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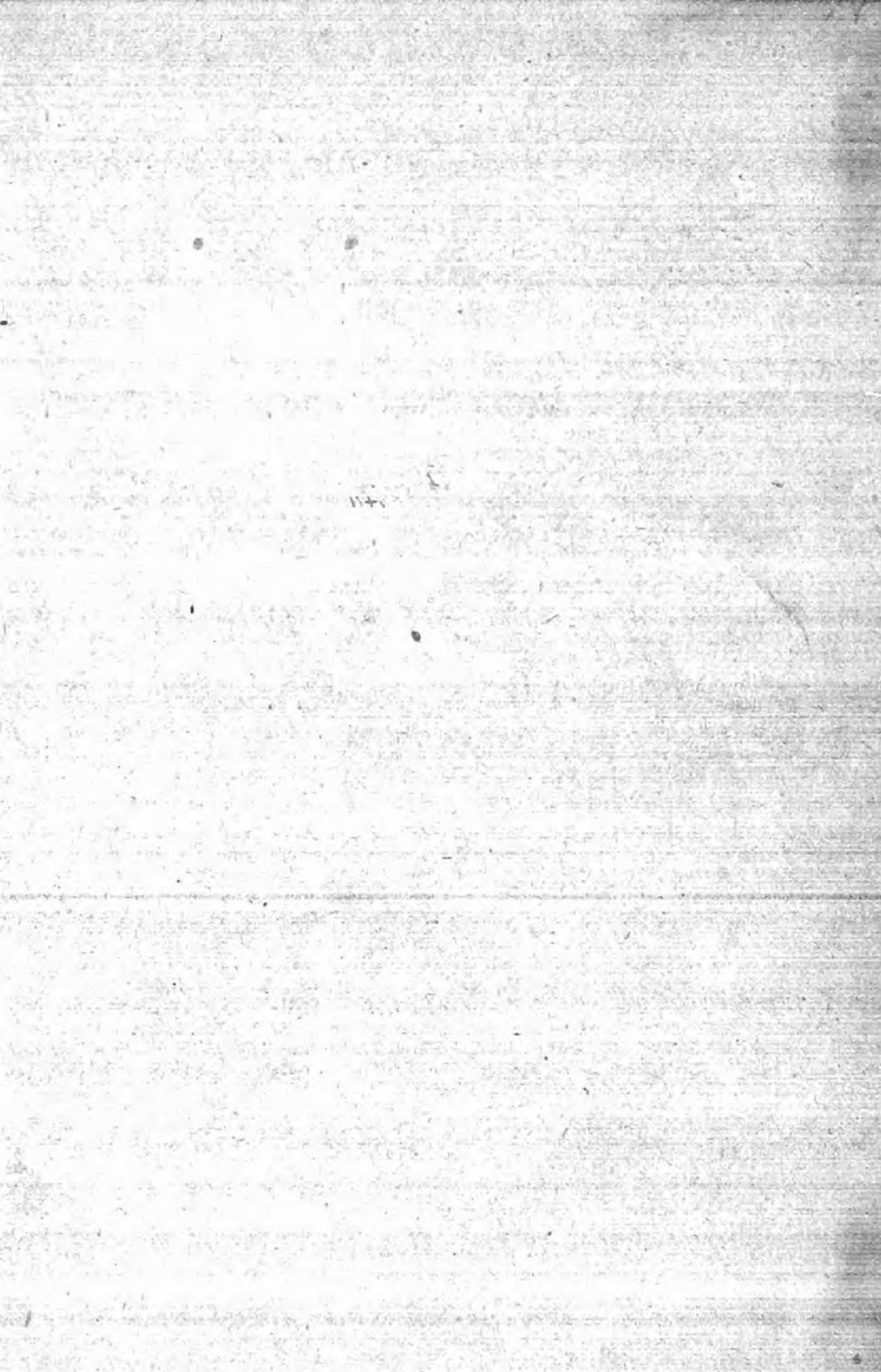
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# GUIDE.



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No. 1.

## POSTAGE STAMP COLLECTING.

### How and What to Collect.

Postage Stamp collecting has become a very popular pastime in the United States, and deservedly so. It numbers among its votaries not only young people who collect these beautiful little curiosities for amusement, but the older ones who gather them for the gratification of a refined taste, and the great amount of instruction they give. Almost any person will, upon examination, choose this from all others as an amusement and pastime for his leisure hours. One will experience so much pleasure in looking over his collection from day to day, and aside from the pleasure it gives, will acquire interesting and useful information from it. A neatly arranged collection presents so much beauty, so much that is curious and instructive, that it seems one could never tire of it.

We deem it our first duty to protest against the pernicious system of collecting called the French School. Neither can we accept the system known as the English School. We condemn them both for a like cause. They include in their collections such an endless number of varieties. They offer a dozen or more kinds of one value of a stamp, by distinguishing between trifling differences in the shade of color, thickness of paper, watermark, etc. They will tell you that a stamp having a perforated edge is entirely different from one having a smooth edge. And so on they go to—eventual suicide. We pronounce the following of such a course superlatively ridiculous and absurd. In this verdict we have good reason to

believe American collectors will support us. The writer of this article in one written two years since first proposed the

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which should discard the complicated method of the other schools, as its distinguishing characteristic. We would secure one stamp of each value—and only one, unless marked by a decided difference in color. We do not consider that the perforation at all affects the character of a stamp, it only being an easier means of separating it from the sheet. We should not notice such minor differences as the error in one letter on the Modena Stamps, and the numberless other trifling differences regarded by our foreign friends our common sense teaches us to disregard. Let us collect one kind of each stamp, the handsomest variety we can select, and not include any others, which will only increase the cost without enhancing the attractiveness of our collections. And for precisely the same reason we would not collect such trash as the Hamburg Local stamps, Revenue Stamps, nor yet our own American Express Stamps. We discard the latter because they really have no legitimate postal character, besides being comparatively unattainable. We have said enough in support of the American School for the present, and it being the only common-sense school, why common-sense teaches its principles.

Our Publishers have in preparation a Stamp Album, which promises to be a very nice thing. It will be suitable for collectors of the American School, and will be ready, we trust for announcement in the next number of the *Guide*.

# The Stamp Collector's Guide.

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## Our Platform.

THE *Stamp Collector's Guide* is conducted editorially, by the writer who first proposed the *American School of Philately*. On the platform of that system of stamp collecting we solicit the support in the way of subscriptions, of American stamp collectors. We shall make it our duty to do all in our power to support and extend the beautiful and instructive pastime, stamp collecting. This we shall do by advocating the system of collecting to be known as the American school, which is a practical, common-sense method. We condemn the ridiculous French and English Schools because they include in their collections such an infinitesimal number of varieties in the way of shades, perforations, watermarks, etc., which makes stamp collecting so complicated as to deter many from choosing it as a pastime. This pernicious system which makes out so many varieties, fills up an album in a way not at all pleasing, and in nowise advantageous, except to the swindling dealer, who makes money from unsuspecting collectors by the sales of *shades*, etc. These he will *make to order* as fast as the money is forthcoming from the deluded fools, who have no idea of the extent of the *chemical laboratory* of the nice firm from whom they buy their *warranted genuine* (!) rarities. Collectors may rest assured that we shall not advise them to collect various effusions having a mock-postal character, for the sake of the profit accruing from their sale. Collectors who collect stamps as an amusing and instructive pastime, we trust, will support the American School, and let the British-French school of Smith, Pemberton, Mahe & Co., severely alone.

## Our Prices.

We import all the foreign stamps for our trade direct from the issuing countries in large invoices, thus getting them at the very lowest prices, enabling us to sell at very low prices. We deal only in strictly government issued stamps, and only in *genuine stamps*. No humbug locals, express stamps or imitations are sold at this establishment. Every order we fill we will warrant to give entire satisfaction. Please notice some of our prices in contrast with prices of other dealers. We sell a full set of the beautiful 1851 Bavaria stamps, uncanceled, at 75 cents. Other dealers charge \$1.25 or \$1.50. We sell a set of ten uncanceled Hamburg stamps at 75 cents, which other dealers get \$1.00 or \$1.25 for. All our sets are equally cheap. Our packets contain many more and rarer stamps for the money, than those of any other dealer. Examine our retail list in comparison with others, and mark the differences in prices. Please give us an order, and we will try and please you.

## OBITUARY.

ALAS, it is too true, that we find few men now-a-days at whose death the world would truly sorrow; but it is with pain and sincere regret that we hear of the death of EDWARD ALLISON CRAIG, late of San Francisco, formerly of St. John's, New Brunswick. He was an honest and upright man, and one whom all that knew, honored and respected. Ill health was the cause of his removing from his native place to California. His sufferings were great, and his death was a heaven-sent blessing to his weary soul. He was well known and popular as a stamp merchant.

☞ We want all kinds of U. S. Stamps of old issues in any quantities. Also, the high values of the late issues, both adhesive stamps and envelope stamps. Also stamps of the late Confederate States, and all others, particularly rare ones. For any of these we will give good prices in exchange for foreign stamps.

☞ In the next number of the *Guide* we shall commence several new and valuable departments for our readers. A TABLE BY WHICH ONE CAN FIND OUT THE NATIONALITY OF DOUBTFUL STAMPS,—ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS,—HOW TO DETECT COUNTERFEITS, and much other matter to aid collectors. Send in your favors early, so as to be sure of No. 2.

**Packets of Stamps.**

- No. 1. The Beginner's Packet, contains 50 stamps of the more common kinds, such as Austria, French, English, etc. Price . . . . .25c.
- No. 2. Contains 25 stamps of rarer kinds, such as Baden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, etc. Price . . . . .50c.
- No. 3. Contains 25 splendid rare uncanceled stamps. A very fine and cheap packet. Price . . . . . \$1
- No. 4. "Our popular packet" contains 35 splendid rare stamps, including a set of the rare Swiss Rayons. There are stamps in this packet worth 15c. each. Price . . . \$2
- No. 5. "Our best packet." This packet we are selling in great numbers to those who can afford to buy them. It contains 50 rare uncanceled foreign stamps, 3 complete sets and miscellaneous varieties. It is a splendid addition to a collection. Price \$5

**SPECIAL NOTICE!**

We wish to make the subscription list of the *Guide* large before we issue the next number, and therefore make our friends a liberal offer. Every person sending us an order for stamps amounting to \$1 or over, shall receive the *Guide* a year, free.

**Price List of Sets.**

- BAVARIA—Complete set of the old 1851 issue—1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 kreutzers, all uncanceled. Price only 75c.
- HAMBURG—A full set of 10 splendid uncanceled specimens. 75c.
- BREMEN—A complete set of these neat stamps.—6 uncanceled, only 35c.
- PRUSSIA—Full uncanceled set, 1867 issue, for only 20c. Full set uncanceled, old issue, price 25c.
- HOLSTEIN—Complete set of these handsome stamps, uncanceled, 25c.
- SCHLESWIG—Full uncanceled set, 25c.
- BRUNSWICK—The set of six uncanceled, only 10c.
- LUBECK—Set of three rare uncanceled varieties, 15c.
- SWISS—The set of 3 rare old Swiss Rayons, for only 20c.

We consider the best and cheapest way for collectors to buy stamps is in sets, like the above. Where a number are ordered at one time, we will give extra good bargains, as it saves us time where orders are large. We offer

**PACKETS OF SETS**

- No. 1 containing 6 splendid complete sets for \$1.  
No. 2 containing all the sets in the above list, 9 beautiful collections. Price \$2.50.

**Clubs.**

Any collector getting two subscribers for the *Guide* can have his own copy free. Any collector getting up a club of ten will receive our Packet No. 3. To the person sending us the largest club before January 1st, we shall give \$10.00 worth of rare uncanceled sets. To every one competing for this we shall give a fine prize according to the size of the club raised, and the largest club will receive the \$10 prize.

**Rare Sets.**

We have just received per last steamer from Europe, a large invoice of uncanceled sets of the rare Italian stamps, which we shall sell at the following very low prices :

NAPLES—Full set of the old issue, embossed head. 9 stamps. A very handsome set. Price 75c.

ITALY—Old issue, embossed head. Complete set, beautiful uncanceled specimens. Price 75c.

ROMAGNA—The full set of 9 of these neat stamps. Price 60c.

SICILY—The complete set of these rare stamps. Price only 75c.

**Our Best Packet.**

We call particular attention to our packet No. 5. It is a splendid packet of rarities, and will suit every purchaser. It is well worth \$10 at general list prices.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**

A FEW short Advertisements will be inserted in this column at 50 cents per line.

 THE AMERICAN STAMP CO.,  
MERIDEN, CONN.,

Importers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Publishers of

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE.

# PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN STAMPS.

*Where more than one stamp is described in one line, the price is for each.  
Every stamp we sell is warranted genuine.*

<p>AUSTRIA—old issue, 1, 2, 3, 6, 9 kr. - - - 2              new " " " " - - - 1          AUSTRALIA—1, 2d. - - - 3          BAVARIA—old issue, 1, 3, 6, 9, kr. - - - 2                      12, 18, kr. - - - 5              new issue, 1, 3, 6, 9, kr. - - - 1          BREMEN—full set uncanceled, - - - 35          BRUNSWICK—1, 2, 3 kr. uncanceled, - - - 2          BELGIUM—10c. black, rare - - - 8          CANADA—12½c., rare - - - 5          CONFEDERATE STATES—10, 20c. - - - 2                      2c. green, very rare— 1.00          EGYPT—official's red, blue, white, - - - 8          ENGLAND—1, 2, 6, 12d. - - - 3          FRANCE—5, 10, 20, 40, 80c. - - - 1          GREECE—1, 2 lep. - - - 3          HOLLAND—old 5, 10c. - - - 3              new 5, 10c. - - - 3          ITALY—15, 20, 40c - - - 1          INDIA—1, 2, 8 annas - - - 2              8 pies, - - - 2          LUBECK—½, 1¼, 1½, - - - 5          LUXEMBURG—1, 2c. - - - 3          NEWFOUNDLAND—1c. - - - 2          NOVA SCOTIA—1, 2, 5c. - - - 3          NEW BRUNSWICK—5c. - - - 4          NEW ZEALAND—6d. - - - 4          NEW SOUTH WALES—1, 2, 6d. - - - 3          PRUSSIA—full set, old issue, uncanceled, - 25              "    new " " - - - 20          QUEENSLAND—1, 2d. - - - 2          RUSSIA—1k. - - - 2          SPAIN—old 1851 black, rare - - - 10              "    4, 6c. rare - - - 2          SERBIA—1, 2h, uncanceled - - - 5          SWITZERLAND—rare old rayons, I, II, III, - 6          SARAWACK—3d. uncanceled, rare - - - 12          SHANGHAI—1 cand., rare - - - 15          SANDWICH ISLANDS—2, 5c. - - - 5          TASMANIA—2, 4d. - - - 4          VENETIA—5, 10, 10c, - - - 5          VICTORIA—old, 2d. brown, Queen, rare - 8              "    1, 2, 3, 4, 6d. - - - 2              new 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d. - - - 1              "    2 shillings - - - 8          UNITED STATES—old 5c. "Post Office," rare 5              "    1, 3c. - - - 1</p>	<p>UNITED STATES—old, 5, 10, 12, 24, - - - 2              "    15, 30c. - - - 2              new 6, 10, 12c. - - - 1              "    15, 30c. - - - 2</p> <p>For those who wish to make large and fine additions to their collections at once, we offer a packet containing one or more stamps from every country in the above list, cancelled, but all in good condition. Price \$2. The same assortment all beautiful uncanceled specimens, \$3.50.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Packets for Dealers.</b></p> <p>To stamp dealers or those who desire to enter the business, we will give our best terms. We make up fine assorted packets of good saleable stamps, and with every packet we send a lot of small envelopes for packets, with the dealer's name printed on them, and also a lot of business cards, all printed with name and address as a dealer.</p> <p>No. 1. contains 200 stamps, both common and rare varieties. Several unused sets. Selling prices marked on all. Will retail for about \$10. Price, with the envelopes and cards, \$5.</p> <p>No. 2. contains 500 stamps, a beautiful assortment of both common and rare varieties. Used, unused, old and new issues, splendid sets, etc. A large quantity of packet envelopes, cards and circulars. Price \$10.</p> <p>Starting dealers buying packet No. 1, will have their advertisement inserted in the <i>Guide</i> free one time. Buyers of No. 2 will have a free advertisement three times.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to send us Money.</b></p> <p>Always send large amounts in Registered letters. We take postage or revenue stamps in any amount in payment for stamps. Always state plainly what stamps you desire and give your address distinctly. Seal your letter carefully, and address it plainly to</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMERICAN STAMP CO.,</b>          MERIDEN, CONN.</p>
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# The Stamp Collector's GUIDE.



Vol. I.

MERIDEN, CONN., JAN., 1871.

No. 2.

## Suggestions on Mounting Stamps in an Album.

The use of the word *mounting* in our title at once implies that we do not countenance sticking or pasting stamps onto the pages. First—because stamps thus affixed cannot be removed without dampening, which injures their color and the appearance of an album. Second—a collector is continually desiring to remove varieties for the purpose of substituting better specimens, and often stamps are mounted in wrong places and must be changed. Now a collection properly mounted renders all these changes etc., easy. We have studied the subject considerably and have finally struck what we think a perfect method of mounting stamps.

FIG. 1.

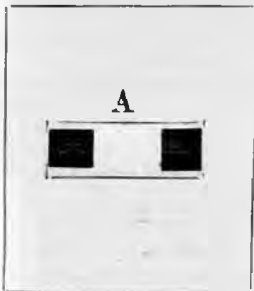
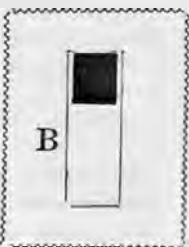


Fig. 1 represents the space upon which the stamp is to be mounted. A is a strip of paper placed across the space and is pasted at each end, leaving the center up loose from the page. The strip must be a little shorter than the width of the stamp so the ends will not show.

FIG. 2.

Fig. 2. represents the back of the stamp to be mounted. B is a strip of stiff paper, one end pasted as represented black, the other end left loose. Tuck the loose end of slip B through the space in A and the stamp is firmly and neatly mounted, and can be removed at pleasure. Try this method and see if stamps do not look better than mounted in any other manner.



## Table For Finding The Nationality of Stamps.

[On account of limited space this month these tables are abridged; only presenting such as we think most generally needed. They will be made complete next month.]

### A.—FOREIGN NAMES OF COUNTRIES TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH.

BAYERN, Bavaria.  
 BRAUNSCHEWIG, Brunswick.  
 CHILE, Chili.  
 E A A, Greece.  
 EMPIRE FRANCO, France.  
 ESPANA, Spain.  
 ESTENSI, Modena.  
 HELVETIA, Switzerland.  
 ITALIANE ITALIANO, Italy.  
 NEDERLAND, Holland.  
 NORGE, Norway.  
 PARMENSI, Parma.  
 PREUSSEN, Prussia.  
 ROMANA, Roumania.  
 ROMAGNE, Romagna.  
 SACHSEN, Saxony.  
 SICILIA, Sicily.  
 THURN UND TAXIS, Germany.

### B.—THE MONEY OF COUNTRIES NAMED ON THEIR STAMPS.

ANNA, India.  
 BAI OR BAJ, Rome and Romagna.  
 CENTES, Austrian Italy (or Venetia.)  
 CENTIMES, France and her Colonies, Belgium, Luxemburg.  
 G., GR., GRA., (GRANA,) Sicily, Naples.  
 GROTE, Bremen.  
 GROSCHEN., GUTEN GROSCHEN, Brunswick, Hannover.  
 HAPA, Servia.  
 KOP. (KOFECK,) Russia, Poland, Finland.  
 KRETTZER OR KR, Austria, Bavaria, Baden, Germany.  
 NEU GROSCHEN, Saxony.  
 PARA, Egypt, Turkey, Danubian Principalities.  
 PENNY., PENCE, England and her possessions.  
 SKILLING., SKILL., S. Norway, Denmark.  
 [To be Continued.]



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## The American School.

As our readers are aware the *Guide* is an organ of the American school of Stamp Collectors. By *school* our younger readers will understand we mean *system*. We honestly think and believe postage stamp collecting to be the very best pastime for any person's leisure hours. Why we believe so we have before set forth. It gives the greatest satisfaction and pleasure for the time being, and more real profit in the end than any other. Foreign Journals devoted to the subject all have their particular systems of collecting which they support. There are the English and the French Schools. The latter is a very complicated method which few are able to adopt on account of its expensiveness. It advises the collection of so many different varieties, in the way of watermarks, shades of color, perforations and *cetera*. The English School is simply a slightly modified form of the French. It does not collect quite so many varieties. The American School advises collectors to gather only such stamps as have a legitimate postal character, being strictly governmental issues, and only *one* variety of each stamp. That is, it does not believe in the collecting of several varieties of one stamp because one may be printed on a little thicker paper than another; or because one may have a perforated edge and another not; or because the watermark in the paper of one stamp slightly differs from another. Much pleasure arises from stamp collecting when one will confine himself to the limits which the American School prescribes, for it is not a difficult matter to obtain a fine and satisfactory collection, but if the wild vagaries of the French School are indulged in, a complete collection is never obtained, and collecting is often thrown up with disgust.

Scott's weekly stamp *Journal* is dead. Ditto Trifets. Too bad.

## COUNTERFEIT STAMPS.

The stamp business, like every other, has its pests. Certain rascals calling themselves stamp dealers are extensively swindling collectors with counterfeit and fictitious stamps. They offer their trash at low prices, and *varrant it genuine*, thus deceiving many into sending them orders. We have many complaints of them from our readers. Some have sent them money and never received any return, while those who have received anything are no better off, for their miserable imitations are worthless and a disgrace to an album. Some of our friends have kindly sent us specimens of some of these frauds, which we will describe in comparison with the genuine, which will enable collectors to detect them at sight. We commence our list with

### BRUNSWICK 4-4ths. Groschen.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT.
Is printed in black ink, on dark brown paper.	Is printed in <i>brown</i> ink on <i>white</i> paper.

### SANDWICH ISLANDS 2 cents. 1862 issue.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
Is printed in light red or rose ink. After the word "ELUA KENETA" is a period.	Printed in several colors,—green, blue, red, etc. No period after "ELUA KENETA."

### Five cents 1865 issue.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
Printed in blue ink on bluish paper. The 7s in Cts are same size. The face is shaded all over.	Printed in several colors,—green, blue, red, etc. The 7 is smaller than the 6 in Cts. Half the face is shaded.

### QUEENSLAND 1 Penny Red.

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
A fine line runs round the stamp just outside the engraving. The face is clear and looks natural.	No line round the stamp. The face looks blotched and unnatural. The right cheek and eyes are dark.

This list will be continued every month, and we invite collectors to aid us by sending specimens of any counterfeits they may have, with all information in regard to where they received them from, etc. They will be returned if desired, after examination.

## Take Notice.

We shall mail a few thousand copies of this number of the *Guide* free to our old customers who have not yet subscribed. We intend to make our *Journal* just such a one as will be liked and needed by collectors, and we trust all our friends will subscribe.

## Beware!

The certain rascals and pests alluded to in another column as swindling stamp dealers, are mostly situated in Boston, but some are operating in other cities. Beware of them and send them no money unless you have it to throw away.

**POSTAL CURIOSITY.**

We give below a copy of an interesting little postal curiosity, which may interest those of our readers who have not seen it in use. In the large

**THIS LETTER**  
Was found in the  
New Haven Post-Office  
NOT STAMPED.  
**THE YOUNG MEN'S**  
Christian Association,  
OF NEW HAVEN, CT.  
Whose motto is,—  
("As we have there-  
fore opportunity, let  
us do good unto all  
men.") have paid  
the postage. Any rem-  
ittance from you,  
for our work, would  
be very acceptable.  
Y. M. C. A., Box 326.

cities where there are branches of the Association, the Post-office is carefully watched, and every letter which is found in the boxes not stamped is stamped by them, and one of these labels attached. The idea embodied in this system is certainly very cute, and in the course of a year brings many contributions into the society's treasury. Important letters are often thoughtlessly dropped into

the office, unstamped, and this act of the Association in forwarding them of course places it in a favorable light in the minds of the recipients, and the solicitation for a remittance comes to the mind at the right moment. We should not be surprised to see the idea adopted as a means of advertising by business houses.

**The Franklin Stamp Album.**

We have before us an advance copy of this neat and excellent album. Its outside of course first meets our eye and we may add, pleases it. The copy before us is in a roan binding and neater work of the kind we never saw. The materials used are rich dark shades and contrast beautifully with the chaste gilt back. Opening the book we pause a moment to admire the neatness of the title page, which reflects credit on the printers. The pages, instead of being ruled like most albums are blank, and a new method introduced for affixing the stamps in straight lines and uniformly. A loose sheet of card paper printed in squares with heavy rules, is placed under the leaf and the lines showing through, guide the collector in affixing his specimens. The stamps look very much better on blank pages than on ruled ones. The paper is a fine laid white. The names of the countries for the headings are beautifully printed in a rich shade of crimson like the title page. The album is named after Benjamin Franklin the pioneer of the Postal system in the United States, and whose portrait figures on our first issued stamp, the Five Cent "Post Office," brown, issued in 1847. We never yet saw an album, in which a page filled with stamps, looked as handsome as on pages like these in the Franklin.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

[We receive many letters of inquiry from our readers, and those questions which are of general interest we shall answer in this column. Also business letters containing no stamp for reply will be answered here.]

*C. F. M.*—Asks how to pronounce the word Philately. We have always pronounced it Philat-e-ly, only lightly sounding the e. This is certainly the correct way. However, we know of one gentleman self-considered well-up in stamp matters, who says Phil-a-tel-y.

*Frank C.*—Wants to know how many stamp collectors there are in the United States? It is impossible to form a correct estimate, but we should say, judging from information obtained in various ways, about 12,000.

*Dr. M.*—Will please accept thanks for the information and the specimens of some new counterfeit stamps, which he sends.

*Fannie S.*—*Nederland* is Holland. Braunschweig is Brunswick. 2. The dealer (!) you ask about is not reliable.

*Charlie G. P.*—This correspondent has fallen into an error which we find quite prevalent among young collectors. It is that all stamps found uncanceled are counterfeits. On the contrary, most counterfeits are cancelled, as some of the defects are often thus hidden. Foreign stamps are procured by large stamp dealers direct from the issuing countries through agents in those countries, and thus unused as well as used stamps are obtained.

*Publisher.*—We mailed you our first number, but have not yet received exchange. We send you this number which is the last that will be mailed you unless acknowledged.

Our readers will notice the advertisement of Messrs. Kelsey & Co. of this city. We are well acquainted with them, and can recommend them and their goods to our friends.

**ADVERTISEMENTS****THE FRANKLIN STAMP ALBUM.**

The very handsomest, and in every way the best stamp album ever published. Will hold over 3000 stamps. Bound in handsome roan style, gilt back, sprinkled edges, price \$1.75, by mail post-paid \$2. A finer edition in elegant morocco binding, gilt back and edges, price \$2.75, by mail \$3. Address the Publishers, American Stamp Co., Meriden, Conn.

**COINS, MEDALS, MEDALETTES,**

Tokens, etc. An immense stock at lowest prices. Also, the same bought or exchanged. Address, Chas. K. Warner, 326, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

**CURIOSITIES! CURIOSITIES!**

**SNAKES EGGS.** Greatest chemical curiosity ever produced, only as large as a pea. Light the end of one, and a squirming snake several feet long gradually appears as natural as life. Only 25 cents per box by mail. Kelsey & Co., Meriden, Conn.

**Price List of Foreign Postage Stamps.**

Where more than one stamp is named in a line the price is for each. Every stamp we sell is warranted genuine. Every order less than \$1 must contain 3c stamp for postage.

AUSTRIA—old issue, 2, 3, 6, 9 kr. - - - -	2
new " " " " - - - -	1
BAVARIA—old issue, 1, 3, 6, 9, kr. uncanceled,	8
12, 18, kr. " - - - -	15
new issue, 1, 3, 6, 9, kr. - - - -	1
BRUNSWICK—1, 2, 3 kr. uncanceled, - - - -	2
BREMEN—2, 5, 7g, unused, - - - -	6
" 10g, 5 s. g. " - - - -	10
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, 1, 4, 6d. - - - -	2
CANADA—1, 2, 3, 6c, - - - -	2
CONFEDERATE STATES—10, 20c. - - - -	2
2c. green, very rare - - - -	1.00
EGYPT—official's red, blue, white, - - - -	8
ENGLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 6, 12d. - - - -	2
FRANCE—5, 10, 20, 40, 80c. - - - -	1
GREECE—1, 2 lep. - - - -	3
HAMBURG, $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, unused, - - - -	2
" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, " - - - -	4
" 3, 4s, - - - -	7
" full unused set, - - - -	50
HOLLAND—old 5, 10c. - - - -	3
new 5, 10c. - - - -	3
INDIA—1, 2, 8 annas - - - -	2
LUBECK— $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - - - -	5
LUXEMBURG—1, 2c. - - - -	2
NEWFOUNDLAND—1c. - - - -	2
NOVA SCOTIA—5c. - - - -	3
NEW BRUNSWICK—5c. - - - -	1
NEW ZEALAND—6d. - - - -	4
NEW SOUTH WALES—1, 2, 6d. - - - -	2
PRUSSIA—full set, old issue, uncanceled, - - - -	25
" new " " - - - -	20
QUEENSLAND—1, 2d. - - - -	2
SWEDEN, 12 ore, blue, - - - -	3
SERVIA—1, 2h, uncanceled - - - -	3
SWITZERLAND—rare old rayons, I, II, III, - - - -	6
SARAWAK—3c. uncanceled, rare - - - -	10
SHANGHAI—1 cand., rare - - - -	15
SANDWICH ISLANDS—2, 5c. - - - -	5
TASMANIA—2, 4d. - - - -	4
VICTORIA—old, 2d. brown, Queen, rare - - - -	8
" 1, 2, 4, 6d. - - - -	2
new 1, 2, 4, 6d. - - - -	1
" 2 shillings - - - -	8
UNITED STATES—old 5c. "Post Office," rare - - - -	5
" 1, 3c. - - - -	1
UNITED STATES—old, 5, 10, 12, 24, - - - -	2
" 15, 30c. - - - -	2
new 6, 10, 12c. - - - -	1
" 15, 30c. - - - -	2

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# GUIDE.



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## Table For Finding The Nationality of Stamps.

### A.—FOREIGN NAMES OF COUNTRIES TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH.

BAYERN, Bavaria.  
 BRAUNSCHWEIG, Brunswick.  
 BASEL, Basle.  
 CHILE, Chili.  
 COLONIES DE L'EMPIRE FRANÇAIS, French Colonies.  
 CONFED. GRENADINA, New Grenada, (Confederation.)  
 CONFED. ARGENTINA, Argentine Confederation.  
 EA A, Greece.  
 EMPIRE FRANÇ, France.  
 ESPAÑA, Spain.  
 ESTENSI, Modena.  
 E. E. U. U. DE VENEZ<sup>A</sup>, United States of Venezuela.  
 ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NUEVA GRANADA, United States of New Grenada.  
 E. U. DE COLOMBIA, United States of Colombia (or New Grenada).  
 FRANKFURT, Frankfurt.  
 GENEVE, Geneva.  
 HANNOVER, Hanover.  
 HELVETIA, Switzerland.  
 ITALIANE or ITALIANO, Italy.  
 IONIKON KPATOΣ, Ionian Island.  
 LUEBECK, Lubeck.  
 MEJICO, Mexico.  
 MODONESI, Modena.  
 NEDERLAND, Holland.  
 NORGE, Norway.  
 NAPOLETANA, Naples.  
 NEDERL INDIE, Dutch Indies.  
 NLE CALEDONIE, New Caledonia.  
 NOV. CAMB. AUST., New South Wales.  
 NORGE, Norway.  
 PARMENSI, Parma.  
 PREUSSEN, Prussia.  
 ROMANA, Roumania.  
 ROMAGNE, Romagna.  
 REPUBLICA ARGENTINI, Argentine Republic.

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL, Uruguay.  
 REPUB. FRANÇ., French Republic.  
 S. P. B., St. Petersburg.  
 SVERIGE, Sweden.  
 SACHSEN, Saxony.  
 SICILIA, Sicily.  
 THURN UND TAXIS, Germany.  
 TOSCANO, Tuscany.  
 U. S., United States.  
 VENEZOLANA, Venezuela.  
 WARZAWSKA, Warsaw.  
 WENDENSCHEN KREISEN, Livonia.

### B.—THE MONEY OF COUNTRIES NAMED ON THEIR STAMPS.

ANNA, India.  
 BANI, Wallachia.  
 BAI OR BAJ, Rome and Romagna.  
 CENTES, Austrian Italy (or Venetia.)  
 CENTIMES, France and her Colonies, Belgium, Luxemburg.  
 C., CENT., CENTES., CENTESIMOS.—Sardinia, Italy, Parma, Modena, Tuscany, Lombardy, Venetia, Switzerland, Monte Video, (or Uruguay), Cuba, Mexico.  
 C., CTS., CENT., CENTS., CENTIMES.—France and her colonies, Belgium, Holland, Dutch Guiana, Dutch Indies, Luxemburg, Switzerland, Swiss Cantons.  
 C., CT., (CENT., or CENTS.—United States, Confederate States, Liberia, Sandwich Islands, British Guiana, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Hong Kong, Newfoundland, Danish West Indies, Sarawak.  
 G., GR., GRA., (GRANA,) Sicily, Naples.  
 GROTE, Bremen.  
 GROSCHEN., GUTEN GROSCHEN, Brunswick, Hanover.  
 HAPA, Servia.  
 KOP. (KOPECK,) Russia, Poland, Finland.  
 KREUTZER or KR, Austria, Bavaria, Baden, Germany.  
 NEU GROSCHEN, Saxony.  
 PARA, Egypt, Turkey, Danubian Principalities.  
 PENNY., PENCE, England and her possessions.  
 SKILLING., SKILL., S. Norway, Denmark.

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## Common Sense.

An esteemed correspondent, who usually has very sensible and correct ideas in regard to stamp matters, says in a late favor, "the stamp business is not a thing to be measured by the rules of common sense." In this case, we must differ with him. We say it can be and is to be, at least by the editor of this journal, if by no others. If all other philatelic writers choose to uphold a non-sensical system of collecting, let them go on in their suicidal course. The *Guide* asks no favors of them. We stand upon our own merits, and we are content to paddle our own canoe. We do not advise collectors to gather the innumerable number of varieties included in the collection of a French or English collector, for the reason before set forth. 1st.—owing to the expensiveness of the plan. 2d.—because such a collection does not possess half the interest to the casual observer, to whom a collection is often shown. 3d.—The great objection that a collection can never be made as nearly complete or satisfactory, if the French course is followed.

We would draw a hard-and-fast line at the design of the stamp, and never go beyond it. Perforations, watermarks and qualities of paper, shades of color, silk threads, etc., should not be allowed to constitute separate varieties. Envelopes we would not collect whole, because we do not think that beyond the stamp itself there is anything sufficiently interesting to repay the extra trouble and expense incurred in securing them, and preparing for them a proper receptacle.

We are of the radical American school because we believe it the common sense one. We see no sense in making distinctions between the large lettered and small lettered English stamps; the white and slightly tinted papers like the India 8 annas on white and blue tinted paper. We make a distinction only in such decided differences as the Holland 1c stamp, first issued in black, afterward in green; the English 1d black and red and other such positive variations.

## A Favor.

We want to ask a favor of every one of our subscribers. We want you to show the *Guide* to your friends and try to have them subscribe. The more subscribers we have, the better we shall be able to make the paper. To induce you to get up clubs we will give you ten cents' worth of stamps (order from price list) for every name you get. Please try to help your paper, for the *Guide* is essentially *your* paper. Every subscriber who has twenty-five cents invested for a subscription is in the nature of things a stockholder or part owner. Do your duty to *your* paper.

## Ink Drops.

WEEKLY stamp journals don't pay.  
 LOTS of philatelic weeds about the country.  
 STAMP auctions! sounds big.  
 LOTS of country boys deal (?) in stamps, but it don't seem to last long.  
 THE late government stamped envelope contract is a fraud.  
 THE old Nesbitt stamped envelopes were handsome.  
 THE Reay envelopes are homely.  
 THE circulation of the *Guide* is already over 500.

## Personalities.

BROWN is a regular old fogey.  
 SCOTT says Phil-a-tel-y.  
 TRIFET is *wifful* homely.  
 TAYLOR is handsome but deceitful.  
 LYFORD sells *fish and stamps*. Hgw's that for a "happy combination."

OLD FOGY BROWN casts a slur on the *American School* in the *Kabinet*. Hear him! He says: "They make no distinction between a poor and a good specimen. \* \* \* The number of poor collections filled with dirty stamps in a sickly looking album, which the collector is soon glad to sell for a song, is a fit monument of this school." Now Brother Brown you know that is false. Instead of setting up a small school-boy as a representative "American collector," why do you not point to one of the true representatives, who have as fine collections as can be found in Europe.

**COUNTERFEIT STAMPS.**

Our article in last month's paper on this subject has brought in an avalanche of testimony against those dealers who we condemned. Several correspondents desire us to give the names of the dealers in counterfeits. This we dislike to do for various reasons, but we give descriptions of their goods so that any collector who receives them may detect them and thus know them. Of course, no collector will send a second time to such dealers. A collection of such trash is worthless, and if the owner should ever desire to sell it he would find it impossible to do so.

Dealers in counterfeits, sell them principally in packets. However, some of them offer a list of "cheap sets." In these lists they offer "Pacific Steam Nav. Co.—set of eight—15 cts." A genuine set of those stamps cannot be bought for less than \$8 or \$10. They offer also, "Hamburg Locals—set of 116—25 cts." The genuine cannot be sold for that price. And many other sets they offer at the same astonishingly (?) and ridiculously low prices.

We will describe a few of the great number of specimens before us of the beautiful productions of these nice gentlemen. They are all poor, miserable looking trash compared with genuine specimens, and are only worth the paper they are printed on.

**HAMBURG,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sch.**

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT.
The middle tower of the castle is about same size as the others. Perforated edge.	Middle tower is considerably smaller than the others. Not perforated.

**CEYLON, two-pence.**

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
Dark green. Perforated edge. The round ornaments in the corners in dark squares.	Light green. Not perforated. Corner ornaments are in light squares

**CHILE, 20 centavos.**

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
Dark green ink on greenish paper. Small white dot after "Chile."	Pale green on white paper. No dot after "Chile."

**BRUNSWICK,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pf.**

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
Printed on dark green paper. The crown in center does not touch the horse's neck.	Printed on light green, white and yellow papers. The crown touches the horse's neck.

Any dealer from whom you ever received any of the counterfeits we have described, is not reliable.

A history of the West Town Local stamps from an esteemed correspondent, is held over till next month, for want of space.

**Postage Currency.**

It will be remembered that at the breaking out of the late civil war, gold and silver at once commanded a premium, and consequently it was immediately withdrawn from general circulation. This move left no other fractional currency except postage stamps for public use. At first, stamps were carried loose in pockets and pocket books, and their inconvenience and utter inadaptability to the purpose cannot be appreciated except by those who have had the actual experience of soaking and tearing them off from the sides of their purses and hunting all over their pockets before being able to find them because so small. As soon as possible the government issued a supply of small bills, called postage currency. They consisted of a 5 cent bill bearing a fac-simile of a 5c. stamp, and printed in the same color as the stamp; a 10 cent bill bearing a fac-simile of a 10c. stamp, printed in green like the stamp; a 25c. bill bearing five fac-simile 5c. stamps; a 50 cent bill bearing five fac-simile 10c. stamps. The edges of all the bills were perforated. They bore on their faces only a little beside the fac-similes of the stamps. We have lately been shown beautiful brand-new sets of these bills by our publishers, who have been so fortunate as to buy up a lot which have never been in circulation. We have a set in our collection and they are a handsome and valuable addition. We say to collectors, get at least the 5c and 10c bills, by all means.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

*E. Bernheim.*—We intend to issue the *Guide* about the 15th of each month.

*Willie V. L.*—We only offered to give a stamp with specimen copies. We cannot afford to give a rare stamp with every paper for only 25c. a year. We shall try to make the paper well worth its price.

*Jas. Orlon.*—Hamburg Boten stamps come from Hamburg city, Germany, where they were once issued by local companies to prepay letters carried by them. They are now all obsolete, that is, not used.

*F. H. P.—G. D.—and many others*—complain bitterly of a certain Boston dealer. All we can say is—let your experience teach you to let him alone hereafter.

*A. H.—1.* See answer to *W. V. L.* *2.* The stamp you describe is Cuba new issue. We presume it is genuine. *3.* Correspondence for the editor is gladly received. Will publish anything that is valuable. *4.* Shall make our paper as interesting as possible. All we require is a hearty support. Thanks for your good wishes.

Inhabitants of besieged cities in France employ carrier pigeons to send letters to each other. The Prussians train hawks to watch for and capture these pigeons, and carry them to headquarters.

**PRICE LIST.**

Where more than one stamp is named in a line the price is for each. Every stamp we sell is warranted genuine. Every order must contain 3c stamp for postage.

BELGIUM—1, 2c.	- - - - -	3
CEYLON—1, 2d.	- - - - -	4
CANADA— $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 6c.	- - - - -	1
CONFEDERATE STATES—10, 20c.	- - - - -	2
	2c. green, very rare-	1.00
	5c. large, " "	25
EGYPT—5 para.	- - - - -	3
ENGLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 6, 12d.	- - - - -	1
FRANCE—5, 10, 20, 40, 80c.	- - - - -	1
" Republic—20, 25c.	- - - - -	5
GREECE—1, 2 lep.	- - - - -	3
HAMBURG, $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s,	- - - - -	2
" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s,	- - - - -	3
" 3, 4, 7, 9s,	- - - - -	5
ITALY—1, 2 c.	- - - - -	3
INDIA— $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 8 pics	- - - - -	3
LUXEMBURG—1, 2c.	- - - - -	2
NEWFOUNDLAND—1c.	- - - - -	2
NOVA SCOTIA—1, 2, 5c.	- - - - -	3
NEW BRUNSWICK—5c.	- - - - -	1
PRUSSIA—full set, old issue, uncancelled,	-	20
" new " "	-	25
QUEENSLAND—1, 2d.	- - - - -	2
ROMAN STATES—1, 2, 5 baj.	- - - - -	3
" 2, 10c.	- - - - -	3
SPAIN—4c. 50, 200m.	- - - - -	3
SERVIA—1, 2h, uncancelled	- - - - -	3
SWITZERLAND—rare old rayons, I, II,	- - - - -	6
SHANGHAI—1 cand., rare	- - - - -	15
VICTORIA—old, 2d. brown, Queen, rare	- - - - -	8
" 1, 2, 4, d.	- - - - -	2
new 1, 2, 4, d.	- - - - -	1
UNITED STATES—old 5c. "Post Office," rare	- - - - -	5
" 1, 3c.	- - - - -	1
UNITED STATES—old, 5, 10, 12, 24,	- - - - -	2
" 15, 30c.	- - - - -	2
new 6, 10, 12c.	- - - - -	1
" 15, 30c.	- - - - -	2

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SAXONY,	" 6,	-	10
BRUNSWICK,	" 5,	-	10
SCHLESWIG,	" 6,	-	30
HOLSTEIN,	" 3,	-	15
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN,	" 5,	-	25
HAMBURG,	" 4,	-	15
LUBECK, (old, rare),	" 4,	-	25

**FINE USED SETS.**

ROMAN STATES,	set of 5,	- - -	15 cts.
SPAIN,	" 4,	- - -	10
VICTORIA,	" 10,	- - -	25
HAMBURG,	" 10,	- - -	35
FRENCH REPUBLIC,	" 3,	- - -	15

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**Bear in Mind**

That we warrant all our stamps to be genuine, and that our prices are the lowest for genuine stamps. Our profits are consequently so small that we must require stamps for postage with all orders.

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## Table For Finding The Nationality of Stamps.

B.—(CONTINUED.)

CENTAVOS.—New Granada, Chili, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Mexico, Argentine Confederation and Republic, St. Thomas.

CENT. P<sup>o</sup>. F<sup>o</sup>.—Luzon.

CRAZIA, CRAZIE.—Tuscany.

CS. or CUARTOS.—Cuba, Spain, Luzon.

DINERO.—Peru.

F., FL., FRANC.—France, Switzerland.

ΛΕΠΤΑ (LEPTON, or ΛΕΠΙΑ).—Greece.

LIBRA (1 lb.).—Spain (official.)

LIRA.—Italy, Tuscany, Modena.

ONZA (ounce).—Spain (official.)

ORE.—Sweden.

PE. (piastre).—Egypt.

PEN. (pennia).—Finland.

PESETA.—Peru.

PESO.—Buenos Ayres, New Granada, Costa Rica, Peru.

PFENNIGE, PFENNINGE.—Prussia, Brunswick, Saxony, Hanover

PIES.—India.

QUATTR. (quattrino).—Tuscany.

RAP., RAPPEN.—Switzerland, Swiss Cantons.

REAL PLATA.—Cuba, Luzon.

REIS.—Portugal, Azores, Madeira.

RIGSBANK SKILLING, R. B. S.—Denmark.

RS., REAL, REALES.—Spain, Mexico, Venezuela, Buenos Ayres, Costa Rica, Corrientes, Monte Video, Honduras.

SCH., SCHILLING, SCHILLINGE.—Mecklenburg Schwerin, Mecklenburg Strelitz, Lubeck, Hamburg, Schleswig Holstein, Bergedorf, Heligoland.

SCHILLING crl.—Holstein.

SCHW. (SCHWAB.).—Oldenburg.

SOUDO.—Rome.

S. GR., SILB., GR., SILBERGROSCHEN.—Luxemburg, North Germany (Thurn and Taxis), Brunswick, Oldenburg, Bremen, Prussia.

SHILLING.—Great Britain and British possessions.

SKILL. Bco.—Sweden.

SOLDO, SOLDI.—Austria, Italy, Tuscany.

THALER.—Oldenburg, Hanover.

TORNESZ.—Naples.

## C.—INSCRIPTIONS SIGNIFYING 'POSTAGE'

CERTIFICADO, CERTDO.—Spain.

COBREIO.—Portugal.

CORROS.—Cuba, Spain, Luzon.

CORREOS FRANCO.—Spain.

CORREOS INTERIORE.—Luzon.

FREIMARKE.—Prussia.

FRIMERKE.—Norway.

K. K. POST ZEITUNGS STEMPEL.—Austria.

POSTES.—Luxemburg, Belgium.

POST ZEGEL.—Holland.

UKU LETA.—Sandwich Islands.

## D.—EMBLEMS OR DEVICES ON STAMPS.

BRITANNIA or MINERVA.—Mauritius, Trinidad, Barbadoes.

BULL'S HEAD.—Moldavia.

“ “ AND EAGLE.—Danubian Principalities.

COBNUCOPIA.—Peru.

“ “ CAP OF LIBERTY, AND SHIP IN SHIELD.—New Granada.

CRESCENT AND STAR.—Turkey.

CROSS, in five-sided shield.—Switzerland (federal) French and German Cantons.

Cross in oblong shield.—Neuchatel.

“ in circular shield.—Vaud, Winterthur.

“ in crowned shield.—Tuscany and Modena (provisional).

CROWN, sword and sceptre.—Denmark, Danish West Indies.

DOVE.—Basle.

EAGLE, single-headed.—Modena, Prussia.

“ “ surmounting shield.—New Granada, Ecuador.

EAGLE, single-headed, grasping thunderbolt.—Venezuela.

EAGLE, crowned, holding a serpent.—Mexico.

“ double-headed, crowned.—Austria, Austrian Italy.

“ double-headed, crowned and post horns.—Russia, Poland, St. Petersburg.

“ on globe.—Bolivia.

“ double-headed, crowned, post-horns, and bull's head.—Danubian Principalities.

“ double-headed, without crown.—Schleswig Holstein.

GRIFFINS supporting shield.—Baden.

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## Philately vs. Timbrophyly.

When stamp collecting was in its infancy, its friends, like those of every babe, cast about for a name for the newly born child. It was a promising infant, fast gaining strength and it ought to have a high-sounding name. It was decided that it should be called *Philately*. The word is derived from two Greek words—*Philo*, meaning lover of, and *telos* meaning tax. Thus we get *Philately*, which literally means *tax lover*, or lover of taxes. Yet very few stamp collectors will admit that they are especially fond of taxes, particularly in districts where they are very heavy. But we do love the little labels which represent the taxes, and as a stamp is really a tax we do not see that the simile is any farther fetched than is the case with very many words in the English language.

Later philatelic writers, however, have found fault with this name for stamp collecting and have offered as something which they claim better, the word *Timbrophyly*. It is made up of the French *timbre* meaning stamp and the Greek *phileo*, to love. Thus we get "to love stamps." We will admit that this word is the more strictly proper one by which to designate stamp collecting, but, nevertheless, we never liked the word as well as *philately*. It does not sound as well—is not as easily pronounced, and we do not believe will ever be as popular. *Philately* was first proposed and answers the purpose very well indeed. We are entirely satisfied with it and shall not discard it until its opponents offer a better substitute than *timbrophyly*.

New one, six and eighteen cent stamps are in preparation for the Sandwich Islands. Our advice was dated Jan. 27th, and stated that they would be out in a few weeks from that time. Our correspondent unfortunately omitted to give the design or colors used.

## COUNTERFEIT STAMPS.

Two correspondents have kindly sent us specimens for description in this department this month. Send them along all who have them and they will be examined and then returned. Our readers can thus help their paper and benefit collectors everywhere.

In comparing counterfeit with genuine stamps we usually notice it, if the counterfeit is not perforated and the genuine is, but this is not always a safe guide to judge by, as counterfeits as well as genuine are often issued both perforate and unperforate. All points should be examined before a decision is made.

### GREECE 20 lep. blue.

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT
The eye brow of Mercury is proper length, and shades the whole eye. The corner ornaments are all alike.	The eyebrow is only about two-thirds the length of the eye. The corner ornaments differ slightly—the one in lower left hand corner especially.

### NEW ZEALAND 1 penny red.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
The robe on right shoulder of Queen has ten spots. Perforated edge	That part of robe on the right shoulder only has nine spots. Not perforated.

### LUBECK 1859, 1s. orange.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
The L in LUBECK is smaller than the U. The right eagle has eight long feathers in wing.	The L is same size as U. Only seven feathers in eagle's wing.

### 2½ s. rose, 4 s. green.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
2½—Right eagle's wing has eight long feathers. 4—Right eagle's wing has nine long feathers.	2½—Wing has only seven long feathers. 4—Wing has only seven long feathers.

### SANDWICH ISLANDS 1853 issue, 13c.

GENUINE	COUNTERFEIT
After "United States" is a period. No period after "8 cents." Printed in rose ink.	No period after "United States." There is a period after "8 cents." Printed in red, green, &c.

## READ.

Next month the *Guide* will be *extra good*. If you have not yet subscribed do so *at once* and be sure of the next number. We hope our subscribers will show the paper to their friends, and get them to subscribe.

Among a lot of used Confederate stamps lately received from the South we find a small 10 cent blue, *perforated*. We never before saw or heard of any of the Confederate stamps being thus issued.

**A GENUINE LOCAL.****The West Town Stamps.**

BY JOS. H. D.

The West-town Boarding School is situated on a beautiful farm of six hundred acres, one mile from Street road Station, Pa., on the West Chester and Philadelphia railroad. It is a Friend's (Quaker's) Institution, and none but children of members of that society are allowed to attend it. It was established in 1799. The nearest post office is at Street Road, which is the nearest railroad station. Mails to and from the institution are carried daily, and to pay the expense thus incurred, the students are required to pay two cents for each letter. In 1852, stamps were issued for prepayment of letters sent from the institution. They are a small oblong stamp printed in bronze on white paper. They simply bear the name "West-Town" in center, surrounded by a heavy border. They have been counterfeited by a Boston dealer (I believe.) The imitations are printed on blue, red, green and brownish papers, instead of white. In the corners of the genuine stamps the border is slightly enlarged, which is not the case in the counterfeits. The value of the stamp is two cents. They are in use at the present time and no letter can be forwarded from the institution to the post office unless it bears one of them.

**WHAT OUR FRIENDS SAY.**

One of our many friends in the far West writes,—"Although your journal is not quite as large as some it contains much more information. I send a year's subscription." Another esteemed correspondent says—"I have found The American Stamp Company reliable stamp dealers."

**A Splendid Album.**

The first edition of the Franklin album is entirely exhausted and a greatly improved and revised edition will soon be out. It will be beautiful work, positively the handsomest and best album published.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

*Frank C.*—Malta is an island in the Mediterranean sea, south of Sicily. It is a British possession and English postage stamps are used for all foreign letters. The halfpenny stamp of the island is only used for letters in the island.

*A. A. F.*—The reason our publishers do not issue a full price catalogue is this. When such a catalogue is made out the prices are for various reasons, forced to be higher than when a shorter list is published monthly. On our last page will be a different list each month and the prices will be much lower than in the large catalogues.

*Charlie G. P.*—Do not paste your stamps down firmly in your album, for you will some time regret it. If you don't like the plan given in the *January Guide* (which we think the best) try this method: simply put a little mucilage in each corner of the stamp. Do not use very strong thick mucilage. You can then remove them without much trouble when you desire.

*Geo. M.*—This reader writes that he has gotten a collection of 210 stamps in two months, and they are all mounted in his "Franklin" album in the manner given in *Jan. Guide*. We say good for George. Mount your stamps neatly and above all be careful to keep them *clean*. Don't handle your book with dirty hands. We should like to see George's nice little collection.

*S. S. D.*—Never cut out an envelope stamp close. Leave a margin of paper around the stamp at least an eighth of an inch wide.

*Jas. O.*—The Alsace and Lorraine stamps are issued by the Prussian government for use in the two provinces of these names, which they have conquered in the present war with France.

*F. H. D.*—When a stamp dealer receives an order including one or two kinds he has run out of, it is customary to put in other good stamps to make up the money's worth. That is the reason you sometimes get different stamps from what you order.

**STAMPS WANTED.**

Collectors can, if so disposed, improve their collections at little cost, by hunting up rare stamps, old issues, etc. All United States stamps, such as the 5c. and 10c. POST OFFICE, all high values, such as 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c. stamps and all envelope stamps. Also, the NEW YORK POST OFFICE stamp, black, and the little Express Post stamps which are found on very old letters. Any foreign stamps which are sold as high as 5c. each, but not common ones which sell at 1c. and 2c. Any collector who will hunt up the old stamps on the old letters in the garrets, boxes, drawers, etc., will be able to get a good exchange for them in foreign stamps.

Persons receiving extra copies of *Guide* will confer a favor on the publishers by giving one to some stamp-collecting friend.

## PRICE LIST OF STAMPS.

Every stamp we sell is warranted genuine.

All orders must contain stamps for postage.

ALSACE & LORRAINE, 1c unused	- - - -	2
" " 2c "	- - - -	3
ANTIGUA—1d.	- - - -	3
BELGIUM—1, 2c.	- - - -	3
BRITISH COLUMBIA--2c. unused,	- - - -	6
CEYLON—1d.	- - - -	3
CANADA— $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c.	- - - -	1
CONFEDERATE STATES—5, 10, 20c.	- - - -	2
DENMARK—new 2, 3 s. unused,	- - - -	6
ENGLAND—1, 2, 4, 6, 12d.	- - - -	1
FRANCE Republic—20, 25c.	- - - -	5
" " 1c. unused,	- - - -	3
" " 2c. unused,	- - - -	4
" Colonies, 1c. "	- - - -	3
" " 5c. "	- - - -	5
GREECE—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40 lep.	- - - -	3
HOLLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. unused,	- - - -	2
HAMBURG, $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s,	- - - -	2
" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s,	- - - -	3
" 3, 4, 7, 9s,	- - - -	5
ITALY—1, 10, 15c.	- - - -	1
" old 5, 10, 15, 20c.	- - - -	2
INDIA— $\frac{1}{2}$ a, 8 pies	- - - -	3
LUXEMBURG—1, 2c.	- - - -	2
MECKLENBURG—2, 3, s. g.	- - - -	4
NEW GRANADA, 10c.	- - - -	8
" 1c. unused,	- - - -	5
NEWFOUNDLAND—1c. unused,	- - - -	3
PERU, 1 diner, green,	- - - -	5
PORTUGAL—5 reis, unused,	- - - -	4
" 10 " "	- - - -	6
QUEENSLAND—2d.	- - - -	2
ROMAN STATES—1, 2, 5 baj.	- - - -	3
" 2, 10c.	- - - -	3
ROUMANIA, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 3, 4 bani,	- - - -	3
" 10, 15, 18, "	- - - -	5
SPAIN—4c. 50, 200m.	- - - -	3
SERVIA—1h, uncanceled	- - - -	3
SWITZERLAND—rare old rayon, II,	- - - -	6
SALVADOR, 2 reales,	- - - -	8
SANDWICH ISLANDS, 2, 5c.	- - - -	7
" " old 2c. red, rare,	- - - -	10
" " " 5c. blue "	- - - -	10
" " " 13c. red "	- - - -	15
TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC—1d. unused,	- - - -	6
UNITED STATES—5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24,	- - - -	1
VICTORIA—old, 2d. brown, Queen, rare	- - - -	8
1, 2, 4, d.	- - - -	2

### FINE USED SETS.

ROMAN STATES, set of 5,	- - - -	15 cts.
HAMBURG, " 10,	- - - -	35
ROUMANIA, " 9,	- - - -	35
CANADA Bill Stamps, " 10,	- - - -	15

### A Rare Chance.

We have this month a fine stock of the old issues rare Confederate States stamps, and we offer an extra bargain to collectors who desire to add these rarities to their collections. We offer a packet containing the *large rare 5c.*, the very rare *2c. green*, and the *large rare 10c.*, all for \$1.50. By other dealers this splendid lot is sold for \$2 to \$3. Order at once as we have but few sets.

### POSTAGE STAMP ALBUMS.

Handsome well bound blank books with neat gilt side stamp, and a full set of names of countries.

No. 1. Holds over 1000 stamps. Price \$1.

No. 2. Fine binding, sprinkled edges, holds over 2000 stamps. Price \$2. Address, American Stamp Co., Publishers, Meriden, Conn.

### Handsome sets of unused Stamps

HAMBURG, set of 10,	-	50 cts.
SPAIN, new, " 4,	-	15
ALSACE and LORRAINE, " 3,	-	15
SCHLESWIG, " 6,	-	80
HOLSTEIN, " 3,	-	15
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, " 5,	-	25
LUBECK, (old, rare), " 4,	-	25
PRUSSIA, old issue, " 6,	-	20
" new, " 5,	-	25
OLDENBURG, " 5,	-	25
BERGEBORF, " 5,	-	25
FRENCH REPUBLIC, " 5,	-	35

### PACKETS OF STAMPS.

No. 1. Contains 50 of the more common stamps—English, French, Austria, &c. Price 25 cents.

No. 2. Contains 50 more scarce stamps—Baden, Bavaria, Italy, &c. Price 50 cents.

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## Table For Finding The Nationality of Stamps.

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HORSE, COW, HOUSE AND SCALES, SURMOUNTED BY SUN.—Monte Video (or Uruguay).

KEY.—Bremen.

“ AND HALF EAGLE.—Geneva.

KEYS crossed and tiara.—Roman States.

LIBERTY, profile of.—France (Republic), Corrientes, Buenos Ayres.

“ figure of.—Switzerland, Liberia.

LION AND UNICORN, supporting shield.—Hanover, Wurtemberg.

“ rampant.—Norway, Finland, Luxemburg, Belgium.

“ couchant.—Sweden.

“ supporting shield.—Tuscany.

LIONS AND TOWERS, in shield.—Spain.

“ (three) and staghorns.—Wurtemberg.

LLAMA.—Peru.

MERCURY.—Austria, Greece.

MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE.—Nicaragua, Bolivia.

ORANGE TREE.—Orange States.

POSTHORN and trefoil.—Hanover.

“ under eagle.—Russia, Poland.

“ under or on sides of shield.—Finland.

“ and bull's head.—Moldavia.

“ eagle and bull's head.—Danubian Principalities.

PYRAMID.—Honduras.

“ and Sphinx.—Egypt.

QUEEN ON THRONE.—Victoria.

SEGNATASSE.—Italy.

SHIELD AND CROWN.—Oldenburg, Saxony, Sweden.

“ “ surrounded by collar.—Spain.

SHIP SAILING.—British Guiana, Newfoundland.

STEAMSHIP.—New Brunswick, Pacific Steam Navigation Company, Buenos Ayres, Ecuador, La Guaira, Levant, St. Thomas, United States.

SUN, resplendent.—Monte Video.

“ and cap of liberty.—Argentine Confederation and Republic.

SWAN.—Western Australia.

SWORD, sceptre and crown.—Denmark, Danish West Indies.

TOWN, figure in front.—New South Wales.

TREFOIL AND POSTHORN.—Hanover.

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VIEW OF SEAS AND MOUNTAINS.—Costa Rica.

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A.—BELGIQUE, Belgium

B.—CENTESIME, Italy.

REIS.—St. Thomas and Prince Islands, Angola.

CENTIMES.—Alsace and Lorraine

REALES.—Paraguay.

PENCE.—Fiji Islands.

C.—COMUNICACIONES, Spain.

CORREIO.—St. Thomas and Prince Islands, Angola.

POSTES.—Alsace and Lorraine.

In preparing the above tables we have left out some inscriptions which we did not deem needful to collectors, but we think no important items are omitted.

Next month we shall publish an article entitled “The Stamp Business ; How it is done.” It is quite interesting and will be especially so to those of our readers who have never learned the *modus operandi* of the business.

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## Will It Last?

Is a question doubtless often asked in regard to stamp collecting, and we propose to answer it as we have done before when put to us.

As far back in history as we have knowledge of the customs of men, we find that just such studies and amusements as Philately, or postage-stamp collecting, were favorite hobbies with them. History shows us that all great men have their hobbies: that is, some favorite pastime out of the ordinary routine of daily occupation. Hence, in Rome and Athens, and other ancient cities, are found remains of collections of old coins, fossils, etc., which, without doubt, great men once owned and delighted in studying. And thus, in some manner, do all great minds, aside from the labors of the day, find rest and pleasure.

Stamp collecting first became popular about the year 1861. England has the honor of doing the most for it in its early days, and perhaps originated the idea of making up collections as a pastime, though other countries claim that honor. Very soon the mania, as it was primarily called, extended to our country, and here it was taken hold of as only we Americans do things. It spread like wild-fire, until hardly a village or hamlet in the States was without its stamp collector.

"And has not the 'fever' subsided?" Not at all. To-day Philately is an established institution in the United States. Not only boys are in our ranks, but prominent men and ladies of all classes are numbered with us. Trade in postage stamps forms a regular branch of business, and dealers will tell us to-day that their business was never so good before, and is increasing. Philately has a press of its own, well supported and flourishing. But our country is not the only field showing progression, though it is in the front rank. England and other European countries do as well, and number princes in their body. The whole world is the field, and in every part may be found ardent philatelists riding their favorite hobby—the most popular and wide-spread, beneficial and in every way best pastime extant.

## Interesting Novelties.

Collectors who do not restrict themselves to strictly government-issued stamps, and in fact nearly all collectors, admit the Riga Kaltbad stamp into their collections. Its history is very interesting. On the Riga mountain, in Switzerland, is situated a hotel which is a popular summer resort. It is several miles from the summit of the mountain to the nearest post office, and letters to and from the guests at the hotel are carried daily by the proprietor, who charges fifteen cents for each letter. He has issued a handsome stamp for the pre-payment of this postage, which has been in use several years. Beside the Riga Kaltbad stamp, there are two others of the same class and issued for the same purpose. They are the Rigi Scheideck and Rigi Coulon. They are all very pretty stamps, and their interesting history makes them a desirable acquisition to a collection.

## A Useful Table.

The value on foreign stamps is often given in words, instead of figures, and collectors are frequently puzzled to know how to arrange their stamps. We give below a table of Spanish, German and Italian numbers, translated into English:

SPANISH.		Trenta, . . . . .	30
Medio, . . . . .	1	Queranta, . . . . .	40
Un, . . . . .	2	Sessanta, . . . . .	60
Dos, . . . . .	1	Ottanta, . . . . .	80
Cuatro, . . . . .	4	GERMAN.	
Cinco, . . . . .	4	Ein, . . . . .	1
Seis, . . . . .	6	Zwei, . . . . .	2
Ocho, . . . . .	8	Drei, . . . . .	3
Derz, . . . . .	10	Vier, . . . . .	4
ITALIAN.		Fünf, . . . . .	5
Un, . . . . .	1	Sechs, . . . . .	6
Due, . . . . .	2	Sieben, . . . . .	7
Tre, . . . . .	3	Acht, . . . . .	8
Cinque, . . . . .	5	Nein, . . . . .	9
Dieci, . . . . .	10	Zehn, . . . . .	10
Quindici, . . . . .	15	Zwoelf, . . . . .	12
Venti, . . . . .	20	Achtzehn, . . . . .	18

Bear in mind that each one of the above languages is used on the stamps of various countries.

We know the *Guide* is anxiously looked for monthly, owing to the fact that being late with this number we have received numerous letters from subscribers complaining of non-receipt of paper. We hope not to be so late again.

**Counterfeit Stamps.**

The counterfeiting of stamps proves a very lucrative employment for the spare moments of Mr. No and So of B—. He first took the graver in hand as an amusement, we are told, and is not a professional but an amateur. He can now make imitations that readily deceive young collectors and the sale of them, together with his salary as a reporter for the B— Police papers, gives him a livelihood. We have a large number of counterfeits, which our readers have sent us for examination, which they say they have rec'd from the dealer to whom we refer, or his agents. This gent is the only maker of imitations in this country though there are numerous vendors, but they buy of him mostly. In Europe also, there are several of the nuisances of these stamp trade who steal a livelihood by the sale of trashy imitations of genuine stamps. But leaving the promoters we turn to our usual monthly task of describing a batch of their productions. First we have a very close imitation of the

**HONG KONG 2 Cents.****GENUINE.**

The shading on the face of Queen covers the whole cheek. Printed on a slightly glazed paper.

**COUNTERFEIT.**

The shading on the Queen's face only covers about half the cheek leaving all around nose and mouth white. Printed on plain, not sized, paper.

**CONFEDERATE STATES, large 10 cts.****GENUINE.**

The background of the circle containing the head is almost solid color. The T A in 'States almost touch each other

**COUNTERFEIT.**

The background of circle is composed of white and colored lines. The T A are same distance apart as the other letters.

**NEW SOUTH WALES 2 pence, Sidney.****GENUINE.**

Blue. The letters in the "Postage," "Two Pence," are short, *squatty*.

**COUNTERFEIT.**

The letters of the inscriptions are rather long and slim than short and thick.

**FRANCE, REPUBLIC, 20 cts. black****GENUINE.**

In the wreath on head are apparently heads of wheat each kernal being visible. The dots in the circle are all alike in size and distance apart.

**COUNTERFEIT.**

What should be heads of wheat are simply white strokes. The dots vary in size and in many places are too near together or far apart.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

**S. S. B.**—The reason the Saxony and Brunswick stamps are obtained *unused* at such low prices is that those countries are so poor that the Post Office departments make reprints of their old stamps for sale to collectors as a source of revenue.

**Charles Bishop.**—Your last letter contained no stamp, and for that reason received no reply. *Full money's worth of stamps* were sent in previous letter.

**C. W. B.**—Of course we cannot afford to give as much for your duplicates as we sell them for. We must make a profit, or how can we live and do business? We give a good price for them if they are *clean* and not *torn*. It will not do any good to send us poor stamps, for they will be returned.

**J. W. C.**—We will publish a money table soon, as you desire. Of course stamps which we send that prove to be duplicates, or are not satisfactory, may be exchanged for others.

**N. L. S.**—Send along the Confederate stamps for exchange. We buy or exchange stamps of any kind.

**Geo. E. E.**—We should think you would prefer to buy stamps in sets. They are handsomer and look better in an album.

**Frank S.**—We advise you not to buy an album till the new "Franklin" comes out, which will be in a month or so. It will be a splendid album and surely the best one published for the money. You can keep your stamps in your old book till then.

**Philatelist.**—Says he has collected stamps for three years, and has over one thousand. He keeps adding to it, spending his spare money in beautifying his collection, rather than in foolish ways, which give no pleasant result in the end. He has been offered \$200 for his collection.

WITH REGRET we notice the dishonest tendency of those who send us postage stamps that have been once used for new ones. One nice young gent in Milwaukee done so, and because we told him of it, he wrote us a letter full of oaths and threats, which plainly showed his character.

**New U. S. Stamp.**

The expected seven-cent stamp has made its appearance. It is similar in design to the rest of the set, and bears the head of Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, late Secretary of War, though our Washington correspondent says the portrait does not do him justice. The color is vermilion. It is full as handsome as any of the beautiful set, and we think a little ahead of some of them.

Contributions for the *Guide* are respectfully solicited. Send along anything which will be of general interest and we will publish it if suitable. We will cheerfully pay any expense incurred in obtaining information for our journal.

The half-cent Canada is no longer issued as there is not sufficient use for them. They will soon be obsolete, the present stock being nearly exhausted.

## PRICE LIST OF STAMPS.

Every stamp we sell is warranted genuine.

All orders must contain stamps for postage.

AUSTRIAN ITALY, 15 c. red	- - - -	3
BELGIUM, 1 franc,	- - - -	3
CANADA—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c.	- - - -	1
CONFEDERATE STATES—5, 10,	- - - -	2
DANISH WEST INDIES, 3 c.	- - - -	8
EGYPT—5 paras, unused,	- - - -	4
ENGLAND—1, 2, 4, 6, 12d.	- - - -	1
FRANCE Republic—20, 25c.	- - - -	4
“ “ 1c. unused,	- - - -	3
“ “ 2c. unused,	- - - -	4
“ Colonies, 1c. “	- - - -	3
“ “ 5c. “	- - - -	5
“ “ “Unpaid Letter” stamp,	- - - -	5
GREECE—1, 5, 10, 20, 40 lep.	- - - -	3
HELGOLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ s. unused,	- - - -	4
HOLLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. unused,	- - - -	2
“ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. unused,	- - - -	4
HONG KONG—2, 4, 6c.	- - - -	2
“ “ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 30c.	- - - -	5
HAMBURG, $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,	- - - -	2
“ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s,	- - - -	3
“ 3, 4, 7, 9s,	- - - -	5
HOLSTEIN—4s, unused,	- - - -	6
INDIA— $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 8 pies	- - - -	3
MECKLENBURG—2, 3, s. g.	- - - -	4
NEWFOUNDLAND—1c. unused,	- - - -	3
“ “ 2c. green unused	- - - -	6
NOVA SCOTIA, 5 c.	- - - -	3
NEW ZEALAND, 1 shilling,	- - - -	4
PRUSSIA—2 Kreuzer red, unused,	- - - -	3
“ 3 “ “	- - - -	5
PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, 1, 2, 4 c.	- - - -	4
ROMAN STATES,—1, 2, 3 baj.	- - - -	3
“ 2, 10c.	- - - -	3
ROUMANIA, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 3, 4 bani,	- - - -	3
“ 10, 15, 18, “	- - - -	5
ST. CHRISTOPHER, 1 p. unused,	- - - -	6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—2 shillings, rare,	- - - -	10
SWITZERLAND—Rigi stamps,	- - - -	8
“ “ 5 c. envelope, unused	- - - -	5
SERBIA—1h, uncanceled	- - - -	3
“ old 1h, unused,	- - - -	3
SPAIN—4c. 50, 200m.	- - - -	3
SANDWICH ISLANDS, 2, 5c.	- - - -	7
“ “ old 2c. red, rare,	- - - -	10
TURKEY—5 para blue, unused,	- - - -	5
“ Journal stamp	- - - -	7
TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC—1d. unused,	- - - -	6
UNITED STATES—5, 6, 10, 12, 15,	- - - -	1
VICTORIA—1, 2, d.	- - - -	2
“ 5 shillings, rare	- - - -	20

## Handsome sets of unused Stamps

HAMBURG,	set of 10,	-	60 cts.
SPAIN, new,	“ 4,	-	10
SCHLESWIG,	“ 6,	-	30
HOLSTEIN,	“ 3,	-	15
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN,	“ 5,	-	25
LUBECK, (old, rare),	“ 4,	-	25
OLDENBURG,	“ 5,	-	25
BERGEDORF,	“ 5,	-	25
HUNGARY,	“ 2,	-	15
HAMBURG ENVELOPES	“ 6,	-	45
“ “ Boten,	“ 11s,	-	50
“ “ Van Dieman's	“ 6,	-	10
SICILY,	“ 7,	-	40

## FINE USED SETS.

ROMAN STATES,	set of 5,	-	15 cts.
HAMBURG,	“ 10,	-	35
ROUMANIA,	“ 9,	-	35
CANADA Bill Stamps,	“ 10,	-	15
SPAIN, old issues,	“ 7,	-	30
“ 1854 rare “	“ 3,	-	35

## How to Make Out an Order.

We have noticed that stamp dealers have many orders so poorly made out, that we have decided to give a model which if followed would save time and trouble to dealers and insure a more correct and prompt fulfilment:

Feb. 1st, 1871.

Gents,

Please send me the following stamps.

1 Belgium, 1c,	- - - -	.02
1 “ 2c,	- - - -	.02
1 Confederate States, 10c.	- - - -	.04
2 “ “ 20c. (2)	- - - -	.04
1 Packet No. 5,	- - - -	.25
1 set of 10 Hamburg unused,	- - - -	.50
		85

Please find money enclosed—85 cents.

Yours, &c.,

## 116 Unused Stamps, 50 cts.

Hamburg Boten, set complete, for 50 cents, 116 stamps.

Send pay for goods in any way you choose. We take new postage stamps same as money. Revenue stamps at 10 cents discount on a dollar. Bills, currency, checks, drafts, P. O. orders, at par.

Twenty-five cents pays for the *Guide* for a whole year. Or, send an order for stamps amounting to over \$1, and we will send it for a year free.

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## THE STAMP BUSINESS.

How it is Done.

BY ALPHA.

Until within a short time since, it had never been my fortune to visit any one of the several stamp merchants of note and my experience being first with, I shall first describe,

### LITTLE DEALERS.

They are usually boys. There are several classes of them. There are those who get the address and price list of a regular dealer, buy perhaps a 50 cent packet, containing perhaps 25 stamps; these they will retail for all they can get, which is from 3 to 10 cents apiece according as the "fever" rages in the village. On this slim pretext they will attach *Stamp dealer* to their names and write to all the leading houses in the following strain:

Millville, Apr. 10th.

Gentlemen.—I am a dealer in stamps and want to know how much you will sell me stamps for, I shall buy a good many. I am going to get a printing press before long and print a stamp paper. Write to me as soon as you get this.

Yours truly, Chas. A. Smith,  
Stamp Dealer.

If a stamp for reply is sent of course such a letter must be answered, and the writer will be given terms for such an amount as he had not dreamed of buying and he decides that he cannot conduct business on 50 cents capital. Another class have ten or fifteen dollars working capital. With this amount they can at least get their names into print (which seems their highest ambition in some cases) and buy a few stamps. They will issue a price list giving prices for a dozen varieties for each one really in stock. Should they receive orders they let the money accumulate so to see if they are to get their fifteen dollars back, because if not they must pocket what they get because they must not lose anything of course. As a rule these little dealers are not trustworthy, but there are exceptions and as "tall oaks from little acorns

grow" so have some of the larger stamp dealers started on a very small capital. We have one now in mind who started three years ago with a borrowed capital of ten dollars who is now a leading dealer. We will now look into the interior of one of the offices in which the stamp business is done to a larger extent.

### THE PRINCIPAL DEALERS.

They are all situated in the three leading Eastern cities—New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and it is an established fact that no dealer has yet been notably successful outside of these cities. And the really important houses all publish philatelic journals. From these dealers the "little dealers" buy their stock. All the large dealers import stamps direct from the issuing countries in large numbers. The usual plan is to have an agent in each country to buy up old issues and be on the lookout for new ones. It is not an uncommon thing to receive from an agent a consignment of from ten to fifty thousand stamps worth from one to five hundred dollars in gold. A short time since I was in the office of the publishers of the *Guide* and while talking with Mr. K—there arrived a package by Express, which upon opening disclosed 5000 *ten cent Confederate Stamps*. I was told that this was a small item to them as they use immense quantities in their wholesale Foreign trade. Several such little incidents surprised me as I had no idea the stamp business was so extensive or required so much capital as it does. I have seen in these large concerns 50,000 of a *single stamp* which statement will doubtless surprise many dealers! whose whole stock numbers perhaps 500 or 1000 stamps and valued at from five to twenty-five dollars. The profits of the business are often over estimated by those not well acquainted with the subject. Many suppose them to be never less than 100 per cent. when in fact they are far oftener less than that than they are as much. The stamp business was never so good as at present I am told, as the beautiful pastime of stamp collecting is daily growing more popular.

Foreign correspondence for the benefit of the *Guide* is respectfully solicited.



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## About Ourselves.

With this number the *Stamp Collector's Guide* closes the first half year of its existence. It was not started as an experiment by any means. We knew that a journal was needed which would be published at a low price and at the same time be a real guide to collectors. It has been often said that the larger journals are too "intensely learned." The appellation does very well, but instead of learned we should say intensely silly. They fill their columns with that matter which appears to the great majority to be utterly absurd. It would do well enough to give an occasional article or a part of the paper to those matters which interest collectors of "varieties," match and revenue stamps, etc., but the balance should be on matters which are of practical use to the great bulk of collectors and which would seem more like common sense. But as it is, all space is taken up with the former to the utter exclusion of the latter. This complaint cannot be made of the *Guide*, which is just as we proposed to have the case when we launched our little journal on the Philatelic sea. We shall keep on as we have commenced, only we hope to improve with age. One great fault which has troubled us thus far has been defective proof reading. Oversights in this line have been frequent and mortifying. That fault we shall remedy. Our other failings we need not enumerate; our readers know them as well as we do and we shall try to overcome them. We propose to work diligently to make our journal as good and newsy as any, and we cordially invite the co-operation of our readers to carry out our project. We shall have in forthcoming numbers, articles from the pens of eminent Philatelic writers, for the benefit of our more advanced readers and many practical and useful articles for our less advanced readers. But we must not promise too much lest we fail in some. We assure our readers our intentions are good to give them a full return for the hearty support they have given us in the way of subscriptions.

## REMOVAL.

It will be noticed that our paper is dated at New-York this month. We have changed our location on account of the better facilities for our business in this city. A continuance of past liberal patronage is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully, &c.,

THE PUBLISHERS.

208 Broadway—OFFICE No. 11.

## Counterfeit Stamps.

In our monthly expositions of the fraudulent productions of certain stamp dealers we are not actuated by a desire to pull others down that we may build ourselves up on the ruins. We have the real good of stamp collecting at heart, and we know that fictitious and counterfeit stamps do much damage to the cause and as a "Guide" to collector's it is our paramount duty to help them to make such collections as will be valuable and satisfactory. Our duty, then, leads us to work assiduously in exposing the fraudulent operations of swindlers. We have before warned our readers to shun *every* dealer who advertises.

Pacific Steam Nav. Co. set of	8	.....	15	cts.
Hamburg Boten,	"	"	116	"
La Guair,	"	"	4	"
Hamburg,	"	"	10	"

Do not send one cent to *any* dealer who advertises *any one* of that list at *those prices*, because genuine stamps cannot possibly be sold at such prices. *Remember that.* When you see a price list with them on it set the concern down as a *downright swindle* and tell your friends the same.

We have a few imitations ready for description this month:

### ROUMANIA, 20 paras, red.

<p>GENUINE. The inscription over the head is quite plain and reads DOUA DECI PAR. The whole stamp has a clear look and is printed in light red.</p>	<p>COUNTERFEIT. The inscription over the head can hardly be read it is so botchy. The whole stamp has an indistinct dark appearance. Printed in dark red.</p>
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### HELIGOLAND, ½s.

<p>GENUINE. The head of the Queen is embossed (raised.) Perforated edges.</p>	<p>COUNTERFEIT. The head of the Queen is not embossed. Edges not perforated.</p>
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### DANISH WEST INDIES, (St. Thomas) 3c.

<p>GENUINE. The wreath inclosing the value does not touch the sides of the square frame.</p>	<p>COUNTERFEIT. The wreath touches the frame on every side.</p>
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Our list is short this month, but will be longer next. We desire contributions for this department.

### Confederate Provisionals

BY W. A. K.

The Confederate stamps have always received more attention than any others in my collection, and I have made great and continued efforts to obtain information in regard to, and specimens of, the first issues, the provisionals or locals, and my collection is particularly rich in rarities. I propose giving a descriptive list of those I now possess and others as I now add them. Having one specimen not before chronicled for this city I begin the list with

#### CHARLESTON, ENVELOPE.

Des. gn., small, oval, inclosing large figure 5 cts below. This oval is inclosed in an oval band, bearing P. O., CHARLESTON. S. C. above, POSTAGE PAID below. The whole is surrounded by an outer line of dots. It is printed in blue on light buff paper.

#### CHARLESTON, ADHESIVE.

Design exactly the same as the envelope, but in a rectangular frame and the figure 5, repeated in each corner. This stamp was issued sometime between June and October 1861, I think, as I have an envelope postmarked Charleston, June 28, 1861, which is marked with a hand stamp PAID 5. This I think shows that no stamps were issued at that date. I have a stamp which shows the postmark, dated October, 1861. The color is blue but not as finely printed as the envelope which is very neat.

#### COLUMBIA.

Design, small oval inclosing large figure 5, inclosed by larger oval with P. O., COLUMBIA, S. C. above, PAID below. It is a hand stamp impression and the two specimens I have and the only ones I have seen, are in blue ink and each on different quality of paper. I judge that the envelopes were not stamped and sold, but were stamped after being deposited at the office paid. If I judge rightly there is doubtless a large variety in existence that is on different kinds of paper, and being a hand-stamp we may possibly find impressions in black.

(To be Continued)

We beg to correct the mistake of the American Journal of Philately. It says it first announced the new issue Sandwich Islands, whereas the Guide did so ten days previously.

Our paper will soon be enlarged, which will enable us to give reviews and other matter now omitted for want of space.

### Prince Edward Island.

This province is about to present us with a complete new set of stamps similar in design to the present issue, but with value expressed in cents in place of pence. The change will be occasioned by the adoption of decimal currency—dollars and cents, in lieu of pence and shillings now in vogue.

### Sandwich Islands.

We have before us specimens of each of the three new stamps lately issued. The one cent is printed in violet, the same shade as the present issue 24 cent stamp of our own country, and bears a vignette likeness of the late Princess Victoria Kamamalu; the six cent stamp is green, like our three cent stamp, and bears the head of the present King; the eighteen cent stamp is brick red, with head of the late M. Kekuanooa. They were designed by Thomas G. Thrum, Esq., and made by the world-renowned National Bank Note Company of New York. The designs are all similar and are very much like our own beautiful set.

The five cent stamp of the island has been withdrawn from sale, and its use was advertised to continue only till May 1st.

### Answers to Correspondents.

*St. Christopher.*—A small island in the West Indies, commonly known as St. Kitts. It is situated to the northwest of Nevis, from which it is separated by a channel about 4 miles in width. British Possession.

*Charlie B.*—The Moresnet stamp you have is a fraud. It has been dubbed "the April fool stamp," as it was produced about April 1st, 1867. J. B. Moens, Brussels, Belgium, is said to have been its progenitor, and he, having previously a good reputation in philatelic circles, succeeded for a time in deceiving collectors into believing it genuine, but the hoax soon fell through, and Moens' reputation has suffered by the operation.

*F. W. S.*—The French Republic stamp you send is genuine, though its appearance is somewhat rough. You will find many genuine stamps look worse than that, for all countries have not made the same progress toward perfection in engraving.

*Jas. Orton.*—We do not advise you to buy Hamburg Boten stamps. Though they are not exactly a fraud, they are worthless trash.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

**CURIOSITIES! CURIOSITIES!**  
**SNAKES EGGS.** Greatest chemical curiosity ever produced. Only large as peas. Light the end of one, and a squirming snake several feet long gradually appears as natural as life. Only 25 cents per box by mail. Kelsey & Co., Meriden, Conn.

## PRICE LIST OF STAMPS.

Every stamp we sell is warranted genuine.

All orders must contain stamps for postage.

BELGIUM, 10c.	- - - - -	2
CANADA—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c.	- - - - -	1
CONFEDERATE STATES—5, 10,	- - - - -	2
“ 2 c, red unused	- - - - -	10
“ 1 c, cream (rare)	- - - - -	40
“ 5 c, large “	- - - - -	20
“ 10 c, “ “	- - - - -	40
DANISH WEST INDIES, 3 c.	- - - - -	5
EGYPT—5 paras, unused,	- - - - -	4
ENGLAND—1, 2, 4, 6, 12d.	- - - - -	1
FRANCE Republic—20, 25c.	- - - - -	4
“ “ 1c. unused,	- - - - -	3
“ “ 2c. unused,	- - - - -	4
“ Colonies, 1c. “	- - - - -	3
“ “ 5c. “	- - - - -	5
GREECE—1, 5, 10, 2), 4) lep.	- - - - -	3
HELGOLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ s. unused,	- - - - -	4
HOLLAND— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. unused,	- - - - -	2
“ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. unused,	- - - - -	4
HOLSTEIN—1s, unused,	- - - - -	6
INDIA— $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 8 pias	- - - - -	3
MECKLENBURG—2, 3, s. g. old issue	- - - - -	5
GUATEMALA—1 centavo, unused	- - - - -	6
NEWFOUNDLAND—1c. 1857 (rare)	- - - - -	0
“ 2c. old “	- - - - -	12
“ set 10 old, very rare	- - - - -	2 50
“ 2 c. green unused	- - - - -	6
NOVA SCOTIA, 5 c.	- - - - -	3
NEW ZEALAND, 1 shilling,	- - - - -	4
PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND, 1, 2 c.	- - - - -	5
PRUSSIA—2 Kreuzer red, unused,	- - - - -	3
“ 3 “ “	- - - - -	5
ROMAN STATES,—1, 2, 3 baj.	- - - - -	3
ROUMANIA, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 2, 3, 4 bani,	- - - - -	3
“ 10, 15, 18, “	- - - - -	5
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—2 shillings, rare,	- - - - -	10
SWITZERLAND—Rigi stamps,	- - - - -	8
“ “ 5 c. envelope, unused	- - - - -	5
SERVIA—1h, nncancelled	- - - - -	3
“ old 1h, unused,	- - - - -	3
SPAIN—4c. 50, 200m.	- - - - -	3
SANDWICH ISLANDS, 1, c. new issue, 1871	- - - - -	5
“ “ old 2c. red, rare,	- - - - -	10
HANOVER, 1 g. old issue	- - - - -	4
TURKEY—5 para blue, unused,	- - - - -	5
“ Journal stamp	- - - - -	7
TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC—1d. unused,	- - - - -	6
UNITED STATES—90 cent, red	- - - - -	8
MEXICO—5c.	- - - - -	8
VICTORIA—1, 2, d.	- - - - -	2
“ 5 shillings, rare	- - - - -	20

## STAMP ALBUMS.

We intended to issue the Franklin Album soon but have decided to wait till Fall or Winter. So many of our customers are waiting, we shall offer Scott's American Album, which is a very fine one indeed. We have the last edition all revised and brought up to date. They are finely printed and beautifully bound.

No. 1 contains spaces for every stamp out, with a description of all stamps. Cloth bound, gilt lettering. Price \$2.50. Postage 10c.

No. 2. Very fine edition, fine cloth binding, gilt back and sides, with handsome clasp. Will suit any collector. Price \$5. Postage 10c.

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HAMBURG,	set of 10,	-	60 cts.
SPAIN 1854, official	“ 4,	-	30
SCHLESWIG,	“ 6,	-	30
HOLSTEIN,	“ 3,	-	15
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN,	“ 5,	-	25
LUBECK, (old, rare),	“ 4,	-	25
OLDENBURG,	“ 5,	-	25
BERGEDORF,	“ 5,	-	25
HAMBURG ENVELOPES	“ 6,	-	45
SICILY,	“ 7,	-	40

## FINE USED SETS.

HAMBURG,	“ 10,	-	35
ROUMANIA,	“ 9,	-	35
CANADA Bill Stamps,	“ 10,	-	15
SPAIN, old issues,	“ 7,	-	30
“ 1854 rare “	“ 3,	-	35

Send pay for goods in any way you choose. We take new postage stamps same as money. Revenue stamps at 10 cents discount on a dollar. Bills, currency, checks, drafts, P. O. orders, *at par*.

Never send us large amounts of money without P. O. Order, Draft, or in Registered Letter.

Twenty-five cents pays for the *Guide* for a whole year. Or, send an order for stamps amounting to \$2, and we will send it for a year free.

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### THE AMERICAN SCHOOL.

"AMERICUS" (W. A. K.).

Our two English contemporaries, the *Philatelist* and *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, have given the *Guide* their kind attention under the head of "Our Contemporaries." Both journals rake us over the coals unmercifully, for the simple reason that we have dared to set up, and encourage support for, a system of collecting differing from their own pet theories. Our zealous, earnest, and, perhaps, uncommonly strong support for the "American School" they coolly call "buncombe," "brag," etc. We of course, admit that our articles on the subject have been very outspoken; but they are most certainly our opinions, and he who fears to state his opinions is unworthy of holding any. We again repeat the claim that our support is given to the American School of Philately, for the simple reason that we believe it for the best good of the cause. Our paper is published for the benefit of collectors in general, but our circulation is very largely among young or beginning collectors. Now we sincerely believe it would be detrimental to the cause if collectors at the outset should become tainted with the principles of the French school or system of collecting, and our object is to prevent it if possible. Give us stamp collecting "pure and simple" say we. For many years the writer has read the many articles for and against collecting on the French plan; but we fail, as yet, to see the sense in collecting a number of every stamp, because of some slight difference in shade of color, quality of paper, and such minor details which do not make a different stamp, but simply a slight difference of appearance only noticeable by monomaniacs of philately. In the number of the *Magazine* in which occurs the review, we notice a little incident which brings to mind the anecdote of the gored bull. On the same page with the *Guide* review is one of the *Curiosity Cabinet*, and because its editor's opinions agree with those of

the S. C. M., the article in the review is called "wise, truthful, and sensible;" but because the opinions of the *Guide* are at variance with that great repository of sense and wisdom, our writings are politely dubbed "buncombe," "superfluous brag," and the like. Thanks.

#### JUST RECEIVED.

We have just received a large invoice of arms, crests and monograms, comprising the arms of the Royal Family, Dukes, Marquises, Earls, &c.; also comic and eccentric monograms, which we retail at low prices. Send for packet list of Foreign Stamps, Arms, Crest, Monograms, &c.; also list of Albums, which we mail to any address on receipt of return stamps.

TREDWELL, ROGERS & Co.,  
P. O. Box 662, Elizabeth, N. Y.

#### READ

We offer an *extraordinary bargain* this month to our customers. We have been so fortunate to buy, at a low rate, quite a number of the genuine rare one cent stamps of the late Confederate States. They are sold by most dealers at 50 cents each.

We will give one free with every order for \$1 or over from our price list of stamps or sets. Order soon before they are all gone.

We wish our friends to remember that the columns of the *Guide* are always open to them, and that correspondence is respectfully solicited; and any article pertaining to stamps which our friends may favor us with will be thankfully received, and, if worthy, will be inserted in our columns. We hope this will awaken many who are well able to write a good article, but have kept themselves in the shade for fear of their contributions being thought unworthy of notice.

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## Special Notice to Subscribers.

New York, July 19th, 1871.

The *Stamp Collectors' Guide*, heretofore published by the American Stamp Co., under the editorial management of Mr. W. A. Kelsey (Americus), has been this day been disposed of to Messrs. Tredwell, Rogers & Co., who will continue its publication. We take pleasure in recommending Messrs. T., R. & Co. to our old patrons.

"AMERICAN STAMP CO."

The *Stamp Collectors' Guide* will be published hereafter by Tredwell, Rogers & Co., Elizabeth City, New Jersey, to whom all orders and subscriptions must be addressed. Those who have subscribed to the *American Philatelist* will receive the *Guide* in its place, as the publication of that paper has been discontinued.

## Success of the Halfpenny Postage Rate in England.

Nearly nine months' experience of the halfpenny postage does not appear to have failed the anticipations respecting it. There are no such signs of serious diminution of postal revenue as had been predicted—although a loss of £50,000 was caused by the abolition of the newspaper stamp—whilst the development of the postal service has only been in proportion to public requirements. It is clear that post-office administrations were prepared for a larger addition of work. In the first six months of the new rates, upwards of 58,060,000 post cards, and about 110,000,000 halfpenny labels and stamped wrappers, were issued. In one direction, however, the anticipations of the authorities appear not to have been verified by results. The quantity of paper sent in by the public to receive the impressed stamp appears to have fallen short of the estimate, the number of

stamps impressed being only in the proportion of 10 per cent. to the wrappers supplied at Somerset House. The six months' issue of the halfpenny postage was as follows:—

	Number.	Duty.
½d. Postage labels . . . . .	77,215,680	£160,866
½d. Post cards. . . . .	58,485,960	121,845
½d. Wrappers. . . . .	33,048,420	68,850
Total. . . . .	168,750,060	£351,561

Thus it would appear that the consumption of halfpenny stamps of all denominations has, in round numbers, amounted to six and a-half millions per week, or nearly a million a day. Who shall say that the advocates of halfpenny postage do not now stand justified?

## Newly Issued Stamps.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—A second letter from our correspondent assures us that the new set will be forthcoming shortly.

HUNGARY. A set of envelopes is announced to be issued by the *Philatelist*. Hungary also gives us a new newspaper stamp. It is red on white, and very homely indeed. Rectangular frames, with inner circle, enclosing crown over post horn.

SWITZERLAND.—Newspaper bands have been issued, and more values are expected. The values now out are 2 centimes pink and 5 centimes pink. We have only seen the former, but we understand the latter is the same design. It is rectangular, bearing wreath, enclosing large figure of values, with cross above, centimes below.

BELGIUM.—The *Philatelist* says this country has an official stamp. It is a circular, hand-stamped in black; bears lion rampant under crown; inscribed A TIMBER L'EXTRAORDINAIRE.

SPAIN.—The expected new set, which will bear the new king's head, will be out very soon; and our correspondent has promised us early copies for inspection and description in the *Guide*.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The current one cent stamp is now printed on a lighter shade of color than formerly, and the design has been slightly changed, as new plates have been lately made by a different company from the one which made the originals.

**Counterfeit Stamps.**

Our call for contributions to this department last month has been met with greater spirit than what we anticipated. We have received a number of counterfeits, among which those contributed by Mr. Kinslow stand out the most prominent, as they are the worst imitations we have ever seen. Mr. K. informs us that he purchased them of a dealer in Portsmouth, N. H. They are as follows :

- |                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Newfoundland—1857 issue. |                                   |
| 2 pence                  | light red, which should be brown. |
| 4 "                      | red, should be vermillion.        |
| 6 "                      | "                                 |
| 1866 issue.              |                                   |
| 2 cents                  | Green.                            |
| 5 "                      | Brown.                            |
| 13 "                     | Orange.                           |
| 24 "                     | Blue.                             |
| 1 "                      | Violet.                           |
- The 25 and 13, we think, are lithographed; the balance are printed from cuts used by dealers to illustrate lists, &c.

They are all cancelled or postmarked. We would describe them in comparison with genuine ones; but as they are so poorly done, the youngest collector could tell at a glance they were spurious. Our next in turn is an Egypt, 5 Paras.

<b>COUNTERFEIT.</b>	<b>GENUINE.</b>
The engraving is coarsely done; the figure 5 in lower corners fills the entire space; the color is dark yellow; there is no watermark.	The stamp is finely engraved; there is room for another letter in the corner spaces. Color light yellow; watermarked star & crescent.

**NEW GRANADA.**

2½ centavos. Black on dark violet.

<b>COUNTERFEIT.</b>	<b>GENUINE.</b>
The paper on which the stamp is printed is very thin; the color is light lilac, between the inner lines, surrounding the shield is blank.	The paper is of moderate thickness; the inner line is filled with a row of small dots.

We have still a few more to describe; but as we are cramped for room, we will leave them to be described in our next. We should be pleased to receive a few more contributions to this department.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**CURIOSITIES! CURIOSITIES!**  
**SNAKES EGGS.** Greatest chemical curiosity ever produced. Only large as peas. Light the end of one, and a squirming snake several feet long gradually appears as large as life. Only 25 cents per box by mail. Agents supplied.—HENRY CHAPMAN, Elizabeth, N. J.

REMEMBER the new address. Also that *money* sent by *P. O. order* or *registered letter* only is at our risk.

We intend to publish the *Guide* hereafter promptly on the first day of every month. Back numbers on hand from Dec., 1870, to date.

Look over our list of cheap stamps, both used and unused, and make out an order so as to get the rare one cent Confederate States stamp *free*, which we offer elsewhere.

**REMEMBER THIS**

Forward *all* your orders hereafter to Tredwell, Rogers & Co., Box 662 Elizabeth, N. J.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

*Frank Kinslow.*—Accept our thanks for contribution received. We will return them if so desired.

*C. J., New Jersey.*—F. Trifet is not a reliable dealer; his fault is forgetting to fill orders, but pocketing the amount received.

*Roumania.*—Is what was formerly designated Wallachia and Moldavia. Situated immediately south of Russia and Austria and north of Turkey.

*F. H. P.*—The first stamp you describe with "head with wings on it" is an Austrian newspaper stamp. The "Clara Rothe" is a bogus affair, and the three South African stamps also counterfeits. When will collectors learn to let alone dealers who send them such stock as you have been swindled with? If you make a good collection of *genuine* stamps it will be valuable, as philately daily gains popularity; but if you admit counterfeit trash into your book, you will regret it.


*Alex. Mackie.*—We allow 25 cents in trade for the bill stamps, and 10 cents for the postage stamps.

**Price List For August.**

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Alsace and Lorraine—1 c., new	- - -	02
" " 2 c., new	- - -	02
" " 4 c., new	- - -	05
" " 5 c., new	- - -	08
Belgium, 1869, 1 c., new	- - -	02
" " 2 c., new	- - -	03
" " 5 c., new	- - -	05
" 1871 post cards, 5 c., new	- - -	08
Brazil, 1866—20, 160, 200 reis, used	- - -	03
Brunswick, 1865—set of 5, new	- - -	10
Canada, ½ c., new	- - -	02

Ceylon, ½ c., new	-	-	-	-	05
Cape of Good Hope, 1858—4d., used	-	-	-	-	05
“ “ “ Id., 4d., used	-	-	-	-	04
“ “ “ Is., used	-	-	-	-	05
Chili, 1867—5, 10 centavos, used	-	-	-	-	05
Confederate States, 5, 10, new 02; used	-	-	-	-	02
“ “ 2 c., red, new	-	-	-	-	10
“ “ 5c. larger, used	-	-	-	-	20
“ “ 10c. “ used	-	-	-	-	40
“ “ 1c. (very rare), new	-	-	-	-	40
Costa Rica—2 reals, used	-	-	-	-	05
Denmark, 1871—2s., grey and blue, new	-	-	-	-	05
“ “ 3s., grey and purple, new	-	-	-	-	08
“ “ 4s., grey & carmine, new	-	-	-	-	10
Egypt, 1867 5 paras, yellow, new	-	-	-	-	04
“ “ 10 paras, purple, new	-	-	-	-	08
“ “ 20 paras, green, new	-	-	-	-	12
Ecuador—1 real yellow, used	-	-	-	-	10
Finland—10 kop, used	-	-	-	-	08
“ 40 penni, used	-	-	-	-	05
Great Britain ½d. post cards, new	-	-	-	-	03
“ “ 1d. black, new	-	-	-	-	05
Guatemala, 1871—1 centavos, new	-	-	-	-	06
“ “ 5 c., used	-	-	-	-	10
“ “ 10 c., used	-	-	-	-	15
“ “ 20 c., used	-	-	-	-	20
Honduras 2 reals, used	-	-	-	-	15
Hamburg ⅙, 1, new	-	-	-	-	02
“ ⅙, envelope, new	-	-	-	-	02
Heligoland—½ schilling, new	-	-	-	-	05
Holland, 1870—1, 1½, new	-	-	-	-	04
“ 1871—½, new	-	-	-	-	02
“ “ 2½, new	-	-	-	-	08
Hungary—2 kr. post cards, new	-	-	-	-	08
Madeira—5 reis, new	-	-	-	-	05
“ 10 reis, new	-	-	-	-	10
Matta—½d., new	-	-	-	-	05
Mexico—6, used	-	-	-	-	10
Newfoundland—1d., new	-	-	-	-	05
New Granada—5, used	-	-	-	-	08
“ 10, used	-	-	-	-	05
“ 20, used	-	-	-	-	15
“ 25, used	-	-	-	-	10

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Nos. 10.

### Cleanliness.

By H.

Perhaps no subject is of more importance to Philatelists than this. Many good collections of postage stamps are ruined, and the collector made ashamed of them by the handling to which they have been subjected. Many times have I seen unused stamps of the most rare issues so greasy and dirty that their designs were not so readily distinguished as the most indistinct of my cancelled ones. Although my collection is small, I pride myself on their cleanliness, and on this account if on no other my interest in Philately will not so soon wear out.

The philatelists who are most careless as regards the cleanliness of their specimens are generally the younger class, who merely collect stamps for the pleasure of emulation, instead of as an intellectual pastime.

To such I would give a few words of advice :

1st. As soon as possible procure an Album, and—following the directions given in the January *Guide* of this year—carefully mount your stamps.

2d. Be very careful not to handle your book with dirty hands, and keep it out of the dust, &c. Lastly, acquire habits of neatness in other respects, and you will have little trouble in keeping your collections clean, handsome, and in a fit condition for exhibition at any time.

### Stamp Collecting.

We cannot help noticing the gradual, healthy increase of stamp collecting. Almost every one is commencing it. Those who gave up collecting years ago are again entering the field. Orders are received from all quarters for a few stamps to make a beginning with, and such persons inevitably send an order for more. New dealers spring up on all sides, but it is pleasing to know that if

they do spring up like mushrooms they last about as long. They soon find out that they cannot get rich at it in a hurry when there are so many other hands engaged in the business. But dealers will have to increase to meet the demand which there can be no doubt of is fast increasing. We take this as a decided good omen. It shows a growth of the desire for collecting relics of different lands, a desire for more knowledge of different parts of the world, and a want of information in general. If this is not a sign of a healthy state of the growing generation we ask for one. It also shows a desire for useful amusement, turning a pleasant pastime to a useful labor. It tends to keep young men at home, or at least away from places that would be worse than useless to them. It furnishes employment for minds that would be otherwise idle, and "an idle mind is the devil's workshop." It furnishes a means for spending a few pennies in some better way than at a billiard table, or at the bar. We think for these reasons, and who can say they are not substantial reasons, stamp collecting should be encouraged, and everybody should be gratified at the increase; therefore, if you have a friend who is of an idle turn of mind, show him the merits of stamp collecting, and if you can start him in collecting by giving him a few duplicates, do so, and he will very soon "catch the fever," and be one of us. "Try it each and every reader and see how it will work."

### Post Cards.

Our Government, it seems, will be the last to issue them. But, perhaps, they are waiting to see how they take in other countries. They need not look far for this. Take for instance "England;" they have become a public blessing there! Why should they not become so here? Our postal authorities seem to be behind the age.



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## Special Notice to Subscribers.

New York, July 19th, 1871.

The *Stamp Collectors' Guide*, heretofore published by the American Stamp Co., under the editorial management of Mr. W. A. Kelsey (Americus), has been this day been disposed of to Messrs. Tredwell, Rogers & Co., who will continue its publication. We take pleasure in recommending Messrs. T., R. & Co. to our old patrons.

"AMERICAN STAMP CO."

The *Stamp Collectors' Guide* will be published hereafter by Tredwell, Rogers & Co., Elizabeth City, New Jersey, to whom all orders and subscriptions must be addressed. Those who have subscribed to the *American Philatelist* will receive the *Guide* in its place, as the publication of that paper has been discontinued.

## Newly Issued Stamps.

JAPAN.—The *Philatelist* for this month is our authority for these stamps, but whether they are for postal or fiscal use it is not as yet known. They are printed on thin Japanese paper, the inscriptions and values in black, and the remainder in the following colors:—1, indigo blue; 2, pale yellow green; 3, dull red. The stamps are rectangular, the inscriptions in the centre with dragons at sides.

VICTORIA.—This colony will shortly issue post cards, value one penny, also a halfpenny stamp for newspapers.

NEW SOUTH WALES—This colony is also in the field with a new envelope similar in design to the one penny adhesive.

SPAIN.—The new issue for this country will shortly appear. The designs will be as follows:

The 6, 10, 12, 25, 40 and 50 centimos de peseta will be the first values to appear. These will bear His Spanish Majesty's head. The high values will be struck from a different design, and the 1, 2, and 5 c. de peseta will bear a numeral of value.

CANADA.—The new post card has made its appearance. They are a trifle smaller than the English ones, but are more handsome. The stamp is impressed in blue to the right, value one cent, the card is buff.

## About Our Cotemporaries.

*American Journal of Philately*.—The journal is the representative of Philatelic Magazines of America, and its systems of illustrating in colors gives it a special individuality, and has also gained for it an enviable reputation.

*The Curiosity Cabinet*. The *Cabinet* contains all original articles, including a list of Western locals, which is of great value to collectors, but we cannot say we admire this system of mixing up the "English language," as the first page contains, but taking it altogether the paper is quite "newsy," and for that reason desirable.

*The American Coin and Stamp Review*.—This paper contains very few original articles, and is very poorly printed. We hope our opinion though will not be thought spiteful, as the *Review* seems to have a very poor opinion of us, they being jealous, we suppose, of our circulation. Its pages are pretty evenly divided between coins and stamps, and take it altogether is well worth the subscription price.

*The Philatelist*, England.—This is the leading Philatelic magazine in England, and without which a collector's library is far from complete. We recommend it to older or more advanced Philatelists, but not so much for young or beginning collectors.

## How to Send Money.

On account of the insecurity of mails, we would advise all our customers hereafter to forward all money either by "registered letter," or "post-office money order;" either are safe, and can be relied upon for promptness in forwarding, and those whose orders amount to considerable should have the return letter registered by sending us the extra amount. This would insure their getting the order immediately in return.

**Counterfeit Stamps.****HOW TO BREAK UP COUNTERFEITERS.**

Send no money to them. Some boys will buy their worthless imitations, because their main object seems to get stamps cheap. With them quality seems to be entirely disregarded, and low prices alone the great object. So long as young collectors will persist in following this course just so long will "counterfeiters" thrive. Our young friends should mark the fact that never a counterfeit is to be found in the books of advanced collectors. We do wish that those who now buy of certain dealers because they sell cheap would consider the fact that they are paying money for worthless trash, when by paying but a little more genuine stamps can be had, and they will always bear a market value, and be saleable. We have to thank several subscribers for kindly sending specimens of counterfeits for description.

**GREECE.**

5 lep. Green.

**GENUINE.****COUNTERFEIT.**

The inscriptions at the top and bottom in-  
stamp and bottom of the scriptions are very indis-  
tinct, many of the letters  
are clear and tinct, many of the letters  
plain, each letter being entirely indistin-  
plain. The dots in the gushable. The dots  
circle around the head around the head are irre-  
are quite regular, and gular, and vary consider-  
able in size.

**HAMBURG.****GENUINE.****COUNTERFEIT.**

1 and 4s. The S in 1 and 4s. The S in  
schilling does not touch schilling touches the end  
the line above, "perfo- of the line above. Not  
rated." Perforated.

7s. 1859 issue. The S 7s. 1859 issue. The  
in "Seiben" does not lower part of S in  
touch the end of the line "Seiben" touches the  
under it. The left hand end of the line under  
star over the castle does it. The left hand star  
not touch the tower. touches the top of the  
9s. Neither end of the tower.  
scroll inclosing "Ham- 9s. The left end of the  
burg" touches the line upper scroll touches the  
surrounding the stamp. bordering line. The left  
The lower scroll con- end of the lower scroll  
taining "Postmarke" does not touch the line.  
touches the line at the  
left end.

**ROMAN STATES.**

1 baj Green.

**GENUINE.****COUNTERFEIT**

The dot after BAJ is The dot after BAJ is  
nearer J than the figure nearer the figure 1 than  
1.

**Special Notice.**

We wish it distinctly understood that all orders sent to us hereafter, also all communications requiring an answer, must contain sufficient stamps for return postage. We have heretofore forwarded all orders by prepaying but a single rate, but by the late postage laws this has been forbidden, as follows:—All letters prepaid but a single rate, "where they require more," will be held for postage, and forwarded to Dead-Letter Office, Washington, D. C.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

*A. C. N.*—1st. We think the classes are about equally divided. 2d. Appleton & Co.'s Albums are the poorest published.

*Ben. T., St. Louis*—The June and July numbers were included in the August number, which was forwarded.

*J. C. T., Canada.*—1st. The stamps you enclosed were counterfeits. 2d. The dealer is not reliable. 3rd. The post card was not received. 4th. The English stamp you wish described is as follows:—Rectangular; large letters in all corners, with words "postage three halfpence," on shield shaped band; the stamp is similar to the current one penny; color also the same.

*G. S. P.*—All the subscriptions were received. We are very much obliged to you for exerting yourself in our behalf. We hope you have not injured your constitution by so doing.

*Miss N. L.*—The stamps you send to be described as counterfeits are really all "genuine."

*J. C.*—This correspondent writes: "That F. Trifet, a Boston dealer, has "cheated" him out of five dollars. He offers sufficient proof to prove the charge. We leave the matter open for Mr. T. to explain.

*Jas. S.*—The stamps you describe are English post card stamps. They have been cut from the cards and split; this is what forms a "variety."

*Foreign Dealers.*—Please send us your lists in exchange.

On our first page will be found an article on "Cleanliness," which we hope will be as extensively read, as it is extensively needed.

"We are trying to make arrangements so as to illustrate the *Guide* each month with newly issued stamps, but whether we shall succeed or not is a question of time."

### Price List For September.

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Belgium, 1869—1 c., green, new, - -	02
“ “ 2 c., blue, new, - -	03
“ “ 5 c., amber, new, - -	05
“ “ 8 c., violet, new, - -	08
Bremen 2 gr., new, - - - -	06
Denmark, 1871 2s., grey and blue, new	05
“ “ 3s., grey and purple, new	08
“ “ 4s., grey & carmine, new	10
Great Britain—½d. post cards, new - -	03
“ “ 1d. black, new - - - -	05
Heligoland—½ schilling, new - - - -	05
“ 1 “ new - - - -	08
Helsingfors, 1871—10 red and green, new -	12
Hungary, 1871—2 kr., new - - - -	06
“ “ 2 kr. post cards, new - - - -	08
“ “ 1 kr. newspaper, new - - - -	05
New South Wales Large 6 p - - - -	05
New Zealand—1 penny, new - - - -	08
“ 6 p - - - -	04
Nevis, 1871 1 penny, carmine - - - -	08
Oldenburg, 1866 Set of 5, new - - - -	25
Orange States—1 penny, new - - - -	08
Portugal, 1871—5 reis, black, new - - -	04
“ “ 10 reis, yellow, new - - - -	07
Prussia Set of 6, new - - - -	20
Prince Edwards Island—1 penny, new - -	05
“ “ “ 2 p. - - - -	04
Queensland—1 penny - - - -	03
“ 2 “ - - - -	02
Roumania—2 bani - - - -	05
“ 18 bani - - - -	08
“ 1½ bani, newspaper - - - -	04
Spain, 1854—Arms, 5 reals - - - -	20
“ “ 2 reals - - - -	20
“ 1855—Head, 2 reals - - - -	08
“ 1860—Head, 1 reals - - - -	08
“ “ Head, 2 reals - - - -	03
“ 1861—Head, 4 cuartos - - - -	03
“ 1862 Head, 1 reals - - - -	08
“ “ Head, 2 reals - - - -	05
“ 1870 1 mil, new - - - -	02
“ “ 2 mil, new - - - -	03
“ “ 4 mil, new - - - -	04
“ 1854—Set of 4 official stamps - - -	30

Salvador—1 real, red - - - -	04
“ 2 real, green - - - -	08
Sandwich Islands, 1864 2 cents - - - -	07
“ “ 1871—1 cent - - - -	05
Saxony, 1863—Set of 6, new - - - -	10
Schleswig—1¼ schilling, new - - - -	05
“ 2 “ new - - - -	07
Servia—1 para, green, new - - - -	03
“ 1 para, yellow, new - - - -	03
Segnatasee—1 centismo, new - - - -	03
“ 2 “ new - - - -	05
South Australia—1 penny, new - - - -	08
St. Lucia 1 penny, black, new - - - -	08
Switzerland—2 centimes, new - - - -	03
“ 1871 Post cards, 5, new - - - -	08
“ 10 envelope, new - - - -	03
Uruguay—1 centime, new - - - -	05
Virgin Islands 1 penny, new - - - -	08
Western Australia—1 penny, new - - - -	08

REMEMBER the new address. Also that *money* sent by *P. O. order* or *registered letter* only is at our risk.

We intend to publish the *Guide* hereafter promptly on the first day of every month. Back numbers on hand from Dec., 1870, to date.

Look over our list of cheap stamps, both used and unused, and make out an order so as to get the rare one cent Confederate States stamp *free*, which we offer elsewhere.

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### Dealers.

C. T. J.

A few years ago a dealer in old postage stamps was considered a wonder; many would visit him, thinking they would see a great curiosity, and would come away feeling disappointed, because he was no different from other individuals. Now, times have changed. Pick up any youths' magazine or paper, you will find advertisements of dealers by the dozen, but whether they are of the right sort or not it is hard to decide. Of all the dealers in the United States there are not over six who make it their only business, and of these three are dealers in coins as well. The balance of dealers in general numbering perhaps a hundred, are either agents for some large dealer, or on their own account, which as a general thing is very small one. Our former publishers published an article on the "Stamp Business" in their May number, which gave a very good description of how these "little dealers" do business, also how they "done" collections out of their money. There are of course exceptions to the general rule, but where there is one honest dealer there are a dozen dishonest ones. A number of these small dealers are agents of the counterfeiters of Boston, who supply them with their trash at the rate of 25 per cent. discount on their list and packet prices. Those who live in the large cities can purchase their stamps direct from dealers, and thus save a large percentage, and at the same time see what they are buying, but those living at a distance are unable to do so without standing a

chance of being cheated. Our publishers give all their time and attention to their country trade, and as they do no local trade, are thus enabled to attend to this branch of the business better than dealers who are compelled to meet the wants of a local trade. This class of dealers have to rent large stores and employ numerous clerks, and of course have to make large profits to support all this, while our publishers need only pay the rent of an office, and employ one or more corresponding clerks, and thus sell cheaper than those under heavy expenses. They are also enabled to carry a heavier stock, and thus meet the wants of many collectors.

### Auction Sales.

Another auction sale will take place at Clinton Hall, cor. Eighth street and Fourth avenue, New York City, on Monday evening, October 9th, at 7 o'clock. The sale comprising the entire collection of a well-known amateur, and it is to be sold without reserve. The stamps are put up in small lots, some containing only one stamp; others nearly a hundred; there are 229 lots in all. Among the rarest we notice the Confederate Provisionals or locals, there being 11 in number, each in separate lots; also lot 209, comprising the set of United States Revenue Stamps, from 1c. to 50c. This set contains 84 pieces, and its face value is \$250. This will probably bring \$150 to \$200; also lot 211, uncanceled set of Spanish Revenue Stamps, face value \$250, will also bring a good price. The proceeds of the sale will probably amount to four or five hundred dollars.

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- No. 1—50 varieties, including Deccan, Belgian, old issue Holland, Victoria, Portugal, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- No. 2—50 varieties, including Denmark, (new issue,) New South Wales, Luxembourg, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- No. 3—50 varieties, including Egypt, Saxony, Hamburg Envelope, French Colonies, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- No. 4—50 varieties, including Hungary, Russia, Barbadoes, Danubian Principalities, &c. Price, 50 cents.

Any of the above sent, post free, on receipt of price, and 3 cent stamp.

## Newly Issued Stamps.

JAPAN.—We obtain the following from the *S. C. Magazine*. From information and specimens received we are in a position to state that besides the three stamps described last month a fourth exists, and perhaps others. The value is expressed in "mons," the lowest being worth 48, and the highest 500. The values and colors are as follows:

48 mons,	dark brown.
100 or 96 "	indigo.
200 "	red.
500 "	green.

They were engraved by Messrs. H. Engel & Son, Holland.

GERMANY has issued a post card inscribed with the words—"Deutsches Reichs Postgebiet," or "Post Office of the German Empire." The card is buff; the inscriptions in black. A place is ruled on the right hand side to contain an adhesive stamp.

VICTORIA.—The Government contemplates issuing a halfpenny stamp to prepay local postage.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. Post Cards are to be introduced in this colony very soon.

NEVIS.—The one-penny stamp is now printed in reddish lake color.

SWEDEN will issue a new set on January 1st, 1872, of the following values—3, 5, 6, 12, 20, 30, 50 ore and 1 rix dollar; also, a 12 ore envelope and a 12 ore post card.

FRANCE is about to issue post cards. Their values will probably be 5 and 10 centimes—the former for communications delivered in the city, the latter for any part of the Empire.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The *Philatelist* describes the following hand-stamped envelope from these Islands. It consists simply of the words:—"Falkland Paid Islands," in three lines, enclosed

**FALKLAND  
PAID.  
ISLANDS.**

in a single line, oblong frame. The design is hand-stamped on the right hand corner of the envelope.

DECCAN has issued another set, values as follows  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12 annas. We have only seen specimens of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, which is printed in brown, and perforated.

## Answers to Correspondents.

*J. C. F.*—Your favor was received. We are very much obliged.

*M. Cacyrn.*—You may send us a small quantity on approval. State your own price.

*J. D.*—No agent is allowed to use our name, but he can advertise as our agents if he wishes. We will send list of outfits and prices on receipt of stamp.

*M. C. F.*—We will forward catalogue of the coming auction if you wish. We will also receive orders to purchase. A deposit will be required. You must also set your price on such lots as you would like.

*J. C.*—We are glad to hear of it. Nothing like patience.

*W. A. K.*—Your paper is always sent as regular as any subscriber.

*P. S., Oregon.*—The stamps you send to be examined are all counterfeits with one exception. We have returned them, the frauds being crossed on the back.

*J. D. C.*—You will find the chromos advertised in last column. The dealer is perfectly good.

*N. E. P.*—We have all the back numbers; they will cost 30 cents; the February number costs 10 cents, as we have only a few left. We expect to bind a few volumes at the end of the year.

**Counterfeit Stamps.**

We have received a great many complaints from our customers in regard to the number of "boy dealers," who are acting as agents and tools for the principal counterfeiters of this country, who reside in Boston. We advise our friends to have no dealings with any dealers there, as we know of none who are reliable, or that we could recommend for "honesty." We return our thanks to many subscribers for specimens received. We commence our list for this month with

**ECUADOR.**

Dos., 2 Reales; Green and Ochre, 8 Reales.

The originals of these stamps never existed, only in the minds of their progenitors, who were of course the parties referred to above.

**NEW GRANADA. — 1870.**

25 Centavos, Black, on Blue Paper.

**COUNTERFEIT.**

There are no tassels suspended from the flags. The S in correos at top is smaller than the rest. The counterfeit is printed on light blue paper.

**GENUINE.**

There are tassels suspended from the flags on both sides. The letters at top are all of one size, printed on dark blue paper.

50 Centavos — 1870.

Green on White.

**COUNTERFEIT.**

There is considerable distance between the V and O in "Centavos." There is also a considerable distance between the C and O in "correos," printed in dark green ink.

**GENUINE.**

The V nearly touches the O in "Centavos." All the letters in "correos" are an equal distance apart, printed in light green ink.

**LIBERIA.**

6c., Red; 12, Blue; 24c., Green.

**COUNTERFEIT**

6 cents:—The rock on which the figure is sitting is rounded off at bottom. There is also a flag pendant from the ship in background.  
12 cents:—There are two lines forming the circular border; other parts *fac simile* of 6 cents.  
24 cents:—Ground work composed of diagonal lines similar to above. The figure 4 of value has no stroke at bottom.

**GENUINE.**

6 cents:—The rock is perpendicularly straight. There is no flag discernable in the genuine.  
12 cents:—A single thick line forms the border; is also the best engraved of the set.  
24 cents:—Ground work composed of wavy perpendicular lines; figure 4 has stroke at bottom.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

10 Centavos; Green.

**COUNTERFEIT.**

This stamp is printed from an electrotype similar to one used in our heading.


**GENUINE.**

Very finely engraved, and is no doubt the work of some of our Bank Note Companies.

**Obituary.**

**C. CABINET.**—Died, on Friday, September 1, Curiosity Cabinet, aged 1 year, no months, no days. The funeral will take place from the residence of his father in Nassau street, New York City.

With tears in our eyes and feelings of mingled sorrow and regret we pen the above lines. Mr. Cabinet was an earnest Philatelist, also an esteemed friend of ours; his loss will be felt by many, in particular his father, to whom we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

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" " 2,	"	-	-	02
" " 4,	"	-	-	05
" " 5,	"	-	-	08
Belgium—1 centime,	"	-	-	02
" 2 "	"	-	-	03
" 5 "	"	-	-	05
" 8 "	"	-	-	08
Bremen—2 grote,	"	-	-	06
Brazil—10 reis, black,	"	-	-	08
" 10 reis, carmine	"	-	-	04
British Honduras,	"	"	-	05
Bahamas,	"	"	-	06
British Columbia,	"	"	-	08
Cape Good Hope—1 penny, new	-	-	-	06
Ceylon— $\frac{1}{2}$ penny,	-	-	-	05
Confederate States—5 and 10 used,	-	-	-	02
" " 1 cent, new	-	-	-	25
Deccan— $\frac{1}{2}$ anna	"	-	-	08
Denmark—2, new	-	-	-	05
" 3, "	-	-	-	08
" 4, "	-	-	-	10
Egypt—5 paras,	"	-	-	04
" 10 " "	-	-	-	08
" 20 " "	-	-	-	12
French Empire—1 cent, new	-	-	-	02
" Colonies, 1 "	-	-	-	03
" Republic, 1 "	-	-	-	02
" " 2 "	-	-	-	03
" " 4 "	-	-	-	05
" " 5 "	-	-	-	05
Great Britain—1 penny, black	-	-	-	05
Greece—1 lep., new	-	-	-	02
Helsingfors—10, new	-	-	-	12
Heligoland— $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, new	-	-	-	05
" 1 " "	-	-	-	08
Hamburg— $\frac{1}{2}$ , envelope,	"	-	-	02
Holland— $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	"	-	-	02
" $1\frac{1}{2}$ ,	"	-	-	04
" 2 "	"	-	-	04
" $2\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	-	-	08
Hungary—2 kr.	"	-	-	06
Italy—1,	"	-	-	02
" 2,	"	-	-	03
" 5,	"	-	-	05

Malta— $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	"	-	-	05
Madeira—5,	"	-	-	05
" 10,	"	-	-	10
Monte Video—1 cent,	"	-	-	05
Mexico—12 cent, used,	-	-	-	05
New Foundland—1 cent, new,	-	-	-	05
New Granada—25, used	-	-	-	10
" 20, used	-	-	-	20
" 5, used.	-	-	-	08
Peru—1 diners, used	-	-	-	04
" 20 "	-	-	-	06
Portugal—5, new,	-	-	-	04
" 10	-	-	-	07
Roumania—18 bani, used,	-	-	-	08
Salvador—1 real, used,	-	-	-	04
" 2 real, used,	-	-	-	08
Sandwich Islands—1 cent, 1871,	-	-	-	05
" " 2 cents, 1864,	-	-	-	07
Servia—1 yellow, new	-	-	-	03
" 1 green, new	-	-	-	03
Segnatasse—1 new	-	-	-	03
" 2 new	-	-	-	05
St. Lucia,	-	-	-	06
Turks Island,	-	-	-	05
Uruguay—1 cent, new	-	-	-	05
Virgin Isles—1 penny, new	-	-	-	08

### Post Cards.

Canada—1 penny,	-	-	-	05
Belgium—5 centime,	-	-	-	08
Great Britain— $\frac{1}{2}$ ,	-	-	-	03
Hungary—2 kr.,	-	-	-	08
Switzerland—5,	-	-	-	08

### Newspaper Stamps.

Austria—Arms	-	-	-	02
" Head	-	-	-	02
Hungary—2 kr.	-	-	-	05
Roumania— $1\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	04

### How to Send Money.

On account of the insecurity of mails, we would advise all our customers hereafter to forward all money either by "registered letter," or "post-office money order;" either are safe, and can be relied upon for promptness in forwarding, and those whose orders amount to considerable should have the return letter registered by sending us the extra amount. This would insure their getting the order immediately in return.

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### The New York Post Office.

In the year 1710 the Postmaster-General of Great Britain established a "chief letter office" in the city of New York. At this time it found but partial employment for one postmaster and a single assistant - language fails to give an idea of the difference between then and now. A few random illustrations must therefore suffice. For instance, twenty years ago, before there was a postal treaty with England, people in that country, according to their caprice endorsed on the outside of the letter by what line of steamers they desired them to be sent. By some accident neither of the two composing the American line, crossed from England in six months. The consequence was an extraordinary accumulation of letters endorsed "by American steamer," and when the Washington did reach this port, having "broken her shaft, and been frozen up in harbor of Bremen," she had a six months' mail abroad. This enormous collection of letters was taken to the Post Office, and the clerks, without neglecting their daily routine duties, and working "over time," distributed this accumulation in "ten days." The same number of letters, without interfering with the daily business of the office, would now be distributed in "one hour."

Instead of there being as formerly, only a few straggling letters, two hundred and fifty thousand postage stamps on an average, are daily cancelled, and that is a representation of the number of domestic letters delivered at the Post Office every twenty-four hours.

It costs the government sixty thousand dollars

annually for cartage, to haul this mail matter to the stations and railway lines. One comparative statement more. The city of New York is divided into twelve postal stations, each one having its distinct officer and clerks. Station A, situated in the heart of New York, does a larger business than either of the cities of Buffalo, New Haven, Hartford, Hudson, or Troy. Such is the growth and prosperity of the Post Office of New York city.

### Special Notice.

*We will give an unused stamp with every copy of the GUIDE, to those who will forward double the subscription price, and we will also give free to any subscriber who will renew his subscription, or to any new subscribers who will send in their subscriptions before the 25th of this month (Nov.) a handsome sheet illustrating in colors the newly issued stamps of the past year. This is very finely done, and well worth the subscription price alone. We make the following inducements to Clubs.*

Any one getting three subscribers for the GUIDE, can have his own copy free (without stamp.)

Any one sending the names of five new subscribers can have his own copy free *with unused stamp each month.*

Any one sending the names of ten new subscribers, can order \$1 worth of stamps from any of our lists, which we will send free, and to the person sending us the largest Club by April, we will give \$10 worth of stamps.

All money must be forwarded with the names and addresses.



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## Holiday Packets.

- Nos. 1 to 4, each containing 50 varieties, used and unused, and all warranted genuine.
- No. 1—50 varieties, including Deccan, Belgian, old issue Holland, Victoria, Portugal, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- No. 2—50 varieties, including Denmark, (new issue,) New South Wales, Luxembourg, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- No. 3—50 varieties, including Egypt, Saxony, Hamburg Envelope, French Colonies, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- No. 4—50 varieties, including Hungary, Russia, Barbadoes, Danubian Principalities, &c. Price, 50 cents.
- PS* Any of the above sent, post free, on receipt of price, and 3 cent stamp.

## Our Paper.

This number closes the existence of the GUIDE for the first year. We have tried hard to please all our readers, and so far we have succeeded. We have received very few complaints, and these principally from parties who really did not know what they were complaining about. We know our fault of defective proof reading has happened frequently, this we shall remedy to a great extent. We have also received a number of inquiries as to why we do not give an unused stamp with every copy, like other Philatelic journals. Now we wish to inform our readers that the GUIDE is now the only Stamp paper published at the low price of twenty-five cents a year, all others ranging from one to two dollars a year. There has been others published at a lower rate than this, but how long did they last, not longer than three or four months at the most. Now we propose to give an unused stamp with each copy, to every subscriber who will forward double the subscription price. We will do this as a favor, but we cannot give one each month to those who

only send the regular subscription price, as this would be giving more than we can afford. We intend to make the paper more desirable than ever for the coming year, and we still have hopes of illustrating it each month, provided we can make the necessary arrangements. We should prefer in return to receive articles from subscribers for publication, as this would show the interest taken by them in the paper. We also request all subscribers to state any subject relating to stamps that they would like an article on, and we will accommodate each one, if possible; therefore we hope all our friends will renew their subscriptions for the coming year before the 25th of this month.

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

FRANCE.—The Republic will probably issue a new set of stamps to correspond with the new postal rates, lately raised, two have already appeared as follows: 15 centimes, bistre and a 25 centimes, blue.

JAPAN.—We copy the following from the A. J. of P. "The following extract from the *Hioga News*," sets the question of the postal character of these stamps at rest. "We have just seen for the first time, some specimens of the new Japanese postage labels, they are all of one design but of four different colors; the brown represents 48 zeni, or half a tempo; the blue, one tempo; the red, two tempos; the green five tempos; *i. e.* about five cents. These stamps are square in size."

ST. VINCENT.—The one penny stamps of this Island are now printed in black ink instead of red.

## Cheap !!

*PS* We will give an extra set of 5 stamps, or allow a discount of 15 per cent. on all orders above \$1—the discount to be taken out in stamps at list prices.

*PS* Harper's Monthly Magazine for October contains quite a readable article on Postage Stamps, numbering ten pages with illustrations. We advise our readers to procure it, as it contains some very useful information concerning stamps, &c.

NOTICE.—Those who receive a marked copy will understand by this that their subscription has expired, and they must renew it before the 25th, or they will not receive the beautiful plate advertised elsewhere.

**Counterfeit Stamps.**

We have received the following from an esteemed correspondent whose veracity we do not doubt: "I wish to inform you of a fact which has taken place in this town. Two young men started some time ago as dealers, and obtained their stock principally from Boston. At first they did pretty well, but since your paper with its articles on counterfeits obtained a circulation here, their business has decreased so much that one of them told me last week they had taken in but \$1 in two weeks. They now propose to sell genuine stamps."

We had heard of the parties referred to as being agents of a counterfeiter, and we are glad to hear our efforts have met with such good success, and we hope to hear of others doing the same thing. We find the only way to reach these parties is through the pocket. As soon as they find their trade decreasing, they either retire from business or sell the genuine article, which in the end is satisfactory to collectors. We commence our list for this month with

**ROUMANIA—50 Bani.**

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
The denomination of value may easily be mistaken for a single word. The dot in lower line comes a little to the right of the final i in CINCI.	There is sufficient space between CINCI and DECI to leave no doubt as to their being separate words. There is a small dot (formed by the breaking of the line) between the last c and i below CINCI.

**PHILIPINE ISLANDS. 5cs.**

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
Letters of inscription are very small. The of FRANCO is at some little distance from the side. There is also a small stop after Cs.	The F in FRANCO nearly touches the side. There is no stop after Cs.

**VIRGIN ISLES—SIXPENCE.**

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
The centre has a very fine but still distinct groundwork of wavy lines. None of the lamps touch the border on the left line.	The groundwork is almost white, from the lines being so indistinct. The lamps are much too plainly drawn, three of those on the right side touch the border. The c in the inscription is almost an o.

We shall continue this department in our next volume.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

*John Seiple.*—This correspondent sends us the name of ten new subscribers. If every subscriber took such an interest in the paper, we would be able to increase its size and improve it in a great many ways, therefore, let every subscriber "go and do likewise."

*Jos. B.*—We still present the one-cent Confederate stamp to purchases of over one dollars' worth of stamps. We sent you one in your last order.

*Publishers.*—We have not received our exchange.

*Geo. Pearsall.*—The Holiday Packets were only advertised last month. A discount of 15 per cent. will be allowed if you take three of each, 1, 2, 3, 4.

*J. F., Charleston.*—We will allow \$5 for the local No. 1, and \$3 for No. 2. Send at once.

*H. E. S.*—You can take as many copies of the GUIDE you like, as every one will count.

*E. P. N.*—We can put you up a package containing the five post cards, for 25 cents.

*A. C. Albany.*—All are counterfeits. We will return if you wish. Send stamp always for reply.

To *E. N. G.* and others regarding the unused stamp with every copy, see prospectus.

*J. B. T.*—If you send us your volume of the Guide and twenty-five cents, we will bind in paper cover and include colored frontispiece, and return post free.

*A. C. & S. R. Allentown.*—Have not received our exchange, please answer.

*W. C. L. Cin.*—You can add what you like to the outfit at 15 per cent. discount, but it must amount to over \$2; we can sell you the sets at seventy-five cents per dozen, six in a set and unused.

**Auction Sale.**

The sale which took place on Monday, Oct. 9th, was rather a dry affair, there being about twenty persons present. The highest prices paid for single stamps were the Confederate locals, as follows:

A Charleston Env. Stamp, in fine condition,	\$20.00
5c. Lynchburgh—the scarcest kind,	10 00
5c. Petersburg,	8.50
5c. Knoxville,	7.50
5c. Nashville,	7.50

A San Francisco local brought \$7.75. The set of U. S. Revenue were knocked down for \$40. The net proceeds amounted to \$238.67.

## Price List For October.

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Azores—5 reis,	new	-	-	04
Alsace and Lorraine—1,	"	-	-	02
" " 2,	"	-	-	02
" " 4,	"	-	-	05
" " 5,	"	-	-	08
Belgium 1 centime,	"	-	-	02
" 2 "	"	-	-	03
" 5 "	"	-	-	05
" 8 "	"	-	-	08
Bremen—2 grote,	"	-	-	06
Brazil—10 reis, black,	"	-	-	06
" 10 reis, carmine	"	-	-	04
British Honduras,	"	-	-	05
Bahamas,	"	-	-	06
British Columbia,	"	-	-	06
Cape Good Hope—1 penny, new		-	-	06
Ceylon—½ penny,		-	-	05
Confederate States—5 and 10 used,		-	-	02
" " 1 cent, new		-	-	25
Deccan—½ anna	"	-	-	08
Denmark—2, new		-	-	05
" 3, "		-	-	08
" 4, "		-	-	10
Egypt 5 paras,	"	-	-	04
" 10 " "		-	-	08
" 20 " "		-	-	12
French Empire—1 cent, new		-	-	02
" Colonies, 1 "		-	-	03
" Republic, 1 "		-	-	02
" " 2 "		-	-	03
" " 4 "		-	-	05
" " 5 "		-	-	05
Great Britain—1 penny, black		-	-	05
Greece—1 lep., new		-	-	02
Helsingfors—10, new		-	-	08
Heligoland—½ schilling, new		-	-	05
" 1 " "		-	-	08
Hamburg ½, envelope,	"	-	-	02
Holland—½,	"	-	-	02
" 1½,	"	-	-	04
" 2 "	"	-	-	04
" 2½ "	"	-	-	08
Hungary—2 kr.	"	-	-	06
Italy—1,	"	-	-	02
" 2,	"	-	-	03
" 5,	"	-	-	05

Malta—½,	"	-	-	05
Madeira—5,	"	-	-	05
" 10,	"	-	-	10
Monte Video—1 cent,	"	-	-	05
Mexico—12 cent, used,		-	-	05
New Foundland—1 cent, new,		-	-	05
New Granada—25, used		-	-	10
" 20, used		-	-	20
" 5, used.		-	-	08
Peru—1 diners, used		-	-	04
" 20 "		-	-	06
Portugal 5, new,		-	-	04
" 10		-	-	07
Roumania—18 bani, used,		-	-	05
Salvador—1 real, used,		-	-	04
" 2 real, used,		-	-	08
Sandwich Islands—1 cent, 1871,		-	-	05
" " 2 cents, 1864,		-	-	07
Servia—1 yellow, new		-	-	03
" 1 green, new		-	-	03
Segnatassee—1 new		-	-	03
" 2 new		-	-	05
St. Lucia,		-	-	06
Turks Island,		-	-	05
Uruguay—1 cent, new		-	-	05
Virgin Isles—1 penny, new		-	-	06

## Post Cards.

Canada—1 penny,		-	-	05
Belgium—5 centime,		-	-	08
Great Britain—½,		-	-	03
Hungary—2 kr.,		-	-	08
Switzerland—5,		-	-	08

## Newspaper Stamps.

Austria—Arms		-	-	02
" Head		-	-	02
Hungary—2 kr.		-	-	05
Roumania—1½		-	-	04

## How to Send Money.

On account of the insecurity of mails, we would advise all our customers hereafter to forward all money either by "registered letter," or "post-office money order;" either are safe, and can be relied upon for promptness in forwarding, and those whose orders amount to considerable should have the return letter registered by sending us the extra amount. This would insure their getting the order immediately in return.

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No. 1.

### Confederate Postage Stamps.

#### LOCALS.

These stamps were issued in the year 1861, by the postmasters of large cities in the south, to prepay the postage on letters, papers, etc. The government at this time had not issued postage stamps of any kind. They were issued like all other provisionals, because the postmasters could not get government stamps, and found it impossible to carry on their offices by taking pay for each letter, and at this time the south had no change in currency under a dollar. It therefore made it impossible to make change for one letter at the rate of 5 or 10 cts. each, according to the distance it had to go. This accounts for the number of these stamps issued, also for the designs, some of which are very rude, owing to the taste of the postmaster, who had to devise some kind of a stamp or give up his office. Of course they chose the former, and the result was, some issued stamps similar to postmarks, and others handsome designs, same shape and size as postage stamps. We will first describe the

#### CHARLESTON LOCAL.

As we give an excellent illustration of this stamp, it makes the description almost unnecessary. It was issued sometime between June and October, 1861, and was used



as an envelope stamp, impressed on the upper right hand corner in blue, on light blue, yellow,

and white envelopes. It is printed very neatly, and no doubt one of the handsomest issued. We do not think there are over ten specimens in existence.



#### MOBILE.

We also give an illustration of this stamp. It was issued sometime in July, 1861, its color is black as represented. The original is a very fine lithograph, therefore our illustration does not do it justice.

(To be Continued.)

### Our Offers for 1872.

To subscribers of the GUIDE for one year at twenty-five cents, we offer the following inducements: - A handsomely illustrated sheet in colors, describing the newly issued stamps for 1871, which is worth the subscription price alone.

For fifty cents we send the GUIDE one year, with unused stamp with each copy free, or a genuine Confederate States stamp, one cent, valued at from 25 to 50 cents at catalogue price.

Any one getting three subscribers for the GUIDE, can have his own copy free (without stamp.)

Any one sending the names of five new subscribers can have his own copy free with unused stamp each month.

Any one sending the names of ten new subscribers, can order \$1 worth of stamps from any of our lists, which we will send free, and to the person sending us the largest Club by April, we will give \$10 worth of stamps.

All money must be forwarded with the names and addresses.

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DECEMBER, 1871.

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## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

**GERMANY.**—This Empire will issue a new set of stamps. On New Year's day they will be put in active service. The design is very plain, consisting of rectangular frame, with words "Deutsche Rechts Post," in oval at top, and value below—and eagle in lined centre. Values,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, and 5 groschen, and 1, 2, 3, 7, and 18 kreutzer, which is the same value as those they supersede.

**BOLIVIA.**—This country now uses their fiscal or revenue stamps in lieu of postage stamps, caused no doubt by the exhaustion of the original stamps.

Commission  
for  
*Retourbriefe*  
Regensburg.

**BAVARIA.**—Another returned letter stamp has made its appearance for Regensburg, similar to the annexed illustration.

**RUSSIA** intends to issue Post Cards like all other civilized countries. There will be two values—3 kop for local delivery, and 5 kop for cards throughout the empire. Also a registered letter stamp value 25 kop. They will probably be issued in January.

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**—This colony has issued a five shilling stamp, same design as other values and same size. Color, orange.

**NEW GRANADA.**—"Tolima."—This state has issued a 10 centavos stamp, which we will describe more fully in our next number.

## Our Christmas & New Year's Packets.

No. 1 contains	25 unused stamps,	price	.25
" 2 "	35 " " "	" "	.50
" 3 "	50 " " "	" "	1.00
" 4 "	100 " " including	many very rare and scarce specimens,	2.50

## International Money Order.

This is one of the latest improvements in our postal relations with foreign countries. The following is a copy of instructions issued by the United States Government for obtaining money on all foreign countries.

"The post office clerk gives the applicant a receipt for the money paid, *this receipt is kept by the applicant*, and the United States Postal Department then notifies the British or Swiss Department, as the case may be, to pay to the person named, at the designated post office, the amount of money ordered. It will be seen that this notice with the necessary entries in the books of the different departments, will cause such a delay before the post-master at the paying office receives instructions to pay the money, that a few days may intervene between the reception of the letter stating that the money had been sent and the payment of the money.

After having obtained the United States receipt, as above stated, the remitter should advise the person who is to receive the money that a certain amount has been ordered to be paid, and it would be well to state that there may be a delay of two or three days between the reception of the letter of advice and the payment of the money.

If the money order is payable in a large city in Great Britain or Ireland, the applicant should ascertain from the United States Post Office clerk whether the money will be paid at the "central office" or at one of the "town receiving offices" in that city, and be careful to advise the person who is to receive the money of the fact."

To the curious it may be interesting to know that during the first six weeks that the British International Money Order System was in operation about 6,000 orders were transmitted to Europe by the New York Post Office.

## The Colored Plate.

Subscribers who have not received it will please enclose stamp to us for the same, as we cannot afford to prepay the postage on at least 500 we have on hand due subscribers.

Do not forget to order one or more of the Christmas and New Years packets, before the 25th, and present them to your friends."

### Counterfeit Stamps.

As we intend to continue this article during the coming year, we hope our friends will still continue to forward any doubtful stamps they may have, for description, if necessary. We have received letters of commendation from all parts of the country, asking us to continue the article, as the money we have saved them from sending to these counterfeiting rascals amounts to considerable. One correspondent in particular says he was purchasing on an average two dollars' worth of stamps per week of a certain dealer, and has only lately found out that more than three-fourths of these are counterfeits. He gives us the credit of being the means of his finding this out, through our monthly article. This is one of our many reasons for continuing the article. We commence our list for this month with

#### PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

½ oz. and 1 real.

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
A magnificently engraved stamp, showing clearly. S is joined to the dot following it, and the top of the I almost touches the oval frame.	There is a clear space between the S and the dot following it, and between the fig. 1 and the oval is a slight space.

1 oz. and 2 reales.

The foregoing is easily detected by the ship sailing to the left instead of the right as in the original.

#### BOLIVIA.

1868. 5, 10, 50, 100, 500 centavos.

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
The lower banner heads on the right hand portion of the stamp reach to the extremity of the circle. The spear heads above the top star upon each side are shapeless strokes. The lines in the central oval are close together. The stamps are very finely engraved.	None of the banner heads on the right hand side touch the outer circle. The staff point above the uppermost star on the left of the stamp is well formed, and forked to represent a spear. The stamps are miserably and coarsely lithographed.

"THE COLLECTOR" is a new monthly devoted to coins, autographs and stamps, and very "newsy." We wish it success.

### Answers to Correspondents.

*I Frank, Ely.*—Of the stamps you enclosed to us, six are genuine, the balance are counterfeits. We will return them on receipt of stamp if desired.

*Geo. H. Richmond.*—The dealer you mention is not reliable, as to the stamps they are counterfeits. We advise you to shun him.

*Frank White.*—The mistake was ours, which we trust you will excuse, you will receive the balance due you.

*John Comstock.*—Your subscription was received. You will please enclose a stamp to us for the colored plate due you.—Of the dealers you speak of, G. E. & Co. are reliable, the others are strangers to us.

*Ben. Tansig.*—We have always forwarded your copy promptly. The fault lies in the P. O. as you did not enclose a stamp for reply, we decline to send the number.

*To E. B., T. M. B., A. H. D., A. G. D.,* and a great many others, who have forwarded their subscriptions for the coming year, but forgot to enclose a stamp for reply, they will please do so at once, to prepay the "Colored Plate" due them.

*Dealers writing for our Wholesale Price List,* must enclose their business card, price or packet lists, etc., to establish their identity as dealers.

*P. G. S. Albany.*—The Album has just been issued. see advertisements.


*A. H. Crispin.*—We will continue our offer until the 1st of January. We will also give the colored plate to all subscribers before that date.

*W. P. B.*—We are sorry to hear our article offended you, accept our apology.

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-- We have forwarded copies of this number to all our old subscribers to let them see our new appearance. We hope this will be the means of their renewing their subscriptions, as all our offers hold good until Jan. 1, 1872.

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 Our Grand Duke Stamp Album would be a very desirable gift for Christmas or New Years.

### Price List For December.

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Alsace and Lorraine, 1, 2,	new	-	02
“ “ 4	“	-	04
Belgium, 1, 2,	“	-	02
“ 5,	“	-	04
“ 8,	“	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, black,	“	-	06
“ 10 “ carmine,	“	-	04
British Honduras, 1 Penny,	“	-	05
Bahamas, 1 “	“	-	06
Cape of Good Hope, 1 penny,	“	-	06
Ceylon, ½ penny,	“	-	04
Deccan, ½ anna,	“	-	08
Denmark, 2 schilling	“	-	05
“ 3 “	“	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	“	-	04
French Colonies, 1 centime,	“	-	02
“ Republic, 1, 2,	“	-	02
Greece, 1, 2, lep.	“	-	02
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	“	-	08
Helgoland, ½ schilling,	“	-	05
“ 1 “	“	-	08
Madeira, 5 reis,	“	-	05
“ 10 “	“	-	10
Nevis, 1 penny,	“	-	08
Orange Free State, 1 penny	“	-	08
Peru, 1 dinero,	used	-	04
“ 20 “	“	-	06
Segna Tasse, 1,	new	-	03
“ 2,	“	-	05
St. Christopher, 1 penny,	“	-	08
St. Lucia, 1 penny,	“	-	06
Turks Island, 1 penny,	“	-	05
Virgin Isles, 1 penny	“	-	06

### Cheap Sets.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are unused those thus (†) used and unused.

* Belgium,	set of 4	-	15
* Brunswick,	“ 5	-	05
Dutch Indias,	“ 3	-	30
Finland,	“ 4	-	15
Hamburg,	“ 6	-	20
† Luxemburg,	“ 7	-	30
† Spain, set of 15, including many rare old issues,		-	35
* Spain, official set of 4		-	25
* Saxony,	set of 6	-	05
Turkey,	“ 5	-	20
† Romania,	“ 9	-	50
† “	“ 4	-	20

Packet containing 5 Post Cards, all different price, 25 cents.

### ADVERTISEMENTS.

A limited number of advertisements will be inserted in this column.

“Terms, 10 cents per line each insertion.”

Advertisements should reach this office not later than the 25th of the month to secure their insertion in the next number.

All Trade notices are respectfully declined.

### NOVELTIES.

Enclose two 3 ct. stamps to Geo. Stanley, Box 426 Elizabeth, N. J., for Catalogue of “CHEAP NOVELTIES.”

“THE GRAND DUKE, STAMP ALBUM,”

Just Published.

Bound in Cloth,

Gilt Lettering,

Price by Mail, \$1 10.

Tredwell, Rogers & Co.

Elizabeth, N. J.



### TO DEALERS.

A wholesale price list will be sent to *dealers only*, on receipt of stamps.

Tredwell, Rogers & Co.

Elizabeth, N. J.

N. B. — Will be published about the 20th of this month, (Dec.)

### THE HOLIDAY PACKETS,

Nos. 1 to 4 each containing 50 rare stamps and only 50 cents each; Post free 53 cents.

Tredwell, Rogers & Co.

Elizabeth, N. J.

WANTED to advertise in all amateur papers. Send copy to

Geo. B. Stanley,  
Box 426 Elizabeth, N. J.

POST CARDS:—A packet containing five cards, unused, including Hungary, Belgium, Switzerland, &c. Post free 25 cents.

Tredwell, Rogers & Co.

Elizabeth, N. J.

WANTED second hand Novelty Cases and Type in good condition. address,

C. T. J.

care Office of this Paper.

# The Stamp Collector's



## GUIDE.

Vol. 2.

ELIZABETH, N. J., JANUARY.

No. 2.

### Confederate Postage Stamps.

(Continued).

MOBILE, ALA.



The stamp here represented was issued about the same time as the 2 cent described in our last. Color, blue. There are no varieties, except in the shade of the blue one.

LIVINGSTON, ALA.



The accompanying engraving gives but a poor illustration of the stamp issued by the P. M. of this town, as the original is a very fine lithograph; and, taking it altogether, it makes a very handsome stamp. Only two specimens are known to be in existence. Color, blue.

GREENVILLE, ALA.

The stamps issued by the postmaster of this place are the scarcest known. The design consists of four fancy corner ornaments, joined at top and bottom, but leaving a space in the middle wide enough to contain the following words:

PAID—FIVE.  
GREENVILLE, ALA.

PAID—TEN.  
GREENVILLE, ALA.

The frame is printed in blue ink; the letters in the centre are printed by hand in red ink. The

ten is printed with same type, the frame being printed in red, and the letters in blue. Both are printed on heavy glazed paper. Of these stamps but two fives and one ten cent are known to exist, although a number of sheets are likely to turn up at any moment, as Mr. Pemberton says in a late article to the S. C. M.: "The discovery of unknown Confederate provisionals is the result of persistently worrying every one who is likely to know anything of the subject. When success rewards the seeker, and a new local or provisional is found, it is a variety for some months; then, as a *general thing* (mind I do not say a rule), somebody finds a quantity, and if a man gets hold of an indefinite number of one kind of provisional Confederates—single copies of which have always been unattainable—he dribbles out single copies at prices which would shock a conscientious Quaker or a scrupulous Jew. After a few months, every buyer who will pay well, will become supplied; the consequence is, the balance of these highly-priced locals will be sold for whatever they will fetch."

We think these remarks are very true, and they must become home thrusts to Mr. Scott and another gentleman who holds the "Fredericksburgh" and other locals.

(To be Continued.)

### Our Christmas & New Year's Packets.

No. 1	contains	25	unused stamps,	price	.25
" 2	"	35	"	"	.50
" 3	"	50	"	"	1.00
" 4	"	100	"	including many very rare and scarce specimens,	2.50



# The Stamp Collector's Guide.

JANUARY, 1872.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY by TREDWELL, ROGERS & Co. Elizabeth, N. J.

POSTAGE is 3 cents per Quarter, payable at the P. O. where received.

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

### NEW GRANADA.

**TOLIMA**—We stated last month we would describe the new issue of this State more fully. We find there is a 5 centavos as well as a 10. The design of the 5 is similar to the 20c. issue of 1870. Color, brown. The design of the 10c. consists of the arms in centre and figure 10 at sides, with words, *Correos del estado, E. E. U. U. De Colombia* at top, and *Estados del Tolima diez centavos* at bottom. Color, bright blue. The Government has issued a stamp similar to the Montevidean series or the Italian newspaper stamps, 1 and 2 centesimos. The design consists of a large figure 2 in the centre of the stamp; the arms are inserted in the curve of the figure at top; the background is formed by heavily-shaded flags; the words *E. E. U. U. De Colombia* in curved lines at top, and the numeral itself being inscribed *Correos Nacionales* at top, and *Dos Cents* at bottom. Color, brown.

**DECCAN**—We are now enabled to give a list of the colors, as well as the denominations, of these stamps.

½ anna,	dark red.
1	“ yellow brown.
3	“ light “
4	“ slate.
8	“ dark brown.
12	“ pale blue.

**GERMANY**—We copy the following from the S. C. M. in regard to the surcharged German envelopes: “The adhesive is first struck over the envelope stamp, and then down comes the tablet, not merely crushing out the relief of the latter, but also firmly fixing the former, and thus remedying the imperfection in the adhesion.”

## FIJI ISLANDS.

Postage  
SIXPENCE.

with roulette perforation; values 1d., 3d., 6d., 9d., and 1s.

**NEW SOUTH WALES**—The tenpenny stamp of this colony now comes surcharged *ninepence*, in black letters.

**NEW ZEALAND** The stamps of this colony have undergone a change in color. We have seen the 6d. printed in blue, heretofore in brown.

**FINLAND**—This province also intends to issue a post card value 8 penni; type same as stamp of that value.

**NICARAGUA**—The one centavos of this Republic has at last made its appearance. It is similar to the rest of the set, the inscriptions being the same. Color, light brown.

**FRANCE**—This Republic contemplates issuing 1, 2, and 3 franc stamps for pre payment of letters to the colonies.

**SERVIA**—This principality will issue post cards shortly.

## How to Arrange Post Cards

We should recommend the use of a separate book for them, of plain, thick, white paper, with frequent guards; and in such a book the cards might be mounted one under the other, two or three on a page. The whole of the front, as it is covered with a design, should be exposed, and not the upper part alone, as is the practice in mounting envelopes, but, on the other hand, the backs of the cards offer very few points for study, and we almost think they might be hinged directly to the paper. The cards are not many in number as yet, nor does there seem much likelihood of there being many values for each country, unless, indeed, a postal revolution takes place and cards entirely supersede envelopes, in which event whole series of cards would be required. Meanwhile, their arrangement is easy, and, as they are not very thick, they will not cause the books in which they may be placed to bulge.

**FIJI ISLANDS**—  
The stamps here described were issued last February, and are similar to the annexed illustration. They are printed on thin rose-tinted paper

### Counterfeit Stamps

We have, as usual, a number of these "frauds" to describe, but will first "show up" a dealer who deals in them, as the following letter will show :—

"The enclosed were bought of Wm. H. Terhune & Co. Show them up.

A Collector."

The stamps enclosed were all counterfeits, and they represent the following countries :—

Uruguay, 05, 06 and 08 centemos.

Servia, 25, 35 and 50 paras.

St. Thomas,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 real.

Hayti, 25 centimes.

As there is no original of this latter stamp it can hardly be called a counterfeit, but merely a myth. We ventilated this dealer and counterfeiter once before, but he still seems to catch inexperienced collectors by his cheap shams.

We trust that those who read this article will avoid him in the future. We copy the following descriptions of the Servian stamps from the *Philatelist* for April :—

#### SERVIA.

1869. 1, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50 para.

In the genuine, the inscriptions are bold and stand out well. The first letter in the upper band has a thick top stroke extending beyond both uprights; in the forged, the connecting line is very thin, in some cases quite absent. The third letter in the original consists of three upright strokes at equal distances apart, joined at the base by a horizontal line, which extends slightly beyond each of the two outside up-strokes. This letter in the foregoing is a miserable abortion, the first upright slanting away from the others; the stroke joining these perpendicular lines is very thin, and in many specimens the first stroke stands by itself, without any connection with the remainder of the letter. The bottom line does not extend from beneath the third upright. The T and A are without foot lines in the impositions; in the genuine they have them.

The same idiotic expression for which the originals are so well known has been reproduced with tolerable exactness upon the forged; only that upon the latter the Prince has been made to look as if he had received a first-class flogging, and had not quite recovered the effects of it.

### TO ADVERTISERS.

We wish to explain to dealers and others in the trade, that the paragraph declining their advertisements was inserted by mistake. We hope this explanation will prove satisfactory to all, and that we will be favored hereafter by a share of their patronage, as we have a good circulation, and our paper is well established, having reached our second volume, which is more than many philatelic publishers can say.

Respectfully,

Tredwell, Rogers & Co.

Elizabeth, January 1st, 1872.

We also make the following inducement to advertisers hereafter in our columns :

We will forward, *free of charge*, to any advertiser *three copies for every line of his advertisement for free distribution*. This makes an average of 120 copies to every column of advertisements (besides our own large circulation to subscribers and customers), that will be distributed all over the country, *free*. Besides, this is not an amateur paper that is read and then thrown away, but it is carefully preserved for future reference and binding.

WE ASK BUT ONE TRIAL.

### Answers to Correspondents.

*G. P. Manlins*—You are right.

*J. T., Oswego*—None of the Switzerland envelopes are cancelled except sometimes by a pen scratch in writing the address, which is also sufficient proof of its having been in use.

*W. A. K.*—We have not heard from you in reply to ours, nor received the money due us.

*G. D., N. Y.*—Your advertisement was received, but we decline to publish it until we receive the necessary "cash."

*C. B.*—See elsewhere in reply to your question.

*E. C., Toronto*—All advertisements will be received hereafter. The paragraph was inserted by mistake. See elsewhere.

*O. S. T., Phila.*—The album you describe is an old edition, and does not contain spaces for any new issues. We would advise you not to purchase. He is reliable other ways.

*M. Caucyn*—Please send us your price per hundred, or thousand, "cash" prices.

### Price List For January.

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Alsace and Lorraine, 1, 2,	new	-	02
" " 4	"	-	04
Belgium, 1, 2,	"	-	02
" 5,	"	-	04
" 8,	"	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, black,	"	-	06
" 10 " carmine,	"	-	04
British Honduras, 1 Penny,	"	-	05
Bahamas, 1 "	"	-	06
Cape of Good Hope, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Ceylon, ½ penny,	"	-	04
Deccan, ½ anna,	"	-	08
Denmark, 2 schilling	"	-	05
" 3 "	"	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	"	-	04
French Colonies, 1 centime,	"	-	02
Greece, 1, 2, lep.	"	-	02
German Official, ¼ gros,	"	-	04
" Republic, 1, 2,	"	-	02
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	"	-	08
Heligoland, ½ schilling,	"	-	04
" 1 "	"	-	08
Madeira, 5 reis,	"	-	05
" 10 "	"	-	10
Nevis, 1 penny,	"	-	08
Orange Free State, 1 penny	"	-	06
Peru, 1 dinero,	used	-	04
" 20 "	"	-	06
Segna Tasse, 1,	new	-	03
" " 2,	"	-	05
St. Christopher, 1 penny,	"	-	08
St. Lucia, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Turks Island, 1 penny,	"	-	05
Virgin Isles, 1 penny	"	-	06

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Finland,	" 4	-	15
Hamburg,	" 9	-	20
† Luxemburg,	" 7	-	30
† Spain, set of 15, including many rare old issues,		-	25
* Spain, official set of 4		-	25
* Saxony,	set of 6	-	05
Turkey,	" 5	-	20
† Romania,	" 9	-	50
† " "	" 4	-	20

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**GEO. ELWOOD & CO.,**  
Importing Dealers in  
**FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.**  
Send Stamp for List of Cheap Packets.  
Address,  
Geo. Elwood & Co.,  
Box 306. Elizabeth, N. J.

**A MWEG & HAGER, Dealers in**  
**FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS,**  
No. 14 S. Duke Street, Lancaster, Penn.  
Send Stamp for further information.

**STAMPS! STAMPS!! CHEAP!!!**  
Great Sacrifice. 100 Stamps for 15 Cents.  
Same quality as sold by other dealers for 25, 35, and 50 cents a 100.  
Other Goods in our line sold at correspondingly low prices.  
Send stamp for New Circulars and Price Lists,  
**JUST OUT.**  
Agents Wanted. Address,  
**JAMES DALE & CO.,**  
P. O. Box F,  
(Late of Elizabeth, N. J.) New Rochelle, N. Y.

**THE STAMP COLLECTORS' MONTHLY,**  
A Paper devoted to the interest of all Stamp Collectors, only 15 Cents per year.  
Address "Stamp Collectors' Monthly,"  
Box 143. New Market, N. H.

**C. BURLEIGH & CO., Dealers in Foreign Stamps, Coins, &c., 89 Middle St., Portland, Me.**

**TO DEALERS ONLY.**  
A Wholesale Price List will be sent to any Dealer on receipt of business card and stamp.

Address,

Tredwell, Rogers & Co.,  
Box 662. Elizabeth, N. J.



## GUIDE.



Vol. 2.

ELIZABETH, N. J., FEBRUARY.

No. 3.

### Confederate Locals.

In the last two numbers of the *Guide*, we described those of this rare set of stamps that we happened to be fortunate enough to possess illustrations of.

We will now take up the remainder in alphabetical order, and will attempt to describe each one minutely.

The first one claiming our attention is the Athens, Ga., 5c.

This stamp is but little known, and although many attempts have been made to get its history, they have never been successful.

There are but very few of these stamps known to be preserved in collections, two or three being all we have ever heard of.

The description is as follows: Design consists of the word *paid*, with a dash and a figure 5, surrounded by twelve stars in an oval which is enclosed in an oval garter, inscribed T. Crawford, P. M., Athens, Ga. The spandrels are filled in with ornamental scroll-work, and the whole is enclosed in an outer frame composed of one line; the color is dull purple.

Mr. T. Crawford, the late P. M., still resides at Athens, but of all the letters that we and our friends have written him, making inquiries about this little known and rare stamp, not one have ever been answered. No official information can we give, therefore, concerning it, but that it is a genuine and true stamp, regularly issued we have no doubt.

(To be Continued.)

### NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

*Russia.*—This empire takes the lead, so far, in issuing *locals*. We give the names of those issued to date.

Belogorsk,	2	kopecs, brown and black.
"	3	" black.
Borovitchi,	5	" red and black.
Cherepovetz,	3	" light blue,
Kiriloff,	2	" black on brown.
Louga,	5	" blue.
Novogorod,	5	" black on rose.
Pskoff,	6	" violet.
Rjess,	2	" black and red.
Tichvin,	5	" red on white.
Tver	2	" blue and rose.
Valdai,	2	" black on pink.
Cherson,	10	" red and black.
Berdiansk,	10	" blue and black.

Egorieff, } values and colors as yet unknown.  
Sapojok, }  
Scopin, }

Bogorodsk, envelope stamp.

The above list is complete.

*Roumania.*—There is a rumor that the  $\frac{1}{2}$  bani newspaper stamp of this principality is used as a label, being perforated and gummed.

*Ceylon.*—The new issue for this colony will make its appearance shortly. Values in rupees and cents.

*Mexico.*—The 12c. stamp of this Republic is now printed on brown paper, similar to the 6c.

*Wurtemberg.*—Our Belgian cotemporary chronicles the emission of 1 kreutzer stamped newspaper bands. Type same as before.

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## Newly Issued Stamps

(Continued.)

*Natal.*—The stamps of this colony are now surcharged, with the word *Postage* in black. There are a number of varieties in the style of type used.

*Germany.*—The new issue of this empire is now in active use. We are also enabled to give the colors and values together.

- |               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{4}$ | groschen, lilac.        |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ | “ yellow-green.         |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ | “ vermilion.            |
| 1             | “ pink.                 |
| 2             | “ ultramarine.          |
| 1             | kreuzer, yellow-green.  |
| 2             | “ vermilion.            |
| 3             | “ pink.                 |
| 7             | “ ultramarine.          |
| 18            | “ pale-brown.           |
| 5             | groschen, pale-brown.   |
| 1             | “ envelope color, pink. |
| 3             | kreuzer, “ “ “          |

It is probable that newspaper bands will be issued shortly.

*Fiji Islands.*—We wish to apologise to our readers for the illustration given in our last number, purporting to be the Government issue for this colony. We give a correct illustration this month of the stamp we should have described.

The stamp here represented is used to defray the postage on the *Fiji Times* to Melbourne, Australia, enroute to Europe, &c.; values 1d., 3d., 6d. and 1s. They are printed

on black, rose-tinted paper, with roulette perforation.

The Government issue is rectangular, with the word FIJI at top in oval, and value in correspond-

ing oval at bottom. The centre consists of shaded balls formed in a circle, enclosing crown, and the letters C. R., in script, beneath. Values 1d., 3d., 6d. and 1sh. We have only seen the three-penny; color, green; and sixpence: color, red; both perforated.

## TO ADVERTISERS

Not less than three lines will be received hereafter, as it must be a very small advertisement that will take up less room than this.

*The Canadian Philatelist* is the title of a new paper for philatelic favor, published at Quebec. We hope it will succeed, and trust they will correct their mistake in regard to publishers of this paper.

We have not received the *Collector* for this month yet.

## Counterfeit Stamps.

NEVIS.

1861-1d.

GENUINE.

The letters of *Nevis* are a fair size.

The left arm of the fainting one is held out straight to the standing one.

There is a mineral spring coming from a rock in the back ground.

COUNTERFEIT.

The letters are unreasonably large.

The left arm is turned up to the standing female supporting the male.

There is no mineral spring, and the rock is represented by wavy lines all pointing downwards.

FINLAND.

Envelopes—5 kop., blue; 10 kop., rose-oval.

GENUINE.

The lines on the shield touch the outline above and below.

Round the left and right side of the crown are 9 dots.

COUNTERFEIT.

The lines do not touch the outline either above or below.

Round the left and right side of the crown are 8 dots.

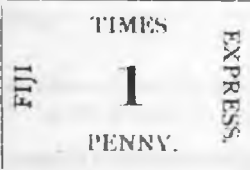
Same as above—20 kop., black.

COUNTERFEIT.

Printed in a greenish slate color. Inside the wide end of the left hand horn, within two circles, is a thin mark, and at the top of it is a dot.

GENUINE.

This is not so in the genuine.



BRAZIL.

1861—Oblong Roman figures indicating values, printed in black, 10, 20, 30, 90, 180 reis.

GENUINE.

COUNTERFEIT.

The figures are distinct, especially the black shading.

The black shading of the figures is not well defined, and it runs into the background. This line is crooked and broken in several places; in the right hand top corner of most of the stamps it runs into the line within it.

The outside enclosing line is very straight, and well defined in the whole set.

The numeral of value is in all the stamps well shaped.

The 9 in the 90 reis is leaning towards the left, and is very badly formed.

BADEN.

1855—1 kreutzer.

GENUINE.

COUNTERFEIT.

The minute inscriptions at sides are very neatly executed.

The inscriptions at sides are exceedingly poorly done, and it is utterly impossible to read them.

The corner ornaments are all like each other in size, shape, and neatly executed.

The corner ornaments are very much unlike each other, and badly done.

The lettering of *Fric-marke* is a uniform size, and neat and regular.

The first R in *Fric-marke* is larger than the second R, and the whole word is carelessly executed.

We have a number left to describe, but will save them for our next number.

Answers to Correspondents.

*A. N. Fellows.*—You must send us your circular or business card to establish your identity as a dealer, before we can forward a wholesale price list.

*H. B. Dow.*—The stamp you describe is a Hamburg local. We have corrected the mistake in address.

*T. C. G.*—Send us a copy on approval; if satisfactory, will forward cash.

*A. R. S., Conn.*—We cannot insert your advertisement until we receive the necessary cash in advance.

*D. J., Neuburg.*—Will you exchange advertisements?

*H. B., Bridgeport.*—All the stamps you enclosed to us were counterfeits. We describe part of them in this number.

*T. H., Pinkham.*—Please send us a copy of your paper in exchange.

All dealers are requested to send us their lists in exchange.

Price List For February.

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Alsace and Lorraine, 1, 2,	new	-	02
“ “ 4	“	-	04
Belgium, 1, 2,	“	-	02
“ 5,	“	-	04
“ 8,	“	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, carmine,	“	-	04
British Honduras, 1 Penny,	“	-	05
Bahamas, 1 “	“	-	06
Cape of Good Hope, 1 penny,	“	-	06
Ceylon, ½ penny.	“	-	04
Costa Rica, 2 real	“	-	06
Deccan, ½ anna,	“	-	08
Denmark, 2 schilling	used	-	02
“ 4 “	“	-	02
Denmarkofficial, 4 sch.	used	-	06
Dutch Indies, 10 cent	“	-	10
“ 20 cent	“	-	10
“ 50 cent	“	-	05
“ 16 cent, 1864	“	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	“	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	“	-	04
French Colonies, 1 centime,	“	-	02
“ Republic, 1, 2,	“	-	02
Granada, 1 penny, green	new	-	06
Germany, ¼, 1872	“	-	05
Greece, 1, 2, lep.	“	-	02
German Official, ¼ gros,	“	-	04
Guatamala, 1 centavos	“	-	05
“ 10 centavos	“	-	10
“ 20 centavos	“	-	15
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	“	-	08
Heligoland, ½ schilling,	“	-	04
Honduras, 2 reals	“	-	15
Holland, 15 cent	“	-	03
“ 20 cent	“	-	03
“ 50 cent	“	-	05
Luxemburg, 1 cent	“	-	02
“ 2 cent. black	used	-	02
“ 10 cent, rose	“	-	02
“ 10 cent, blue	“	-	03
“ 2½ cent, red	“	-	04

Madeira, 5 reis,	"	-	05
" 10 "	"	-	10
Nevis, 1 penny,	"	-	08
New Granada, 1 cent	unused	-	05
" 20 cent	"	-	15
" 25 cent	"	-	15
Orange Free State, 1 penny	"	-	06
Peru, 1 dinero,	used	-	04
" 20 "	"	-	06
Portugal, 5 reis	"	-	04
" 10 reis	"	-	10
Queensland, 1d., 2d.	"	-	02
Spain official, set of 4	unused	-	25
Salvador, 1 real	"	-	05
" 2 real	"	-	05
Segna Tasse, 1,	new	-	03
" 2,	"	-	05
St. Christopher, 1 penny,	"	-	08
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# Collector's



# GUIDE.



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ELIZABETH, N. J., MARCH.

No. 4.

## Confederate Locals.

**BATON ROUGE.**—This is one of the scarcest of the confederate locals and genuine copies are seldom seen. It is type set and made up of a bordering forming nearly a square within which is the inscription as follows P. O. at top J. McCornick at bottom and Baton Rouge, La. with a figure 5 in the centre, it is printed in carmine on a peculiar paper which has a green pattern printed all over it. There are no doubt several types of this stamp as Mr. Scott describes one that has the name printed McCormick and there may be other errors of this kind that are not yet noticed There exist many counterfeits of this stamp and collectors should be very careful if they purchase to buy only the genuine.

A 10 cent stamp for this city is also said to exist, but not being in possession of facts, we cannot give any positive information concerning it.

**CHARLESTON (adhesive.)**—The design of this stamp is as follows; a large figure 5 with cts. below inclosed in an oval band which band is inscribed P. O. Charleston, S. C., above and Postage paid below, the whole is inclosed by an outer line of dots in the form of an oval, this is again surrounded by a rectangular frame of 3 lines with the figure 5 repeatd in each corner on a ground work of oblique lines.

The color of this stamp is blue and of varying shades.

We are positively assured by the P. M. who had charge of this office when this stamp was used that there was also a 10 ct. of a green color

but any further information on the subject we failed to get and as we have never personally inspected one cannot give any further description of it.

**CHARLESTON** (envelope) as we gave a very fine illustration of this stamp with description of the same in our Dec., No. we will only refer our readers to that No. to recall it to their minds.



**COLUMBIA.**—We have given a full description of this stamp on page 23 of vol. 1, to which we would refer our readers, and the illustration which we this month give of it cannot help but make all our readers fully acquainted with it. It is a hand stamp impression, and is, we believe, universally printed in dull blue ink, although there may be some in black ink on envelopes of all colors.

*(To be Continued.)*

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Send for new price list issued as a supplement with this number, contains prices for all new issues such as German, Fiji Islands, Japan, &c.



# The Stamp Collector's Guide.

MARCH, 1872.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY by TREDWELL, ROGERS & Co. Elizabeth, N. J.

POSTAGE is 3 cents per Quarter, payable at the P. O. where received.

## Newly Issued Stamps

*Fiji Islands.*—From later information we learn that the stamps of this colony are surcharged to satisfy American colonists there. The colors and surcharging is as follows :

One Penny, (2 cents,) light blue on white.

Threepence, (6 cents,) light green “

Sixpence, (12 cents,) rose “

The frame differs in each value ; the circle is beaded in the penny, notched in the threepence, and scalloped in the sixpence, and the highest value is further distinguished from the others by the word “Fiji” being in white letters on colored ground, the hand on which it appears having also different end ornaments ; the surcharging is in ordinary Roman, old-style type—“S. C. M.”

*New Zealand.*—The stamps of this colony have undergone a change as follows :

One penny, light brown.

Twopence, vermilion.

Sixpence, blue.

*Western Australia.*—This colony has issued a threepenny stamp design as follows : Swan in oval with reeds at sides, words “Western Australia” at top, and “Postage Three Pence,” at bottom ; color yellow, brown, perforated, and watermarked C. C., and crown.

*Spanish Possessions.*—A new series has appeared with portrait of King Amadeus. We have seen but one, value 25 cents de peseta ; color light brown.

*Portugal.*—The 120 reis has just been issued, similar to new series issued lately.

*German Empire.*—This Empire has issued newspaper bands, value 1 kreutzer, color light green ; also Registration Stamps. 10 and 30 gr.

Commission  
for  
*Retourbrief*  
Nurnberg.

*Bayaria*—Two more returned letter stamps have made their appearance one for Nurnberg and Augsburg, similar to this design.

printed in black or white paper.

*Norway.*—A new 3 Skilling Stamp has made its appearance, design as follows : numeral of value in white circles, formed by post-horn surmounted by a crown ; all enclosed in broad oval band, inscribed above “Norge,” and value 3 (tre Skilling,) below. Color a deep rose.

S. C. M.

*Russia.*—The Post-cards, we announced in our December number, have made their appearance.

*Egypt.*—This Province has issued a new set of stamps as follows : which we copy from the S. C. M.

“The design is very similar to the late series, but the sphinx is to the left of the pyramid instead of in the centre, as before ; Pompey’s Pillar and Cleopatra’s needle are absent, and Arabic and Roman inscriptions take their place ; the star and crescent are represented in the spandrels ; the numerals of value occupy each corner, and the lower margin has the inscription “Poste Khedevie Egiziane ;” values as follows :

5 paras, light brown.

10 “ mauve.

20 “ dull blue.

1 piastre, red.

2 “ orange.

2½ “ purple.

5 “ light green.

These stamps are lithographed.

## Counterfeit Stamps.

There is, perhaps, no other stamps that have received more attention at the hands of counterfeiters than those of South America, and we can account for this in no other way except that the stamps of these Republics and Empires were formerly very poorly executed, and offered comparatively little trouble to counterfeiters in forging ; now these same countries have issued fine specimens of art in the shape of postage stamps principally the work of the American Bank Note

Co., therefore counterfeiting in that direction has decreased considerably.

We commence our list for this month with a good description of the Montevidean forgeries, clipped from the *Vade Mecum*.

#### MONTEVIDEO.

Description in block letters, value twice in figures, oblong 120 centimos, blue; 180 c. green; 240 c. red.

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
The numerals indicating the value of the stamps are on a level with "cents." All the lettering though thick, is small and compact and is of a uniform size.	The numerals indicating the value are lower than the word "cents." The lettering is much longer and not so close together, and some of the letters are much longer than the others.
The word "correo," both on the right and left side of the stamps touches the line above and below in several places.	The word "correo" does not touch in any place, the line above and below it.

The forgeries are much larger than the originals and are generally found postmarked. The genuine are most *always* unobliterated. The 120 cents blue, is by far the rarest of the three, and when genuine is almost unattainable, only one specimen is known.

1859 -- Value once in figures, oblong 60 c. pale brown; 80 c. yellow; 100 c. rose; 120 c. blue; 180 c. light green; 240 c. vermilion.

GENUINE.	COUNTERFEIT.
There is an accent over the second "E" in "centesimos."	No accent over the second "E" in "centesimos."
Colors rather dim.	Colors are bright.

#### Answers to Correspondents.

*Geo. H. R.* — We have all the back numbers from Dec. '70, excepting Feb. '71. They will cost you three cents each, postage extra.

*Louis Barlow.* — Your favor containing counterfeits was duly received, also your later favor. We think you must be mistaken in regard to his keeping the money, as he has always been considered reliable.

*A. S. McMillen.* — We hope you will excuse our error, we have forwarded the stamps for last numbers.

*W. A. K.* — Names and addresses received, accept our thanks.

#### Our Cotemporaries.

*The Stamp Collector's Magazine, and The Philatelist, England.* — We have not received these Magazines, and are therefore unable to review them.

*The Philatelic Journal, England.* — This is a new paper, just issued, and in our opinion will commend itself more favorably to the Philatelic public than any other paper published there. It has introduced the illustrating of newly issued stamps in color, which is something new to British Collectors, but not to us; this alone will command attention. We wish its publishers success.

*The American Journal of Philately, N. Y.* — This Journal makes its appearance in a new cover, printed in colors; its editor has but one fault, and that is commencing numerous articles and finishing none.

*The Canadian Philatelist, Quebec.* — This is the only Philatelic Paper published in Canada; it is about the same size as this sheet, but printed in larger type; it contains many original articles and merits the success it has attained.

*The Collector, N. Y.* — This little sheet seems to be published by Mr. Jagger, and edited by Collins, Brown & Co. The articles are all original and well written, but it cannot be called a Stamp Paper, as it teems with "Autographs, &c."

*The Southern Curiosity Cabinet, N. O.* — This is another new paper for Philatelic favor; the first number has just been received and it contains a lengthy article copied from "Harper's Magazine," and a prospectus of a story to be commenced in the next number entitled "Adventures of a Stamp Collector," which will be a novelty for Stamp Collectors.

*The Stamp Collector's Monthly, N. H.* — This little sheet, (measuring 4 x 5), is, perhaps, the smallest Philatelic publication, but its contents will compare favorably with many of its larger cotemporaries; the subscription price is but 15 cents per year.

*The Postage Stamp Reporter, Mass.* — We have not received the second number of this paper yet. Owing, we suppose, to its unfavorable appearance at first, it has not received the necessary support to publish another number.

### Price List For February.

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Always order from the latest list to save disappoinments.

Alsace and Lorraine, 1, 2,	new	-	02
" " 4	"	-	04
Belgium, 1, 2,	"	-	02
" 5,	"	-	04
" 8,	"	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, carmine,	"	-	04
Cape of Good Hope, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Ceylon, ½ penny,	"	-	04
Costa Rica, 2 real	"	-	06
Deccan, ½ anna,	"	-	08
Denmark, 2 schilling	used	-	02
" 4 "	"	-	02
Dutch Indies, 10 cent	"	-	10
" 20 cent	"	-	10
" 50 cent	"	-	05
" 16 cent, 1864	"	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	"	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	"	-	04
French Colonies, 1 centime,	"	-	02
" Republic, 1, 2,	"	-	02
Granada, 1 penny, green	new	-	06
Germany, ¼, 1872	"	-	05
Greece, 1, 2, lep.	"	-	02
German Official, ¼ gros,	"	-	04
Guatamala, 1 centavos	"	-	05
" 10 centavos	"	-	10
" 20 centavos	"	-	15
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	"	-	08
Heligoland, ½ schilling,	"	-	04
Honduras, 2 reals	"	-	15
Holland, 15 cent	"	-	03
" 20 cent	"	-	03
" 50 cent	"	-	05
Luxemburg, 1 cent	"	-	02
" 2 cent, black	used	-	02
" 10 cent, rose	"	-	02
" 10 cent, blue	"	-	03
" 2½ cent, red	"	-	04

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## GUIDE.



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ELIZABETH, N. J., APRIL.

No. 5.

### Confederate Locals.

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 \* POST OFFICE, VA. \*  
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FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

This city has furnished us with stamps of two denominations, viz. a 5 and a 10 cent. We give an illustration of this last named, which although it is not exactly

like the original in many particulars, yet it will give our readers a pretty accurate idea of the appearance of these stamps—both values are identical with the exception of the figure denoting value—they are type set and printed in sheets of 20 stamps. The 5 cent are printed in dark dull blue and the 10 ct. in a dirty dull red, and all are on a thin paper.



PAID-FIVE  
 GREENVILLE, ALA



GREENVILLE, ALA.—This stamp or rather these stamps, (although we must confess that we do not believe in the existence of more than one and that the 5 cent,) were fully described in our January number for this year.

We now have the pleasure of presenting our readers with a very fine illustration of this rare stamp, and for full description of the same we refer our readers to the number of the "Guide" above named.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—This city furnishes us with stamps of two designs, one of these and that the first issued is type set in an inner and outer circle with an eagle for the central device. This was printed on thin white paper and used as an adhesive, and was also stamped on envelopes of

buff, white and other colors. The inscription reads "C. S. Postage, Knoxville, Tenn. Five Cents." The adhesives were printed in black ink, and the envelopes in dull blue. These were gotten up in haste by a printer of Knoxville, for temporary service, and were in use only for a short time. This circular stamp was succeeded by one prepared by an engraver of Nashville, and its description is as follows.

The design consists of the word "Paid," with a dash and the figure 5 surrounded by eleven stars enclosed in an oval, which is again inclosed in an oval garter, inscribed "C. H. Charlton, P. M. Knoxville, Tenn." The spandrels are filled in with ornamental scroll work, and the whole is enclosed in an outer rectangular frame composed of two lines, one thick and one thin. This is an engraved stamp and is printed in a red color—Mr. Charlton says he believes there was also a 10 c. stamp of about the same design and printed in blue, but as we have never yet been able to see or hear of a single copy in any collection, we do not have much faith in it.

LIVINGSTON.—We illustrated this stamp in our January No. and would refer our readers to that number to recall it to their minds.

LYNCHBURG, VA.—The design of this stamp is as follows: Oval, of plaid groundwork, with large white figure five in centre, "Paid" above and "R. H. Glass, P. M." below. The whole is contained in a rectangular frame of one line. The spandrels are filled in with ornamental scrollwork. The color is a light blue printed on white paper.



MACON, GA.—This is printed in black ink, on paper of a greenish color. As we give an almost perfect engraving of this, it is useless to give any further description of it.

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## Newly Issued Stamps

*United States.*—We will commence our list of novelties this month with a description of the new United States Registration stamp.

It is an oblong adhesive stamp of large size, measuring  $1\frac{3}{8}$  by  $2\frac{7}{8}$  inches and perforated 25 by 43. The color is a very light green. The central device consists of a circular garter inclosing converging rays and inscribed on the upper half "stamp here;" on the lower half "date and place of mailing;" and these are separated by a maltese cross on either side. The ground work on each side of the circle is made up of horizontal straight lines and upon this is the following inscription; to the left of circle "Post Office Department," and to the right "United States of America." The spandrils are filled in with a fancy device inclosing monograms as follows; in each upper corner U. S. and in each lower corner P. O. D. The word Registered in large letters occupy the full length of the stamp from left to right. There is no value designated on these stamps but one is put on every registered letter envelope, and it makes no difference whether the registration fee be 5, 8, 15 or 16 cents. We fancy that collectors will find it extremely difficult to secure one of these stamps for their collections.

*Chili.*—Post cards have made their appearance from this republic, value 2 and 5 c.

*Peru.*—We have received by last week's steamer a new stamp, color yellow, value *one penta*; the design is similar to the 1862 issue, color brown.

*Canada.*—The 2 c. and 6 c. *small size* have made their appearance, colors same as before.

*Ceylon.*—This colony has issued a complete set value in cents as follows;

2 cents, light brown.

4 " grey.

8 cents orange yellow.  
16 " lilac.  
24 " dark green.  
36 " light blue.  
48 " rose.  
96 " greyish brown.  
4 " blue, envelope.

The design differs in each with one exception, that is the head of the queen in all is turned to the left.

*Prince Edwards Islands.*—The 1 c. color yellow, and 3 c. rose, have appeared of the new issue, also 6 cent. violet and 12 ct. green, being similar to old issue.

*Fiji Islands.*—We understand through the medium of a California paper, that letters C. R. on these stamps stand for "*Cakobau Rex.*"

*Norway.*—Besides the 3 sk. adhesive described in our last, we have a 4 sk. lilac. 3 sk. post card rose on buff and a 3 sk. rose envelope to chronicle.

*Tasmania.*—A ninepenny deep blue has made its appearance for this colony, color redish brown watermarked *TAS.*

## CORRESPONDENCE.

A HINT TO EDITORS OF AMATEUR PAPERS.

To the editor of the "Stamp Collector's Guide."

Sir: I desire to address a few words through the medium of your valuable little "*Guide*," to the Editors of all amateur papers. There are large numbers of these now being published in every part of our country, and in looking over many of them I must say that but very little can really be found to interest those for whose amusement and instruction they are professedly published. Every editor of an amateur paper, could, I have no doubt, double the circulation of their publications, and at the same time make the contents of each number of much more interest to their readers if they would adopt a plan somewhat as follows: Let the first and second pages be filled with general reading, such as all of them now contain. The third page can be devoted to the interest of stamp collectors and coin collectors giving to each subject about one half of the page. The fourth page to be filled up with reviews of exchanges—answers to correspondents and perhaps a small space might be devoted to Base

Ball notes, also an enigma or two and end up with advertisements.

The class of persons who read amateur papers are always, I may say, collectors of curiosities of some kind, either stamps, coins, autographs or something else, and of these at least eight out of ten are stamp collectors. For this reason I think that it is no more than right that each of these collecting manias, (as they are called,) should have a small space devoted to their interests in all of the amateur publications.

I hope the editors of these papers will accept and act upon the advice, and that hereafter when we receive our monthly papers we will find at least a small space devoted to our favorite hobbies.

Yours,

A STAMP AND COIN COLLECTOR.

(We endorse and approve our correspondents opinions and trust that editors will see the advantages of such a course, especially the "Stamp part." ED.)

### Answers to Correspondents.

*F. Potter.*—As this paper is only published monthly you cannot expect two copies in two weeks.

*W. C. C. Providence.*—We do not know why they should not use them, but are very glad they do not, as colonial stamps add considerable beauty to our collections in the way of design and engraving.

*Wm. M. McP.*—We did not receive the funds or we should have forwarded long ago.

*D. P. S., Chicago.*—We can sell you electrotypes of the engravings which will do as well, at the rate of 60 cents each, postage and registering extra.

*Geo. S. W., St. L.*—He is not reliable, the stamps sold by him are genuine, but he often fails to answer letters containing money on plea of non-receipt.

### Special Notice.

Our next number will be illustrated with engravings of newly issued stamps, besides those used in our article on "Confederate Locals."

We trust our friends and subscribers will assist us all they can, in circulating this news among their stamp collecting friends and so increase our circulation.

### Counterfeit Stamps.

As usual, we have a countless number of these frauds to describe. Among those we come across most frequently, are the Spanish official stamps. We will therefore serve our readers with an accurate description of both genuine and counterfeit from the "*Vade Mecum.*"

#### SPAIN, OFFICIAL

Arms of Spain, date indicated Rect. 1854.  $\frac{1}{2}$  onza, yellow; 1 onza, rose; 4 onza, green; 1 libra, blueish lilac.

#### GENUINE.

Full stop after "1854" is just between the thick outer line and the thin inner one.

Cross above the crown almost, but not quite, touches the black line above it.

The bottom paw of the lion is longer than the top.

The left hand top corner of the arms does not touch the border line.

#### COUNTERFEIT.

Full stop after "1854" is just above thin inner line.

The cross touches the black line above it.

The top paw of the lion is longer than the bottom.

The left hand top corner of the arms touches the border line.

Full stop after 1854 and value, are scarcely perceptible.

Arms of Spain in an oval. Date not indicated. Oval, 1855,  $\frac{1}{2}$  onza yellow; 1 onza rose; 4 onzas green; 1 libra blueish lilac.

#### GENUINE.

The crown on lion's head, though small, is distinct.

The paws of the lion are both of the same length.

#### COUNTERFEIT.

Only a thick smudge is visible on the lion's head.

The upper paw is considerably longer than the lower one.

The lion looks more like a monkey than a lion.

We wish to correct the following mistake made by the Editor of the *Philatetical Journal*, in regard to the announcement of the new issue for Prince Edwards Islands. He gives credit to the *A. J. of P.* when it should be accorded to our former publishers, who announced a new issue, giving particulars, in their May No.

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“ “ 4	“	-	04
Belgium, 1, 2,	“	-	02
“ 5,	“	-	04
“ 8,	“	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, carmine,	“	-	04
Ceylon, ½ penny,	“	-	04
Costa Rica, 2 real	used	-	06
Deccan, ½ anna,	new	-	08
Denmark, 2 schilling	“	-	02
“ 4 “	used	-	02
Dutch Indies, 10 cent	“	-	10
“ 20 cent	“	-	10
“ 50 cent	“	-	05
“ 10 cent, 1864	“	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	“	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	new	-	40
“ “ 1872.	“	-	05
“ 10 “	“	-	08
“ 20 “	“	-	10
French Colonies, 1 centime,	-	-	02
“ Republic, 1, 2,	“	-	02
Granada, 1 penny, green	new	-	06
Germany, ¼, 1872	“	-	05
Greece, 1, 2, lep,	“	-	02
German Official, ¼ gros,	“	-	04
Guatamala, 1 centavos	used	-	05
“ 10 centavos	“	-	10
“ 20 centavos	“	-	15
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	new	-	08
Heligoland, ½ schilling,	“	-	04
Honduras, 2 reals	used	-	15
Holland, 15 cent	“	-	03
“ 20 cent	“	-	03
“ 50 cent	“	-	05
Luxemburg, 1 cent	new	-	02
Maderia, 5, 10, 20 set,	“	-	15
Peru, 1 pesta, 1872.	used	-	06
Salvador, ½ real,	“	-	12
“ 1 “	“	-	05
“ 2 “	“	-	05

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### Confederate Locals.

MEMPHIS.—This city has furnished us with two Locals, a two and a five cent, each of a different design.

The two cent consists of the figure 2 in a circle, with *cents* crossing the figure. This is enclosed in a solid band, containing eleven white five-pointed stars. This is inclosed in a rectangular frame, the whole of which is filled in with a plaid ground work, with the following inscription:—*Paid above*, and *M. C. Gallaway* below the circle. The color is *light blue*.

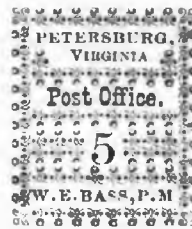


The design of the five cent is here illustrated by a very fine engraving, and renders any description unnecessary—the color is red. This has also been impressed on different colored envelopes.

MOBILE.—This city has also given us a 2 cent and a 5 cent stamp. Of the 2 cent we gave an illustration in our December number, and of the 5 cent in our January number. We will, therefore, give no further description of them at this time.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—This city furnishes us with only two values, a 2 and a 5 cent; all are of nearly the following design: The figure of value in center, surrounded by a circle, inscribed, "*Paid, Cents*," which is surrounded by another circle, inscribed, "*New-Orleans Post Office*." At top and bottom in a narrow band is the name of the postmaster, "*J. L. Riddell*;" each span

drel is filled in with a fancy design. The two cent is found of a red and a blue color. The 5 cent is found printed on blue paper, in a dark brown, also printed on white paper of a lighter shade of brown; there is also to our knowledge, at least one copy printed in red, but this is supposed by its possessor to be unique.



PETERSBURG 5 Ct.—This we represent by a very good illustration; the color is red.



PLEASANT SHADE.—This we also illustrate, rendering description unnecessary. The color is blue.

RHEATOWN, TENN., 5 Ct.—This is type set, rectangular, color red, and of the following design: "*Paid 5*," occupies nearly a square white space in the center, surrounded by a frame composed of printer's border of two patterns, one row at top, and two rows at each side. "*D. Pence, P. M.*" above, and "*Rheatown, Tenn.*," below, in straight lines;" line of border above and below. The whole is surrounded by a rule of heavy and light lines.



NASHVILLE.—This city furnishes us with stamps of three values, and two designs.



Of the first value, viz. : three cent, we here give an illustration ; the color is red. The 5 cent and 10 cent are of almost exactly the same design as the rectangular 5 cent Knoxville, of which we gave such a correct description

in our last number, the inscription only being essentially different, which on these stamps is—“W. D. McNish, P. M., Nashville, Tenn.”

The 5 cent is found in different colors, as follows : Light and deep purple, crimson and ash color, with varying shades of each. The 10 cent is in dark and light green.

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### Newly Issued Stamps

MEXICO.—We have received from this republic the following designed stamp, but whether it is the forerunner of a complete set or not we are unable to say : Design consists of Profile, supposed to be “JUAREZ,” to the left ; word “CORREOS” at top, and MEXICO at bottom ; on right side CENTAVOS, on left DOCE ; color, light blue on common white wove unwatermarked paper, and unperforated.

New Granada has issued a one centavo stamp. The design is similar to the fifty cent issue, 1867, with the exception of no corner ornaments or outer frame ; the words *correos nacionales* extends from the lower left hand corner upwards, and over the top then down to lower right hand corner, *un centavo* at bottom ; the centre contains the usual shield without the eagle at top ; also, the words above E. E. U. U. DE COLOMBIA ; color, dark slate.

CEYLON.—We obtain from the PHILATELIST the following descriptions of the new set :

2	cents,	words	Ceylon	Postage	in	straight	line	above,	in	oval	frame.														
4	do	do									in	straight	line	above.											
8	do	do									do	do	do												
16	do	do												in	curved	line	above.								
24	do	do												value	in	oval	frame.								
36	do	do															in	curved	line	above.					
48	do	do																		in	circular	frame.			
96	do	do																					in	oval	frame.

All the stamps, except the 48 and 96, have the value in straight line below.

HUNGARY.—The type of the newspaper stamp has been slightly changed, as follows : The opening of the post horn is turned to the left instead of to the right as heretofore ; color, rose on white.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new 6 penny stamp of this kingdom is also in use ; design consists of the Queen's head in centre, surrounded by a broad white band following the hexagonal shape of the centre, and contain the words, “Postage” at top and “Sixpence” at bottom ; color, light brown.

RUSSIAN LOCALS.—Another batch of these stamps similar to Spool Labels have made their appearance. We give their names only, as we do not consider them worth a full description :

Egorieff diamond-shaped 3 kop, black.

Livni, circular black, on green.

Soumy, 5 kop ; dull red.

Damboff ; 5 kop ; lilac.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—We copy a description of a newly issued stamp for these settlements from the P. J. : Design consists of words, “Reis,” with figure 10 above, on a ground work, composed of perpendicular lines. This is surrounded by an oval band, inscribed, “Servico postal,” above, and “India port ;” below which is again inclosed in a double ruled line, the corners being filled with fancy scroll-work ; color, black, on white, perforated. There is no actual proof as yet of its being a genuine governmental issue.

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fur  
Retourbrief,  
Augsburg.

BAVARIA. Two more return letter stamps have appeared for Augsburg and Munchin similar to annexed design.

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## The Engraving and Printing of Postage Stamps.

A CRITIQUE, BY AN ENGRAVER.

M. MOTTEROZ has just published a remarkable work—*Essais sur les gravures chimiques en relief*. The same indefatigable explorer of every ramification of printing art has sent a long communication to *L'Imprimerie* concerning the manufacture of bank notes and postage stamps; and on the subject of postage-stamp printing we find him so interesting that we shall quote him entire:—

To be convinced that there are difficulties almost insurmountable in executing really fine printing, it is enough to look at postage stamps, which each government endeavors to have as well executed as it can get them.

On their first appearance, postage stamps were almost everywhere produced by the copper-plate process; in two or three countries lithography was the fashion.

These two printing processes are enormously more costly and less regular than that of letter-press. Plates, like transfers, wear out rapidly; and after having had a few good proofs, one has to do with blurred and worn out lines.

A large number of countries now follow the letter-press plan; and since every government endeavors to have its letter-press stamps as fine as if in copper, we may judge of the difficulties there are to surmount.

The examination of a collection, almost complete, which M. Baillieu has been so kind as to place at my disposal, together with a large amount of information, enables me to give a few hasty outlines of the present state of postage-stamp printing in the different divisions of the globe.

*Lithographed Stamps.*—Mexico and most of the Spanish colonies employ lithography, although the results obtained are generally bad.

Bergedorf has some rather good proofs.

Roumania, some very middling.

New Caledonia lithographs a horrible caricature of Napoleon III.

During the siege of Paris the government, which probably failed to send its postage-stamp *cliches* out of town, had some stamps lithographed in the country, which were not nearly so bad as the other lithographed stamps.

[To be continued.]

## Answers to Correspondents.

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Dutch Indies, set of 3, used . . . . .	20
Finland, sets of 5, used . . . . .	15
Hamburg, set of 10, used . . . . .	20
Italy, sets of 15, used and new . . . . .	15
Japan, set of 4, 1872, new . . . . .	50
Luxemburg, sets of 7, used . . . . .	25
Madeira, set of 3, new . . . . .	15
Natal, set of 4, used . . . . .	20
New Zealand, set of 6, used . . . . .	20
Roumania, set of 6, used . . . . .	25
Roumania, set of 10, used . . . . .	50
Spain Official, set of 4, used . . . . .	20
Saxony, set 6, new . . . . .	05
Turkey set of 5, used . . . . .	20

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All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Bahamas, 1 penny,	new	-	06
Bermuda, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, carmine,	"	-	04
Brazil, 20 reis,	"	-	06
British Guiana, 1 cent. black,	"	-	05
British Honduras, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Ceylon, ½ penny,	"	-	04
Costa Rica, 2 real	used	-	06
Dutch Indies, 10 cent, 1864	"	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	"	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	new	-	40
" 5 " 1872.	"	-	05
" 10 " "	"	-	08
" 20 " "	"	-	10
Germany, ¼, 1872	"	-	05
Grenada, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Guatemala, 1 centavos	used	-	05
" 10 centavos	"	-	10
" 20 centavos	"	-	15
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	new	-	08
Heligoland, ½ schilling,	"	-	04
Honduras, 2 reals	used	-	15
Holland, 15 cent	"	-	03
" 50 cent	"	-	05
Italy, 1 cent, 1861,	new	-	02
" 1 " 1864,	"	-	02
" (Segna Tasse,) 1 cent,	"	-	02
" " 2 " "	"	-	03
Monte Video, 1 centavo,	"	-	05
New Granada, 1 " 1872,	"	-	08
Nevis, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Peru, 1 pesta, 1872.	used	-	06
Portugal, 5 reis,	new	-	04
Prince Edward's Island, 1 cent, yellow,			
1872,	new	-	05
Prince Edward's Island, 3 cents, rose.			
1872,	new	-	08
Romania, 3 bani,	"	-	04
Salvador, ½ real,	used	-	12
" 1 " "	"	-	05
Sarawak, 3 cents,	new	-	10
Shanghai, 1 candereen,	"	-	08
St. Domingo, ½ real rose	used	-	15
" 1 real green,	"	-	30
St. Helena, 1 penny,	new	-	06
St. Lucia, 1 penny,	"	-	06
St. Thomas, 3 cents,	used	-	05
Straiets Settlement, 2 cents,	new	-	06
Suez, 20 cents,	"	-	08
Turkey, 10 piastres,	"	-	06
Turk's Island, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Virgin Isles, 1 penny,	"	-	06

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- 9 contains 15 varieties, including Monti Video, Egypt, Brazil, Russian, &c.
- 10 contains 10 varieties, including New Granada, Turkey, Virgin Isles, &c.

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### Newly Issued Stamps.

**MEXICO.**—We have the pleasure of being the first to give, not only an accurate description of the new set for this Republic, but also a *fac simile* illustration; the design is, as usual, hideous! but what can we expect from such barbarians; but as we are digressing from our subject we will return to it.

The values of the new set are as follows:

- 6 (seis); light green.
- 12 (Doce); blue.
- 25 (veinticinco); red.
- 50 (cincuenta); buff or light yellow.
- 100 (cien); lilac or lavender.



Of the last value, we give a fine illustration. They are all printed on common white paper, and all but the Six has the value on right side, and Centavos on left; on the 6 the value is on the left

side, and Centavos on right. We also notice that the backs of all have been printed in tint colors, wavy lines, etc.

**AUSTRIA.**—The newspaper stamps of 1850, arms, 1 kr. blue; 2 kr. brown; "KAIS KON ZEITUNGS STAMPEL" are again in use.

**SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.**—Envelopes have been received bearing the impression of the Six-penny stamp on the right hand, upper corner; color, blue.



**CEYLON.**—We give illustrations of two of the new issue. The new currency divides the rupee into 100 cents. The value of this in our money equals sixty cents in gold.

**CHILI.**—Illustrations of an intended envelope stamp have appeared in the foreign magazines; the design consists of the head (supposed) Columbus in circle, inscribed "CHILE," at top, which is again inclosed in a larger circle, containing the following:—"Correos Porte Franco" at top and "Cinco 5 Cents" at bottom. The stamp is to be embossed in red, on white paper.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**—A reported new issue has been circulated; design to be the same as the new Spain, values 62½, 125, 250 500 cent.

**TOLIMA.**—Two new value have appeared for this State—a 50 centavos green, and one peso red; design similar to last. We intend to engrave both for next months' paper.

**SIERRA LEONE.**—We have seen two of the new set for this Colony; a 1-p. rose; 3-p. ochre; design consists of the diademed head of the Queen to left, in square frame, words "POSTAGE" above, value below, "SIERRA" on left, and "LEONE" on the right side.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—We gave a description last month of a newly issued stamp for these settlements, and now we have the complete set to describe; each value is from a different type. The colors and values are as follows :

10	reis ;	black.
20	"	vermillion.
40	"	blue.
100	"	green.
200	"	yellow.
300	"	bright violet.
600	"	"
900	"	"

All perforated. There seems to be a doubt as to the genuineness of these stamps, which has not been dispelled as yet by any of our learned cotemporaries ; from them we learn they are for use in the settlements of GOA, DIU and DAMAUN; they were engraved by a native of Goa.



PRINCE EDWARDS ISLAND.—We give an excellent engraving of the new six-cent stamp ; color as represented. and not violet, as we stated in our April number.



We also give a good representation of the one cent ; color, orange ; and have to quote a 2 cent lilac, and a 4 cent green.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The *Ph. J.*, says :—We find that the 5s. value is from the new die ; the actual difference between the two varieties is, in the new type, the outer line is omitted, and the inner one widened."

NORWAY. A very good-looking local has appeared for DRONTHEIM, or as it is spelled in Norwegian—*Thronhjems*, issued by Brækstad & Co. ; design consists of a figure one with the letters "SKI," in relief, surrounded by a garter, inscribed, BRÆKSTAD & Co., enclosed in heavily shaded groundwork, rectangular in form, words, "THRONDHJEMS," at top ; BY POST, below ; spandrels being filled in with fancy ornaments similar to a maltese cross ; two other values are to be prepared  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 skilling.

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## Our Cotemporaries.

### OBITUARY, RESURRECTION, AND BIRTH.

*The Collector* has departed this life after a lingering illness, supposed to be loss of blood (brains, and patronage.)

*The Curiosity Cabinet* has risen from the dead, and is in a flourishing condition. We believe it is not to be issued regularly, but merely as an advertising circular for the benefit of its publisher only.

*The Stamp Collector*.—This is the title of a new philatelic paper, same size as the *GUIDE*, but printed with type four times the size of this ; the contents of the first number is principally cribbings and clippings from catalogue prefaces, and the *Am. J. of P.* ; but they do not make any extra noise over their appearance like other journals, but on the contrary depreciate their efforts. They have thoughts of illustrating monthly, which will help them considerably. We wish them unlimited success.

*The Southern Curiosity Cabinet*, and *The Stamp Collectors' Monthly*, have been received ; both have improved in appearance, and we trust have succeeded in establishing themselves in the good opinion of their subscribers.

We have kept our word at last in regard to illustrating our paper. The engravings in this number have never appeared in any publication in this country, and two of them were specially prepared for us. We allude to the Prince Edward Island 6c. and the Mexico. We were the first to describe the new issue for the latter country, and are now the first to give engravings of the stamps. We trust our friends will continue to give our publishers their earnest support in the way of subscription, patronage, etc., to enable them to increase the number of pages monthly, *i. e.* to double or treble its present size.

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Dutch Indies, set 3, used.....	20
Egypt, set 3, 1872 new.....	20
Finland, set 5, used.....	15
Hamburg, set 10, used.....	20
Italy, set 15 used and new.....	15
Japan, set 4, 1872, new.....	40
Luxemburg, set 7, used.....	25
Madeira, set 3, new.....	15
Mexico set 4, used.....	15
Mecklenburg, set 5, new.....	25
Oldenburg, set 5, new.....	20
Natal, set 4, used.....	20
New Zealand, set 6, used.....	20
Roumania, set 6, used.....	15
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"    2 c.	"	12
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Heligoland, 1/2 sk.	"	25
Holland 1/2 c.	"	07
"    1 c.	"	10
Italy, 1 c. 1861	"	10
"    1 c. 1865	"	07
"    1 c. 1870	"	08
"    2 c. "	"	15
Monti Video, 1 c.	"	35
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## The Engraving and Printing of Postage Stamps.

[Continued from last number.]

*Stamps from Copper-plate.*—The United States use copper-plate both for their bank notes and their postage stamps, and have obtained splendid results. A postage stamp for 15 cents reproduces a large picture representing Columbus taking possession of America, and each one of the numerous personages is perfectly visible.

Brazil, Chili, and the Argentine Confederation, have now very fine postage stamps, engraved and printed at New York by the American Bank Note Company.

Jamaica, Malta, and Holland, for the higher-priced stamps, have very finely-wrought engravings; too much so for good printing.

Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and some other English Colonies, still use copper-plate.

*Letter-press Stamps.*—Russia employs thin inks, and has some *chefs-d'œuvre* of typography.

The stamps for the English colony of Hong Kong are almost as fine as those of Russia; and some of them might be mistaken for copper-plate engravings. The celebrated house of De La Rue & Co., of London; produces them. This extraordinary house manufactures the stamps of a large number of countries, and engages in everything which relates to paper. At this very moment it has hold of the French market for letter papers, and our stationers do not go out of their way to struggle against this invasion.

The British Indian stamps, as well as those of the Mauritius, are very striking as to their printing.

The latest issue of Portugal is also very fine.

Whilst the English colonies have stamps printed in superior style, Great Britain herself has very ordinary ones. The English stamps are at about the same level as those of Turkey, Greece, Switzerland, France, Prussia, Hanover, Denmark, and Wurtemberg. In the last-named country, about the year 1850, a very elegant stamp was brought out, composed exclusively of vignettes and type.

Stamp printing is less than mediocre in Poland, in Norway, in South Australia, and New South Wales; it is really bad in Victoria, and particularly in Spain and the Spanish colonies, where letter-press is used.

Italy is difficult to class. It is the country of experiments in stamps. The Italian are of all styles; and in the present time some are made which are rather good than bad. But in this land of art, nothing excellent has been produced, or we except the very remarkable copper plate stamp produced in Sicily, towards the end of the reign of Ferdinand.

Of all postage stamps, the worst are those of the Papal States. Engraving and printing alike carry us back to the infancy of those two arts.

*Conclusion.*—In the very considerable number of stamps made use of in all countries, there is scarcely half a score of which one can say,—these are well printed. If an examination were made of the innumerable papers of value, of private and public banks, all the world over, the same proportion would be disclosed. Whence it may be concluded, that the most insurmountable obstacle to oppose to the forging of bank notes, postage stamps, and other papers of value, is an absolutely perfect impression of finely-engraved surfaces.

At the present time, when the increase in our taxes is causing a great number of new stamps to be printed, I have thought it my duty to point out the surest means of frustrating the designs of those who may intend to defraud the public treasury.—*The Printers' Register.*

### Answers to Correspondents.

*W. A. K.*—A remittance from you will greatly oblige us.

*M. Le Page.*—We have not received the ordered goods; have you forwarded them yet?

*J. E., Chicago.*—All cuts or engravings purchased from us we guarantee to print as perfect as they do in this paper. For answer to other inquiry, see advertisements.

*A. E. S., N. Y.*—The word Cape is an abbreviation of Cape of Good Hope. See lists Cheap Sets

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Brazil, 20 reis,	"	-	06
British Guiana, 1 cent. black,	"	-	05
British Guiana, 2c.	used	-	02
" " 8, 12c.	"	-	03
British Honduras, 1 penny,	new	-	06
Ceylon, 1/2 penny,	"	-	04
Costa Rica, 2 real	used	-	06
Dutch Indies, 10 cent, 1864	"	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	"	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	new	-	04
" 5 " 1872.	"	-	05
" 10 " "	"	-	08
" 20 " "	"	-	10
Germany, 1/4, 1872	"	-	05
Grenada, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Guatemala, 1 centavos	used	-	05
" 10 centavos	"	-	10
" 20 centavos	"	-	15
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	new	-	08
Heligoland, 1/2 schilling,	"	-	04
Honduras, 2 reals	used	-	15
Holland, 15 cent	"	-	03
" 50 cent	"	-	05
Italy, 1 cent, 1861,	new	-	02
" 1 " 1864,	"	-	02
" (Segna Tasse,) 1 cent,	"	-	02
" " " 2 "	"	-	03
Jamaica, 1, 2, 4 p.	used	-	02
" 6 p.	"	-	03
Monte Video, 1 centavo,	"	-	05
Modena Prov. 15, 20, new	"	-	08
Parma " 5, 10, "	"	-	05
New Granada, 1 " 1872,	"	-	08
Nevis, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Peru, 1 pestia, 1872.	used	-	06
Portugal, 5 reis,	new	-	04
Prince Edward's Island, 1c. 1872,	new	-	05
Prince Edward's Island, 3c. 1872,	new	-	08
Prince Edwards I. 1c. 1872	used	-	02
" " " 3c. "	"	-	04
" " " 2p. old	"	-	02
" " " 3p. "	"	-	04
Romania, 3 bani,	"	-	04
Salvador, 1/2 real,	used	-	12
" 1 " "	"	-	05
Sarawak, 3 cents,	new	-	10
Shanghai, 1 candereen,	"	-	08
St. Domingo, 1/2 real rose	used	-	10
" 1 real green,	"	-	15
St. Helena, 1 penny,	new	-	06
St. Lucia, 1 penny,	"	-	06
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## GUIDE.



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Nos. 8 & 9.

### Newly Issued Stamps.

**MEXICO.**—The newly issued stamps from this republic seem to puzzle all of our learned contemporaries, as well as ourselves, in regard to the personage depicted thereon. A gentleman lately returned from there, states to us, that Juarez is a short thick set individual, and bears no resemblance whatever to the lank-looking personage engraved on the new set. As we fully credit this information, we are now inclined to think it represents some priestly hidalgo, and not the war-famed Juarez. We have lately seen a specimen surcharged MEXICO, in roman type, in oval form, just over the head.



**BOLIVIA.**—We herewith give a good illustration of a fiscal stamp that has been used lately for postal purposes. Canceled specimens have been received, bearing postmarks, and the words FRANCO. On this authority we recommend their being collected as postage stamps. They were engraved some time ago by the American Bank Note Co., as revenue stamps. It will be noticed they resemble Canada law stamp reduced in size. Since writing the above, a correspondent kindly furnishes the information that the 10 Centavos is also used for postal purposes, and that the two are the only ones of the set that are used in this way.

**FRANCE.**—We have received the new 2 cent stamp of the new set, engraved and perforated.



**SIERRA LEONE.**—We are enabled to give illustrations of the full set lately issued by this colony and nothing remains to tell except the colors which are as follows: one penny, red; three pence, yellow; four pence, blue; one shilling, green. The design of the sixpence remains the same, but the color is more intense.

**ST. VINCENT.**—The one shilling stamp of this colony is now printed in red, same shade as the old one penny.

**ST. THOMAS.**—The three cent stamps have lately been received, with roulette perforation added.

**ROUMANIA.**—The 5 bani is now printed in red and carmine; we have also seen two specimens of the newspaper stamps, 1½ bani, printed in black on yellow.

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## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS, (Continued.)



PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.—We give an illustration this month of the two cent stamp, color blue and not lilac, as we stated last month. The values and colors of the full set, as issued to date are as follows—

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 cent, orange. | 4 cent, green.  |
| 2 cent, blue.   | 6 cent, black.  |
| 3 cent, pink.   | 12 cent, lilac. |

It is also reported that a 24 cent stamp is likely to be issued.

RUSSIA.—We have to chronicle five more locals for this Empire.

Bronnitsi, 5 kop, scarlet.

Kolonna, 5 kop, vermilion.

Borovitchi, 5, kop, black on white, in a red frame.

Cherson, 10 kop, red on white.

Bogorodsk, 5 kop, on yellow paper, in blue and bright vermilion.

SPAIN.—The 1 mil is now printed in brown on pink buff paper. The 2 mil, black on pale buff.

HELGOLAND.—A dark blue post card, bearing the British arms, has been issued, but it bears no impressed stamp. The specimen seen had a 2 schilling adhesive attached on the upper right hand corner.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—A new set is to be prepared by the American Bank Note Co., for this Republic. The penny and sixpence will be the first to appear, and will probably bear the likeness of the new President (Mr. T. F. Burgers) the others will show two ostriches—a reference to ostrich feathers which are largely exported from the republic; the color and value will be the same as those now in use. "S. C. M."

DENMARK.—Newspaper wrappers have been issued with the 2 sk stamp impressed upon them, but printed entirely in blue.



TOLIMA.—We give above the promised illustrations of the two new values lately issued, the set now comprises five values as follows:

- 5 centavos, chocolate.
- 10 centavos, light and dark blue.
- 20 centavos, black.
- 50 centavos, green.
- 1 peso, red.



CEYLON.—We reproduce this illustration to inform our readers of its being impressed on the upper right hand corner of the new post cards about to be issued. The card is surrounded by a broad frame, nearly filled with inscriptions in the Cingalese and Tamil language. Color, lilac, on a buff card.

HOLLAND.—The new set appeared on July 1, the design consists of head of king to left in circle, with value at top and NEDERLAND below. Values are 5, 10, 15, 25, 50 and 2½ florins, or 250 cents. The latter is a new value entirely.

JAPAN.—Full sets of these stamps have been received, gummed and perforated; the paper is also slightly changed, and all the colors are darker, caused no doubt by the gum, also part of the black inscription in the centre is omitted on each stamp. We may give an illustration next month of this new variety.

AUSTRIA.—We have seen canceled specimens of the 5 kr. envelope stamps, on brown paper. This variety may have been noticed before.

SIBERIA.—This province contemplates issuing postage stamps.

UNITED STATES.—Our new post cards will appear Sept. 1.

**Carelessness.**

We herewith give a copy of a letter recently received, which is a fair sample of many that is sent to us.

July 16, 1872.

Dear sir

pleas send me the set hamburg 20 cents, and the set of turkey for 20 cents, also packet number 6 Enclosed find 50 cents to pay for them. Yours, etc.,

GEORGE MUNROE.

Now this correspondent has neither enclosed sufficient funds to pay for his order, or a return stamp, nor given any address whatever, yet if he does not receive an answer, he will no doubt denounce us as swindlers, etc. One of the most important things in mail communication is a full address, not only the city and State, but county and street, or P. O. Box should be given as well; this precaution will ensure a prompt and satisfactory reply. We have concluded to make this difference in treating correspondents, viz. :

ALL LETTERS that contain a return stamp will be answered immediately.

LETTERS that do not contain return stamp will be delayed *three days*.

The enclosing of a return stamp makes considerable differences in our expenses, for instance, we sometimes receive orders for a single set of SAXONY at five cents, and no return stamp, and such correspondents expect hasty answers. The only rules to be strictly followed in addressing Stamp dealers is, plain and full address, sufficient funds to cover amount of order and return stamp.

Orders to be made out in full, as

Alsace. 1 cent,	new,	02.
Franklin Packet, No. 6,		25.

Such orders can be answered more promptly—and give better satisfaction to the customer—than any we receive.—“A word to the wise, etc.”

**Counterfeit Stamps.**

In January last, our publishers received a letter of inquiry from a person signing himself GEORGE A. STOW, N. Y. City, in regard to the engravings then being used to illustrate our article on “Confederate Locals;” he wished to know at what price they would dispose of them, as he wanted to use them in a similar article to be commenced by him in a new stamp-paper about to be published. The price set by our publishers was seventy-five cents each, which was accepted by STOW, and the money forwarded; two or three weeks after the

cuts was delivered, our publishers received a letter from a dealer in Massachusetts, enclosing a Petersburg Stamp, which at a glance they could see had been struck from their die; it was partly gummed, yet cancelled by a post-mark, inscribed “Petersburg, Va.,” the centre of it being merely a smudge; they returned the stamp, at the same time informing the dealer of its character, and also wrote to STOW in regard to the use he had made of the plates. This letter and two others of a similar nature were sent but no answer received to date; lately they received a letter from MR. BOYSEN, of Buffalo, who informed them that he and a number of others had been “sold” on the same stamps as well as on others from different dies, and that even the far-sighted Pemberton had been caught. Our publisher had since written to MR. BOYSEN for further particulars, but have not received an answer. We have endeavored to give a full explanation of the case as it stands so as to give a fair warning to all collectors and dealers against purchasing any Confederate Locals that compare too well with our dies.

This explanation should have been given before, but we were awaiting particulars from MR. BOYSEN. We should have waited until next month at the farthest, but as the editor of the “Ph. J” gave such a highly colored account of the counterfeits in his June No. and at the same time cast a doubt upon the integrity and good name of our publishers. We have been compelled to give the matter our attention a month sooner than we expected.

**Our Cotemporaries.**

*The Canadian Philatelist.*—We are glad to learn this journal is to be again published; it has changed hands, and, we hope, for the better. We understand it is to be enlarged to double its former size, and illustrated. We trust it will meet with the success it merits.

*The Stamp Collector's Monthly*—Is as good as usual, with one or two exceptions; the editor makes the following curious mistakes in describing the new issues of Sierra Leone: he says “the design consists of *head of green* to left, etc.,” and he spells TOLIMA—Tolina.

*The Stamp Collector*—has improved considerable in its appearance and contains for this month three illustrations, and one-third more reading matter, owing to its publishers using small type, which is decidedly an improvement. The articles are nearly all original, and, we trust in time, it will make a valuable addition to the Philatelic Press of this country.

*The Southern Curiosity Cabinet*—has not been received; has it ceased publication?

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British Honduras, 1 penny,	new	-	06
Cape Triangular, 1 p.,	used	-	08
" " " 4 p.,	"	-	03
Ceylon, 4 cent,	1872, new	-	10
" " " 2 " "	"	-	05
Costa Rica, 2 real	used	-	04
Deccan, 1/2 Anna,	new	-	05
" " " " "	"	-	08
Dutch Indies, 10 cent, 1864	used	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	"	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	new	-	03
" " 5 " 1872.	"	-	04
" " 10 " "	"	-	06
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Figi Islands, 2 c.	"	-	10
French Republic, 2 c.	engraved	-	04
Germany, 1/2, 1872	new	-	03
Grenada, 1 penny,	"	-	06
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" " " " 2 " "	"	-	03
Japan, 1/2 tempo,	"	-	05
Levant, 1 kop,	"	-	03
Monte Video, 1 centavo,	used	-	04
New Granada, 1 " 1872,	"	-	08
Nevis, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Norway, 3 s. k. 1872,	new	-	08
Peru, 1 pesta, 1872.	used	-	08
Portugal, 5 reis,	new	-	03
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ta, Old Spain, Australia etc.
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Egypt, Luxemburg etc.
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Turkey, Dutch Indies etc.
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Egypt, set 3, 1872 new.....	20
Finland, set 5, used.....	15
Hamburg, set 10, used.....	15
Italy, set 15 used and new.....	15
Japan, set 4, 1872, new.....	40
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Luxemburg, set 7, used.....	25
Madeira, set 3, new.....	15
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" 2 c.	"	12
Brazil, 10 r.	"	25
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Holland $\frac{1}{2}$ c.	"	07
" 1 c.	"	10
Italy, 1 c. 1861	"	10
" 1 c. 1865	"	07
" 1c. 1870	"	08
" 2 c. "	"	15
Monti Video, 1 c.	"	35
New Granada, 1 c. 1872	"	35
Portugal, 5 r.	"	25
Roumania, 3 b.	"	30
Spain, 5 mil.	"	20
" {1 "	"	06
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## GUIDE.



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No. 10.

### Newly Issued Stamps.

**SWEDEN**—We commence our list for this month with a description and illustration of the new stamps for Sweden. Our engraving represents the highest value, the design of the lower values is similar with the exception of the centre. In these the centre contains the numeral of value in white on a solid ground, colors and values as follows :

- |               |                              |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 3 ore, brown. | 24 ore, yellow.              |
| 5 " green.    | 30 " marone.                 |
| 6 " purple.   | 50 " pink.                   |
| 12 " blue.    | 1 riksdaler, blue and brown. |
| 20 " red.     |                              |

two more values are soon to be added,—9 and 17 ore.

This is no doubt the handsomest set ever issued by the Swedish Government.

**GERMAN EMPIRE.**—Since the 1st of June the new set lately issued has undergone a change



which the accompanying engraving shows to a good advantage ; it will be noticed that the principal alteration is the enlargement of the shield on the imperial eagle's breast ; also its being divided into four parts. instead of

bearing a small eagle surcharged with the initials F. R. To the crown above there has been added small fillets, and the whole central device enlarged.

**HOLLAND.**—We are enabled to present our readers this month with a good illustration of the highest value described last month ; it is printed in two colors : frame, carmine ; centre, blue ; the whole on white. The design of the other value is similar with the exception of the words NEDERLAND being placed above and value below and each stamp printed in one color only as follows :



- |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 cents blue.                | 20 cents green. |
| 10 " carmine.                | 25 " violet.    |
| 15 " brown.                  | 50 " fawn.      |
| 2½ florin, carmine and blue. |                 |



**CUBA.**—We herewith give a good illustration of the type chosen for the Spanish Colonies the portrait is that of King Amadeus ; One value only is known at present—the 12 c. de peseta ; they are at present being printed off, and will, no doubt be in active use shortly.

**TRINIDAD.**—We have lately seen a one shilling stamp of this colony printed in maize, heretofore printed in violet.

**FRENCH REPUBLIC.**—Besides the 2 c. spoken of last month we have received the 4 c. and 5 c. of the new engraved series.

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## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS. [Continued.]

**PHILIPINES.**—The latest report in regard to the expected new issue is, that the value and colors will be as follows :

16 Centimos, de Peseta,	ultramarine.
62 “ “ “	mauve.
125 “ “ “	violet.
250 “ “ “	pink.
500 “ “ “	gray.

The above is on the authority of M. MOENS.

**RUSSIAN LOCALS.**—The following names represent new locals that have lately appeared.

Perislaw, 3 kop.	Pawlograd, 5 kop.
Schlessbourg, 5 kop.	Schoopeen, 3 “
Tschongonief.	

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—We are in receipt of a new envelope stamp value three half pence ; color pale pink, on white and blue paper.

The die from which this stamp is printed was prepared a dozen years ago and was in use for a short time only ; it was finally laid aside and it was generally supposed destroyed, until recently resuscitated. The design is considered magnificent by our English cotemporaries, but we think it does not bear comparison with our own envelope issues.

**JAPAN.**—The *A. J. of P.* for August, says : “ the new set described by us last month consists of the following new values :

1½ tempoes,	brown.
2 “	blue.
3 “	vermillion.
7½ “	green.

**UNITED STATES.**—The late change in our postal rates has caused the emission of one cent newspaper wrappers, color blue on brown and buff ; also 1 cent envelopes. the stamp being impressed in blue on white, yellow and light and dark buff envelopes. In regard to the post cards see article elsewhere.

**MEXICO.**—An esteemed correspondent furnishes us with the information that the portrait on the new set is that of MIGUEL HIDALGO, the first hero of the independence.

## OUR POSTAL CARDS.

In our last number we stated on official authority that the new post cards would appear about September 1st. The following article copied from a daily paper explains the reasons for delay.

“ The opinion of Attorney-General Williams on Saturday, in which he decides that the Postmaster-General had no authority under the new postal code to contract for postal cards, there being no specific appropriation made for that purpose, and he having no warrant for using other appropriations therefore, was brought about, it is said, by a quarrel among certain engraving companies, which allege that the whole postal card business was a job put into the hands of the National Bank Note Company. It is known that the sample card which was adopted by the department was got up by the National Bank Note Company of New York, and that the Department was in the act of issuing an advertisement asking for bids for furnishing the card like the sample, to be opened in a time so short that no company could prepare a sample to accompany its bid. Thus it is claimed the National Bank Note Company being the only one to furnish a sample, the contract would be awarded to it. The competing companies being assured of this sought measures to kill the whole business, proper competition not being allowed, and secured legal assistance in the matter. That assistance was to the effect that the Post-Office Department had no power to get up the cards without an appropriation, and the Department being so informed asked an opinion of the Attorney-General, who decided as above stated. Postal cards will not therefore be issued until an appropriation is made for them by Congress at its next session.”

WE wish to call the attention of the Editor of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* to the credit given by him to the *A. J. of P.* for being the first to notice the U. S. Registration Stamp, when we gave a full description two months previous. (See April No.) We trust the mistake will be corrected.

### Philatetical Ball.

We copy the following from "*The Philatetical Journal*."

We learn that for some time past, a regular weekly *Briefmarken-Börse*, or stamp-exchange, has been held in Hamburg, and that the system has lately extended itself to Lübeck and Bremen. From the fortnightly reports of these meetings, stamp dealing in Germany seems to be greatly on the increase. What will the Revilers and Carpers say to the announcement of a Philatetical Congress and ball? And yet, such was not only proposed but has been carried out with unlooked-for success.

The programme was quite a novelty, and we think a condensed transcript thereof may interest our readers.

#### PHILALETICAL CONGRESS.

In Lübeck,

ON SUNDAY, THE 14TH JULY, 1872.

##### *Order of the Day.*

Assembly of visitors in Lübeck: 7 o'clock and after. General entertainment; and breakfast in the local Exchange Hall, by the widow Lüdemann, until

10.30 a.m.

Discussion as to the spreading of Philatetical knowledge, &c.

12.30

End of the discussion, and dinner; some in the Exchange Hall and others in the private houses of Lübeck amateurs.

1.30.

Meeting on board the steam-boat "*Martha*;" during the trip, music by the 76th Fusiliers' band.

2.30.

Landing of the visitors.

3 o'clock.

Concert.

5 o'clock.

Supper.

8.30 p.m.

Commencement of the ball to be kept up till morning. Among other music will be played the new *Hamburger Briefmarken-Börse Waltz*, and the *Fappler'sche und Ham'sche Briefmarken-Polka*.

15th July, 7 a.m.

Departure of the visitors to catch the train reach-Hamburg at 9 o'clock.

The hopes of the *Allgemeiner Briefmarken Anzeiger* have been accomplished, "for with the help of the fair sex, the first philatetical ball proved by its attractive power, that some amusement can be derived from our science, let the know-nothing sceptics say what they will.

### Answers to Correspondents.

*T. A. G. Phila.*—Your remittance received and credited to your account.

*M. Le Page.*—We have received your favor, and we forward funds for same this day.

*F. Raymond, Canada.*—You may send us 500 2 c., 1868; 500 1 and 2 c., 1860--64, at your prices, as per last received.

### Our Coteremporaries.

*The Canadian Philatelist.*—The first number, (September,) of this magazine has just appeared. Too much credit cannot be bestowed upon its Editor and Publishers, for its readable articles and neat appearance. We trust and hope it will prove a success.

*The Stamp Collector's Monthly.*—The September number of this welcome visitor has been received; its contents as usual compare favorably with its appearance, but we would suggest the use of a few illustrations to describe some new issues in preference to such lengthy descriptions. An article by "*Taria Topan*," and advertisements fill the balance of its small pages.

*The Stamp Collector.*—This paper, we understand is to be published quarterly instead of monthly; this accounts for its non-appearance lately.

### The Odontometer.

Many of our readers on perusing a heading similar to the above, would perhaps think it an advertisement of some patent medicine for curing the tooth-ache or cleansing the teeth; but will perhaps be somewhat surprised to learn that it is an article advertised as "long wanted by Philatelists!" to make a long story short, the "Odontometer" is used "for easily and accurately ascertaining the number of perforations in a postage stamp." It is merely a "lithographed card, embracing in tabular form 14 degrees of perforation on the two-centimeter scale." It is the invention of a "Parisian collector." What American collectors would think of purchasing such nonsense.

THE ATTENTION of all Philatelic publishers is called to the low prices asked for Engravings; also to the low figure at which we can furnish illustrations. (See supplement.)

A postmaster by the name of Goodale, when the is in a hurry signs himself XX.

### Price List For September.

All orders from this list must contain return stamps. Where more than one stamp is described on a line, the price is so much each.

Always order from the latest list to save disappointments.

Bahamas, 1 penny,	new	-	06
Bermuda, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Brazil, 10 Reis, carmine,	"	-	03
Brazil, 20 reis,	"	-	04
British Guiana, 1 cent. black,	"	-	03
British Honduras, 1 penny,	new	-	06
Cape Triangular, 1 p.,	used	-	08
" " 4 p.,	"	-	03
Ceylon, 4 cent,	1872, new	-	10
" " 2 "	" "	-	05
Costa Rica, 2 real	used	-	04
Deccan, ½ Anna,	new	-	05
" " "	"	-	08
Dutch Indies, 10 cent, 1864	used	-	10
Ecuador, 1 real	"	-	08
Egypt, 5 para,	new	-	03
" 5 " 1872.	"	-	04
" 10 " "	"	-	06
" 20 " "	"	-	10
Figi Islands, 2 c.	"	-	10
French Republic, 2 c.	engraved	-	04
Germany, ¼, 1872	new	-	03
Grenada, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Guatemala, 1 centavos	used	-	04
" 10 centavos	"	-	10
" 20 centavos	"	-	08
Helsingfors, 10 pennia,	new	-	08
Heligoland, ½ schilling,	"	-	04
Honduras, 2 reals	used	-	08
Italy, 1 cent, 1861,	new	-	02
" 1 " 1864,	"	-	02
" (Segna Tasse,) 1 cent,	"	-	02
" " 2 "	"	-	03
Japan, ⅓ tempo,	"	-	05
Levant, 1 kop,	"	-	03
Monte Video, 1 centavo,	used	-	04
New Granada, 1 " 1872.	"	-	08
Nevis, 1 penny,	"	-	06
Norway, 3 s. k. 1872,	new	-	08
Peru, 1 pesta, 1872.	used	-	08
Portugal, 5 reis,	new	-	03
Prince Edward's Island, 1c. 1872,	new	-	03
Prince Edward's Island, 3c. 1872,	new	-	08
Prince Edwards I. 1c. 1872	used	-	02
" " " 3c.	"	-	04
" " " 2p. old	"	-	02
" " " 3p.	"	-	04
Roumania, 3 bani,	"	-	04
Salvador, ½ real,	used	-	10
" 1 "	"	-	04
Shanghai, 1 candereen,	"	-	08
St. Domingo, ½ real rose	used	-	10
" 1 real green,	"	-	15
St. Helena, 1 penny,	new	-	06
St. Lucia, 1 penny,	"	-	06
St. Thomas, 3 cents,	used	-	05
Straits Settlement, 2 cents,	new	-	06
Suez, 20 cents,	"	-	08
Turkey, 10 piastres,	"	-	06
Turk's Island, 1 penny,	"	-	06

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 2 contains 50 varieties, Hamburg Local Stamps.  
 3 contains 40 varieties, United States Local stamps.  
 4 contains 30 varieties, including Roumania, Sweden, Luxemburg, &c.  
 5 contains 25 varieties, including Servia, Hamburg, Norway, &c.  
 6 contains 20 varieties, British Colonial stamps, including Victoria, Ceylon, Malta, &c.  
 7 contains 20 varieties, obsolete stamps, including Baden, Wurtemberg, &c.  
 8 contains 20 varieties, unused, including Egypt, French Republic, Alsace, &c.  
 9 contains 15 varieties, including Monti Video, Egypt, Brazil, Russian, &c.  
 10 contains 10 varieties, including New Granada, Turkey, Virgin Isles, &c.

### THE WASHINGTON PACKETS.

Price, 50 cents each.

- No. 1 contains 75 varieties, including Belgium, Holland, Russia, Norway, etc.  
 2 contains 50 varieties, including French Colonies, Spain, Italy, Australia, etc.  
 3 contains 40 varieties, including Malta, Greece, Chili, etc.  
 4 contains 35 varieties of British Colonial, including New South Wales, Victoria, Ceylon, etc.  
 5 contains 30 varieties, including Peru, Papal States, Tasmania, etc.  
 6 contains 25 varieties, including Grenada Confederation, Parma, Costa Rica, etc.  
 7 contains 25 varieties, including Turkey, Servia, English Post Card, unused, etc.  
 8 contains 20 varieties, including Uruguay, Argentine Republic, Lubeck, etc.  
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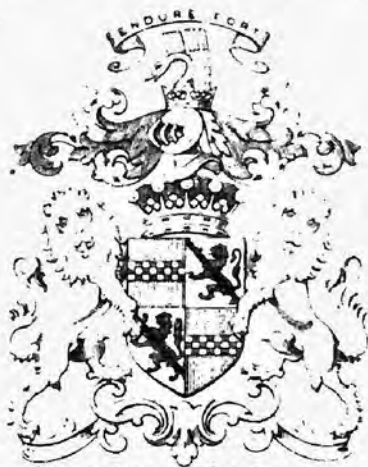
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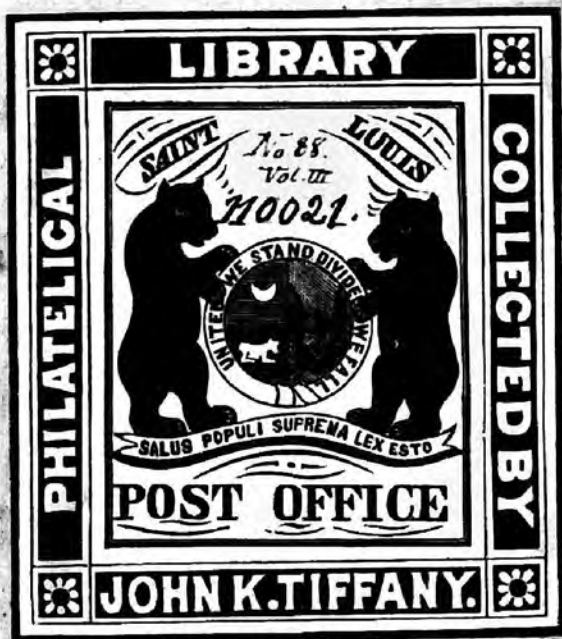




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## REMEMBER

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## WHAT IS STAMP COLLECTING ?

### ITS RISE, PROGRESS, ETC.

As an amusement for young people, or the older ones, postage stamp collecting seems more deserving of popularity and encouragement than any other pastime whatever. Why? Because time or money spent in making a collection is not thrown away but gives something material to show for it, beside a vast fund of *useful* and valuable information. At the same time one is gaining a most beautiful collection of art specimens as a monument of one's perseverance and love of the beautiful; he is constantly *learning* what will be useful in life, and yet the study is so pleasing that one never thinks of it as work, and hence it is the most satisfactory manner possible of studying geography and history. How different is this from the many, many silly amusements which give no lasting benefits. It is impossible to name an amusement that can at all compare with *Philately*. "Philately?"—we think some one exclaims—"What's that?" We will explain.

Stamp Collecting first became popular in England. From thence it came to America, and extended all over the world. It has its devotees in all climes. Soon after its appearance its advocates deeming "stamp collecting" too commonplace a term, coined the word *Philately* to represent it. The word is from the Greek *Philo.* meaning lover of, and *telos* meaning tax. Taxes often being represented by stamps, a free translation gives us, *lover of stamps*. *Philately*, then, is a very appropriate name for the pastime.

Stamp collecting first became popular about 1860 and its progress since its rise is indeed wonderful. No amusement could make such rapid strides into public favor the world over, unless it did possess extraordinary merit. Prince Arthur, of England, the Prince of Orange and many others high in rank, in all countries, are ardent philatelists. Our own merchant prince, A. T. Stewart, is said to possess a collection which he bought for \$5000 in gold of a collector in Paris, when visiting there some time since. We know of one party who is now making a most magnificent collection which he expects to sell to our government, when completed, for \$10,000. The P. O. Department are anxious to buy a full collection of all countries, for preservation. Many such opportunities offer themselves for disposing of collections if they are but finely and neatly preserved. No collector need fear to lay out money on his collection, because it will always bear a market value which increases every year it is kept. A collector, even if he should happen to tire of collecting, had better keep his book and not sell it under any ordinary circumstances, because it is an interesting treasure and curiosity for preservation.

The stamp collector takes great delight in looking over his treasures from day to day. A well arranged and neatly mounted collection presents so much beau-

ty, so much that is curious and instructive that one never tires of admiring its gems of beauty, its strange contrasts, comparisions, etc.

Every encouragement to the advancement of the delightful pastime among young people, or old, helps to advance that which is a most pleasing, never-ending amusement, and which at the same time gives unmeasurable instruction and benefit. Let parents and teachers give their protégés every encouragement when they evince an interest in Stamp Collecting.

## SUGGESTIONS ON MOUNTING STAMPS IN AN ALBUM.

This article is republished, by request, from the *Guide* for January, 1871. We gladly comply with the request of the correspondent, for the subject is one that needs attention.

The use of the word *mounting* in our title at once implies that we do not countenance sticking or pasting stamps on to the pages; first—because stamps thus affixed cannot be removed without dampening, which injures their color and the appearance of an album: second—a collector is continually desiring to remove varieties for the purpose of substituting better specimens, and often stamps are mounted in wrong places and must be changed. A collection properly mounted renders all these changes easy. We have studied the subject considerably and have finally found what we think a perfect method of mounting stamps.

FIG. 1.

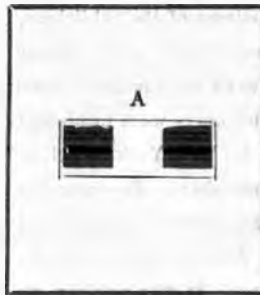


Fig. 2 represents the back of the stamp to be mounted. B is a strip of stiff paper, one end pasted as represented black, the other end left loose. Tuck the loose end of slip B through the space in A and the stamp is firmly and neatly mounted, and can be removed at pleasure.—Try this method and see if stamps do not appear better than when mounted in any other manner.

FIG. 2.



The property of the late Erastus Corning amounted to \$10,000,000, and revenue stamps of the value of \$10,000 were affixed to his will.

# The Stamp Collector's Guide.

JANUARY, 1873.

CONTRIBUTIONS are solicited for this journal, upon any topic of general interest to stamp collectors. We are willing to pay for articles for publication. Will philatelic authors please correspond with the editor? Communications should be addressed, EDITOR STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE, Meriden, Conn.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Those who subscribed for the GUIDE under its former management will be furnished the equivalent of money paid. Those who have lately subscribed, sending twenty-five cents, will receive it six months. Those receiving this number with a red cross on this item will understand that their subscription is out, and it is earnestly hoped they will renew at once.

AGAIN the STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE finds itself in Connecticut, edited by its original editor, published by its original publishers. Just two years ago the first number was issued in this city, and dated December, 1871. Its principal object, primarily, was to advertise the business of its publishers, but a very large and unexpected number of regular subscriptions coming in induced us to make it more literary in its nature. Five numbers were published here, and then it was moved to New York, together with the business of the publishers. One number was published in that city, and shortly after it was sold out to parties in New Jersey, who have conducted its publication till now. It was sold by us because of our giving up the retail for the wholesale exporting business. We remained in New York but a few months, finding that a multitude of petty local customers so interfered with our mail trade that it was sadly neglected. We are again located in this city, soliciting the patronage of stamp collectors, and, happily, we have succeeded in re-buying the GUIDE, which we used to pride ourselves on as a neat, tasty, sensible, popular journal. We have enlarged our paper, and shall make it all that it ever was, and more.

THE next number of the GUIDE will be handsomely illustrated with thirteen fine engravings of new stamps and discoveries described in its columns.

THE editor of the GUIDE feels much real pleasure in resuming his charge after so long an interval. We shall again take lance in combat for the *American School of Philately* against the French system. But we plead guilty to the charge of too much "mud spattering" in our former writings on the subject. Most assuredly everybody has an indisputable right to collect stamps according to his or her own fancy, and to abuse them for their opinions is in very poor taste, to say the least.

WE shall endeavor to make our journal popular with all classes of collectors, and offer all free use of our columns for the publication of articles philatetical, whether the subjects treated be in accord with our own opinions or not. We offer a free vehicle for the dissemination of the writings of any and every philatelist, and we cordially invite contributions. Our advertising columns are open, and the rates are relatively very low. There is certainly a want of such a paper as the GUIDE, in this country. We shall enlarge, if it becomes necessary, to accommodate contributors or advertisers.

Stamp Collectors, the GUIDE always aimed to be for you a live, wide-awake, practical, and sensible journal, and hundreds of live collectors have supported it by subscribing. We hope every collector who sees this, our first number in the new series, will help sustain a live, American stamp paper, by forwarding their subscriptions at once.

Our publishers have in preparation a very fine stamp album, arranged on a plan that cannot fail to be popular among collectors, of every shade of opinion, regarding the collection of varieties, etc. It must certainly be a novelty that is to find universal favor among a class so divided in opinion on various points, as are philatelists.

In the February GUIDE, among other interesting and excellent articles, we shall publish a paper on Confederate Provisionals, in which is described and illustrated a very singular and unique discovery, probably the rarest of the rare and valuable Southern locals.

Circumstances have forced us to issue the GUIDE for January at a very early date. The February number will be issued about January 20th, and each monthly issue will appear about the 20th of the month preceeding.

Mr. J. W. Scott returned from Europe the last week in November, per Steamer Atlantic.

Exchanges will please note the change of address of this paper and act accordingly.

### NEWS OF LATELY ISSUED STAMPS, DISCOVERIES, Etc.

In this department we propose to make special effort to be up with the times and keep our readers fully posted. This month, however, circumstances render an array of news impossible, for which we offer an apology and promise well for the future. Three items only present themselves for us.

**St. THOMAS.**—*The Philatelic Journal* of April last draws from *Le Timbre-Poste* notice of a letter mailed in Cuba, postage paid with a 40c. French Republic, 1871, perforated, and two 50c. Empire stamps, laureated head. We have a letter, post-marked St. Thomas, August 4th, 1872, postage paid with two 30c. French Empire stamps, laureated. The cancellation in our case is a lozenge form of dots with an anchor in center, the same as that described on the Cuban letter. Will some of our St. Thomas correspondents please to explain this matter? It is a mystery how French stamps can be used in the West Indies in this manner.

**CONFEDERATE STATES.**—The small 5c., blue, head of Davis, was issued in 1862, instead of 1863, as generally catalogued. We have an envelope bearing two of them, dated "Richmond, Va., Aug. 27th, 1862."

**GAUTEMALA.**—Just as we go to press we learn that a 4 reals, green, design similar to the other values, has been issued.

☞ **F. Trifet**, of Boston—whose name is not Trifet by the way—we are told has failed and absconded. He kept a News and Yankee Notion store at the corner of Hanover and Friend streets, but had almost given up the stamp business, in which he made quite a splurge for a time. His whereabouts are sought for, but unknown to the police.

☞ We send a complimentary copy of our new issue to hundreds of our old friends who used to lend a helping hand in supporting the *GUIDE*. The season for indoor recreation has come round again, and old time collectors will get out their almost forgotten albums to look over the little gems, and every collector will be pleased to hear that his collection has grown in value every day it has been kept, for the old stamps grow scarcer and our grand pastime, stamp collecting, has grown so in popularity lately that the immense demand for old issues has increased their value very much.

The grand increase of interest that is being taken in collecting everywhere, will lead old collectors to collect with unusual vigor this winter, and the *GUIDE* hopes to be a general favorite in its new and handsome form.

☞ The new postal cards will be good things to write duns on. Mr. Slowpay will not care to have his little delinquencies made the gossip of the post-office clerks more than half a dozen times.

### A CURIOUS LETTER.

The following letter is said to have been written by a newly-married lady, to her friend and confidant. Her husband was a jealous old curmudgeon, and insisted upon her showing him every letter she wrote:

"I cannot be satisfied, my dearest friend, blest as I am in the matrimonial state, unless I pour into your friendly bosom, which has ever been in unision with mine, the various sensations which swell, with the liveliest emotions of pleasure, my almost bursting heart. I tell you, my dear husband is the most amiable of men. I have now been married seven weeks, and have never found the least reason to repent the day that joined us. My husband is both in person and manners far from resembling ugly, cross, old, disagreeable, and jealous monsters, who think by confining, to secure a wife, it is his maxim to treat as a bosom friend and confidant, and not as a plaything or a menial slave, the woman chosen to be his companion. Neither party, he says, should always obey implicitly, but each yield to the other by turns. An ancient maiden aunt, near seventy, a cheerful, venerable, and pleasant old lady, lives in the house with us. She is the delight of both young and old; she is civil to all the neighborhood around—generous and charitable to the poor. I am convinced my husband loves nothing more than he does me; he flatters me more than a glass, and his intoxication (for so I must call the excess of his love,) often makes me blush for the unworthiness of its object, and wish I could be more deserving of the man whose name I bear. To say all in one word, my dear, and to crown the whole, my former gallant lover is now my indulgent husband; my fondness is returned, and I might have had a prince, without the felicity I find in him. Adieu!"

N. B. We give our readers a key to unlock the secret of this letter:—☞ Read the first and every alternate line only, and the trick will be seen.

☞ The twelve Foreign stamps which each subscriber to the *GUIDE* receives (one each month), will be worth all the cost of subscription, and the subscribers will get the paper for 0!

☞ A colored mail carrier in Virginia was recently well shaken by a man for kicking his dog. "Look a here, massa," said he, "you'd better be keerful how you shake dis chile; eos when you shakes me you shakes de whole ob de United States. I carries de mails."



**ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS.**

The following extract is going the rounds of the press:

"As soon as they emerge from the hydraulic press, postage stamps are gummed. The paste is made from clear starch, or rather its dextrin, which is acted upon chemically and then boiled, forming a clear, smooth, slightly sweet mixture. Each sheet of stamps is taken separately, placed back upon a flat board, and its edges covered with a light metal frame. Then the paste is smeared on with a large whitewash brush, and the sheet is laid between two wire racks and placed on a pile with others to dry. Great care is taken in the manufacture of this paste, which is perfectly harmless. This gratifying fact has been conclusively proved by an analysis recently made by an eminent chemist. After the gumming, another pressing in the hydraulic press follows. Then more counting—in fact, stamps are counted no less than thirteen times during their process of manufacture. The sheets are then cut in half, each portion containing one hundred stamps, this being done by girls with ordinary hand shears. Next follows the perforation, which is performed by machinery. The perforations are first made in a perpendicular line, and then afterwards in a horizontal line. Another pressing follows—this time to get rid of the raised edges on the back of the stamps made by the dies, and this ends the manufacture. A separate apartment is devoted to the packing and sending off of the stamps to the different post-offices. It will be seen by this account that any absurd rumors concerning the poisonous, or unclean, properties of the postage stamps, are utterly without foundation.

**AMUSING INCIDENTS OF THE POST OFFICE.**

CONTRIBUTED BY A P. O. CLERK.

We Post Office folks have many a laughable experience to detract from the monotony of the ordinary routine of our labors. For some time I have been looking out for items which would serve to make a readable article for the *Guide*. From the many scraps, I have chosen a number of really rich specimens. A few days since we had a letter posted at this office with the following inscription:

"Charles Augustus, the web footed scrub,  
To whom this letter must go,  
Is chopping cord-wood for his grub  
In Silver City, Idaho."

But the writer, for some reason, failed to add the requisite stamp, and his letter is "held for postage." Perhaps he thought it would pass on the strength of his original poem!

**AN ECONOMICAL INDIVIDUAL**

Handed in a letter at the delivery to be weighed. It was a little over the half-ounce. Our friend took out his pocket knife and whittled off the corners, lightening the letter to a half-ounce, then attached his ac-

stamp and went his way rejoicing. "Economy is wealth."

**"BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF WIT."**

So, undoubtedly, thinks the party who wrote "Jo. K'ndr'x, Sx, Ct.," instead of Joseph Kendricka, Essex, Connecticut.

**RICH, RICHER, RICHEST.**

The latter certainly applies to the following letter which was picked up just outside the office door where it had evidently been accidentally dropped:

"Deer Gim, cum rite off ef you air cumming at awl, Ed Collins is insistin that I shall have him, and he hugs and kisses me so kotinerly that I can't hold out much longer but will have 2 kave in. **Berzy.**"

"Berzy" evidently was tired of "single blessedness" and must bring things to a climax soon—"Gim" evidently preferred.

The party who superscribad as follows, trusted to the Postmaster's memory to make up what he lacked himself in that line:

"Patrick Flynn, Portsmouth, N. H., works in the mill of the same name of the steamer that sunk the Alabama; I forget the name, United States of America."

I will close the list with the following specimen of an

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This letter to Miss Addie Pell,  
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You'll find the truant dame;  
Some say she's gone for "change of air,"  
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## THE POSTMAN'S RING.

MRS. A. D. T. WHITNEY.

Of all the parables, day by day,  
That thrill the heart of this life of mine—  
Making strange and beautiful sign  
Of gracious meaning in common way,—  
The very blithest and dearest thing  
Is the round in the house of the postman's ring.

It tells a story. Though deep and far  
Stretch the want and wish of man,  
Hid in the bud of an infinite plan,  
All blessed and sure providings are.  
God's love rings the bell at the door  
That the postman stands and waits before.

For He knew when He made it—earth and sea—  
The world so wide, and his child so small,  
Something must reach across it all  
From heart to heart that listening be.  
And so from the first he laid away  
Seed of purpose that fruits to-day.

And because no service of man to man—  
No thought or method that matches need  
With outward emblem, can halfway read  
The depth divine of heavenly plan,  
Almost the dearest and hopefulest thing  
In the liveliest day, is the postman's ring.

It minds me well if so sure a hand,  
So glad a summons, may tell and send  
Our earthly tidings from friend to friend,  
There cannot be less in the Perfect Land.  
Soul-messages may not be stayed or crossed;  
Out of God's mails no letter is lost!

Dear heart! that dwellest I know not where,—  
So near—so distant—I may not see,—  
While I sit below with thoughts of thee,  
Is some such usage of gladness there?  
Do the angels come to thy door and say,  
"We have brought thee a word from *her* to-day?"

## PHILATELIC REVIEW OF 1872.

C. H. COSTER.

Another year has passed away, and still Philately continues to hold its own. Many points have been opened and settled, while others still continue under discussion. Among the latter stands prominently forth one of vital interest to stamp collectors, viz: What is a Postage Stamp?

This question has been answered more or less satisfactorily by several prominent philatelists. After considering the various grounds taken, we have arrived at the following conclusions, which we respectfully submit to the approval, or disapproval, of the philatelic world.

A postage stamp is an impression which represents either,

1st, That the sender has at some previous time paid into the post-office a certain sum of money; the stamp having been given at the time as proof of said payment, and with the understood condition that when attached to postal matter it is entitled to defray the postage thereon to the extent of its face value.

2d, That for certain reasons, a "complimentary" or "dead-head" label has been granted by the Post-Office Department entitling the possessor to the same rights as are granted to the previous class.

It seem to us that "too late" stamps ought to be admitted, inasmuch as they represent the extra charge paid for forwarding a letter received after the regular hour for the closing of the mail.

"Registered letter" stamps may be divided into two classes, namely: those representing the fee paid for the extra care taken by the post-office in transporting a letter; and those used merely as seals, or to indicate that the letter is registered, and not having any monetary or franking power whatever. The former class we consider most decidedly worthy of collection—the latter, of rejection.

Official Stamps.—It is to this class that definition 2d applies, and all such as comply with it we consider as entitled to a place in an album. In regard, however, to the printed envelope headings used by the various departments of government in this country, (and we presume that the same rule will apply to those used in Great Britain and a few other countries,) they certainly cannot rank as postage stamps, inasmuch as they have no franking power whatever, and merely certify that the contents are as represented—i. e., official—and therefore by law exempt from postage, it being the official nature of the contents themselves which frank the letter.

We quite agree with Mr. Overy Taylor, that "return letter stamps," being merely a part of the internal arrangements of the post office, and not of any value or interest to the outside public, cannot be considered as "postage stamps."

It will be observed that our definition excludes "unpaid letter stamps." We confess that we cannot see that they have any postal significance at all. The argument that "although you cannot buy them you have to pay for them," really seems to us to be nothing more than a clever play upon words.

But we have dwelt upon this subject to a greater length than was our intention, and therefore hasten to briefly review one or two other points.

Many countries have furnished us with beautiful additions to our albums, all of which will be found duly chronicled in the previous numbers of the GUIDE. It is to be regretted that in some few countries a retrograde movement—so far as the engraver's art is concerned—has set in. This is notably the case in Egypt, of which the present issue in no wise equals its predecessor. Of the present set for Mexico, too, "the less said the better."

The provisional stamps of the Confederate States have received much attention and been the subject of considerable discussion. Unfortunately, certain unprincipled parties have, by "palming off" reprints and counterfeits on the unsuspecting, caused even the genuine to be looked on with suspicion. We can assure our readers that it shall be our constant endeavor to expose all such attempts, and we shall also be happy to furnish them, one and all, with any information in our power.

We might continue to consider many other subjects important to the stamp collector, but space will not permit. We must therefore close by wishing all a "Happy New Year," and many accessions to their Philatelic treasures during the year 1873.

# The Stamp Collector's Guide.

FEBRUARY, 1873.

CONTRIBUTIONS are solicited for this journal, upon any topic of general interest to stamp collectors. We are willing to pay for articles for publication. Will philatelic authors please correspond with the editor? Communications should be addressed, EDITOR STAMP COLLECTOR'S GUIDE, Meriden, Conn.

WE Americans are a very live people. We do everything on the high-pressure principle. Stamp collecting did not and does not tame us. We handle that as we do everything else—with a rush. The fashion came to us from Europe. Its many attractions as a pastime pleased us; we took hold of it with a will; it spread from city to city, from village to village, in an incredibly short time. It was especially fostered and disseminated by our boarding schools. There the students became fascinated with it. Collecting during the term, they would carry their books home at vacation, and, as a general thing, each student going to a different town. At home they would show their collections, creating a desire among their acquaintances for similar treasures. Thus it spread.

It must be confessed that Americans are more ardent than constant. We are spasmodic. One day we are wide awake on philately, the next day we are about something else. But with all our changeableness, most of us keep our collections, and are again and again drawn back to "the old love." And so philately "holds its own." There are no signs of decadence. It is on the increase.

It is pertinent right here to say a word for our contributors and ourselves. If an American philatelist has an idea or a news item which, communicated to his fellow collectors, would be of value, he jots it down in an off-hand, ready manner, and oft-times leaves his grammar open to criticism. We want to apologize for such cases. People "more nice than wise," will sometimes criticize such writings maliciously and needlessly. It is far better that a good idea be published, even if couched in language not strictly rhetorical, than that that idea be lost. It is characteristic of us to be hasty, and get over much ground in a little time. Hence we are not always as thorough as might be; but we enjoy as greatly, and in the long run make as much out of what we do, as any people.

The promised article on the Confederate locals is postponed to next month, on account of the failure of a correspondent to furnish us promised information on time.

WEST TOWN.—The *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, speaking of the West Town local in its November number, says that the history of the same published in the *GUIDE* for March, 1871, was inaccurate in several particulars, among others the date of issue. We gave it as 1852, on the authority of a student at the institution. He obtained his information direct from the principal. The *Magazine* says it was not issued till 1859. Which is right, now remains to be decided. From what source did the *Magazine* get its information?

PROSPECTS.—The subject of putting all the telegraphic lines of this country into the control of the government, and uniting the offices with the post-offices, is again being agitated, and with considerable likelihood of the consummation of the plan.

The death of King Kamehameha of the Sandwich Islands, gives rise to a prospect of the annexation of the islands to the United States. What would be the result of such a change, philatelically, we cannot venture to surmise.

QUERY.—Did anybody ever see an undoubtedly genuine post-marked specimen of either of the "local stamps" of the "Westervelt Post," which are claimed to be genuine locals? Could we see one it would probably banish certain doubts we have always harbored touching the genuineness of these stamps.

THERE seems to be much of the history of the Confederate one-cent stamp shrouded in mystery. We probably know as much concerning it as any one and will divulge in our next. We have some interesting facts, though much still remains to be learned.

HELP HIM UP.—The item published last month concerning Mr. F. Trifet, needs modification. Our informant exaggerated facts. Mr. Trifet has had misfortunes, etc., but is still in business at 99 Court Street, Boston. Let us all extend our sympathy in a substantial manner.

We are sorry to note the prospective early departure of Mr. Wm. P. Brown, the well known stamp dealer of New York, for Japan. He goes thence to engage in the printing business. We have a warm side for William P., notwithstanding our little misunderstandings at times. He has done much for philately in America, and it is more than probable that he will agitate it among the Celestials. His father, the Rev. Nathan Brown, D. D., formerly editor of the *American Baptist*, lately preceded him to the Orient, to devote the remainder of his life to translating the Scriptures into Japanese. Success to them both.

**NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS, DISCOVERIES, ETC.**

**UNITED STATES.—Stait's Despatch.** By the kindness of our correspondent, Mr. Norris, of Wilmington, Delaware, we are enabled to present an illustration of the stamp of the **STAIT'S DESPATCH** Post, formerly existing in Philadelphia. Through the kindness of Mr. C. H. Coster, we have learned many of the facts in the case—dates, etc. The Eagle City Post was run by W. Stait for a number of years, up to 1854, when it was changed to

**Stait's Despatch.** Mr. Norris states that the stamp herewith figured was used only two months. He also says that Mr. Stait, who was an Englishman, died several years since. Mr. Coster has directories showing the existence of the Post from 1847 to 1856, but lacks earlier directories, as well as those of 1857 and '59. It appears in 1858, but not in 1860. Mr. Norris states that the stamp was suppressed, together with Blood's, when the city delivery was taken in hand by the post-office authorities. Hence, if the stamp only existed two months, Stait must have continued using the Eagle City Post stamps up to its issue, or else have issued a stamp different from either, and not yet discovered by collectors. The specimen we have is a hand-stamped impression, color brick red, and is imprinted on a circular letter to the stockholders of the American Academy of Music; this one being directed to a resident of Chestnut Street. We can furnish no further information of the Stait's Despatch stamp at this date, but trust that new items may be forthcoming from collectors who are situated near the *home* of the local.

**ICELAND.—**At last we have a set of stamps from this iceberg. With the Stamp Collector's Magazine, we conclude that the stamps hitherto used here, were those of the mother country—Denmark. We present a cut of one value, the 4 sk., which represents the type of the whole, viz: 2 sk., blue; 4 sk., rose; 8 sk., brown; 16 sk., yellow. Two officials also are out—4 sk., green; 8 sk., mauve, same design.



**NEW ZEALAND.—**An entire new set is out, and they are quite neat, though the Philatelist seems to regret that the engravers have followed the old ruts and given us nothing novel in design. We present the two-penny label. The others are, 1 d., 3 d., 4 d., 6 d., 1 s.

**UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA—**

The cut herewith represents the Anotacion stamp, which is used for letters, both insured and registered. It is used with the registered letter stamp. Its color is black, on white paper.



**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS** adds a new thirty cent stamp to its set, an illustration of which we give our readers. It is quite similar in general appearance to its companions, and also resembles the late English six penny.

**GUATEMALA.—**We illustrate the new comer which claims to be a stamp for this country. On the strength of a rumor, just as we went to press last month, we announced the stamp as 4 reals, green. The color is lilac.



**CHILE.—**This country has presented a very handsome set of envelope stamps, five in number. Two centavos, brown; 5 c., purple; 10 c., blue; 15 c., pink; 20 c., green. We illustrate the 15 centavos.

The others are somewhat similar in design, all having head of Columbus to left, though in variously designed frames.

**JAPAN.—**The blue 1 tempo has been supplanted by a stamp of the design herewith illustrated, printed in blue, however, like its predecessor.



**ROUMANIA.—**

The cut illustrates the type of the whole new set. Head of Prince Charles. One and one-half bani, green; 3 b., green; 5 b., bistre; 10 b., blue; 15 b., brown; 25 b., orange; 50 b., rose.



**ECUADOR.—**

A trio of novelties,—½ real, blue; 1 real, orange; 1 peso, rose. We furnish engravings of the two latter.



Our contemporaries chronicle them, together with a record of their doubts of authenticity, with which we do not concur.



**WHAT IS STAMP COLLECTING ?****ITS RISE, PROGRESS, ETC.**

As an amusement for young people, or the older ones, postage stamp collecting seems more deserving of popularity and encouragement than any other pastime whatever. Why? Because time or money spent in making a collection is not thrown away but gives something material to show for it, beside a vast fund of *useful* and valuable information. At the same time one is gaining a most beautiful collection of art specimens as a monument of one's perseverance and love of the beautiful; he is constantly *learning* what will be useful in life, and yet the study is so pleasing that one never thinks of it as work, and hence it is the most satisfactory manner possible of studying geography and history. How different is this from the many, many silly amusements which give no lasting benefits. It is impossible to name an amusement that can at all compare with *Philately*. "Philately?"—we think some one exclaims—"What's that!" We will explain.

Stamp collecting first became popular in England. From thence it came to America, and extended all over the world. It has its devotees in all climes. Soon after its appearance its advocates deeming "stamp collecting" too commonplace a term, coined the word *Philately* to represent it. The word is from the Greek *Philo*, meaning lover of, and *telos* meaning tax. Taxes often being represented by stamps, a free translation gives us, *lover of stamps*. *Philately*, then, is a very appropriate name for the pastime.

Stamp collecting first became popular about 1860 and its progress since its rise is indeed wonderful, No amusement could make such rapid strides into public favor the world over, unless it did possess extraordinary merit. Prince Arthur, of England, the Prince of Orange, and many others high in rank, in all countries, are ardent philatelists. Our own merchant prince, A. T. Stewart, is said to possess a collection which he bought for \$5,000 in gold of a collector in Paris, when visiting there some time since. We know of one party who is now making a most magnificent collection which he expects to sell to our government, when completed, for \$10,000. The P. O. Department are anxious to buy a full collection of all countries, for preservation. Many such opportunities offer themselves for disposing of collections if they are but finely and neatly preserved. No collector need fear to lay out money on his collection, because it will always bear a market value which increases every year it is kept. A collector, even if he should tire of collecting, had better keep his book and not sell it under any ordinary circumstances, because it is an interesting treasure and curiosity for preservation.

The stamp collector takes great delight in looking over his treasures from day to day. A well arranged and neatly mounted collection presents so much beauty, so much that is curious and instructive that

one never tires of admiring its gems of beauty, its strange contrasts, comparisons, etc.

Every encouragement to the advancement of the delightful pastime among young people, or old, helps to advance that which is a most pleasing, never-ending amusement, and which at the same time gives unmeasurable instruction and benefit. Let parents and teachers give their protégés every encouragement when they evince an interest in Stamp Collecting.

☞ W. Dudley Atlee, well known as a prominent philatelist in England, has given up all connection with philately. His loss will be felt in philatelic circles, as a prolific author, and one of ability withal. But if his financial transactions with others have been as unsatisfactory as they have with our publishers, the trade are well rid of a nuisance. A debt for quite an amount was incurred by him May 18th, 1871, which remains unpaid to this date; and probably always will remain so, as our letters of request are unnoticed.

☞ A lengthy review of our contemporaries is crowded out this month, and will appear next. We have received *The Canadian Philatelist*, *The Stamp Collector's Monthly*, *The American Stamp Reporter*, *The Curiosity Hunter*.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

*Herein we will answer the queries of our readers on philatelic subjects, or any thing of general interest to stamp collectors. All correspondents failing to enclose return stamps with their communications, will find them answered here.*

ROBERT M. P.—The first stamp you describe is a United States envelope stamp, issued about 1861. The market price for used copies is 5 cents. The second stamp you describe is the half-penny newspaper band stamp of Great Britain, issued 1870.

GEORGE P. N.—Thanks for the article, which we have used, as you will perceive.

ALBERT F. D.—The September number of *GUIDE* was the last one issued by T. R. & Co.

FRED. P.—The name post-office was derived from the early postal system at first devised only for the accommodation of monarchs and public functionaries; and their messages were carried by carriers stationed at various stations which were called posts, and were a day's journey apart. The earliest record we have of this system is of the Assyrian and Persian monarchs who adopted this method of communication. The earliest of these posts for general accommodation was established in the year 1516, in the Tyrol connecting Germany and Italy, by Roger Count of Thurn and Taxis. The offices connected with these posts were, of course, styled post-offices.

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Roumania,	" 9 (splendid set)	40
Saxony,	" 6 (fine, unused)	10
Spain, new, head King,	" 3 (unused)	20
Sweden,	" 5	10
Turkey,	" 4	20
W. Australia, (Swans)	" 4	15
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## THE CONFEDERATE STATES ONE CENT STAMP.

W. A. K.

Until some two years since this stamp was regarded as a rarity and \$3 was the ruling price for good copies. In the summer of 1867 one of these stamps was given to a poor ex-Confederate soldier by Mr. Henry St. George Offutt, the former chief of the postal bureau of the C. S. A. This was sold to Mr. J. W. Scott for \$3, he in turn selling for \$8. This, perhaps (?), was the first copy ever seen by Mr. Scott. In the fall of the same year, 1867, we purchased from Mr. Offutt a considerable number of various confederate stamps, some 5000, which he had preserved. Among these we secured a proof of the 1 c. stamp impressed on a visiting card in brown, and which had been sent out by the engravers, Messrs. De Larue & Co., of London, as an essay. This proof was vouched for by Mr. Offutt, in writing on the back of the card. We sold it to Mr. Charles W. Durbin, of St. Louis, for \$10. Mr. Durbin sold the proof to an English collector at £4.

Mr. Offutt states that the 1 c. stamps were never issued by the department and that *he never let a copy pass out of his hands*, meaning, we suppose, while in his official position, as he has disposed of a number of them since the demise of the C. S. government. But notwithstanding this affirmation of Mr. Offutt, quantities of the stamps were in at least one Confederate post-office outside of Richmond, the latter the seat of the department, at the close of the war.

In January, 1871, we received *four hundred* of the stamps, in sheet, among a quantity of other Confederate stamps, from a young man named Lucas, at CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. We were surprised thereat, never before having met with over a half dozen copies, and supposing from Mr. Offutt's statements that *very few* were printed, and *none distributed to post-offices*. We at once put forth efforts to secure whatever more of the stamps there were to be had, and also information concerning them. From Lucas we could obtain nothing satisfactory, but later a young man named Dodge opened a correspondence with us, sold us several thousand of the 1 c. stamps, and promised to call at our office in New York at an early day, and give us some facts concerning the stamps. He visited us in June, and the story he tells we have no reason to doubt. He is a cripple, had been south for his health, seemed a reliable young man. We were *convinced* that the stamps were genuine *originals* from the facts that he had a limited quantity, which cost him nothing, and which he sold at any price, and that he was not posted as to the value of various stamps. His story was that when the Federal troops entered the city of Charleston they ransacked the post-office and threw the stamps into the streets, where they were picked

up by whoever wished them. The stamps he had were thus preserved, and he obtained them from a lady resident of the city who *gave* them to him. He gave us the lady's name, Miss A. D. Robinson, and upon our writing to her, she confirmed the story of Mr. Dodge. The public now has an explanation of the sudden appearance on the market of the "Confederate ones." We believe there are about 30,000 in the hands of various parties.

But Mr. Dodge told us a story concerning the plates, or rather lithographic stones, of the 1 c. stamp which, though he evidently believed to be true, presents some points for critical consideration. He says that toward the end of the war, while Charleston harbor was blockaded by Union vessels, these stones were put aboard a Confederate blockade runner at Charleston, to be carried to England. This vessel was detected by the Union fleet and sunk in Charleston harbor, and at the bottom thereof, according to this story, lie the plates to-day. These facts (?) were given Mr. Dodge by his uncle, who was in Charleston at the time, and *and is said to have seen the plates put on board the steamer*. The points we find to question are: How could the plates be in this country when they were made by, and the property of, Messrs. De La Rue & Co., at London? Or, if they were sent to this country, why should they be returning to England?

### PHILATELY.

This word, which has come into common use within a few years, or since stamp collecting became so popular in England and in this country, is derived from a Greek compound, *Philo* meaning a lover, and *telos* meaning a *tax*. As taxation is mainly accomplished by means of stamps, philately is made to imply a love of stamp collecting.

Stamp collecting began to be popular about the year 1860, and in this country and in England may now be regarded as a national diversion. The Post-Office Department at Washington are among the most successful and diligent collectors. A. T. Stuart, of New York, recently paid \$5,000 in gold for a carefully made collection of stamps. Prince Arthur, of England, the Prince of Orange, and several distinguished Parisians, are enthusiastic philatelists.

Publications have been issued in the interest of this novel amusement, among them the "Stamp Collector's Guide." Stamp collecting seems to have taken the place of autograph collecting, which was so much in favor a few years ago.

The above appeared in that indisputably the best young folks' weekly, *The Youth's Companion*, of March 20th.

During our late war, in the days of the Confederacy, Mr. Jefferson Davis, president of the seceded states, was one day accosted on the street by a Confederate soldier with "ain't you Mr. Davis?" "I am," was the reply. "I thought so, for you look just like a postage stamp."

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MARCH, APRIL AND MAY, 1873.

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Everybody has some hobby. It is interesting to study into the lives of noted persons and discover their favorite pastimes outside their usual routine of life's duties, how they happily relieve the monotony of that daily routine by some pet hobby. We have thus been looking in upon the lives of quite a number of well-known French actors and have jotted down what we have discovered to amuse our readers.

The famous Doche has an exquisite little museum of rare Dresden and dainty curiosities. M. Grivot, of the Vaudeville, is fond of etching. St. Germain collects rare books. Desrieux collects pottery and many go to see his specimens of rare old faience ware. Kopp, on the droll coterie in the "Grand Duchesse," has a collection of pictures worth some 30,000 francs. Lassouche, of the Palais Royal, collects china. One actor has a collection of clocks of Louis XIV.; another, a choice little cabinet of Meissonier; a third is a good sculptor. Mouvaine has one of the most attractive collections of the stamps of all countries to be found in Europe.

## NOTES FOR YOUNG COLLECTORS.

TASMANIA is also called Van Dieman's Land.

NEDERLAND is Holland.

OBSELETE stamps are old issues no longer used, usually being supplanted by a new series.

UNUSED signifies new, uncanceled.

ENVELOPE STAMPS should never be cut out round, that is, close to the stamp. Cut them out square, leaving at least an eighth-inch margin of paper all around.

MR. S. ALLAN TAYLOR informs us that Stait's Despatch Post advertisement appears in the Philadelphia directories of 1861.

**SCHOOLS.**—In philatelic parlance there is recognized three distinct systems of stamp collecting—the French, the English, the American. The first has long been a recognized institution, but we fail to discover its sponsor. Its devotees collect varieties of paper, shades, perforations—*everything*. The second is a little more conservative, going into the close varieties, not in their entirety. A few years ago, one "Pendragon" (Mr. J. H. Greenstreet), appeared in the philatelic journals as a champion of a radical English school, advocating the discardance of nearly all varieties, but his theories met with no favor in England, and the radical English school fell through. The last named, the American school, was originally promulgated in THE AMERICAN STAMP MERCURY, volume II., p. 27, by "Americus" (Mr. W. A. Kelsey). This system is of the most radical type, discarding all close varieties of variation in color, *quality* of paper, and other vagaries. It collects only the most *decided* varieties, and following out the idea, "a thing of beauty," etc., believes the same does not consist in such a labyrinth of close varieties, difficult to comprehend, as constitutes the collection of a collector of the French school.

## COUNTERFEIT STAMPS AND THEIR MAKERS.

Stamp collectors are often caught by the dealers in counterfeit stamps, by their temptingly low prices. The vendors of this trash offer you stamps often times at half the prices charged by other dealers, who sell genuine stamps. But money paid for such stuff is simply thrown away, for it is entirely worthless, while if you buy carefully, and get only genuine stamps into your collection, it will always be valuable—yes, and *increase* in value daily.

We find that these dealers in forged stamps are injuring our own and others' trade in genuine stamps by offering at such low prices, which inexperienced collectors jump at, and for *our own protection* and for the *good of collectors* we must utter words of caution.

Boston is a point from which several counterfeit dealers operate. Among other things they offer a list of "cheap sets of stamps," in which are quoted:

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Hamburg,	" 10, " 15 "
Heligoland,	" 4, " 15 "
Hamburg (Locals),	" 125, " 25 "

*All are counterfeits—worthless trash!* Genuine stamps cannot be sold at such prices. Any list in which you find either of the above-named, you can be sure comes from a dealer whose business is in counterfeits.

We write with no malice, and only give collectors a *full understanding* as to what they are buying. If any *choose* to buy that kind of stuff for their albums it is none of our business, but it is our business to publish these facts. We *hope* to convince collectors that it is their *best* way to buy genuine stamps, *every time*.

**HOW TO MOUNT YOUR STAMPS IN AN ALBUM.**

Collectors who will not adopt a system of mounting using strips of paper, are strongly urged to follow the style here described. Instead of covering the entire back of the stamp with mucilage, simply put a small spot in each corner as shown in the accompanying diagram. We always use rather thin mucilage as the thick is too strong. Stamps thus attached to paper are readily removed without wetting or injury.



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**NEWLY DISCOVERED NOVELTIES.**

**CONFEDERATE LOCALS—GOLIAD.**

We take pleasure in announcing something entirely new in Confederate States Provisionals, two stamps of Goliad, Texas. They have been in our possession since the 20th of July last, but we have postponed announcing their discovery, hoping to secure their history and perhaps more of the stamps. We have made the most persevering efforts to obtain both, and, we are sorry to add, without much success. We can



only give illustrations and let them speak for themselves. We have two copies of the 5c. stamps at-

tached together, being post-marked and evidently used for a 10c. rate. And a very singular incident about them is the fact that one has the name of the place misspelled—Goiad; it should be Goliad. We have but one copy of the 10c. stamp, an illustration of which we give. They were obtained through the following course. In May last

(1872) we advertised in Southern papers by a "blind" advertisement, and securing a lady's name in Goliad, Texas, sent our usual circular offering to buy Confederate stamps. In response came a lot of old issues United States, a



number of nearly every variety of the stamps of the Confederate States and the three Goliads. We at once replied to this correspondent, also wrote to Mr. J. A. Clarke and other parties. From none could we secure another "Goliad." From one party we learned that Mr. Clarke had moved to Aransas county, but that he feared as "Mr. Clarke was so mixed up with the Rebellion he would be cautious about giving much information, though he felt satisfied, from inquiry, that he could do so if he would."

And "cautious" he certainly is, for we can obtain no reply to repeated letters asking for facts concerning the issue of the stamps bearing his name. There is no doubt as to their authenticity, but we have to regret being unable to give their history. We can, of course, only draw conclusions based upon our general knowledge of the Provisional issues. The character of the Goliad stamps is probably identical with their contemporaries. But at the present writing it would certainly seem that these specimens of Confederate Locals, the Goliads, take the lead as entirely unique and novel, especially so, owing to the 5c. stamps possessing the irregularity they do.

W. A. K.

**A USEFUL TABLE.**

The value on foreign stamps is often given in words instead of figures, and collectors are frequently puzzled to know how to arrange their stamps. We give below a table of Spanish, German and Italian numbers, translated into English:

SPANISH.			
Medio, . . . . .	1/2	Trenta, . . . . .	30
Un, . . . . .	1	Quaranta, . . . . .	40
Dos, . . . . .	2	Sessanta, . . . . .	60
Cuatro, . . . . .	4	Ottanta, . . . . .	80
Cinco, . . . . .	5		
Seis, . . . . .	6	GERMAN.	
Ocho, . . . . .	8	Ein, . . . . .	1
Diez, . . . . .	10	Zwei, . . . . .	2
		Drei, . . . . .	3
		Vier, . . . . .	4
		Fünf, . . . . .	5
		Sechs, . . . . .	6
		Sieben, . . . . .	7
		Acht, . . . . .	8
		Nein, . . . . .	9
		Zehn, . . . . .	10
		Zwoelf, . . . . .	12
		Achtzehn, . . . . .	18
ITALIAN.			
Un, . . . . .	1		
Due, . . . . .	2		
Tre, . . . . .	3		
Cinque, . . . . .	5		
Dieci, . . . . .	10		
Quindici, . . . . .	15		
Venti, . . . . .	20		

Bear in mind that each one of the above languages is used on the stamps of various countries.

**MOUTH GLUE.**

The following recipe for making pocket mucilage may prove useful to our readers: Dissolve one-half pound of gelatine or fine glue in water, and add one-quarter of a pound of brown sugar; boil the whole until sufficiently thick to become solid on cooling; pour it on a slab slightly greased, and when cool cut into the required shape.

The postal business of our country has made a tremendous advance within the last century. In 1771 Benjamin Franklin kept the Post-office accounts of the United States for three entire years in a book which contained but three quires of foolscap paper. A correspondent tells us that he enjoyed a sight of this ancient document at the Post-office in Washington, a few weeks ago, where it is carefully preserved in a glass case.



**EPIGRAMMATIC LETTERS.**—It has been said that, if heavy postage produced essays, cheap postage makes epigrams. But the latter were not wanting in the very earliest days. Nothing could be more epigrammatic than the note sent by one Irish chief to another: "Pay me tribute, or else——." To which the equally epigrammatic answer was: "I owe you none, and if——." Of this sort were the notes between Foote's mother and Foote. "Dear Sam—I'm in prison. Yours, E. Foote." The old lady was under arrest for debt. The son's answer was: "Dear mother—So am I. Yours, S. Foote." And again, the letters between old Mrs. Garrick and young Edmund Kean: "Dear Mr. Kean—You can't play Abel Dragger. Yours, etc." To which intimation Edmund wrote back: "Dear Madame—I know it. Yours, E. K." Instances occur now and then where a joke has been played, the fun of which was to make a man pay heavy postage for very unnecessary information. When Collins, the artist, was once with some friends, one of them resisted every attempt to induce him to stay to supper. He withdrew, and the friends in council over their banquet resolved that the sulky guest should be punished. Accordingly, on the following day Collins sent him a folded sheet of foolscap, in which was written: "After you left we had stout and oysters." The receiver understood what was meant, but he was equally resolved to have revenge. Accordingly, biding his time, he transmitted, in a feigned hand to Collins, a letter in which the painter read only, "Had you?" Therewith the joke seemed at an end; but Collins would have the last word. He waited and waited till the thing was almost forgotten, and then the writer of the last query opened a letter one morning, in which he had the satisfaction of finding an answer to it in the words, "Yes, we had." We cannot dismiss the subject without expressing our regret that we are unable to remember the name of that British Admiral who, after achieving a glorious victory at sea, dispatched a letter to the admiralty, in which there were only these or similar words: "Beat the enemy; took, sunk, burned or destroyed ships named in the margin." Tersest of admirals!

#### STAMPS WANTED.

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#### WHAT IS STAMP COLLECTING?

##### ITS RISE, PROGRESS, ETC.

As an amusement for young people, or the older ones, postage stamp collecting seems more deserving of popularity and encouragement than any other pastime whatever. Why? Because time or money spent in making a collection is not thrown away but gives something material to show for it, beside a vast fund of *useful* and valuable information. At the same time one is gaining a most beautiful collection of art specimens as a monument of one's perseverance and love of the beautiful; he is constantly *learning* what will be useful in life, and yet the study is so pleasing that one never thinks of it as work, and hence it is the most satisfactory manner possible of studying geography and history. How different is this from the many, many silly amusements which give no lasting benefits. It is impossible to name an amusement that can at all compare with *Philately*. "Philately?"—we think some one exclaims—"What's that!" We will explain.

Stamp collecting first became popular in England. From thence it came to America, and extended all over the world. It has its devotees in all climes. Soon after its appearance its advocates deeming "stamp collecting" too commonplace a term, coined the word *Philately* to represent it. The word is from the Greek *Philo*, meaning lover of, and *telos* meaning tax. Taxes often being represented by stamps, a free translation gives us, *lover of stamps*. *Philately*, then, is a very appropriate name for the pastime.

Stamp collecting first became popular about 1860 and its progress since its rise is indeed wonderful. No amusement could make such rapid strides into public favor the world over, unless it did possess extraordinary merit. Prince Arthur, of England, the Prince of Orange, and many others high in rank, in all countries, are ardent philatelists. Our own merchant prince, A. T. Stewart, is said to possess a collection which he bought for \$5,000 in gold of a collector in Paris, when visiting there some time since. We know of one party who is now making a most magnificent collection which he expects to sell to our government, when completed, for \$10,000. The P. O. department are anxious to buy a full collection of all countries, for preservation. Many such opportunities offer themselves for disposing of collections if they are but finely and neatly preserved. No collector need fear to lay out money on his collection, because it will always bear a market value which increases every year it is kept. A collector, even if he should tire of collecting, had better keep his book and not sell it under any ordinary circumstances, because it is an interesting treasure and curiosity for preservation.

The stamp collector takes great delight in looking over his treasures from day to day. A well arranged and neatly mounted collection presents so much beauty, so much that is curious and instructive that one never tires of admiring its gems of beauty, its strange contrasts, comparisons, etc.

Every encouragement to the advancement of the delightful pastime among young people, or old, helps to advance that which is a most pleasing, never-ending amusement, and which, at the same time, gives unmeasurable instruction and benefit. Let parents and teachers give their protégés every encouragement when they evince an interest in Stamp Collecting.

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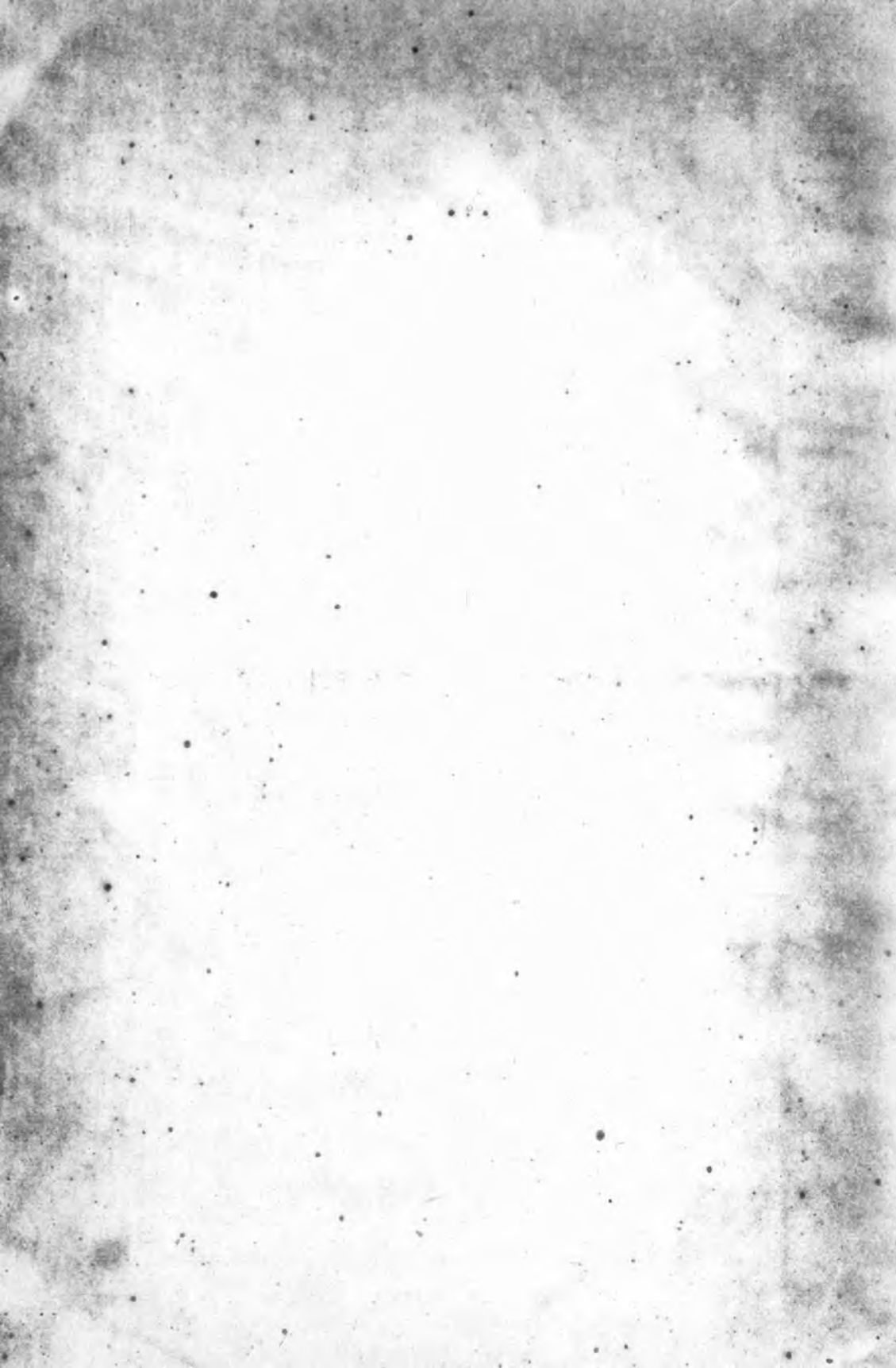
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