tombs yesterday, and Lawyer Lippman was there to defend him. He asked that the charge be dismissed.

"Mr Schedler is a man of wealth, of character and of standing," said he. "These people are very suspicious. Such a charge against Mr Schedler is ridiculous."

But Justice Ryan, after hearing Mr Albrecht and his son, held him for examination.

Mr Schedler, seen at his place of business last evening, refused to talk about the case beyond saying: "It is very annoying for these over suspicious stamp people to get me into this unpleasant position. Of course, anybody who knows me will know that I am innocent."

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Das sin die farben von Helgoland.
—(*Local Legendary Lines*).

OR

Red is the strand,
White is the sand,
Green is the band,—
These are the colors of Heligoland.

The above four lines may well form a prelude to the subject of the following essay, viz., the various tri-coloured issues of Heligoland. Such lines have been current in the island for many years, even prior to the use by the islanders of distinctive stamps. In bygone days—while its own stamps were in use—we paid some frequent visits to this islet, for it is hardly more, and hence can speak with knowledge on certain disputed points.

A few words as to its geography and history may not altogether be out of place. To proceed then. Heligoland is a very small island, in fact, almost an inlet, for its area is something under a square mile, in the North Sea or German Ocean, a few miles from Altona on the river Elbe in Germany. Its name seems to be derived from an ancient Scandinavian Goddess, and answers

to "Holy Land"; there is, we may remark, an inlet on the coast of Northumberland called Holy Island. We have heard that many such islets and islands were used as refuges for monks and pagan priests. Such a use gave the name of Heli or Holy land. The population is, or was, 2,000, i.e., the fixed part for the vast number of German tourists who annually visit and stay in the island add considerably to the number for the time. It is acknowledged on all sides, and we can add our personal testimony from actual experiences, that no finer sea bathing facilities exist than at Sandy Island, a small portion of territory once joining Heligoland, but which in 1720 was divided by a violent irruption of the sea. This indeed is the only livelihood possessed by the natives, who speak Frisian, an unwritten dialect of Dutch and German, and who belong to the German Lutheran church. Up to 1807 the island belonged to Denmark as a fief of the Grand Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein, but was surrendered to Great Britain in that year following the great siege of Copenhagen by Parker and Nelson, and by the Treaty of Kiel, 1814, was ceded in perpetuity to England.

Its Government was up to 1864 a purely Frisian one, being somewhat antiquated, a more directly representative constitution was formed, and in 1868 the status of the

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island was somewhat raised by the elevation of its previously styled Lieutenant-Governor to the dignity of Governor and Commander-in-Chief. This became Law by Her Majesty's Order in Council dated 29th of February 1868. But before that date, postage stamps had been issued, and which we now proceed to treat of.

English stamps of various values were available for postage duty from about 1857, and their use lasted up to about 1869. As may be easily imagined, such are of the highest degree of rarity. In many instances, the postage must have been pre-paid in cash, and the rate struck with handstamps.

On April 1st 1867 (the day and month is delightfully suggestive?) the first series of special stamps for Heligoland was issued, consisting of four values. The design in all is alike, being Profile of Queen Victoria embossed, the inscription, figures, and borders being variously disposed (in colour) in the different values. Coloured impressions. Rouletted.

1 ½ schilling, green oval, angles red, lettering and numerals coloured, on white ground.

2 1 schilling, red oval, angles green, lettering and numerals coloured, on white ground.

3 2 schilling, green oval, angles green, lettering white on coloured ground, figures coloured.

4 6 schilling, red oval, angles

red, lettering white on coloured ground, figures coloured.

Remarks.—It appears from an account published in 1863 by the Prussian Foreign Office, that all the postal affairs of Heligoland were carried on by the Free City of Hamburg, i.e., under and by the Stadts-Postmaster. The rates varied considerably till 1866, when a Convention was entered into between Great Britain, the Kingdom of Prussia, and the Free City of Hamburg, by which the whole Postal Department (such as it was!) of Heligoland was placed under the administration of Hamburg, the British Government supplying labels and paying all expenses of maintenance. The Postal authorities of Prussia undertook to design, engrave (en épargme) and print all necessary labels and stationery at their Royal Printing Office, Berlin.

The rates at first were 2s. to Hamburg, 3½s. to all other parts of Germany, and 2schg over and above the then German rate to all other parts of the world. So that a letter to the United Kingdom from Heligoland cost something like 9d. inclusive of the island rate and continental postage. The ½s. was for making up the aforesaid rate of 3½schg, and otherwise there was no use for it. The most commonly used value was the 2schg., and the postal returns shew a large increase in the summer sales of labels owing to the increasing annual

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influx of visitors. The salary of the Postmaster in 1866 was fixed at £30 per annum, and it was at the time of the cession of the island to Germany, £54 per annum. In one year only 23 letters were received at St Martin's-le-Grand from Heligoland, so there will be little use in searching for cancelled specimens in this country.

No work on any series of postage stamps can be regarded as in any way complete until notice has been taken of reprints and forgeries, should such exist.

In the first place we will descant somewhat upon the cancellation marks and *their* forgeries, for such we regret to say are woefully abundant. The list of genuine is as follows:—

1 HELIGOLAND, doublelined half circle below, day, month, and year in two lines. All forming a circular stamp. Used from 1868 to 1873.

2 The same, but the month comes before day. Used from 1873 to end of 1874.

3 The same, but name is larger. Used from 1875 to 1884.

4 The same, but smaller, thicker than No. 2. Used for five months in 1885.

5 HELGOLAND, close thick coarse Roman letters. Used from April 1867 to July 1869.

6 The same, but larger. Used from 1869 to 1875.

7 Same as numbers 3 and 4,

modified. Used from 1884 to 1890.

There are besides a few special postmarks, which were used at Hamburg, Cuxhavn, and Geestemunde, on letters brought thither per packet from Heligoland. Some are oblong, others either double or single lined circular, named and dated. According to a well-known authority on these postmarks, the perforated series of schillings issued 1869 were only cancelled "RITZEBUTTEL." This we are inclined to doubt, inasmuch as the employment of such a special cancellation would imply that such perforated labels were provisionals only.

Now, as to the imitations. All the foregoing have been forged. And is extremely difficult for an expert to detect them in every case.

No. 3 the forged is easily told by the date, which is almost "188"; the reading is "D E 17," and looks as if drawn by hand, and smudged.

In addition, the lines are broken.

Numbers 2, 4, and 7. In these imitations, we find amongst their various defects and faults, 1st., year is wanting, 2nd., the colour of impression is pale, and 3rd., badly drawn. And very often we find the whole of the cancellation to be

lithographed. Numbers 5 and 6.

The first is a dangerous forgery, as the genuine stamps are none too good in execution. The type is too even and cleanly cut in the forgeries. Above all, the *i* is found in the false, condemning them at once.

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Forgeries and Reprints.

So far back as in 1870, the first, i.e., the above series were *forged* to some considerable extent. One would hardly believe it, but it is a fact, that rather than purchase the genuine for a nominal sum, our worthy Teuton friends prepared to imitate—to speak mildly,—these pretty stamps. And to add to this confusion, the series has been several times reprinted. Here it is that a description of the colours, paper and perforation comes to our aid. The undoubted originals are printed on soft white wove (plain) paper, and engraved en épargne rouletted. There is a curl from the back of Queen's head. The lettering is clean, clear and distinct, sometimes embossed from die pressure.

The forgery is lithographed on soft white paper, thicker than the genuine and *perfd 13*.

There is no curl, only a shapeless blotch, and the lettering is ragged, and rough, and flat. No embossing.

This series of forgeries was made by Spiro Brothers, and their plates fell into the hands of a firm at H—. But although the Revd E. B. Earée remarks that the forgeries seem to have met with a large sale; we must confess that we find them comparatively scarce. Possibly the reverend gentleman meant in Germany.

And now as regards reprints, which we are sorry to say, are superabundant and cheap. Three sets

of reprints have been made or struck by Herr Goldner, a dealer of Hamburg, into whose domains we have several times penetrated. Immediately after he obtained possession of no less than 10 plates, i.e., 10 values, by purchase from the Royal Printing Office at Berlin, he set about producing reprints, of which the first series are somewhat scarce. At least, specialists in Heligoland will find them to be so. According to Dr Kalckhoff, supported by both the American and English translators of his valuable catalogue of reprints, the plates were sold in 1880, but we understand that the reprints first appeared about July 1879, and moreover, that the first set of reprints was made at Berlin. We do not insist on the accuracy of the foregoing statement, which is based on semi-official information only. Strange to say, this first reprinted *is imperforate!* The originals *never* were issued in this condition, all stamps printed at the Royal Printing Office, Berlin, at that period being rouletted.

5 ½ schilling, green and rose, imperf., reprint of 1879-80.

6 1 schilling, rose and green, imperf., reprint 1879-80.

7 2 schillings, green and rose, imperf., reprint 1879-80.

8 6 schillings, rose and green, imperf., reprint 1879-80.

The colours are somewhat lighter than the genuine, but otherwise is similar. The paper is thickish and

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a little finer in texture, and smoother. The two lower values were reprinted with roulette, and the other values with a perf., 13×14 . This all occurred in 1879-80.

9 $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, green and rose, rouletted, reprint 1879-80.

10 1 schilling, rose and green, rouletted, reprint 1879-80.

11 2 schillings, green and rose, perf 13×14 , reprint 1879-80.

12 6 schillings, rose and green, perf 13×14 , reprint 1879-80.

In 1886 strong rumours were prevalent that Heligoland was about to change owners, as overtures had been made in July of that year by the German authorities. But the affair ended in smoke, for the time being at least, yet—to satisfy a then growing demand (?)—Herr Goldner reprinted in vast quantities the whole of set with roulette, and the two higher values with a perf. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$.

13 2 schillings, green and rose, rouletted, reprint 1887.

14 6 schillings, rose and green, rouletted, reprint 1887.

15 2 schillings, green and rose, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1887.

16 6 schillings, rose and green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1887.

These with the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 schilling rouletted form the "Second Reprint," and as in 1889 and 1892 they were again reprinted for the American dealers, the supply must be nearly inexhaustible.

It appears that Herr Goldner

charges double the ordinary price for supplying these reprints *post-marked*, and in 1887 a well known U. S. firm were offering at 4c., or 2d. each, all the values of Heligoland, save the mark values cancelled. These postmarked reprints are really dangerous, and the grand test is as follows: The paper is thinner, the gum white and thin (for unused copies), and a good test is to look at the stamps by holding them with their backs to you. You will see the inscriptions quite easily; this being impossible with originals; the latter had brownish thick gum.

1869. Second Issue.

This new series consists of the introduction of machine perforation only; as the whole of the postal and telegraph labels printed at Berlin had been treated to the needles; those for the "tight little islet" of Heligoland were likewise "regaled." The gauge being $14\frac{1}{2}$, or to cut the matter finer $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$. The two lower values only were *officially* issued.

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(CONTINUED.)

1870. Seventh Issue.

HAVING in our last chapter, dismissed the much ridiculed—although indisputably one of the finest series of adhesive postage stamps ever engraved and printed—issue of 1869, we now proceed to discuss the far inferior, in point of design and execution, series of 1870.

In May 1870, therefore, a new series composed of 11 values,—a new value of 7 cents having been ordered through a change in the rates—appeared. They were engraved and printed by the same firm, the National Bank Note Co. of New York, and although certainly well executed so far as the épargue style permitted, form a miserable contrast to the set they superseded. They were, however, much larger, and all the portraits

with which they are adorned, were copied from marble busts and statues. The designs vary but little. The main features being head in all is to left; the figures of value are at base; U. S. POSTAGE in upper, and value in words in lower part of stamp; varied ornaments and frames; Col imp; Rect on thin smooth white plain wove; gum varying from brownish to almost white. Perforated 12. The colours and values, with portraits, are as follows:—

- 1 cent, deep-blue, Franklin.
- 1 cent, pale-blue, Franklin.
- 2 cents, deep-brown, A. Jackson.
- 3 cents, green, Washington.
- 3 cents, dark-green, Washington.
- 6 cents carmine, A. Lincoln.
- 6 cents, pale-rose, A. Lincoln.
- 7 cents, vermilion, E. M. Stanton (1871).

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10 cents, deep-brown, Jefferson.
 12 cents, deep-purple, Hy. Clay.
 12 cents, pale-purple, Hy. Clay.
 15 cents, orange, D. Webster.
 24 cents, violet, General Scott.
 30 cents, black, A. Hamilton.
 90 cents, carmine-red, Perry.
 All with grille.

Notes.—Of the grille, the three lowest values exist with a measurement $8\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ mm, and the whole of above series have also a measurement of $9 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ mm, being a trifle larger. The 24c, 12c, 30c, and 10c are the rarest in order followed by the 15c, 90c, 7c, 6c, while the three lowest values are abundant. Unused copies with original gum of the 24c and 12c with grille are unknown, although probably SPECIMEN copies must exist at some of the foreign postal departments to which they were sent. Considering that the 7c was issued in 1871, it ought to be much more valuable and scarce than it is. Proofs exist of this set on card, and it is almost needless for us to warn collectors against any supposed bargains in these "grilled 1870" beyond the 1c, 2c and 3c values.

In 1870 the grille was abolished, no alteration otherwise being made. This omission practically constitutes a new issue.

1872. The Eighth Issue. No Grille.

We at once proceed to the list:
 1 cent, dark-blue, Franklin.
 1 cent, pale-blue, Franklin.

2 cents, deep-brown, Jackson.
 3 cents, deep-green, Washington.
 3 cents, light-green, Washington.
 6 cents, carmine, Lincoln.
 6 cents, carmine-rose, Lincoln.
 7 cents, vermilion, Stanton.
 10 cents, deep-brown, Jefferson.
 12 cents, purple, Clay.
 15 cents, orange, D. Webster.
 24 cents, violet, Scott.
 30 cents, black, Hamilton.
 90 cents, carmine-red, Perry.

Notes.—These form an interesting gallery of portraits of great men inclusive of warriors, judges and philosophers, difficult to meet with in any other nations. Up to the present time, only Argentine has adopted to any extent this praiseworthy means of perpetuating the memory of truly great individuals. Such a course in England would be welcomed by all philatelists, and would not in any way depreciate nor lessen their loyalty. Washington's portrait on the 3c is copied from Hondon's picture at the Capitol, Washington, D. C. Thomas Jefferson was President from 1801-5 and died in 1826. His portrait on the 10c is taken from Power's statue. Hy. Clay was Speaker to the House of Representatives for many years, and died in 1852. David Webster was Secretary of State from 1841-3, and died also in 1852. General Sam Scott was the victorious conqueror of Mexico and Texas, and died in 1866. General Alex Hamilton was the first Secretary

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to the U. S. Treasury, and died so far back as in 1804. Commodore Perry died in 1819. Edwin M. Stanton, whose portrait figures on the 7c, was Secretary of War during the War of Secession in 1861-5, and died in 1869. It will therefore be seen that Hy. Clay, Daniel Webster, and General Scott, although born in the 18th century, all lived to witness the introduction, use and benefits of postage stamps. SPECIMEN copies are fairly plentiful of this series, as also are proofs; whilst, to add to our confusion, in 1875, while they were current, so-called reprints were struck. Of course, no difference exists between these 1875 impressions and those of 1872 upwards to 1883. The reprints however, were sold *ungummed*.

In May 1873, the contract held by the National Bank Note Co. expired, and the dies were handed over to the Continental Bank Note Co. of New York, into whose hands the contract for printing had fallen. Entire sheets or parts containing "imprints" of the new printers will shew this change. Specialists in America often take note of the many plate numbers found on the *margins* of sheets; printed in a similar manner to our present "plate letter," or as some term them "control letters."

In 1875 the colour of the 2c was altered to vermilion, the 7c having been suppressed. No other change

was made. 2 cents, red, Jackson.

Following the Berne Postal Convention held in April and May 1875, and at which the United States were prominent, a new value for the new International rate of 2½d for class A General Postal Union, of 5c was prepared and issued. This bears the full face of Zachary Taylor to left, Col imp, perf 12.

5 cents, blue, Taylor. Notes.—Owing to the plates being insufficiently wiped, copies of this stamp occur showing the paper on which stamp is printed of a bluish tinge. We can hardly however, term this as an additional and distinct variety.

In 1882, owing to the then recent bloodthirsty assassination of General and President Garfield, it was decided as a mark of esteem and respect for the memory of the departed President, to place his portrait on the 5c value, and for this purpose new designs were prepared and approved of, in which Abraham Garfield is most faithfully portrayed. Three quarter profile to left, small rect, col imp, perf 12.

5 cents, brown, Garfield. New type.

Note.—This resembles a photograph so far as the skill with which the exquisite and fine details are treated. Varieties occur both of shade and type, although the latter variation is due more to defective

printing than to any difference of engraving. The shades are :—

5 cents, bone-brown.

5 cents, chestnut, 1883.

5 cents, brown, crossed lines.

Note.—This last is considered as a distinct variety of type in the States, although *we* put it on a par with the series of 1867 Austrians, showing exactly the same variation. All have been noticed and catalogued, but yet are not generally accepted nor recognized.

We have already alluded to the new value of 7c as having been issued through a new rate of postage being established, and that it was very soon suppressed. The facts of its origin and limited use are so interesting from an historical point of view, that *we* cannot refrain from giving full details at the risk of being considered wearisome and prosy.

A line of mail steamers having been established between the United States and various ports of the North German Confederation and Denmark, viz., Hamburg, Kiel, Lubeck, etc., a special rate of 7c was established for single letters *by direct steamers* of this line. But, the newly formed German Empire put an end to this line of steamships, which was withdrawn, and the remainder of this special value was destroyed. This *we* think was a great mistake, as the 7c and 3c, or 7c and 5c would easily have been made to do duty for 10c or

12c rates.

The "Garfield" stamps forms an epoch in that its small size was the first departure from the previously issued stamps, all more or less larger sized designs. It appeared, *we* believe, on April 1st 1882, but as *we* were in Egypt at the time, *we* are uncertain on the matter.

1882. Introduction of Typography.

We should have added to our notes concerning the "Garfield" 5c that it was the first stamp printed typographically, i.e., similar to the issues of Great Britain printed by De la Rue and Co. The great and important circumstance attached to this style of printing, is its cheapness, and moreover, its increased working value. Stamps printed on the "surface-system" do not wear out the dies so rapidly. Besides, "replicas" of the plates are obtained with very little trouble, being a matter of mechanical operation only.

The 1, 3, 6 and 10c values were on November 1st 1882 issued printed in the new manner. The details of designs are either deepened or modified in the four stamps, and although they can be distinguished by the above, *we* will describe the variations, as follows :—

1870, one cent. Upper angles shew white ornaments, lines of background are wide apart comparatively speaking. Colour is pronounced, i.e., deep.

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1882, one cent. The upper angles show the ornaments shaded. The lines of background are much closer. The colour is paler, more of an ultramarine.

1870, three cents. There are no great differences in type, but the 1870 colour is much deeper. Lines of background are clear.

1882, three cents. The stamp altogether is printed in a much paler colour, greenish-blue, if anything, would be the name. The background is badly printed, the lines being very indistinct.

1870, six cents. There are five vertical lines from the outside up to the scroll; lower down, 15 lines up to the inside projecting frame. The background is clear.

1882, six cents. There are four lines from outside to extremity of scroll, and 12 lines only lower down. The ground is blurred and indistinct. The colour is a deep pink.

1870, ten cents. There are 7 vertical lines to the left beginning from the outer line of oval, and ending with line of escutcheon; the ground work of lines is clear in all parts. Colour a medium or light-brown, varying.

1882, ten cents. Only 5 vertical lines from oval to line of escutcheon. Colour is a fine dark or black-brown. Lines of ground are lost altogether.

In other respects such as perforation unchanged. The paper is hardly so good as before. Perf 12.

One cent, ultramarine.

Three cents, blue-green.

Six cents, deep or pale pink.

Ten cents, dark-brown.

Notes.—As these remained in use up to 1890, they will not be very rare. The 3c seems uncommon in this country, as also does the 6c. In the United States their quoted value is but a half-penny each.

—GEORGE I. BRYANT.

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Philately
of
To-Day.

FOR such a busy time of the year, news is remarkably scarce, but this page has to be done, so here goes.

The *Stamp Collectors' Monthly* men are endeavouring to carry out their subscriptions, so long unfilled.

Examine well your Putialla, Nabha and Jhind stamps.

The surcharges I refer to. Forged overprints are about in large quantities.

MEM.—That a certain English stamp paper has not long to live. Which one? That is a sanctum secret.

Where has Mr. Dawson A. Vindin vanished to?

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Certain of our Continental friends appear very anxious for the information.

One of our readers is a naval surgeon, and has just given instructions for his copy to be posted to him in the turbulent China Station, which clearly proves what a hold Philately has on all minds,—and ever will have.

Look out for the *English Daily Philatelist*.

The *Indian Philatelist* grows apace, and is now really a first-class production. In fact, I know of very, very few British journals that can approach it in literary excellence. The editor has some caustic observations to make regarding the new *Indian Philatelic News*, the conductors of which, it is stated, are of some notoriety in Bombay.

Have you heard the news? That smart little *Stamp Chronicle* starts a new issue page with No. 25.

There was a vast amount of talk indulged in at the end of 1893 as to the probabilities of a Philatelic Exhibition for 1895 in this country, but apparently, the would-be-projectors are holding aloof. Now then, Messieurs, when is it, what is it, and where is it?

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Selangor and Perak are about to change their types. Why, is hard to discover.

HELGOLAND,

And its Stamps.

BY DR. BRYANT.

(Continued.)

Roth ist der strand,
Weiss ist der sand,
Grün ist der kant,—
Das sin die farben von Helgoland.
—(Local Legendary Lines).

OR

Red is the strand,
White is the sand,
Green is the band,—
These are the colors of Helgoland.

Note.—The records of the Postmaster (Herr A. G—), having been examined at our request (in 1886), no trace was found of any other values than those mentioned as being delivered by the Berlin Printing office, with a perforation; so in conjunction with all previous writers we are bound to regard all 2 and 6 schg. perforated labels as specimens

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of Herr Goldner's handiwork, and therefore as reprints. The rouletted stock no doubt was large enough to last up to 1873, when the rates were re-arranged.

Forgeries and Reprints.

We have already described the forgeries which are perf 13. And they are cancelled HELIGOLAND in block letters, rough and in black. The reprints differ as has already been detailed.

19 $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., green and rose, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1879-80.

20 1 sch., rose and green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1879-80.

21 $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., green and rose, $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1887 and 1892.

22 1 sch., rose and green, $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1887 and 1892.

In conclusion we may add, that used perf schillings are somewhat scarce. Very often they were cancelled by penstrokes—alas—too easily imitated! Be it finally remembered that no 2 and 6 schillings were ever issued officially, with a machine perforation.

1878. Third Issue.

New rates being established and brought into operation, and a uniform scale being formed, an unstamped card printed, new values of postage labels were required. The same designs were retained, the colours and borders only being re-arranged. Engraved en épargue, col. imp. on soft white wove,

brownish gum. Rect. Perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

23 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch., green oval, lettering red at sides, red above and below.

24 $\frac{3}{4}$ sch., red oval, lettering red at sides, green above and below.

25 $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch., red oval, lettering green at sides, green above and below.

Notes.—The inner frame angles are white in all the new values. The $\frac{1}{4}$ sch was issued for papers, the $\frac{3}{4}$ sch for affixing to plain post-cards, and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch for letters; all for Germany. Thus the scarcity of these used is explained, more especially the $\frac{3}{4}$ sch. It will be seen that the postage of German letters had been lowered $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., and this meant of course a corresponding decrease in all other rates.

Forgeries and Reprints.

Of these, we regret to say, a dangerous forgery exist; the differences are hard to describe, but we will do our best. The forgeries are in the first instance, larger than the originals or genuine reprints. The colour is very light, the embossing less defined, and the head of Queen is different in the coronet and bust. Perforation is $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, which is correct. All the values, as well as the error in printing of the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch, exist as forgeries. Now as to the reprints.

26 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch., green and rose, imperf, reprint 1879-80.

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27 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch., rose and green, imperf, reprint 1879-80 of error.

28 $\frac{3}{4}$ sch., red and green, imperf, reprint 1879-80.

29 $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch., red and green, imperf, reprint 1879-80.

These form again part of the "First Reprint," and it must be borne in mind that no officially issued Heligoland ever existed *without* perforation. They are scarce. In the same year, the four varieties were reprinted with a machine perforation $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

30 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch., green and rose, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1880.

31 $\frac{1}{4}$ sch., rose and green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1880 of error.

32 $\frac{3}{4}$ sch., red and green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1880.

33 $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch., red and green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1880.

Again in 1887, 1889, and 1892, Goldner reprinted these labels in much brighter tints, and on very smooth white wove paper, white gum, and without gum. Unused and used as ordered. We shall not however, catalogue these fresh reprints, as there is hardly any difference between them and the Second Reprint, of 1880. The issue of the 1873 labels took place in August.

The $\frac{1}{4}$ Schilling Error.

"The Philatelist" for December 1873, on page 152, announced as follows: "Heligoland.—The $\frac{1}{4}$ sch appears under two aspects. The

first batch came out with red frame and green oval; the next shews these colours reversed. Whether intentional or by error has not been ascertained. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ has been some weeks in full use, but the expected $\frac{3}{4}$ still looms in obscurity." According to the next number of "The Philatelist," page 5, (January 1874), the 2 and 6 sch. of first series existed machine perforated, which would tend to confirm the idea that such were really officially issued and used. And in the same number a doubt was expressed as to the second batch of the $\frac{1}{4}$ sch., being an error after all.

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THE MONTH'S STAMPS.

AZORES.—The 5 reis Horta and Delgada stamps have been halved to form 2½ reis stamps.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Three new envelopes. 1c green, 2c carmine, 5c blue. All with ship in centre.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—5 annas on 8a green, 7½a on 1 rupee rose.

BHOPAL.—A new stamp has appeared, colour red.

CONGO FREE STATE.—Our U. S. friends have been sorely beaten by the Belgian authorities, and the new issue by Messrs Waterlow and Sons surpasses even the far-famed Columbians. Truth will prevail. 5c view of harbour, green and black; 10c view of lagoon, brown and black; 25c view of waterfall, orange and black; 50c landscape with train, green and black; 1 franc, forest scene, lavender and black; 5 francs, natives, brown and black. The 5fr will doubtlessly sell well, but why not a 10 francs? Collectors will have them, cost what they will.

HAWAII.—The new 12c has appeared.

ITALY.—A new Unpaid stamp, 20c. Figure in red.

MACAO.—Has issued 14 provisionals, all in “avo” values, whatever that is. We avo-nly too much regard for our readers patience than to give a list here. Happy Macoans.

MONTENEGRO.—Unpaid stamps this time. 1 nov, carmine; 2 nov, green; 3 nov, brown-yellow; 5 nov,

grey-green; 10 nov, violet; 20 nov, blue; 30 nov, blue-grey; 50 nov, green. A very plebeian looking stamp indeed, and not worthy Herr Bickel's reputation.

PANAMA.—We have received the 30c stamp overprinted “Habilitado 1894 1 centavo.” Black on flesh.

PERSIA.—A new set. 1 shahi, violet; 2 shahi, green; 5 shahi, slate blue; 10 shahi, yellow; 1 kran, red on orange. The first three bear the lion, and the latter the head of the Shah. The whole forming a shahming addition to the album.

SERVIA.—Young Alexander being now quite a man, he has issued a new set for his turbulent country, which shows a wonderful beard, which he has grown. Clearly this is no ordinary monarch! 5 para, green; 10 para, rose; 15 para, lilac; 20 para, orange; 25 para, blue; 50 para, brown; 1 dinar, blue-green.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A new penny stamp is under weigh.

ST. HELENA.—A 2d value was issued last month.

SELANGOR.—3c on 5c.

SUNGEI UJONG.—Our correspondent sends us the new 2c orange; 1c on 5c green, and 3c on 5c rose.

SIRMOOR.—A pretty little set has been issued for this state. The design is an elephant in oval containing the words, “Sirmoor Postage and Inland Revenue,” with numerals of value in corner. 3 pies, orange-brown; 6 pies, green; 1 anna, blue; 2 annas, rose. Perf.

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JANUARY 1895.

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Our London Letter.

CHRISTMAS has come and gone—at least for another year! Business is still dull, generally speaking, although a favoured few have much to be thankful for.

The bolt launched at the Philatelic Protection Association by the publishers and editors of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* had the desired effect. In fact, the governing, or official members of the P. P. A., are at their wits end. An emergency meeting was called by the Hon. Secretary, but as the representatives of the press, in continuance of their past policy, were rigorously excluded, no particulars have hitherto transpired. We think however, that a general meeting will be called, and that a new Constitution, Bye-laws, and Board of committee and officers, will be proposed. So far therefore, Messrs Hilckes and Bishop have reason to congratulate themselves on the result of their "penny-a-liner" tactics.

We have heard that the *Stamp Collectors' Monthly*, published by the Philatelic News Agency, 57, Chancery Lane, W. C., is sold to a

leading London firm of dealers and publishers. Whether it will be continued separately, or merged in their own journal remains to be seen, but it is certainly a great pity that a magazine of five years standing, and usually so well conducted, is to be discontinued, as seems likely. Dr. Bryant had only just taken up the sole editorship, and under his able control, much was expected, and needless to say, would have been forthcoming.

So it turns out that the *P. J. G. B.*, of Salisbury is edited by a lady. Well, Miss Stokes is not the first lady philatelic journalist. In the sixties, Miss Fenton, of Clifton, Bristol, was among the honoured few great writers of that day, and what she wrote was always well worth reading. We wish Miss Stokes all possible success.

Rumours are current that a new philatelic magazine will shortly be started in London. Preparations are being made, and it is safe to say that from what we know of the publishers, both dealers and collectors will be pleased.

Lord Kingston has after all made public his own method of cleaning or restoring oxydised

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stamps. He uses nitrate of mercury, which we are told is his own invention. This medium has long been known to us, and to a half-dozen dealers at least. There is no doubt but that this new medium will be placed on sale shortly, when sufficient has been prepared.

Ink marks are easily taken off stamps by means of an acid and chloride of lime. Surely if his Lordship makes known his supposed invention or discovery, we are equally at liberty to make known how to clean pen marked stamps. There is very little difference between the two operations,—at least in *our* eyes.

The *S. C. M.*, Xmas number has appeared. As probably the last number, it is equally the best ever published. Dr. Bryant continues his papers on Russia and Japan. The stamps of the Boer Republic are well discussed by J. Conduries, a French specialist, and an interesting note on the 9kr green 1851 Baden error, in addition to other useful items, make up a decidedly valuable little number.

The Japanese stamps used in Corea and China during the present campaign, we are informed, are surcharged in red with characters answering to "On Military Service." Japan demands control of all Chinese foreign affairs, so that something new in stamps from China may be expected.

The City of London Philatelic

Club is a miserable failure—at present. No papers of great use or value have been read this Session, and the attendance is small. The change of officers has not been for the best, and the club is doomed. Certainly, the name exists, but there have been dissensions, and the clique controlling its working at the present time, are devoid of all talent and capacity. We are persuaded that the club is only the medium of certain firms of dealers for their benefit, and is not patronised by *genuine* collectors so much as by dealers, little and great, in search of profit.

—NEMO.

1st. January, 1895.

A New Stamp or So.

By Christopher Helbush.

CHAPTER I.

THINGS were not looking at all rosy in Stanley Michael's sphere. The tailor was absurdly pressing, the washerwoman constantly threatening, and sundry creditors lay in wait at the corners, whenever he took his constitutional, and blandly presented their "little bills." This was not to be endured indefinitely. The post of under-cashier to an old established City firm is peculiarly unfitted for fortune seeking, and making. Now, had he only been *head* cashier—but, no! perish the thought. He stood disconsolately

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looking into a bookseller's shop window, with a face of abnormal length, and there his eye caught sight of some sheets of stamps, displayed for the temptation and subsequent bankruptcy of all philatelic passers-by. "Ah! I used to collect them things" growled Stanley, "but that was when the pater kept me better supplied with pocket money than now. Salvador 3d, New Brunswick 6d, New Zealand 5/-. Pooh! Who under the sun will spend 5/9 for three rotten bits of paper?"

Unconsciously he had uttered the last few words aloud, and a business looking person alongside him overheard them.

"Plenty, my dear sir" he said with a patronising grin, "plenty; stamp collectors will buy anything in stamps which they hav'nt already got."

"You're a stamp dealer?"

"Me! Not I!"

"A phil—phil—a philatelist then?"

"No, sir—let me whisper—I am a speculator."

Stanley did not betray any great astonishment at this announcement.

"Oh!" he said.

"Yes" continued the stranger, "and stamps are my special line—do you twig?"

"I can't say I do" said Stanley dubiously.

"Come with me then. Here, we'll pop into this restuarant, and

have a chat. This is my card."

"Nathan J. Boggart" read Stanley.

"Now, sir," said Mr Boggart, after he had called for light refreshments for the two, "you may wonder at my speaking to you—a perfect stranger to me—in this manner, but I have an object, sir, an object," and he looked very sharply at Stanley. "You are well eddicated" he went on, "that I can see; now, I can't say I am myself, so I propose to ask you to join me in a little speculation."

"Oh! that's it," said our friend, rising, "well, I've not a cent on me, so—"

"Easy, my dear sir, easy" said Mr Boggart, soothingly, "sit down and hear me out. I can see you are not on the best of terms with the world. Now, suppose you and me join forces, and make a little ready-money out of the thousands of stamp collectors in this 'ere city?"

"I don't know how to sell them."

"It is'nt all selling, at least, not to commence with. Its *making* them."

Stanley rose again. "Forge them, you mean."

"Tut, tut! how excitable he is; forge them—no! My brother lives in Sirpatla, which I'm told is in India. They hav'nt got many white men there, but they *have* got a post office. Now, here is one of their stamps." Stanley eyed the proffered bit of paper curiously. It was

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just such a one as he had often squandered two-pence or three-pence on. A "greenery-gallery" stamp bearing the portrait of a disreputable looking Rajah, surrounded by many mystic hieroglyphics.

"Now," said Nathan J. Boggart, "this stamp is worth 2d in the present market. Supposing this four pies was obliterated—obliterated, and five pies printed over it. What then?"

"It would rise in value of course."

"Right, sir, it would; well here is one, five pies on four pies, and used too." He laid it before our hero, who did not betray any great excitement on seeing it. "Isn't it a beauty?" exclaimed Mr Boggart enthusiastically, "that surcharge is a bit of my own work."

"You are a forger then?" and Stanley tried to look at him sternly, but failed.

"Forger! This is a surcharge of my own invention. I offer it to the public without any comments, and they may take it or leave it as they choose. I have five hundred of these stamps in my pocket, and you are to offer them to some shops I will point out to you."

"But if I refuse?"

"You won't, sir, not if I offer you half of whatever you get on each stamp."

The struggle in Stanley Michael's breast was a brief but decisive one, and the outcome was, that ten

minutes afterwards, he was exhibiting to the glistening eyes of Mr Dominick Gibson, foreign stamp importer, Little Fleet Lane, E.C., a rare Sirpatla provisional, used, on the original envelope, which he wished to know in the most innocent manner possible, the present market value of.

Mr Gibson eyed it carefully with a glass, turned it over, looked at the surcharge with a knowing air, and said, with a depreciating sniff, "Oh! this is a common surcharge."

"What's it worth?"

Mr Gibson coughed thoughtfully, "I don't usually buy such stamps," he said, again examining it, "but I will give you a shilling for it."

"I have three others" remarked our hero, rashly.

"Well, say three shillings for the four."

Stanley mildly accepted, and as he walked out into Little Fleet Lane, Mr Gibson chuckled joyously, as he placed the stamps on a sheet all to themselves, and priced them five shillings each; "Extremely Rare Sirpatla Provisionals. Only in use a day," which last remark was very near the truth.

"Three shillings," soliloquised the "victim" as he walked along Cheapside, "that makes eighteen-pence—its a miserable sum, but I'll have another go."

The next philatelic emporium was the new establishment of Messrs Bull, Corner and Co., Ltd., and he entered with trepidation.

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BY DR. BRYANT.

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Weiss ist der sand,
Grün ist der kant,—
Das sin die farben von Helgoland.

—(Local Legendary Lines).

OR

Red is the strand.
White is the sand,
Green is the band,—
These are the colors of Heligoland.

THE fact is that one batch was sent by printers as catalogued (No. 23), the next with reversed colours, and afterwards with colours again reversed, thus showing that the Second Batch was an Error of Impression. Such we propose to call it.

34 $\frac{1}{4}$ schg., rose and green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, Error of Impression.

We have enumerated the reprints and forgery of this error.

1875. The Fourth Issue.

Owing to Germany having adopted a new currency system, new stamps were required by and for all

German speaking countries, as German Empire, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and last and least of all, little Heligoland. Instead of schillings we meet with pfennigs and marks, and hence on New Years Day (January 1st.) 1875, a new series marked in both German and English currency appeared. These consisted of six values, a little smaller than before, in which the head of Queen Victoria is shown to left in coloured oval, name above and value below on bands, figures on each side. Typographed on white wove, rect, bi-coloured impressions. Perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

35 1 pf = 1 farthing, green oval, rest rose.

36 2 pf = 2 farthings, rose oval, rest green.

37 5 pf = 3 farthings, green oval, rest rose.

38 10 pf = $1\frac{1}{2}$ pence, rose oval, rest green.

39 25 pf = 3 pence, green oval, rest rose.

40 50 pf = 6 pence, rose oval, rest green.

Notes.—These are fairly common cancelled, but many exist all the same with false postmarks. A variety exists of both the 1 pf and 2 pf with inverted head. We catalogue them under extreme reserve, not desiring to be accused of incompleteness.

40a 1 pf = 1 farthing, green oval, rest rose. Head Inverted.

40b 2 pf = 2 farthings, rose oval,

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rest green. Head Inverted.

In 1879 or 1880, Goldner purchased the plates of these two values, but it is not believed he used them till 1887, at least no record exists of the reprints being known before 1887. In 1889 and 1892 he openly reprinted and sold the stamps of 1 and 2 pfg. And these "inverted heads" were not known of till he had secured possession of the plates.

41 1 pf, green oval, rest rose, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1887-92.

42 2 pf, rose oval, rest green, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1887-92.

No forgeries exist that we know of, the originals and reprints being far too abundant.

1876. The Fifth Issue.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Universal Postal Union, which met at Berne, June and July 1875, and of which Germany and Great Britain were leading members, two new values were required for Heligoland. Although the same size and colours were retained, a departure was at last made in the design, which is now a shield tricoloured, yellow frame, surmounted by Royal Crown. The name of island and values are on white ground. Typographed on white wove paper. Rect. Perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

43 3 pf = $2\frac{1}{2}$ farthings, shield white, green, red and yellow, frame etc., green.

44 20 pf = $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence, shield

white, green, red and yellow, frame etc., rose.

Notes.—The latter value is the commonest of all Heligolands used, from its being the international rate. The plate of the 3 pf was sold to Goldner, together with the 1 and 2 pfg, and the 7 schilling values. In 1887 and 1892 he reprinted it with a perf of $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ and $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$.

45 3 pf = $2\frac{1}{2}$ farthings, white, green, red and yellow, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$, reprint 1887.

46 3 pf = $2\frac{1}{2}$ farthings, white, green, red and yellow, perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, reprint 1892.

1879. The Sixth Issue.

For some inscrutable reasons—possibly for stamp dealers and collectors—two values of 1 and 5 marks were considered necessary. And indeed, the series would have been hardly complete without some high values. These are the same size as the 1875-6 series, the design being composed of large central numeral of value, the name of island in the 1 mark being at top, and in the 5 mark at foot in Roman capitals. The 1mk is scrolled, the 5mk in double lined upright oval surmounted by a Crown. At sides are Sh. Mk. respectively. Typographed on white wove. Rect. Perf $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$.

47 1 sh - 1 mk, green frame, inscription black, green and red.

48 5 sh - 5 mk, green frame, inscription black, green, red and

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yellow.

Notes.—These are fairly abundant used. They were issued in August 1879, and were like all other Heligolands, suppressed August 1890, so that their employment, such as it was, extended over ten years. Many collectors and dealers not to add other interested parties in Germany, had these high values specially employed, i.e., these labels were purposely affixed to envelopes which needed a 20 pf stamp only. We have seen many of such trash! No forgeries nor reprints exist. It may be said that the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Issues of this paper form in reality one series; we merely list them as issues according to date. After all, the stamps of Heligoland may well be separated into two series only, viz., schillings and pfennigs and marks, or Old and New Currencies.

For some years; from about 1876, a small oblong Registration Label was issued by the German Empire for the use of Heligoland registered letters. Those containing supplies of stamps for dealers, containing remittances from the holiday-makers, were usually registered and labelled. The design is simple, being R—HELGOLAND, red and black type set oblong, imperf and gummed. It was not cancelled, being only a denoting label. It is still in use.

49 No Value. Label for Registered Letters 1875.

1875. Envelopes.

On the 22nd February 1875 an envelope of the value of 10 pf = 1½d was issued. Being the ordinary stamps of the adhesive type embossed in Right Upper Corner. White wove paper. Size 148 by 84 millimetres, plain Tress on flap.

50 10 pf = 1½d carmine, on white wove. Envelope. 5¾ by 3¼ inches.

Note.—Somewhat scarce used and entire. Herr Goldner holds the original dies of this envelope, which with the Wrapper and Post Card dies and plates came into his possession in 1879 or 1880 by purchase. But the die of tress being the property of the Imperial Printing Office, Berlin, was not sold, so in the case of entire reprinted envelopes, no tress exists, which serves as a test.

51 10 pf = 1½d carmine, on white wove, 148 × 85mm, no Tress, Envelope, Reprint, 1880, 1889, 1892.

52 10 pf = 1½d carmine, on white wove, square cut, Envelope, Reprint, 1880, 1889, 1892.

These are very badly embossed, not at all like the originals, which are finely and cleanly struck.

On the 1st July 1879, a provisional (the only one in Heligoland), was created by overprinting in black in two lines, 2½ PENCE = 20 PFENNIG in the above envelope, the original figures of value being barred in black. Size 148 × 84 mm.

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Plain tress on flap.

53 20 pf = $2\frac{1}{2}$ d on 10 pf carmine and black. Provisional Envelope.

Strange to say, no permanent 20 pf envelope was ever made, and it may be supposed that the demand was small for either the old 10 pf or the new provisional envelopes.

1878. Wrappers.

In April 1878, three newsbands were considered necessary; the design is very simple, being the Shield surmounted by Crown, HELIGOLAND in curve above, and value in English and German currencies on scrolled band. All in colour, on white wove double lined border. Size 350 by 74 millimetres. Typographed.

54 3 pf = 2 farthings, green.

55 5 pf = 3 farthings, red-brown.

56 10 pf = $1\frac{1}{2}$ pence, blue.

Notes.—What these were used for it is extremely hard to say. Perhaps they were purchased by the worthy inhabitants for framing as pictures! They were not required for much else we are afraid. Still, Herr Goldner must get rid of them somehow, for in 1880-1 1887, and 1892 he reprinted them both entire, the same size as the originals and as square cut impressions. We meet with them in the original colours, fancy shades, and sometimes, two stamps on one wrapper.

57 3 pf green, size 350 x 74mm,

Wrapper, Reprint 1881.

58 5 pf brown, size 350 x 74 mm, Wrapper, Reprint 1881.

59 10 pf, dark-blue, size 350 x 74 mm, Wrapper, Reprint 1881.

60 3 pf blue, Square Cut, Wrapper, Reprint 1881, Fancy.

61 3 pf red, Square Cut, Wrapper, Reprint 1881, Fancy.

The dies are fearfully worn, the impression being very rough and undefined. The lines in shading of Shield are blurred and confused. Scott and Calman speak of a variety of the official issue of the 3 pf in which the lines of border are closer together than usual. We have never seen it, and catalogue it on their esteemed authority alone.

62 3 pf green, Variety, Wrapper.

63 3 pf green, Square Cut, Wrapper, Reprint 1881.

64 5 pf brown, Square Cut, Wrapper, Reprint 1881.

65 10 pf blue, Square Cut, Wrapper, Reprint 1881.

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I wish to inform all who are readers of "THE STAMP CHRONICLE," that owing to the exigencies of my largely increasing stamp business, I shall be reluctantly compelled to permanently suspend further publication with this number.

It will be no exaggeration to say that the Journal is now in the zenith of its success, but there is no alternative, and subscribers will therefore receive an offer herewith of compensation for such balances as fall due. It has been suggested that the good-will, etc., of the S. C., should be disposed of, but I would rather continue the Journal myself, than let it be conducted on lines opposed to those I have hitherto followed.

Owing to a regrettable error, arrangements were made for Nos. 1 and 2 of Volume 3, hence this somewhat abrupt notice.

The Press and Public will please note that

"THE STAMP COLLECTORS' MANUAL,"
and

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are in the printer's hands, and in actual course of completion. They will be duly issued, and other similar works will follow at the rate of 2 or 3 yearly.

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(Conclusion.)

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1878. Post Cards.

The cards for Heligoland are somewhat perplexing and troublesome to arrange in spite of their small number. Before any *true post* cards were issued, a money-order card seems to have been in use for the convenience of tourists and other visitors; which was issued by either Prussia or the Postmaster of Hamburg. It bore no impressed stamp, and we must confess that we are unable to otherwise give a description, never having seen one. They bore the Arms of Great Britain we believe.

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Card. Black on bluish and on white.

In September 1873 the first actual post card appeared. No stamp, the ordinary $\frac{3}{4}$ sch adhesive of the Third Issue being specially intended for affixing to cards. In fact, nearly all the first issued continental cards were plain, i.e., had no impressed stamp.

The list of varieties of these unstamped cards is as follows:—

67 HELIGOLAND POST OFFICE POST-CARD—POST-KARTE, with Arms of Gt. Britain, Six lines for address, type set. No frame, TO (AN): square for adhesive. Large Sized, black on buff.

68 Same. German inscriptions, four lines for address, type set, no frame, grey card.

69 Same. German inscriptions, four lines for address, type set, no frame, brown card.

70 Same *with frame*, four lines for address, square for adhesive lettered, buff card.

71 Same as No. 70, Arms in oval shield, square for adhesive lettered, buff card.

72 Same as No. 71, no inscription in square for adhesive, grey card.

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In April 1875, an Impressed Card was issued, the size is $5\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The 5 pf = 3 farthings adhesive type is embossed in right upper angle in green on light buff. Inscribed HELIGOLAND POST OFFICE—POST CARD—POST KARTE in two lines. Then follows TO (AN) and four dotted lines for address; at the beginning of third line is IN. Frame like the German 1873 cards. All in black.

74 5 pf, green on light buff. Card.

75 5×5 pf, green on light buff. Card Double or Reply-Paid.

This last was issued on the 1st Sept 1876.

Notes.—These cards, i.e., the impressed ones, have been both forged and reprinted. Goldner has struck entires and square cut; why the latter we cannot say, as there is so much prejudice against cut post card stamps. Anyhow they exist. The various reprints are:—

76 5 pf, green on buff, without frame, square cut, reprint 1881.

77 5 pf, green on buff, with frame, square cut, reprint 1881.

78 5 pf, green on buff, without frame, entire, reprint 1881.

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In conclusion, we have paid all the attention that is possible to our subject. Certainly, none of the labels, etc., which we have described are scarce, at least unused; certainly, no great historical interest attaches to them, but we trust those who peruse the foregoing lines will remember that it is far easier to read and to criticise, than it is to set down and write up such a subject as we have endeavoured to make both interesting and readable, and above all, useful. We hope we have succeeded.

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" 1 florin, blue	1	6	8	6
" 50 kreuzer	1	0	7	6
" First 3 issues (retail 1d. each)	0	3	1	6
" Postcards (<i>Entire</i>), first issue	0	4	2	6
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" 35c brown, rare	0	6	—	—
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BOLIVIA, obsolete, 2 issues	0	8	3	9
" 1894, assorted	0	7	3	3
BOSNIA, a useful quality	0	3	1	4
BULGARIA, a splendid mixture	0	3	1	5
" 15 on 30 stot, provisional	1	0	—	—
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CANADA, Registered, obsolete, will be scarce	0	4	2	4
" 8c grey-blue	0	9	—	—
" $\frac{1}{2}$ c black	0	3	1	0
" assorted	—	—	0	6
CASHMERE, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, black	0	8	4	6
CHILI	0	2	0	9
CEYLON, 5c lilac	—	—	0	7
COLOMBIA, 4 varieties	0	6	3	0
DECCAN, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna	0	4	2	0
DENMARK, 100 ore	0	6	—	—
DUTCH INDIES, assorted	0	4	1	6
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" 5 <i>piastres</i> , cheap,	0	4	1	9
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JAMAICA, Official, 1d	0	4	2	0
JHIND, Service	0	10	—	—
LUXEMBURG, well assorted	0	3	1	0
MALTA, assorted	0	4	3	0
MAURITIUS	0	3	1	0
MEXICO, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10c	—	—	1	6
NEW BRUNSWICK, 5c green, unused	1	6	—	—
NORWAY, mixed, including Provisional... ..	0	2	0	8
NEWFOUNDLAND, ½c unused	0	5	2	3
NEPAUL, 1 anna, blue, <i>scarce</i>	1	9	—	—
ORANGE FREE STATE, assorted	0	4	1	9
PERAK, 1 and 2c (Tiger)	0	10	4	6
PATIALLA, Service	0	6	2	9
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PERSIA, assorted	0	10	5	9
ROUMANIA, obsolete, 3-4 issues	0	3	0	11
„ 1894, assorted	0	4	1	6
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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, assorted	0	5	3	0
„ „ 3 on 32c. <i>Surcharged</i>	1	9	—	—
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„ Columbus, 1c blue	0	4	2	0
„ „ 2c mauve... ..	0	3	1	0
„ „ 6 and 8c	3	6	—	—
„ „ 10c	1	6	—	—
„ „ Envelopes entire	0	9	—	—
URUGUAY... ..	0	7	3	3
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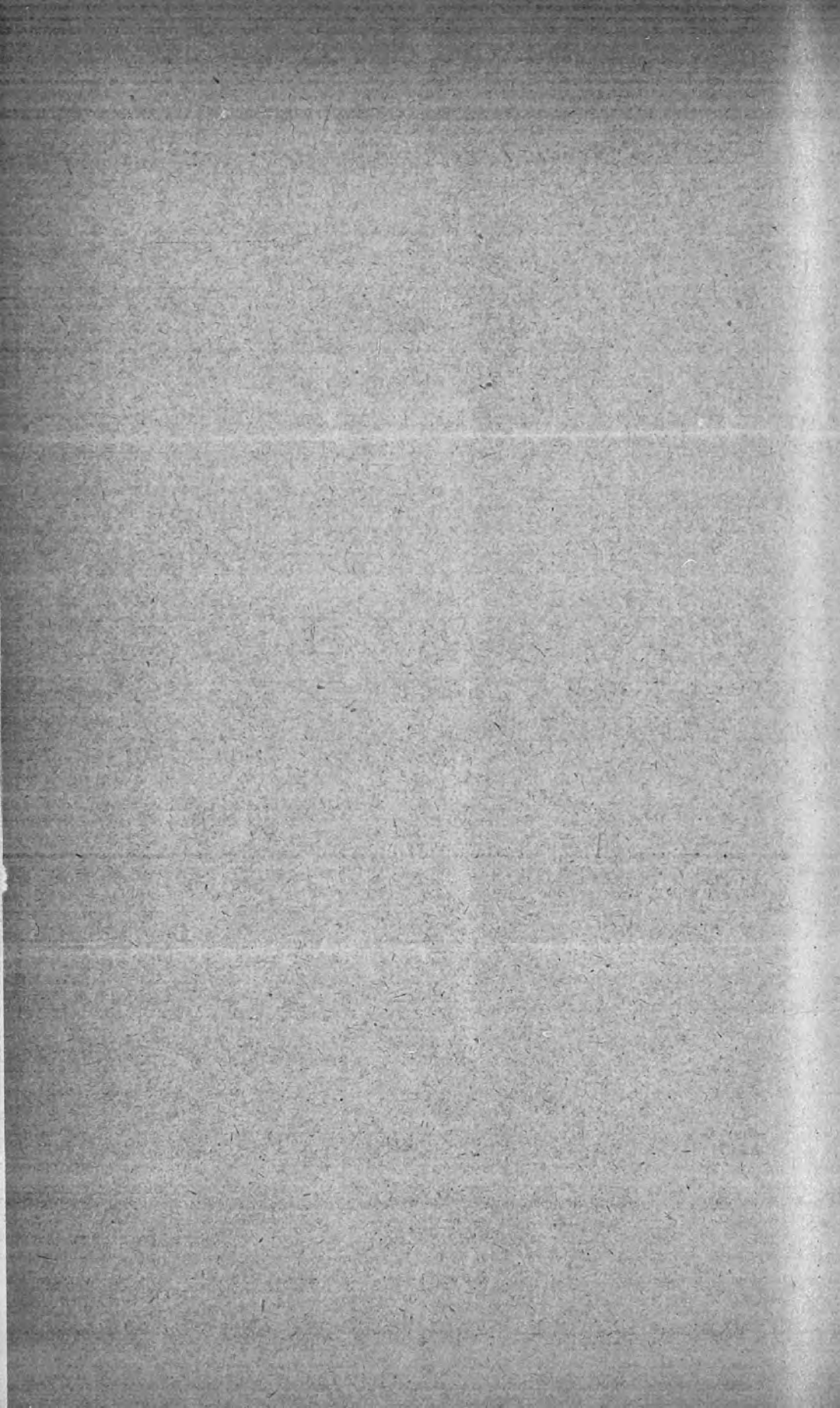
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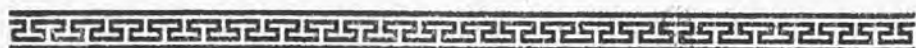
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