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STAMP COLLECTING.

BY MULREADY.

STAMP Collecting as a pastime is very largely patronised, not only in England, but in most stamp-issuing countries. Previous to the year 1840, when penny postage was first introduced and brought into use by the English Government, the practice was adopted of franking letters by means of impressed or embossed stamps. Franks will therefore be found of the Government Offices of Great Britain and the Australasian Colonies. The action of England in producing labels for payment of letters, &c., was speedily followed by other countries, until almost every civilised country uses the postage stamps, and thus opens for the philatelist a really pleasant and instructive study.

Before entering upon a description of various Stamps, it may be better to endeavour to point out the utility of the Stamp Collection. The collector will observe upon the first sight that each label bears some characteristic of the country to which it belongs, and in the design will be found some indication of products, natural features, religion, government, manners or customs of its people. The Red Stamp used in England has no doubt been seen by all who peruse this, description is therefore unnecessary. This Stamp has little to recommend it, being very plain, and not even denoting its country, but by the head of Queen continually seen may be noticed the little change in the Government of England. Little variation from this Stamp will be found in the British Colonial postage labels, especially those current at present date. However the issues of British Guiana bear the figure of a ship; Virgin Islands, figure of virgin, may be mentioned among those Colonies which have various designs, and about which more will be said at another time.

The Stamps of Germany, France, Spain, &c., will give an idea of the alterations in Government in the same manner as the substitution of Italian Stamps for those issued by the Papal States in 1852, shew the annexation of the States of the Church by the Kingdom of Italy. A study of the above Stamps will reveal the usually unsettled state of the countries they represent. Therefore thoughtful persons, especially scholars, will find in the Stamp Collection a large field for the development of most useful studies, and such questions which may arise as to where is Grigualand? What is a penni or schilling, among numerous others as unusual, will be sought out for and explained, necessitating occasional reference of the geography and history. Changes of design from numerical values, heads of liberty, heads of distinguished persons, &c., &c., to such others as from time to time may be required, will be easily accounted for as the collector advances, and additional interest is felt. The early issues of the Cape of Good Hope and British Guiana were roughly designed, but the progress of the people, caused the production of more sightly specimens. The Collector will also observe that the early issues were unperforated, and the stamps cut as required. The present mode of perforation has been generally adopted, and may be used for a considerable period unless superseded by the roulette after the text of the British American Stamp Company, to be seen in the new issues of South American Postages. No description, however precise, can convey to the reader so accurate an idea of the appearance of Stamps collected as the perusal of a well filled album. Therefore a little trouble will not be wasted upon the search of a Collector, who will in most cases be glad to show his book, and give any information in his power. Upon the Stamps will at once

be seen the actions, manners, and progress of peoples depicted, which cannot fail to arouse the curiosity and interest of the examiner to enquire further into the matter, and ascertain for himself the cause of a codfish (Newfoundland) appearing upon this stamp, and on others heads of kings, queens, emperors, princes and princesses (Spain, France, Brazil, Newfoundland, Sandwich Islands), heads of "Liberty," (France, Spain, and Possessions). "Mercury," (Greece). Volcano, (S. Salvador). Swan, (West Australia) View of Sydney, (N.S.W.) Llamas, (Peru), &c., &c. Apart from the matters of interest above mentioned, the fact must not be overlooked that many Stamps are really fine works of art. Concluding these introductory remarks, with a few directions to those of our readers who may be inclined to devote a portion of their time to this study, I hope in future papers to treat fully upon the emissions likely to be first before the notice of the collector, and by commanding interest and attention to prove that this pursuit is not the waste of time and money it is sometimes looked upon as. There is no collection offering a larger field for study, neither is there any subject requiring less trouble beyond the knowledge necessary for buying and exchanging duplicates. There is no more certain aid to the study of geography, nations, and peoples.

Therefore we highly recommend it to our readers, and to assist the young collector, will answer any questions likely to appear obstacles in the path, and forthwith proceed to make a collection.

THE MORMON STAMP.

TWO years ago we came across an old catalogue of Postage Stamps, in which we noticed a few lines respecting a Stamp supposed to have been issued by Brigham Young. Our curiosity being somewhat stimulated, we wrote to him, asking if such was the case, and if so, offering to buy any he might have by him; we received the following reply:—

SALT LAKE CITY,
21 Jan'y., 1876.

Gentlemen,

President Brigham Young directed me to say to you that "The Stamp Collectors'

Book" is in error in stating he issued some five cent. stamps in 1852, and further he never issued any five cent. postage at any time.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. REYNOLDS,
Sec. to Pres. Young.

This letter (which we have in our possession now) settles the many controversies with respect to this supposed Stamp, and we have arrived at the conclusion that the compilers of the Catalogue (Messrs. Bellars & Davies) were imposed upon by some over-zealous friend. For the benefit of our readers we give the full particulars as they appear in the Catalogue.

"UTAH,
MORMON TERRITORY,
1852.

Head of Brigham Young to left in circle, rude ornamentation on sides. Above, "Utah;" postage below. Form octagonal. 5 cents, dull blue.

[In the year 1852 Brigham Young issued an octagonal gold coin, and soon after a postage stamp of the same shape. No value was expressed on it, but its price was 5 cents. The execution is very rough, the impression apparently being taken from a wood block. It seems to have been cut or punched out by an octagonal die. This Stamp was intended for prepaying letters from one part of the Great Salt Lake Valley to another, or to or from the Salt Lake City, the capital. Some letters, however, with these Stamps upon them, found their way to the United States, and were immediately repudiated by the postmaster at Washington. They at once fell into disuse, but at the present day a system of posting from one part of the Mormon colony to the other is still employed.]

REVENUE STAMPS.

BY MULREADY.

ACCORDING to our intention previously expressed of rendering this magazine of general interest we shall commence a description of some of the Fiscal stamps issued up to the present time. The object of this article is rather to enlist more revenue collectors than to attempt to describe all known issues. However, I shall describe from time to time, stamps which may be justly considered the finest specimens of engraving found in the interesting and useful pursuit of stamp collecting. I should advise our

readers to procure a sheet from a dealer, or better to look over a collection in order to judge for themselves. We are convinced that the perusal will cause many postage stamp collectors to commence a collection of Fiscals; although the latter have not that to recommend them which postage may claim, yet upon examination it will be admitted that revenue stamps excel postage for design, elaborate execution, and as works of art.

First upon our list are the Custom House stamps of Great Britain.

I have before me a set of the embossed issue, ten in number, viz:—1d. 4d. 6d. 1s. 2s. 5s. 10s. £5 & £10. The stamps are embossed on white paper, the impression being divided by lines giving the appearance of a white mount and black frame, the stamp proper is pink (ground) and white (emb.)

The grounds are of various designs.

The 1d. Custom's stamp has at top a crown, underneath the crown is a rose, on the right a shamrock, and outside the fig. of 7 in a small circle. On the left of the roses is a thistle, and outside the figure 2 in circle. The figures denote on the left the day, on right, month, and at bottom 60, is the year of issue. Next comes the value one penny, in ornamental frame.

It should be remembered that I am speaking of a set before me, and although the date of year is the same in each variety, the dates of months are different.

The 4d. has value Four pence in the centre of stamp in a frame with lined ground.

The 6d., perhaps the best design of the set, has on the centre a shield in a band with the inscription "Honi soit qui mal y pense," value six pence at bottom.

The 1s. has value in curved band in lower half of stamp "One shilling," in centre.

The 2s. has a similar band in centre to the 6d., but the band encloses value at bottom Two shillings.

The 5s. value in oblong frame, Five shillings in centre, surmounted by flowered frame.

The 10s. has in centre the rose, shamrock and thistle in a flowered frame, the sides of which extend to the dates in circles. Ten shillings at bottom.

The value £1 is in the centre of stamp, similar to the 4d. almost surrounded by scrolls flowered.

The £5 is somewhat similar to the 6d. as regards the band, but in the centre is a lion on crown. The value Five pounds is at bottom. Of these stamps I have before me a sheet of six uncut, the bottom row of three being reversed, these are a novelty and somewhat rare.

The £10 has in centre an ornamental oval band with value £10 enclosed, flowered round. Of this value I have six specimens uncut, the bottom two being reversed. Without illustration it is somewhat difficult to describe the shape of the stamp proper. The 6d. and 2s. stamps bear some resemblance to each other, but the others are of materially different designs, some being curved, some lines, and others both. The word "Customs" is printed upon the paper, before the stamp is impressed, in the specimens here the word is in the top half of stamp in all cases above value.

The obliterating mark is an ink "X" cross, done by hand.

The values of 2s., and £5 have at bottom on left a letter, and on right a fleur de lis, the others have these on top.

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POSTAL EXTENSION.—On the 1st of September the Argentine Republic, the Danish Colonies, and Persia will be admitted into the General Postal Union. The rate of postage for the Argentine Republic, Greenland, the Islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix and St. John will be 6d. the half-ounce. For Persia the rates are various, and 8d. the half-ounce will be charged by the Brindisi and Persian gulf route, whilst only 2½d. the half-ounce will be charged by the Black Sea or Caspian Sea routes.

MONEY ORDERS FOR THE GOLD COAST.—The Postmaster-General notifies that, the head-quarters of the Government of the Gold Coast having been removed from Cape Coast Castle to Accra, money-orders issued in this country on the Gold Coast must be drawn in future upon the post-office of Accra, and not upon the office of Cape Coast Castle, as hitherto. In like manner, colonial money-orders payable in this country will be issued at Accra only—Cape Coast Castle having ceased to be a money-order office.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE Amateur Stamp Collector and Philatelic trader will not be a little surprised to find that another Journal devoted to this delightful pastime, is placed before them. The English Journal of Philately is the only one of its class published in this country. It is true others have been floated in their respective oceans of commerce, but for the want of attractions and variety, the turbulence of the waves they encountered wrecked their frail construction; but we feel sure that such will not be the case with this.

A Monthly paper has long been wished for by many dealers, for this country, and we believe we are the only country without such a publication. We find Philatelic journals in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and last but not least, the United States and Canada, where both amateur and professional philatelic papers abound.

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To those Dealers who wish to gain a reputation abroad, it will be an excellent medium, as a large number of copies have already been guaranteed by foreign philatelists.

We shall be most happy at any time to give our opinion, through the pages of this Journal, on any stamp or stamps that may be sent us; but at the same time we should like to know the name of the dealer who supplied them, reserving to ourselves the right of giving him a free advertisement.

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For years have journals in all parts freely published the names and addresses of the forgers, and sometimes taken more harsh measures, so that with the opposition so determinately shown, and the exposure of the forged specimens themselves by philatelists the evil is decreasing. Although we know towns on the Continent containing many shops where these pictures are sold, and dealers who supply them; these dealers in some cases

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REVIEWS.

THE COIN AND STAMP JOURNAL.—J. J. Casey, Editor, P. O. Box, 1698, New York, contains many illustrations and well written articles, and is one of the leading publications in the United States. We congratulate Mr. Casey on its "third year of publication."

To those who are in want of a complete descriptive catalogue of U.S. Stamps only—should advise them to write to E. B. Sterling, 55, Carroll Street, Trenton, N.T. and he will send you for 12 cents, as good a catalogue as ever one wished for—Mr. Sterling, you must have taken great trouble over it, we trust it will be well appreciated.

Allgemeiner Buifmarken-Anzienger, L. May, Hamburg, is one of the leading German Stamp papers—and is published twice a month, L'—Etoile d' Italie. Via Stelletta 11, Rome, circulates in Italy and France.

For commercial reports, we must look at the "Corriere dei Franco-bolli." Corso N 31, Trieste, which is published twice a month, and in those languages contains many advertisements, besides reports from all the principal stamp countries—all you now want, Herr Mayer, is a little better English.

COUNTERFEITERS AND SWINDLERS.

We would like to hear from all dealers and collectors who have been swindled, with a statement of the case. We will then look into it, and if we are convinced they are not reliable, will not hesitate to publish their various names and addresses.

One of our principal objects in starting this paper, is to put down swindlers and counterfeiters; and we trust to have the co-operation of all dealers and collectors.

Respecting a person named Kottshofski; we find he is connected with Taylor & Wineburg of New York.

An esteemed friend to whom we sent a copy of the paper, the "Snoozer," has forwarded us the below spicy account of it, which we have much pleasure in endorsing:—

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 Equitable Stamp Co., " "
 S. Allen Taylor, Ann St., " "
 Eastern Traffic Co., Richmond Va. " "
 Wallace, Herley & Co., " "
 Triumph Stamp Co., " "
 Union Stamp Co., N. Y. City. " "
 M. Kottshofski, New York.
 M. Wineburg, " "
 Carty & Co., Paul's Cross, New Jersey.

THE SNOOZER.

The most appropriate name that has yet adorned the first page of an American periodical is perhaps "The Philatelic Snoozer."

To snooze, if the dictionary is consulted, is to sleep; and those who study human nature will not deny that in some forms slumbering is exceedingly objectionable. The pamphlet before us snoozes in an offensive manner, and excites in the reader the utmost disgust.

The proprietor of this "Sleeping Beauty," has a remarkably appreciative taste for the fine arts, and has secured the services of some talented individual, to furnish him with wood cuts to illustrate his leading articles. Although the articles may be leading, the engravings are undoubtedly very misleading. The writer attempts to abuse in language pure and simple an unoffending schoolmaster, and the engraver endeavours to put on his features an indignant and revengeful expression. The revenge, however, is only discernible in his clenched fists, and a good deal of the hungry quadruped is preceptible in the features.

It is to be presumed that the object of illustration is red headed, as the artist represents him with a bunch of carrots on his venerable cranium instead of a luxurious growth of curling hair. Still we cannot prevent the proprietor from publishing his paper, nor his artist from engraving, but we can advise our readers not to purchase the Philatelic Snoozer, unless they too, should glide back into morbid slumber.

The publishers of this paper, M. Kottshofski, alias Taylor & Wineburg, should also be avoided in business transactions, which are anything but honest.

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STAMP COLLECTING.

BY UTAH.

COLLECTING stamps is not so modern a pursuit as many persons imagine. Postage stamps are certainly of very recent adoption, and if a schoolmaster had introduced stamp collecting amongst boys as an easy method of acquiring a knowledge of geography and history, he would, we fancy, have been considered a very ingenious person, and thanked both by his pupils and their parents. We find that by referring to several old papers—that messages and letters were sent by couriers stationed along the road, one man and horse to every day's journey—somewhat after the style of the late Pony Express in America. In England as early as A.D. 1252 we find that nobles and high personages had special messengers to carry letters. In 1853 Sir Byran Tuke was the head of the post or special messengers. An Act was passed in 1548 fixing the rate of post horses at 1d. per mile.

Sir Thomas Randolph was the first Postmaster of England appointed by Queen Elizabeth in 1651. Charles 1st, in 1635 took up the interests of the Post by issuing a proclamation "for settling of the letter office of England and Scotland" and commands "Thomas Witherings Esq., his Majesty's Postmaster of England and foreign parts, to settle a running post or two to run night and day between Edinburgh in Scotland and the City of London, to go and come back in six days."

A Mr. Manley contracted for the right of working the Post Office for £10,000 per annum in 1653, but the traders and carriers raised a great outcry at this as they carried letters much cheaper, they continued till 1657, when Acts of Parliament were passed suppressing them.

(To be continued.)

HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

BY MULREADY.

THE first part of this Paper will be devoted to general directions, and also contain a few remarks upon the formation of a stamp collection. Stamp Albums, which need little praise here, are published at prices suitable for any collector, discriptions of which may be had of most dealers, will be found to be reliable guides, and add much to the beauty of the collection arranged therein. Prices range from 1/6 to £5, and the productions vary from ruled books to finely illustrated works prepared at great cost, describing most known stamps. However, until a few hundred stamps are collected, they should be kept loose or arranged in a common book. The reason for this is that an album will get spoiled by the changes so frequently made when the beginner finds two specimens superior to those already in his possession. It will therefore be seen that an album would soon be injured, considering that some stamps may require hot water for their removal. In less time than may be anticipated a sufficient quantity of stamps will be amassed to necessitate the purchase of an album. It may be borne in mind that as fair specimens of most stamps are to be obtained, the collector need not hurry to possess torn or badly marked labels which, sooner or later have to be removed. As we have observed, the first few hundred stamps will be quickly collected, and as the common ones get exhausted, the rarer stamps will be more difficult to obtain unless the collector intends to purchase every possible variety, without regard to expense. Never out of place is the advice not to purchase of persons advertising packets of many varieties of stamps with contents appearing worth as many pounds as the buyer is asked pence. These packets are pre-

pared for the unwary, and the collector is disappointed at receiving a packet of worthless trash, not even possessing the recommendation of being good imitations. Considering the frequent exposures of these dealers in forgeries, their trade would be worth little if collectors would not attend to advertisements upon the face of their untruth. There is no better way of purchasing than from a well known dealer who is satisfied with a fair profit, has a reputation to sustain, and who, in the end sells cheaper than those who offer at half catalogue prices. A respectable dealer will not sell a worthless specimen, he will always return cash in the rare event of a mistake. The inexperienced collector may rely upon his own judgment with safety, but there are many who will not regret a dealer's recommendation to fall back upon. To return to the subject, should a plain ruled book be selected, the stamps should be arranged alphabetically after the division of countries into the five departments, Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Oceania. This arrangement may be effected easily by the aid of a dealer's catalogue, which will also give the value (face) of the stamps, the smallest value should be placed on the left side of page, and the larger values in rotation. This may seem unnecessary, but should not be overlooked. The stamps should be fixed by the aid of gum, of the many ideas current, we prefer the one of using a 'smear' of strong gum on the centre of the stamp, rather than a larger quantity of weaker fluid, we object to pasting the extreme edges or corners, as in case of removal the weaker part of the stamp suffers, and the former plan will admit of the stamps being removed easily. We think the better plan of arrangement is to keep the bottom ends of the stamps level, but if an album is decided upon, there is sure to be a special mode. Persons examining the stamp album should be requested not to place the finger upon the stamp. Although in most cases stamps may be removed from their places by the aid of hot water, exception must be taken to such stamps, as Russian, which are printed in water colors, while the greatest care must be shown to Portuguese

for the reason that they are very apt to break or tare in water, and others which are more or less likely to receive injury. The subject of forgeries has already been spoken of in this journal. All that need here be said is that used specimens should be sought after rather than unused, the former being in most cases cheaper, not so subject to get spoiled, and also because used stamps are rather less likely to be forged, but it must not be concluded from this that forgeries are found only in an unused state.

DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL STAMPS AND PROOFS.

We intend from time to time giving a description of local and proof Stamps, which have been issued by the respective Governments.

This information will be invaluable both to dealers and collectors, especially the note on U.S. locals, which number over 120, will appear shortly.

GREAT BRITAIN.

PROOFS—1840.

Head of Queen with diadem to left; no letters in lower corners; right upper corner plain. Rectangular colours, red brown—dark brown, purple rose, dark gray—black.

From there being so many colours, we have heard them called the "Rain-bow Series."

1860.

Bust of Queen Victoria, with diadem to left, in shield, containing "Postage three halfpence," letter L in each corner of Stamp.

RECTANGULAR. COLOUR, CAEMINE—1862.

Bust of Queen Victoria, in circle, "Postage" above. Rectangular. Colour—rose—threepence.

ENVELOPES.

1837.

Rectangular folding sheet of paper, on which is printed a circular band, containing at the two opposite corners a small oval with a Crown and the words, "Not to exceed one ounce," in the other two corners, "London District Post." Colour, yellowbrown—One penny.

1839.

Red circle with "½ ounce 1d." in black oval. "Post Office permit" in small letters. "To carry matter not exceeding in weight one ounce, square, colours, black and vermillion, 1d.

"1d." in oval surrounded by a second oval, in which are the words, "Post Office." Numeral of value in corners, together with

"Not to exceed half-ounce" equally divided, "V.R." in small squares on each side, square. There were one penny blue and red, and green and red.

Head of Queen Victoria, embossed to left in oval; the words "Postage 1d. half-ounce" in white letters on black ground at top of Stamp, oval, colour black, 1d.

Head of Queen Victoria, embossed to right in oval, round which are two borders; in the outer one above, the word "Paid," oval, colour orange.

1860.

Head of Queen Victoria, embossed to left in escutcheon, oval, colour rosepink, three half-pence.

BELGIUM.

PROOF—1850.

Bust of King Leopold in oval; above "Postes" numeral of value in small circle in upper corners; value below in dark letters, on white paper. Rectangular, dix cents. blue, guarantee cents. black.

BAVARIA.

PROOF.

Numeral of value in circle; above "Bajern" below, "France," value at sides, on white paper, square, colour black, Zwölf Kreuzer.

INSTRUCTION STAMPS—1851.

Same on coloured paper, Ein Kreuzer rose, drei blue, sechs red, neungreen, zwölf, red, achtzetin, deep yellow.

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We beg to thank Messrs. Thomson, Churchill, Bullard, and other friends for the news below:

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

ALWAR.—This East Indian dependency has lately issued a Stamp for postal duty.

It is printed in colour on white paper and perforated.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.—"The Danube Steam Navigation Company" have lately issued their Stamps *imperfornated*. Amongst them we have heard of some 10 soldi fawn.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A new set of Stamps for this Republic have been prepared.

Meanwhile, the low values surcharged have been used.

We have seen the five centavos surcharged black on vermilion, two centavos black on vermilion, and the eight centavos black on green, and black on vermilion.

We understand, however, that the surcharged Argentine had a very brief existence, and one likely to become very scarce. In fact, the bare existence of these is only known, and will form a want "for the great bulk of collectors."

AZORES.—We note an "Error" in the current issue, 2½ reis, viz., the surcharged inverted thus, "səɹɔɹɹ,"

BOLIVIA.—A new value is said to be expected shortly, viz., a twenty-five centavos adhesive.

BERMUDA.—We have seen a penny Stamp surcharged "Half-penny," black on lake.

CANADA.—A set of "service" Stamps is being issued in this colony, the first of which consists of the three following values of the ordinary set, surcharged, SERVICE.

1 cent, reddish brown,

3 cents, lake,

15 " lilac.

The two cents "registration" labels hitherto printed vermilion, are now struck in brown; therefore they are the same.

HONG KONG.—A provisional 16 cents. has been issued, and an original label of that value is on its way out.

The provisional 16 cents. is the 18 surcharged.

16 cents. black and lilac,

16 " orange.

MADREIRA.—We also note an "error" on the 2½ reis, viz., "ɹɹɹɹɹɹ," inverted.

MEXICO.—The new twenty-five centavos Stamps are printed on laid paper.

25 centavos, blue.

SARAWAK.—We have heard of a new issue, full particulars will appear in our next.

ST. VINCENT.—The shilling label for this colony, has changed its colour to green.

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CURIOUS POST-OFFICES.—In a recently published report, the Postmaster-General tells us how a person at Aberdeen deposited a letter in a disused street hydrant, and how on the cover being removed, three other letters were found, the senders of which have similarly mistaken the water pillar for the pillar letter-box—the letters having been passed into the box through the space formerly occupied by the tap lever. We have read of almost as good a case as this, where a pillar letter-box, knocked down by a passing waggon, was rolled into the gutter and the mouth turned downwards, so that it should not be used for posting until re-erected. It was resolutely turned round, mouth upwards, by some determined letter writer, and used for posting as though nothing had occurred. We should not be at all surprised to hear that the street orderly bins in London are occasionally used as pillar letter-boxes; we know, as a matter of fact, that letters intended for delivery by the post are frequently dropped into private letter-boxes, in happy ignorance that every aperture that will admit a letter is not exactly a post-office.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The success of the first number of this Journal has certainly exceeded our expectations. Never before has a Philatelic periodical been favoured with so much encouragement as this. Congratulations have poured in from all parts, and we append a few which we were pleased to receive. We firmly believe that, in time, this will become the leading Philatelic Journal in the world. and as time rolls on, it will feel the influence of its wonder working power.

A word to Advertisers. This journal circulates in all stamp issuing countries; it is sent to the large inland towns, and left with the principal newsgents, newsrooms, libraries, and principal restaurants in the City of London; it therefore offers special advantages for advertising not only Stamps, but any articles.

We have arranged to have special columns for casual contributors from whom we solicit any information respecting new issues, &c.

We now respectfully beg those who have not already forwarded their small subscription to do so without delay. Order of your newsagent if possible. Remittances can be made in Postage Stamps.

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A. CHURCHILL, Leytonstone.

"I think your paper does you credit, and I wish it every success."

From WOLDEMAR JURGENS, Helsingfors.

"I thank you for the first number of the English Journal of Philately, which I received to-day. This paper supplies a real want in Great Britain."

POST OFFICE CURIOSITIES.

SOME curious facts are contained in the annual report of the Postmaster-General, which was lately issued. It states that the total number of letters which passed through the post-offices in the United Kingdom during that year was 1,018,955,200, equal to 31 letters per head of the population; the number of post-cards was 92,935,700, and of newspapers and book-packets 298,790,800, of which the newspapers alone numbered 125,065,800. The number of registered letters was 5,095,116. One of these letters, addressed to a bank, and containing £3,000, was found to be unfastened. The number of returned letters was 5,897,724. Upwards of 33,100 letters were posted without addresses; and of these 832 were found to contain nearly £390 in cash and bank notes, and nearly £5,000 in cheques; 78,575 postage stamps were found loose in different post-offices, having been insecurely fixed, and 14,348 articles were found without covers. It also relates that at Aberdeen a person was observed to deposit a letter in a disused street hydrant, and, on the cover of the box being removed, three other letters were found, the senders of which had similarly mistaken the water pillar for the pillar letter-box. The letters had been passed into the box through the space formerly occupied by the tap-lever. In a newspaper which reached the returned letter office were found to be enclosed four sovereigns, and in another a gold locket. Miscellaneous articles, numbering 14,346, reached the returned letter office without

covers. During the 15 months, ended the 31st March last, no fewer than 593 registered letters were returned to the countries of origin in consequence of their containing coin or jewellery, contrary to the provisions of the general postal union. Of these more than three-fourths were from the United States. Among the small articles sent through the post were observed:—Musical instruments and cutlery, artificial teeth and eyes, wigs, flowers, fruit and vegetables, game and fish, medicine and perfumery, articles of dress, leeches, frogs, snakes, and lizards. Several of these, however, being prohibited articles, were sent to the Returned Letter Office. A live snake which had escaped from a postal packet was discovered in the Holyhead and Kingstown Marine Post Office, and at the expiration of a fortnight, being still unclaimed, it was sent to the Dublin Zoological Gardens. A packet containing a live horned frog reached Liverpool from the United States, and was given up to the addressee, who called for it. Another packet, also from America, reached the Dublin Post Office containing two live lizards, and was similarly given up to the addressee on personal application. Complaints of the alleged loss of letters (adds the Postmaster-General) are not infrequently made, and much trouble given to the department in investigating them, when the letters inquired for have not been posted at all. In one case it was stated that a letter containing £95 in bank notes had been lost, but upon the complainant being closely questioned he admitted that his statement was untrue, and that it was invented to stave off for a few days the importunities of a creditor. In another case complaint was made that a letter addressed to a "Naturalist" had failed to reach its destination, but it was afterwards found in a cage on the premises of the addressee, where it had been placed by a monkey. Letter carriers are peculiarly liable to be attacked by savage dogs. In one large town in the north of England the postmaster has reported that 20 per cent. of his men were bitten by dogs during the past year. Applications on the most various subjects are frequently made to the Post Office by persons both at home and abroad, indicating that the functions of the Postmaster-General are by some minds assumed to be of the most universal character. The following are specimens of such applications:—

"To the Editor of the General Post Office, London.—Will you please oblige Susannah—and Walter—with the particulars of especial licence to get married—is it possible for you to forward one to us without either of us coming to you—if you inclose the charge and have it returned would we get one before next Monday week to get married at—, If you will kindly send by return to the address inclosed the particulars we should feel greatly obliged."

"—Massachusetts,

"United States.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I have taken the liberty of addressing you wishing to know if I could ask the favour by paying you for the trouble I ask to know. I have an old clock in my collection made by Henton, Brown, London, in the first part of 1700. I would like to know where he was in business and where he died if it could be ascertained. Please inform me if you could find out any record in London. I would pay you for all trouble. This darling—is one of the loveliest places in Massachusetts.

"The Postmaster, London, England."

"—, Kent.

"Will you please inform me if there is to be a Baby Show this year at Woolwich; if so, where is it to be holden, and what day. I have enclosed —stamp.

"Sir—I have just been hearing of there men that was drowned about 9 months ago. I hear there was one of the men went under the name of JOHN—. Could the manager of the office give any particulars about that man, what he was like, or if there was such a name, or if he had any friend?—He just went amissing about that time. I here enclose a stamp, and address to, &c.—

"To the Manager of the Dead Office, Post Office, London."

We cut the following from the "Philatelic Monthly—"

STATE OF MARYLAND REVENUE STAMPS.

"We have the pleasure of introducing to collectors of revenues a series of stamps never before brought to their notice, so far as our knowledge extends, and to offer them for sale at remarkably low prices. They were issued by the State of Maryland and in use from 1845 to 1856 inclusive. They represented a tax levied upon promissory notes and sight drafts, and are found embossed upon the same. They are circular and resemble the reverse of a United States coin, the lowest value being the size of a ten cent piece, the highest as large as a half dollar. Within a wreath is the denomination, "State of Maryland Stamp" being outside."

We cut the following from a collector's letter, and wish to hear from all Philatelists respecting the subject:—

"For a long time past, I have been hoping that somebody would start a "Stamp Exchange." If a number of dealers and collectors could be got together to meet, say two evenings a week, for the purpose of Sale and Exchange, it would be very nice. I was one of those who used to meet in Change Alley

some 14 or 15 years ago, and Dr. Viner was another, but the police put a stop to it.

It might be done in this manner, if a few could agree together to give it a start. Say a society is formed of our fraternity, and a room taken somewhere in the City. I should think a small yearly subscription of perhaps 10/- per member would cover cost, &c., and I feel certain it would take well and be the means of helping the cause of Philately. Perhaps you would think the matter over, and you might try a suggestion in your paper, and privately sound some of your friends on the subject."

[We entirely agree with our correspondent's remarks. It may surprise some of our readers to know that we broached the subject to several dealers two years ago, but met with no response. Now we again appeal to all true Philatelists to come forward and help the cause. We purpose in not only making it an Exchange, but a sort of Protection Society. It will not surprise our friends to know that there are several such Societies on the Continent, which we believe has been the means of making the Stamp Trade abroad what it is at the present moment. We offer the following suggestions, and we ask all friends, dealers, and collectors, to send in their names as members to ourselves, when a meeting can be arranged, and the rules made.

1st. That it be called the "Stamp Exchange."

2nd. That we rent a room in the City, and meet twice a week from seven till nine.

3rd. That the Entrance Fee be 5/-.

4th. That the Yearly Subscription be 10/-.

5th. That Country Members be charged half above amounts.]

COUNTERFEITERS AND SWINDLERS.

We would like to hear from all dealers and collectors who have been swindled, with a statement of the case. We will then look into it, and if we are convinced they are not reliable, will not hesitate to publish their various names and addresses.

One of our principal objects in starting this paper, is to put down swindlers and counterfeiters; and we trust to have the co-operation of all dealers and collectors.

Respecting a person named Kottshofski; we find he is connected with Taylor & Wineburg of New York.

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The Committee on list of revenue stamps, reported that the list was almost complete, and thus far numbered 13,123 varieties, and that the report would probably be presented at the October meeting.

Messrs. Betts and Casey were appointed a "Publishing Committee" to make all arrangements and contracts necessary to a proper presentation of the Society's publications.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, was elected an Active Member, Mr. F. E. Nash of Covington, Ky., and Mr. E. S. Gibbons of London, England were elected Corresponding Members.

Several amendments to the Constitution, proposed at the June meeting were adopted, among which was the reduction of the annual subscription to two dollars.

The report on "Nomenclature" was then taken up. (The object of this paper is to furnish exhaustive plans for the proper and accurate descriptions of all stamps, stamped envelopes, wrappers, and post cards.) There was considerable discussion, principally with regard to the terms TYPE, SUB-TYPE, and VARIETY. Owing to the lateness of the hour, further consideration of the report was postponed.

The order for the October meeting will be 1. The considerations of a reference list of U. S. postal adhesives, including proofs, essays, and errors.

2. List of all known revenue stamps.

3. Discussion on the proposed bulletin of the society.

Adjourned at 11 p.m.

R. R. BOBERT, *Secretary.*

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

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We beg to thank Messrs. Kelly, Urbin, Churchill and other friends for the news below:

BELGIUM.—We have heard of three more official postcards, Treasury, Ministère des Finances; War office, Ministère de la Guerre Direction; and Carte correspondance service. The three impressed in black on white card.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Three values of the current set are now doing service duty, surcharged in black, with the *official*:

- 1 cent, dark grey (black),
- 2 cents, orange,
- 4 ,, blue.

CANADA.—We hear on good authority that all letters registered, must now bear the registered stamps.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The current six-pence has slightly change in colour, which is now

6 pence, mauve.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—We hear of two new labels similiar in design to values known

6 ore, violet

12 ,, green and blue.

DENMARK.—The set has been augmented by one label

100 ore, orange and grey.

EAST INDIES.—Another of the service set, "On H.M.S.," is the

4 annas, black on green.

FRENCH COLONIES.—We have here a long list to add to these stamps *imperforated* (as usual).

4 centimes, green,

10 ,, "

2 ,, "

5 ,, "

25 ,, blue,

75 ,, carmine,

1 ,, green.

FRANCE.—The four centimes of the new set is now current.

4 centimes, marone on bluish grey.

FIJI ISLANDS.—Stamps of the *Fiji Times Express* are again in circulation. The type is but slightly changed. 1d., 3d., 9d., and £1., black on pink.

GRIQUALAND.—The fourpenny Cape surcharged G.W., small in black, is now obsolete, and we have reason to believe the present method of surcharging the Cape labels G. for this colony will be discontinued.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We understand that the following are the proposed changes, to which we referred to in our September number, in the present system of registering letters. From the 1st of January it is intended to reduce the registration fee from 4d. to 2d., and to indemnify the owner, provided of course all regulations have been complied with, to an extent not exceeding 40s., in case of the letter or the contents being lost during transmission by post. It is hoped that this will save postmen from the temptations to theft, too often offered at present by the despatch of unregistered letters containing articles of value. From the same date the commission on money orders for less than 10s. will be raised from 1d. to 2d., the present being attended with a very heavy loss to the Exchequer. We may add that for the convenience of persons residing in the rural districts, the

walking postmen who collect letters will, for the first time, receive letters for registration and give a receipt.

HONG KONG.—We have seen a new label
16 cents, lemon.

JAPAN.—There are two new labels out for this colony and we expect two more soon,

6 sen puce
15 „ green.

JOONAGHUR.—We can only give the value and colour,

1 anna, black on azure laid,
4 annas, „ cream „

JUMMOO.—More Indian locals, somewhat similar to the paper used by Cabul,

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, yellow
 $\frac{1}{2}$ „ black,
1 „ pale blue.

KURORT STOOS.—Another Swiss local. Kurort Stoops is a place much frequented by tourists in Switzerland near the lake of Lucerne. There is no Government Post Office there, which travellers find very inconvenient, so CARL MULLER has started a private post to convey letters to the nearest Post Office for which these stamps are used. The same remarks apply to the Swiss locals of Bel Aly Richi-coulm, Rigi Schedick Rigi Raltbad and Maderanerthal.

In frame of three parallel lines, the words Kurort Stoops and Carl Muller appear on band covering the favourite Swiss symbol, the post horn, Col. Imp. rect. perf. I have two colors, value not indicated.

LA GUAIRA.—The private stamps of the country serving between this place and the islands of Curacao and St. Thomas, have been reprinted on whiter paper and in brighter hues. There are varieties of the same on yellow paper with larger perforations.

NOWANUGGUR.—Another local. A special feature in this label is that it is perforated (12 $\frac{1}{2}$). We have heard different opinions on its value. Can any reader enlighten us on the point? meanwhile the colour is gray blue.

PERU.—A trio of new telegraphic adhesives have been recently issued for the use of this republic. They are of similar, but not identical type; they show the sun rising from behind an emblazoned escutcheon bearing the well known arms of the country. This device is contained in a lozenge-shaped frame with inscriptions on curved scrolls above and below. **TELEGRAFO NACIONAL** above, value in numerals, and words variously disposed in each stamp below. Perforated, color on white. 5 centavos, violet; 20 centavos, green; 50 centavos, brown, the ten centavos envelope is met with on

cream-laid paper, 139 x 86 mm. in size.

10 centavos, pink, E.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—A further instalment of two values has come to light here.

Type of 1876 with head of Alphonso, paper perforation, &c.,

10 cent. de pesata blue.

20 „ „ mauve

SARAWAK.—As promised in last number, we give particulars of this new issue, it is eight cents *perce en points*.

8 cents, blue.

SHANGHAE.—Another provisional, it is the six condareens surcharged.

SWITZERLAND.—A new money order card has just been issued for international service, it has spaces for inserting amount with three headings, viz.—

Mk.—Pf. (for Germany), Flor.—cent. (for Holland), Frcs.—Ots. (for France, Italy, and Belgium).

25 centimes, black on buff M.O.O.

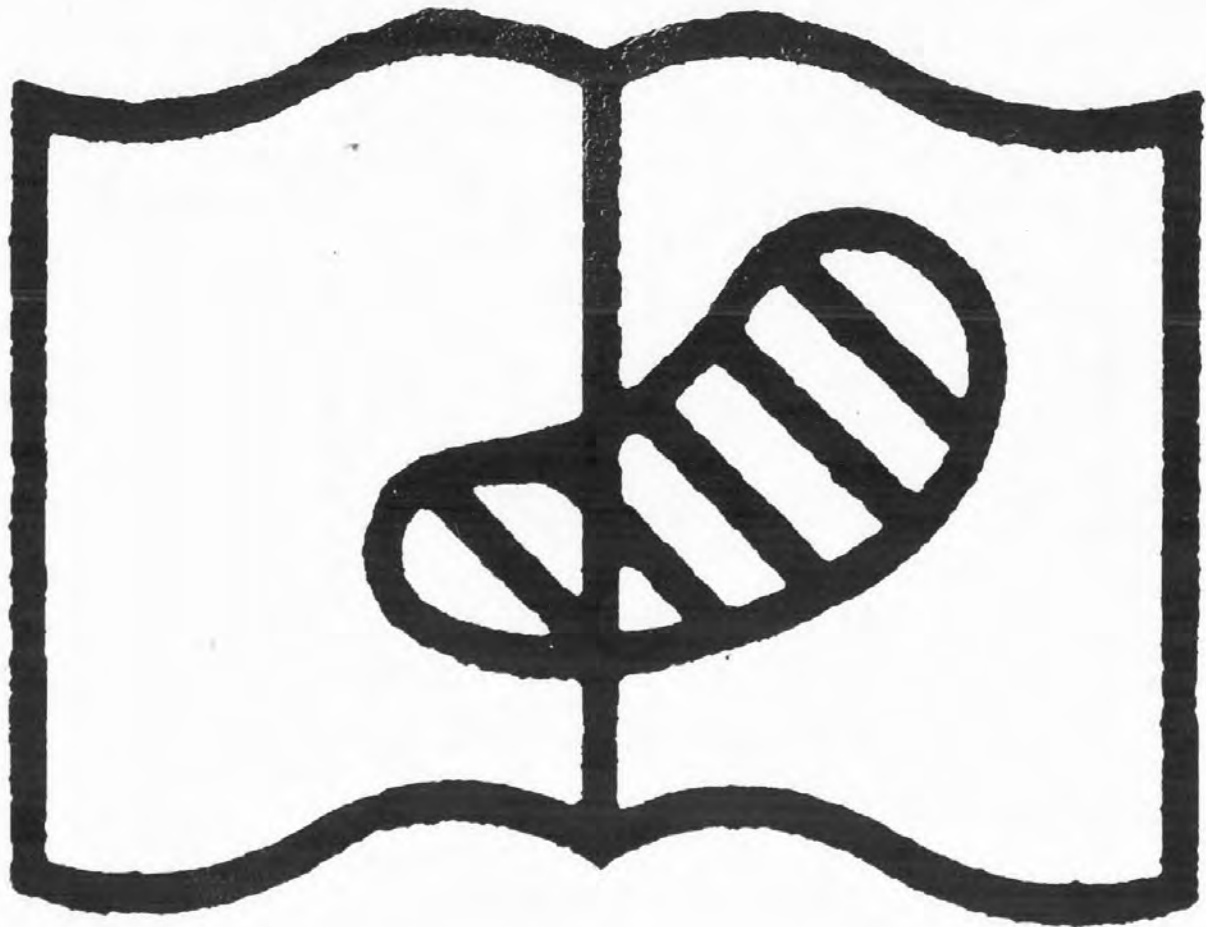
TRANSVAAL.—We have seen the following proofs, and were informed they will be in circulation shortly.—Sixpence, one shilling, two shillings, and ten shillings, semi white circle on black below, Zegebred above, value in circle, and below in circle Zuid Afrikaansche Republiks, size of penny English.

We have received the following from our U.S. correspondent, "Already five of the official Franking Envelopes are out, and they are for the Post Office. In the upper right hand corner, in a transverse oval, are the words, above "United," below "States," and "Postal Service" in centre. In the lower left hand corner the notice—

A penalty of 300 dls. is fixed by law, for using this Envelope for other than Official Business.

In the upper left corner are the following inscriptions for the different departments respectively:

1. *Post Office Department.*
Office of the Postmaster General.
Official Business.
2. *Post Office Department.*
Office of Second Ass't, Postmaster General.
Official Business.
3. *Post Office Department.*
Office of Third Ass't Postmaster General.
Postmaster *County*
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TO OUR FRIENDS.

WE have met with great success with our second number, and we now beg to thank those of our friends who have so promptly and kindly sent their subscriptions and information. The subscription to this journal is very small, considering the amount of information which is given respecting new issues, forgeries, and especially swindlers; on these latter, the names alone are worth twenty subscriptions to every dealer, as it prevents them being defrauded; also in another column will be seen the various *aliases* of a determined young stamp thief; we have taken a considerable amount of trouble in enquiring into his misdeeds, and we have traced no less than eight names and addresses to him. We have devoted day after day in traversing the

city making enquiries about him and others, and we are not saying too much, when we say we have conferred a great benefit for the stamp trade in exposing him. In our opinion it is the bounden duty of every dealer and collector to do all in their power to stop stamp swindling, but as yet, we are sorry to say, some dealers seem not to care whether they are swindled or not, and when written to, politely asking for information on the subject, have answered the enquiry, by as much as to say "mind your own business."

The circulation of this journal we are pleased to say is steadily increasing, the sale in this city alone has been for the last month, one hundred and forty four. Advertisers have informed us, that answers have poured in upon them in numbers. One correspondent, evidently not a Philatelist, expresses his discontent at the size of this journal, remarking "that it is not so large as the Bazaar," well, no, it is certainly not so large as that paper, and if it was we should require 2/6 each number. However, we beg to intimate to all, that as soon as we have more subscribers we shall enlarge this journal considerably.

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"Many thanks for sending me one. I think it very well edited."

We regret to announce the death of F. G. LOTT, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Philatelic Society, London.

THE N. Y. PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

HAVING been freed from the dead-wood which so long impeded this Society, it now floats in tranquil waters. A glance at the abstract of the proceedings published in another column will convince the reader that the members have settled themselves down to earnest work, and that the Society is determined to hold the front position in the philatelic stream. The September meeting was but a preliminary to the important step contemplated, the briefest outline only of which is furnished to the JOURNAL. Did space warrant, we should have published the proceedings in full. However, as the contemplated Bulletin of the Society will contain these as well as matters of the greatest interest to the Amateur, only a short time must suffice before he will have become fully posted upon the Society's work. One of its most important productions will be its "Reference List" of Postal Cards, in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. R. R. Bogert. This gentleman has stuck faithfully to his work, and we are sure he will not make such a use of it as did the late Vice-President, Mr. Foster, to whom the matter was originally entrusted, and who it may be interesting to know, betrayed his trust by publishing what had been prepared for the Society, after he had been instructed that this matter was the Society's, not his. This "List" will be invaluable to every collector, and particularly to those who make a speciality of postal cards, as it will treat the subject in the most exhaustive manner. Another work, almost ready for the publisher, is the list of Revenue Stamps, from the able pen of the corresponding Secretary, Mr. Brown, well known to the readers of this JOURNAL from his Revenue "Corner." We believe Mr. Brown has the largest collection of Revenue stamps in this country and his work will catalogue not less than 14,000 varieties!

We may mention another work, a Reference List of U.S. Postal adhesives, which will be the completest and most accurate catalogue of U.S. stamps ever published. It will contain descriptions of every variety of stamps, essay, proof or error, and to American collectors who should make a study of the stamps of their own country, such a list will be invaluable. To this will be added a comprehensive study of U.S. envelopes and newspaper wrappers, to deal with varieties hitherto unknown.

In this short sketch it would be impossible, not advisable, to note the many things in contemplation by the Society. It will suffice to state, however, that many rich surprises are in store for Philatelists.

We cannot pass without noting a wise improvement, that of lowering the annual fees

for active members, which are now reduced to 8s. and which will constitute those members subscribers to the printed publications of the Society. This is a step in the right direction, and we trust amateurs, wherever they may be, will not hesitate to take advantage of it.

All in all, the Society has a brilliant future before it. Its enemies may rail and slander, and call to their aid the columns of disreputable sheets both at home and abroad. But these will prove its greatest strength, as experience shows that the greatness of a man or men increases as enemies become numerous.—*Stamp Journal.*

THE FRENCH SOCIETY.

Meeting of September 6th, 1877.—Official.

The meeting was called to order at 8.15 p.m., M. DE BOSREDON in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Among the correspondence received is a letter from M. FERNANDEZ DE PABALAGUA, referring to the forthcoming issue of two stamps, [Spanish]: one, for registered letters, will be in yellow, and will bear wings and a sealed letter; the other, of the value of 1 Real (?) will be *bright red*, and will bear the effigy of the king in the middle of a map of Spain with the names of the 49 provinces.

A letter from M. LEONI notices an error in the catalogue which gives to the stamps of the State *shield with arms of Italy* for a watermark in place of a *royal crown*. The same correspondent states that he has never found *perforated*, and 5 centesimi of Italy—1862-63—on the numerous letters on which he found not perforated on one side of the 10c *perforated*. In a note addressed to the Society, Dr. LeGrand made known that he possesses five examples, cancelled, of the different shades, and admitted that the question merits some new researches.

A letter from MR. CASEY, President of the National Philatelic Society of New York, describes the actual condition of the Society, the works which it has undertaken; and asks more intimate relations. He desires for both Societies the reciprocal rights of reproducing the articles of their respective publications. He reverts to the question of the sale of false stamps, and asks the Society to use its influence to accomplish some good in this direction.

(To be continued.)

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We have pleasure in announcing that we have caught one of the most determined young stamp swindlers we have ever come across in our transactions. We forbear mentioning his

right name or address for the present, but we give his various *aliases* as far as we know them at present. We have brought all the cases home to him mentioned below, and any dealer who may have been swindled at either of the addresses, are asked to send us his letters, and full particulars at once—

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The three following have swindled W. B. Fletcher of £1 : 14 : 8.

R. Morris, 5, Lower Kennington Lane.
Harold Fletcher, 57, Camberwell New Rd.
T. Lucas, 255, Wandsworth Road, S.W.
J. Barker, 2, Gt. Dover St., Borough, S.E., here he tried E. Monks, Bethnal Green Rd., and W. & H., but here it was we caught him, and in this wise. We were first taken in by "S. Perry," secondly by "J. W. Banks," then two or three days after Bank's lot being had, we received another approval order from "J. Barker," and as Great Dover Street, is in somewhat close proximity to the Walworth Road, where we had just been taken in, we decided to take the stamps to "Barker" ourselves at least our Mr. J. D. Hamlyn did so he found as he expected, that it was a newspaper shop, where letters are sometimes left to be called for. The result of the interview with the proprietor was, we should send on a test letter for delivery in the morning, and having arranged with the policeman on the beat it was decided to give Mr. Barker into custody when he called for the letters, and to telegraph for us at once, Mr. Barker called, was taken into custody, a telegram came for us, we went down and charged him.

Mr. Barker then confessed to "Banks" and "Perry," and now we have traced "Simmons" and others to him.

We are now investigating the deeds of the gentlemen below, and we ask all dealers who have been taken in by them, to send their letters, and full particulars at once. The letters are especially required. Our charges are very low and based upon results. As said before one of our principal objects in starting this paper is to put down Swindlers and Counterfeiters, and to do this we must have the co-operation of all friends, dealers, and collectors.

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STAMP COLLECTING.

By "UTAH."

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THIS was in 1653-57, and there soon followed a great outcry from the traders and carriers who took letters at a cheaper rate than the Postmaster. Newspapers were then only struggling into existence, and the popular disapproval had to find vent in the pamphlets which constituted the news-sheets of the time. The most complete step, however, in the establishment of our national post office system was taken in 1656, when Oliver Cromwell gave his sanction to the Act of Parliament for "settling the Postage of England, etc." This enacted that there was to be "one General post-office," one general officer, styled 'the Postmaster General' (who was to find horses for all the post boys, mail carts, and persons "riding in post" in the kingdom), prices for letters, both home and foreign, and fixed charges for post-horses. The district penny post was begun by an upholster named Murray in 1681. In 1683 the first metropolitan penny post was set up. One of the principal reasons urged by Cromwell's government in 1656 for the retention of the post office was that "it would be the best means to discover and prevent any dangerous and wicked design against the Commonwealth." From this period down to the year 1839 nearly two hundred Acts of Parliament were passed, modelling and improving the postal system until it developed itself into something like the present mighty enterprise. About this time Mr. Rowland Hill brought forward his celebrated measure for Post office reform. On January 18th, 1840, the rates of postage were reduced, and on the 6th May stamps were issued to the public. On the same day franking—an abused privilege—ceased.

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THE "TIMES" AND "PUNCH" ON STAMP COLLECTING.

IN September last as we were perusing our Times, our attention was directed to the following paragraph:

"**FOOLS AND THEIR MONEY.**—We understand on good authority that one of the Middlesex Magistrates the other day was offered, but refused to accept, £900 for his collection of foreign postage stamps; and also that an extensive collection, of 17,000 varieties, including many unique specimens, changed hands through Messrs. Palmer, of Adelphi-house, for £800; it is believed that this is the highest price which such a collection has ever fetched in England. In France, however, the mania has reached a higher pitch, for we are told that one of the most complete collections ever brought together was sold privately for no less than £3,000!"

On reading it we were overjoyed to find that the "mania" had advanced thus far, and we can almost imagine that we hear this "mania" murmuring those sweet words of Tennyson, slightly altered.

"For stamps may come, and stamps may go,
But I go on for ever."

The next day we read Messrs. Palmer's reply—

"**FOOLS AND THEIR MONEY.**"—Messrs. Palmer & Co. write to us from Adelphi-house:—"We notice a paragraph in *The Times* of Friday headed 'Fools and their Money,' referring to the extravagant prices given by collectors for rare stamps. That they give extravagant prices we are willing to allow, and so did we on purchasing the valuable collection you noticed for £800; but we hope you will not on that account class us as 'fools,' for, after all, we only collect stamps as others collect old china and out-of-the-way specimens of antiquity. It may be a mania, and perhaps is, but were you to look over the collection we have just purchased to break up for sale I almost think you would pardon the mania from the interest you would feel in the sight of it."

In the same week (Sep. 15th.) we find

"Punch," "keeping the pot boiling" in the following manner—

"TOMNODDIES' TREASURES.

Instancing the large prices given for cancelled stamps, rare in the market, the *Times* printed a paragraph headed 'Fools and their Money.' A member of the firm of Messrs. Palmer & Co., of Adelphi House, writes in reply to the leading journal a letter wherein he says—

'That they did give extravagant prices we are ready to allow, and so did we on purchasing the valuable collection you noticed for £800, but we hope you will not on that account class us as 'fools;' for, after all, we only collect stamps as others collect old china and out-of-the-way specimens of antiquity.'

If these gentlemen simply did that, they would be even as those others who throw away their money. But they captivate themselves:

'It may be a mania, and perhaps is, but were you to look over the collection we have just purchased to break up for sale, I almost think you would pardon the mania from the interest you would feel in the sight of it.'

Buying rubbishy stamps to keep is one thing; breaking them up for sale quite another. The results of that proceeding will no doubt demonstrate that Messrs. Palmer indeed are no fools. But that proof will be only additional evidence that stamp-collectors pure and simple belong to a class of persons proverbially ready to part with their money. Except at dealers' rooms, on sale to simpletons, the only fit place for a collection of such curiosities that one can fancy would be a cabinet in a Colney Hatch Museum."

The sentiments expressed in the above articles can only be designated as sarcasm and written by journalists who knew nothing about what they were writing. For how could one that ever possessed a good collection ever upbraid himself in such a ridiculous manner.

The arguments in favor of stamp collecting as being an interesting way of learning both Geography and History, (notwithstanding the general character gleaned of the country from which the stamps come) have always been approved: and an old collector on seeing a new stamp issued by a country hitherto unknown in the Philatelic world, can tell the form of government, the reigning sovereign, the value of money, the manners and customs of the people and locality of the country of that particular label. It is not every person who can tell

where Griqualand is, but any collector can on seeing the labels of the country say it is in South Africa, as the Cape labels have been surcharged G. for this newly acquired colony: or take the Transvaal, here will be shown that this colony has been taken from the Dutch, by the Dutch labels being surcharged V.G. Only once seeing these labels would cause the student always to bear in mind some of the history and whereabouts of these countries. Could there be a more interesting or easier way of learning geography? *Punch* says they are "rubbishy," well it may be so in their estimation, but, *Punch* is unaware of the thousands upon thousands who devote their leisure hours to this delightful pastime both here and abroad, quite unaware of the number of Philatelic magazines, quite unaware of the Philatelic Societies presided over by many eminent public men and quite unaware of the stamp exchanges in all the principal cities of Europe.

We would recommend those gentlemen who pronounce stamp collectors as fools, to commence themselves and see. Stamp collections are always marketable articles and never decrease in value on the contrary, it is generally a source of profit.

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

Continued from Page 18.

We beg to thank Messrs. Lacey, Bensabal, and others for the news below:

BOLIVAR—We hear of a new design coming out. 10 cent lilac.

CANADA—We have two values of the new Canada embossed envelope, 1 cent blue, and 3 cents vermilion. To those collectors who possess samples of the issue of 1862 it will be an easy matter to describe the present new issues, the only difference being that the latter are larger than former. Blue embossed oval stamp in right hand corner, the frame having at top "Canada Postage," and at bottom value. Head of Queen in centre.

CEYLON—Sixteen cents. Diadem head of Queen Victoria in linear ground in square frame, with "Ceylon Postage" at top, "16 cents at bottom." Brown imp. perf.

Thirty two cents.—Name and value (in letters) in ornamental circular frame, diademed head of Queen. Blue imp. perf.

CUNDINAMARCA.—Two new stamps have been seen.

10 cents, red
20 „ green.

GRIQUALAND.—Both the penny and four-penny Cape surcharged G.W. small in black are obsolete.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Stamped half-penny newspaper wrappers of a better quality than those hitherto in use, which will be discontinued, will be shortly issued for sale to the public. They may be purchased singly, or in any number according to the under-mentioned scale of prices, viz:—

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The public can also obtain these wrappers uncut in quarter reams, containing 120 sheets of 14 wrappers on each sheet by making special application for them at the Post office at which they wish to obtain them. The price for the quarter ream is £3 : 18 : 0.

ITALY.—Few collectors will need to hear about a current 20 cent Italy, which I am sure they must often have seen, but comparatively few have seen one printed in yellow. The postmarked specimen before me is indeed a novelty.

PORTUGAL.—Post cards are going to be issued for use on and from 1st of January next. That for Finland and Spain is 18 centimetres long, and 8 wide, bearing in front the stamp (15 reis) and the inscription “*Bilhete postal para Portugal e Hespanha. D'este lado o nome da pessoa a qual se escreve, terra, rua e numero da posts; do outro lado o que se quer escrever.*”

The international will be of 25 reis.

SAN MARINO.—This stamp having been introduced into the postal union, requires some description. The higher values have a broad oval frame with the word *centesimi*, around which is inscribed “*Repub di s Marino cent due Bollo Postale*,” having underneath this the word “*Libertas*” in very small letters, with three mountains for the centre, surrounded by shaded ground. The lower value has for its centre the large numeral, “2” before the word *Centesimi*, in all other respects it resembles the higher value:

2 centesimi, green.
10 „ ultramarine.
20 „ vermilion.
30 „ brown.
40 „ violet.

TRANSVAAL.—The information in our last number respecting a new issue for this colony is wrong, the proofs we saw were intended to have been used prior to the annexation of the colony to England.

UNITED STATES.—We have heard of a couple of western franks. One is “the Sydney Short Route,” H. J. Clarke, proprietor, the other is the “Cheyenne and Blackhills Stage Co. Express.” The former is printed upon the green, the latter upon the red Centennial Envelope.

FJI ISLANDS.—Messrs. King & Co. write: “The information about ‘Fiji Times Express’ is wrong, they are not brought into use again, but only reprinted for stamp dealers. We give this on the authority of a letter we received a fortnight ago from Levuka, Fiji.”

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RARE ESSAY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

“BY MULREADY.”

FAMILIAR as the current 2d. blue postage (for letters weighing 2oz. and not exceeding 3 oz.) is to the letter writing public: I find something of a novelty even in this class of stamp. It is known no doubt that previous to issue a few essays or proofs of this stamp found their way into the hands of collectors of and dealers in postage stamps. These essays are not common, in fact it is certain that there are many collectors without a specimen. About two years since I had occasion to purchase one of these essays which remained (in its original state) some time in my possession; having occasion however to send a letter of the weight requiring two pence postage, I attached the essay to the envelope. The letter was transmitted as per direction, in due course the result being that the essay franked the letter and received a fair post mark. Now, as essays are not intended to be used for postage, this postmarked specimen is extremely rare, perhaps unique. It will be remembered in the early issue of 2d. Great Britain like the 1d. variety had letters on lower angles only, in the essay these letters are omitted and their places left blank.

GREAT BRITAIN, “Bankruptcy Court.”—In describing the 1d. value of this department, I must request the readers to refer to the 1d. Customs in No 1 of this Journal. The remarks on the Customs will apply to this stamp save on one important particular. The substitution of the word *Bankruptcy* (for *Customs*) in blue letters. In the 3d. the groundwork is in the shape of an 8 and resembles the Customs 6d. Entirely different, however, from the two values described is the third and only remaining specimen I have. In this case the curved word “*Bankruptcy*” is embossed at top, value one shilling on lined ground in frame. Like the Custom House, these stamps are pink impressions upon thick unperforated white paper. They are not handsome, but rare.

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TO OUR FRIENDS.

ANY doubts we may have had respecting the success of this Journal, has been entirely removed during the past month. The circulation, alone in this city is now very great, and the many enquiries we have had for the back numbers is astonishing. The subscription to this journal is very small considering the amount of information, which is given every month respecting new issues, forgeries, and especially swindlers, on these latter, the names alone are worth twenty subscriptions to every dealer, as it prevents them being defrauded. We intend enlarg-

ing this journal considerably as soon as we have five hundred more subscribers. A word to Advertisers.—This journal circulates in all stamp issuing countries, it is left with the principal newsagents, newsrooms, libraries, and principal restaurants in the City of London. Many copies are sent gratuitously to Philatelists in India, Africa, Turkey, Peru, China, Egypt, New Zealand, etc., it therefore offers special advantages to advertisers.

To all who receive this number and who have not yet sent their subscription, we would respectfully beg them to do so, it is a very small sum to them, but of great importance to us. As we desire to enlarge the journal at the beginning of the new year, we would beg all friends to send subscription at once.

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Mr. F. C. LACHLAN, Southwell House, Richmond, has given up both collecting and dealing in postage stamps.

Mr. T. LEWIS, Stoneleigh House, Wolverhampton, has gone to U.S. and has started as stamp importer at Pittston, Pennsylvania, U.S.

We shall be most happy at any time to give our opinion, through the pages of this Journal, on any stamp or stamps that may be sent us; but at the same time we should like to know the name of the dealer who supplied them, reserving to ourselves the right of giving him a free advertisement.

THE FRENCH SOCIETY.

Meeting of September 6th, 1877.—Official.

(Continued from Page 21.)

In a note, added to this letter, Dr. LeGrand thinks that the French Society has done what depended upon it, to establish friendly relations. But he believes that the right of reproduction, possible where it concerns the Reports of the meetings and the Catalogue, is limited in what concerns the memoirs by the right of ownership in their authors, to whom the American Society, he thinks, ought to address itself, the French Society having only the right of possession, terminating in their appearance in the Bulletin. As to the question of false stamps, he refers it to the response which he had made previously to M. T. DE L. MAYER. After some observations of M. DE FERRARI who thought the Society ought to step in by building upon the prejudices which these counterfeits caused, and a response from M. de Bosredon who believed that the best means would be for the purchaser to begin suits against the counterfeiter, this discussion was laid over to a subsequent meeting. As to the reciprocal rights of reproducing some of the published works, without admitting an exclusive privilege for the benefit of the American Society, M. de Bosredon thought that it should be established as a rule. The question was reserved.

M. de Bosredon announced the receipt from Mr. Tiffany, of a great number of copies of American Journals. The Society voted its thanks.

M. Schmidt de Wilde informed the Society that the Postmaster General of Bucharest, affirms that the 5 bani, *yellow*, 3 bani, *mauve* and 15 bani, *red*, of the emission of 1869-70, have never been perforated. He Mr. S. de W.—possesses the last, cancelled and perforated.

M. de Bosredon read a letter from Mr. Tiffany, relative to the stamps of St. Louis, in which the latter contests the authenticity of the 20c. stamps, relying upon the differences of the tints of the photographs, which appear to indicate an alteration of the 5 cents. M. de Ferrari promised to examine the two stamps he possesses, and to communicate the result. The Society voted to insert Mr. Tiffany's letter in the Bulletin.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the study of the Catalogue was postponed to the next meeting.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. ALLEN, New York.—Can we hear from you respecting K.

H. B., Exeter.—All stamps are genuine excepting Hamburg. "L. SMITH'S" proper name is J. Thompson.

P. E. Island Stamp Co., Charlottetown. Are you going to remit us for stamps sent.

M. KITTSOFKI.—Please forward amount due to us. £8 5s. 3d.

L. M.—Thanks for information of the "American irresponsible," quite new, but don't believe in the paper.

JOHN THOMPSON or L. SMITH, 5, Sheffield Street, W.C. or elsewhere.—Have a bill on you for 18s., where can we see you?

HURT & MOORE, Guildford.—The letter sent to you in May last by that boy Bullard, concerning one of the members of the firm of W. & H. is a tissue of falsehoods.—Will get the money for you.—If you, or any others believe in what "irresponsible" say, you do well.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We have pleasure in announcing that we have caught one of the most determined young stamp swindlers we have ever come across in our transactions. We forbear mentioning his right name or address for the present, but we give his various *aliases* as far as we know them at present. We have brought all the cases home to him mentioned below, and any dealer who may have been swindled at either of the addresses, are asked to send us his letters, and full particulars at once—
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The three following have swindled W. B. Fletcher of £1 : 14 : 8.

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J. Barker, 2, Gt. Dover St., Borough, S.E.

The past month has been a busy one for us both, as regards swindlers. We have spent day after day in the West End, (Regent Street, Oxford Street, Lincoln Inn's Fields,) enquiring about the misdeeds of these gentry, and with very fair success; we found two out of three, L. Smith, and A. G.—The former is John Thomson, the editor of a supposed new paper, the latter is a boy who has informed us he intends paying all off. Many thanks are due to Mr. Hemmings, of Banbury, for his promptitude in informing us when

Messrs. GARDNER, JONES, & Co., Gloucester. have dissolved partnership by mutual consent, Mr. S. W. Jones has started as stamp importer at 12, Queen Street, Gloucester.

written to by the above, we at once made enquiries, and caused all letters to be stopped, and while doing so at Messrs. Payne's, A. G— came in, and he arranged it there and then. All dealers who have been swindled in London are invited to send full particulars and letters at once to our Mr. Webber.

Dealers must mark all enclosures sent to him, and must enclose stamped directed envelope for reply.

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Mr. Eldrid, Junr., 50, Barbican, Aldersgate Street, E.C., who writes on thin glazed paper with top of address cut off excepting "Aldersgate Street" printed in corner in black, and "London 187" in other corner, has swindled,

T. Chambers, Lincoln, 4/9.

J. Harris, Lincoln.

W. H. King, Colchester, 5/8.

Hutt Moore, Guildford, 21/4.

B. S. Hine, Beaminster.

Supposed to be in an office in Barbican.

H. Taylor, 160, Walworth Road, S.E.

Swindled A. Hemmings, Banbury, 9/7.

T. Bennett, 96, Walworth Road, S.E.

Swindled H. Urbin Woodgreen, 8/7.

G. Hallam, 74a, Well Street, Oxford Street.

Swindled various persons in Lincoln, Birmingham, Colchester, etc.

Particulars Wanted.

J. Halford, 15, Chandos Street, W.

Swindled various persons in Lincoln, Birmingham, Colchester, etc.

Many enquiries have been made of us respecting T. S. Holme, Berkley Street, Liverpool. We find on enquiring that T. Dransfield & Co., 50, Berkley Street, and T. S. Holme, are one and same person.

Has had of J. Beal, Banbury, 19/8.

J. Whaley, Lincoln, 8/10.

Rippon Bros., Grumby, 22/4.

G. Foster, Bradford, 25/8.

Messrs. D. & Co., have informed us they intend paying Holme's debts, we think that is a very wise plan to pursue.

We believe those who have sent stamps to A. G., Mrs. Payne's, Market Street, Oxford Street, will be paid soon.

L. Smith, 5, Sheffield Street W.C., or John Thompson, 15, Hanover Street, Long Acre, and elsewhere, advertised in "Bazaar" for stamps on approval.

Mr. H. Bastow, of Exeter, and Messrs. Rippon Bros., of Great Grimsby, sent a se-

lection, and have not heard from him since. A friend informs us that this "American irresponsible" (to use his own words) intends starting a new paper. For our part, we do not believe it, as we cannot see what would be the use of such a periodical, unless it was entirely devoted to the "irresponsiblites'."

Can any person give us Thompson's address?

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1870	Set of nine, on cream and orange,	12	0
1870	Set of ten, on white,	13	0
1875	Set of thirteen, on amber,	14	0
1875	Set of thirteen, on blue, cream, and orange,	13	0
1876	Set of two,	0	10
	Post office, 1873, set of three values,	1	6
	Post office, 1873, set of ten sizes, marked "specimen,"	8	0
	War, 1873, set of fourteen values, marked "specimen,"	40	0
1861.75	Wrappers, set of ten,	3	0
PROOFS, ESSAYS, &c.			
1851.60	Six proofs,	12	0
1861.6	Twenty proofs,	20	0
1869	Ten proofs,	10	0
1870-1	Eleven proofs,	6	0
1870	Ten proofs,	4	0
1870	Officials, complete set of 92 proofs,	120	0
1875	Newspaper stamps, complete set of 24 proofs,	120	0
1873.5	Official and Newspaper stamps to gether,	220	0
	Carriers stamps, both in orange, Essays of over 100 styles, various prices. Centennial envelopes, in red, green, blue, purple, orange and rose.	4	0
	Proofs of 1873 and 1875 post card, &c. &c. &c.		

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NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.

By J. H. LACY.

IN presenting to our friends the January number of *THE ENGLISH JOURNAL OF PHILATELY*, we have great satisfaction in announcing that we have found it necessary to enlarge the paper for various reasons: we had not expected to meet with such success, although a fair share was anticipated. Our American cousins publish journals of all sizes in great numbers, treating with the subject of Philately, and as these appear in due course it may be fairly assumed that they meet with some patrons. On the Continent the lovers of Stamps supply magazines well stocked with useful knowledge, for both collectors and dealers. One in particular we find printed and published in three languages. When one thinks of these publications, their apparent success, their stock of matter and advertisements, a thought of regret will be given to the days when we could read monthly the fine books published by our own Stamp dealers, beautifully illustrated, full of valuable information from the pens of writers whose knowledge of the subject was shown in their articles.

These elaborate works were not patronised by the very class of individuals to whom they were sent, and we remember with regret that the collector who would pay a large price for a stamp, declined to aid with his subscription, the efforts of the management. How is this. I venture to suggest that it is merely the want of thought. A foreign dealer may be patronised, or a foreign work bought, but because publisher and book are to be met with in England, the very class who should meet them seem to set aside the ancient adage, "charity begins at home."

It has been explained that our great aim is to spoil the trade of Swindlers, and for this purpose we have selected a special column, and invited our friends to be the friends also of our favorite pastime and to forward with particulars any doubtful specimen they may receive. Our appeal has been responded to, and the swindlers have been exposed from time to time in this journal. We do not see so many parcels specially printed for deception as we have noticed in previous years, but a few demand our notice. Our readers will be on the alert for forgeries, and it is only necessary to remark upon a mode to which we have lately had our attention called. Dealers are written for sheets on approval by one individual under different names, at various addresses the letters mostly are left at stationers or other convenient establishment until called for. This commendable scheme was spoilt by our kindness on one particular occasion, when the party calling was presented with a letter, and to a detective.

We are glad to see the alteration in fee for registration of letters. There is no excuse for sending valuables in non-registered letters now, and dealers will certainly avail themselves of the protection so generously offered. Although the postal authorities do not hold themselves responsible for letters lost in transit even where registered, almost all risk is removed for I am told that the average loss of registered packets is one in thirty six thousand.

That superior class of the community which likens Philatelists to fools who are soon parted from their money, should bear in mind that a wise man only can be a fool and that we should be pitied not blamed. What amusement is there which does not cause the amused to be

more or less ridiculed by persons who are not so inclined.

We have to speak of a great work useful alike to dealer and collector, that is the "Directory." Business men are thoroughly aware of the value of this work to all trades and professions. We have among us men who have spared no pains or expense, but have devoted much time to get together a work which is invaluable, and for which the compilers deserve the greatest praise. We should like to know whether those advertisements which have been inserted upon order only, have been paid for; and any information concerning the success the deserving move has met with if the publishers do not think we are asking too much.

A short time ago a suggestion was put forth about a stamp exchange, but the idea seems to have few supporters. No doubt a counsel of philatelists would be a fine institution inasmuch as large parcels &c., could be jointly purchased and an advantage somewhat considerable would be gained.

After looking at the splendid Albums prepared for the reception of postage stamps, it is to be wondered why no album for revenues appears. To compile an album for the most varied, as well as the least understood labels, is a formidable work; but would not the end attained repay the writer? There are a few only good collections of Fiscals, why do not the owners allow us to see some of the best specimens to remark upon?

It is still a matter of uncertainty why the rates of postage are allowed to remain in their present state.

For one penny it is well known we can send a letter to any part of the British Isles, but if we send across the channel to France although some French towns are not half the distance, we are compelled to pay the same amount as is required to frank a missive for San Francisco.

We hope our readers will lend their aid to make our journal both interesting and instructive.

On account of press of matter, we have been obliged to leave out the article on "French post-card," "Description of Local stamps and Proofs," on "Revenues," "Forgeries" etc.

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 26.)

We beg to thank Messrs. J. H. Lacey, Fletcher, Earl, Cox, Winch Bros., and others, for the news below:

BELGIUM.—Newspaper wrappers are expected of two values:—

1 centime, green.
5 centimes, russet.

CABUL.—Besides the other values and colours already given in this Journal, for the different provinces, we hear of another value:—

1 Shahi, yellow.

CEYLON.—We have seen a 32 cent. bright light blue, instead of slate.

CHINA.—We hear that this country intends issuing postage stamps, and that the contract is in the hands of an eminent London firm.

FRENCH COLONIES have now issued the 1 centime green, unperforated.

GERMANY.—A friend has seen a stamp, it will be new to some of our readers, a 50 pfennige, sage green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Post Cards of a new design, both stout and thin, are about to be substituted for the present ones. The prices will be the same as at present, and the rules affecting post cards will remain unaltered.

Registration Stamp.—We notice for the first time the cover for registered letters, at present a novelty, but no doubt, soon to be seen by stamp collectors in all parts of the world. The cover, or envelope, is almost uniform in size with the renowned mulready, being as wide but not quite so deep. Linen faced paper has been selected for this important addition to the productions of Great Britain; the flap is gummed, and blue lines printed, as the tape is usually tied to secure the contents of registered packets. Across the top is printed the notice, that "This letter must be given to an officer of the Post Office to be Registered." Below this, on left, in rectangular frame, is the word Registered. The flap bears the stamp for registration fee, surmounted by curved band with the words "For registration only." The postage proper to be affixed as in ordinary letters. Somewhat similar to 1d. stamp used 1841-60, having profile of Queen Victoria embossed to left. The stamp is printed in blue, in ornamental engine turned frame; at top will be seen 24.11.77, in the usual minute circle; "Postage Two-pence" occupying nearly all the remaining space. It will be remembered that upon the first impressions of the 1d.

wrappers now used, there the date 1.10.70 was placed, but subsequently the stamps bore no date, and dated wrappers became rare. Will the same remark apply to the present case?

GUATEMALA.—We hear of four new labels issued by this republic. They are impressed on white unwater-marked wove paper, perforated 13½:—

- ¼ real, green.
- 2 reals, carmine.
- 4 reals, violet.
- 1 pese, yellow ochre.

HONDURAS.—We have seen the two reales green surcharged, particulars will appear in our next.

ITALY.—We have seen a post card, impression of state stamp in left hand, 0.10. Cartolina, Postale di Stato, above the flags crown, oak branches, &c. which occupy the centre, on left is a circle intended for the post mark, and in case of extra charge the stamp can be fixed here. Bottom left hand corner has a circle of which "Poste Italiane" occupies the centre on ornamental black ground surrounded by the words, in white frame, "Armenesoa Alla Corrispondenza." This card is printed in red.

JAPAN.—Mr. Cox writes "I beg to send you information of a new issue, it is the same type as the last issued stamp, inscribed 'Japanese Empire,' value 10 sen., blue."

JUMMOO.—Reprints of the first circular stamps are being made for collectors. They are on white laid paper—

- ½ anna, blue.
- 1 " "
- 4 annas, "
- 4 " red.

on grey laid paper,

- 1 anna, blue.
- 4 annas, red.

MAURITIUS.—A friend writes: "By this mail I have received the four-penny surcharged, 'One penny,' also ^{one}penny, and in one instance the stamp is surcharged in both ways. Is not this very unusual?"

MEXICO.—We have heard of one of the varieties of the fifty centavos to be printed in a different hue.

50 centavos, bronze green.

NATAL.—The old absolute sixpenny have been seen surcharged "Postage ^{one}penny."

ORANGE FREE STATES.—By last mail the six-penny came over stamped 4 pence in black.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—We have seen the 2cts. de peso, surcharged with the words "Habilitado 12 cs. P.T.A." in octagonal frame, also a fourth value of the new.

SAMOA.—His Majesty has at length issued labels for his dominions, they are with the exception of the word "Express," which partly fills up the circle somewhat like the Fiji labels, they are three in numbers:—

- 1 penny blue
- 3 pence, red.
- 6 " violet.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Another new surcharge, viz:—

- 9 pence, lilac.

TURKEY.—We have a few specimens of the new Turkish Droit de Presage, Municipal stamps of Constantinople. These appear in many colours; Blue, Green, White, Yellow, Buff, Brown, Mauve, and Pink oblong black imp., very rough design and badly executed. Mr. Earl writes:—"Turkish stamps inscribed 'Empire Ottoman' are for foreign correspondence only, therefore are not found used in Turkey; amongst the interior stamps of Turkey, will be found three values paid, viz., 10 and 20 paras and 1 piaste, and two ditto unpaid viz., 20 paras and 1 piastie. These are surcharged with a very close pattern inscription running round the stamp in an oval form. They are for use in Constantinople, and towns only. The ordinary interior have four unconnected inscriptions. The 10 paras violet and 20 paras green vary considerably in shade. The perled circular post mark on the stamp which is stuck on the unused post card means local, that is to say for Constantinople only, used envelopes are to be found without any address upon them, this is explained by the fact of the government allowing envelopes to be stuck on the back of letters by the flap in place of using the adhesive stamps in places where the stock is exhausted. I have specimens of all I have mentioned."

REGISTERING OF LETTERS.—Mr. Earl writes: "To-day from three different Post offices in London, I procured Registered Letter Envelopes, and I noticed that each had a different date viz: 1st, 7/12/77; 2nd, 10/12/77; 3rd, 18/12/77; as these dates have often been taken as the date of issue of envelopes we must bear this in mind. There certainly is not much original about the envelopes, as it is evident the ordinary 2d. embossed die does duty here, while putting it on the flap is copying the Russians which we do not desire to do at present in some things at any rate. The Daily Telegraph some days since suggested that the present was a good opportunity of producing

a really good work of art. I am sorry it was not acted upon by the Government.

In the Canadian Almanack 1875, I find the registration fee on letters delivered in the Dominion was then 2 cents, in the West Indies 5 cents, in the United Kingdom 8 cents. Special stamps were issued, but at the end of 1876 ordinary postage stamps would do duty. The government was then about to make the use of the special registration stamps compulsory. Letters posted in and to be delivered in the Dominion of Canada must be prepaid, if not, they are sent at once to the Dead Letter Office and returned to the sender marked not prepaid. The postage rate is 3 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

(To be continued.)

FRENCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

November Sitting, 1877.

M. de Rothschild in the Chair.

The sitting opened at 8.15, after the adoption of the minutes M. Donates communicated the result of the steps taken by the commission appointed at the last sitting.

M. de Rothschild has kindly consented to assume again the presidency of the society.

After a few words of thanks, the chairman gave a communication of the correspondence, which contained nothing of any special interest.

M. Henry Groht, of Havanna, and M. Fernand Dumont, of Liege, presented by Dr. Legrand, were admitted as corresponding members of the society.

Dr. Legrand spoke on the subject of the stamps of Alwar, and showed, after M. Maury, that the drawing represented a Randgar, a sort of Indian poinard. He further proved that a translation of the value of the stamps demonstrate, that they are worth $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1 anna, respectively. He subsequently showed by extracts from a newspaper of 1870 what were the precautions taken by the Postal authorities to secure postal franchise to soldiers in the field, and their families.

M. Carreton presented the inscription found in the frame of stamps, given as Punjab, or Rampour stamps, from which it results that they were lithographed in the state of Jhind. He infers from this fact that the stamps were issued by the state in question. This demonstration did not appear conclusive to some members, one of whom proposed that enquiries should be made in India.

M. Carreton showed the post office orders issued by Wurtemberg, to facilitate the collection of small sums through the post.

A commission was appointed to study various proposals connected with the creation of prizes to be awarded by the society, with various projected improvements, and with the idea started by a German paper, of a Philatelic Congress to be held in Paris in 1878.

The society then passed to the study of the catalogue of Hamburg stamps. The conclusion of the paper presented by the reporter, M. Schmidt de Wilde, was adopted. A short discussion ensued on the subject of interpostal stamps, which a member showed to be nothing but a label applied to parcels of stamps, as in Bavaria.

With regard to Bergedorf stamps, the reporter accepted the opinion of the German papers, which maintain that the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. violet and 3 sch. red were simply trial proofs. He was answered by the statement, that the French collectors have from the first considered them as stamps having been in use but a very short time. In reply to a question, M. Donates said that he possessed obliterated Bergedorf stamps.

The sitting came to a close at 10 o'clock. The order of the day for the 6th December stands as follows:—

Election for the renewal of the bureau.

Report of the Commission.

Catalogue of Baden stamps.

The change in the Post Office regulations with regard to registered letters and money-orders, which came into operation on the 1st of January, can hardly be considered in the light of a reform. It is true that the charge for registered letters is to be reduced from 4d. to 2d., and the Post Office is to accept liability for the contents of such letters to the extent of 40s., provided that all regulations have been complied with; but, on the other hand, the commission on money-orders for less than 10s. is to be raised from 1d. to 2d. In future, therefore, no sums of money, however small, can be remitted for less than 2d. The most substantial reform would be a simplification of the whole system. The inconvenience attending registration, and the loss on the money-order department, show that the two systems are wrong either in principle or in the application of it.—*Englishman*.

We shall be most happy at any time to give our opinion, through the pages of this Journal, on any stamp or stamps that may be sent us; but at the same time we should like to know the name of the dealer who supplied them, reserving to ourselves the right of giving him a free advertisement.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY,
LONDON.

STATUTES.

*Revised and amended at the General Meeting,
held June 17th, 1876.*

I. NAME.

Art. 1. The English Society of Philatelists was constituted on the 10th of April, 1869, under the name of "THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON."

II. OBJECTS.

Art. 2. The objects of the Society are :

- 1° The study of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper bands and Post Cards, in their relation to History, Geography, Engraving, Printing, Paper making, &c. ;
- 2° The facilitating and spreading of Philately ;
- 3° The detection and prevention of forgeries.

III. MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 3. All amateurs, ladies and gentlemen, whatever their nationality, political views, or religious creed, are eligible as members of the Society.

Art. 4. Candidates for admission must be proposed in writing by one of the members, and elected by unanimity of votes. Candidates, before being proposed, must, whenever practicable, be introduced as visitors, at one of the meetings.

IV. COMPOSITION OF THE SOCIETY.

Art. 5. The Society is Composed of :

- a Members proper ;
- b Corresponding members ;
- c Honorary or Titular members ;
- d Free members.

Art. 6. Corresponding members consist of amateurs (ladies and gentlemen,) and dealers residing in the United Kingdom or abroad.

Art. 7. Dealers are only admitted as Corresponding members, and cannot, in any case, attend the Meetings.

Art. 8. Corresponding members, dealers excepted, may, at any time, attend the Meetings, by notifying their intention to the Secretary and Treasurer.

Art. 9. Honorary or Titular members consist of gentlemen, who, although not collectors themselves, are willing to furnish the Society with information concerning the stamps of the country in which they reside, or through which they may happen to travel.

Art. 10. Free members consist of the Publishers appointed by the Committee, and in whose Magazines the Reports of the proceedings of the Society do appear.

Art. 11. Subscribers may, at any time, bring a friend with them, to be present at a Meeting; the same friend not to be brought more than once.

V. COMMITTEE.

Art. 12. The business of the Society is conducted

by a Committee composed of seven members, as follows :

- A President ;
- A Vice-President ;
- A Secretary and Treasurer ;
- And three members proper.

Art. 13. All the members of the Committee must reside in London.

Art. 14. The election of the Committee takes place at the Annual Meeting of the Society, on the first Saturday in May.

Art. 15. Every member of the Committee is elected for a year, and can be re-elected.

Art. 16. The Secretary and Treasurer conducts the correspondence of the Society, keeps the minutes, and draws up the Reference Lists.

Art. 17. The Secretary and Treasurer has charge of the Funds of the Society, and is to present the Balance Sheet to the Committee, in time that it may be audited and laid before the Society, at the Annual Meeting in May.

(To be continued.)

STAMP FOR DOG TAX.

Ireland deserves our thanks for an entirely new design of which is found upon this label. Far too familiar is the appearance of our stamps which must perplex foreign juveniles when first enquiring the exact locality of the place called "postage." Our stamps are known to someone in every country, for I think if there is a people to whom our postage appears say as foreign as the Cabul appears to me, the enquiry I have suggested is certainly likely to be made.

Not only unlike the British stamps but singularly original as regards stamps in general is this production.

There is not another label to my knowledge extant which bears for its design a dog, or so clearly explains its mission. The stamp has, however, the three words only at the bottom, Licence Two Shillings, the animal acting as an hieroglyphic and making its mission clear to all. The brown imp. on white (on which latter colour are the words before mentioned) though hardly dog colour gives the stamp a novel appearance after the unison head of the Queen. *Mulready*

COMMON LAW COURTS.—The adhesives (perforated) used in these Courts are up to the standard of English stamps. The 2/- bears head of Queen Victoria on lined ground in circle, the band of which contains in white letters, "Common Law Courts," the value Two (at top), shillings (bottom) in brown letters curved on ornamental ground. Description of one value will suffice for the series, the only material difference being situation and color of letters denoting value, printed on thick paper, watermarked with a pair of scales, balances. *Mulready.*

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OR

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Editor, J. HULBERT. Manager, J. D. HAMLYN.

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NOTICE.

We intend publishing on the 31st May, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates for which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

E have now enlarged this Journal to twelve pages, and trust to receive the support of every dealer and collector throughout the world. We received in answer to our appeal in Dec. number for subscriptions, a great many, but not half the quantity we require, as we desire to keep the Journal in its present size; we beg to intimate that unless we receive five hundred more subscriptions shall be compelled to return to its former size of eight pages, we trust now, no collector or dealer will be backward in forwarding their small subscriptions, it is indeed very small to them but of very great consequence to us. We feel confident in saying, there is no other Philatelic paper gives such information to dealers or collectors, whether it be concerning new issues, forgeries, or swindlers.

We invite correspondence and suggestions from all Philatelists. A word to Advertisers, the Journal being now enlarged will be a better medium for advertisements; it circulates in all stamp issuing countries, it is left with the principal news-agents, newsrooms, libraries, and principal restaurants in the City of London. Many copies are sent gratuitously to Philatelists in India, Africa, Turkey, Peru, China, Egypt, New Zealand, etc., it therefore offers special advantages to advertisers.

—o—
 “New York,
 Dec. 3rd, 1877.

To the Editor of the
 ENGLISH JOURNAL OF PHILATELY,
 LONDON.

Dear Sir,

My attention has been called to the fact that in the November number of your paper you reproduced an article from the “Stamp Journal” of this City, entitled “The New York Philatelic Society.” In the course of that article a statement appeared to the effect that “the late Vice-President, Mr. Coster, to whom the matter of preparing a list of postcards was entrusted, betrayed his trust by publishing what had been prepared for the Society, after he had been instructed that the matter was the Society’s, not his.”

This is the substance of the paragraph to which I call attention for the purpose of saying that it is a simple and deliberate misstatement of facts.

For some years I have been making extensive notes on the post cards of nearly every country; and when I was appointed by the National Philatelic Society to prepare a list of post cards, I had recourse to these *private* notes, and from them prepared lists of the cards of Alsace, Austria, Baden, Bavaria, and Belgium. Having proceeded thus far, I concluded to resign from the society, as did several other gentlemen, who did not like the course matters were taking, as explained last summer in the leading American Stamp Journals, a few of which I send you.

Now, I ask you whether because I let the Society have the benefit of some of my *private* notes, these notes have passed out of my control, or whether I am prevented in any way from writing upon post cards any more than upon whatever other branch of philately I may happen to possess sufficient information?

As for ever having been instructed by the Society, I raised the very point at one of the meetings, and stated that the fact that I was preparing a list of cards for the Society would not prevent me from using my notes and individual information in any other way that I might desire. This was in response to some remarks from Mr. Casey (the Editor of the Stamp Journal), and the equity of what I said was recognised by the Society.

If, therefore, having compiled (after I left the Society) a second and, as well as I can remember, considerably different list from my *private* notes and from my individual knowledge, constitutes a breach of trust; or if the fact of my having imparted certain information to the Society must prevent me from ever using that information myself. I am not ashamed to plead guilty to all that is charged; but, under any other conditions, I must repeat that the article in the Stamp Journal is a misstatement of facts, so far as I am concerned.

I must confess that your having published this attack upon me causes me no little annoyance, for it would seem as if you in some degree sustained what the "Stamp Journal" says.

The Editor of that paper has so unenviable a reputation at home and abroad it was not many months ago that he was stigmatised as an 'impudent stamp forger' by Mr. Overy Taylor in Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co's circular, that I did not care as long as his abuse was confined to his own sheet—indeed, I should decidedly prefer it to his praises, but when I see the article reproduced in a journal like your own, I naturally felt annoyed.

I must ask you to do what is necessary to correct the doubtless unintentional in-

justice you have done me.

Regretting any trouble my request may cause you,

I am,

Very truly yours,
CHAS. H. COSTER."

P.S.—I send you regularly the Postal Gazette, of which a portion is conducted by me (7th page). I presume it will be agreeable to you to exchange.
O. H. C.

[We are sorry to have caused any annoyance to Mr. Coster. We print his letter, that our friends may judge for themselves, Ed.]

"Kingston-on-Thames.

29th Nov., 1877.

To the Editor of the

ENGLISH JOURNAL OF PHILATELY.

I am glad to see that you have now obtained a Journal. As regards Foreign Stamps in Great Britain, it is to be hoped this Journal will not take long to enlarge, and then be the first of all others now being issued in England, (but I think) not until the goodness of friends subscribing towards it. As it is you may say very good and satisfactory as to its quality and size, but it could be better in both ways if there were more persons to obtain this Journal by subscribing.

I find Stamp collecting a pleasant pastime for the winter evenings in England, and I think that many others find it the same. Not so much in summer, as most gentlemen are fonder of Boating and Fishing, some Cricket, others different games. If all those members who now subscribe to this Journal would mention it to their friends, and the friends to others, the name would soon spread in England and abroad. Messrs. W. & H. of Grove Rd., Holloway, deserve all praise for the pride they have taken in the Journal. I now have much pleasure in having a double subscription, one for myself and the other to send away to Western Australia to one of my oldest school friends, and I will try and spread (there) and in Victoria, Queensland, and South Australia, the name of the 'English Journal of Philately.'

I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours sincerely,
CECIL HAMILTON BENSON."

"Burdett Road,

Bow, E.

To the Editor of the

ENGLISH JOURNAL OF PHILATELY.

Sir,

I have received the two published Nos. of your Monthly Journal, and must congratulate your writers who so ably contribute thereto.

I have seen several American Stamp Magazines, but really I can but acknowledge yours as being far superior. The construction of the Articles furnished by Mulready, Utah, &c, is unparalleled in my experience of this class of periodicals, and I still hope I may, at a future time, have the pleasure of perusing further articles by these writers.

It is my sincere wish that your Journal will be sufficiently supported to ensure its continuance, and that at no long distance hence it will be universally acknowledged as the leader."

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
TREBLUH."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. ALLEN, New York.—Can we hear from you respecting K.

P. E. Island Stamp Co., Charlottetown. Are you going to remit us for stamps sent.

M. KITROSOFKI.—Please forward amount due to us, £8 5s. 3d.

JOHN THOMPSON or L. SMITH, 5, Sheffield Street, W.C. or elsewhere.—Have a bill on you for 18s., where can we see you?

W. J. BEAL, Banbury.—"Simmons" has not paid us yet, intend looking him up.

EMPIRE STP. Co.—Excuse delay. Continentals are sent off.

J. B. CLARKE, Lincoln.—"Simmons" has not paid us yet, intend looking him up.

F. BUSWELL, Montpelier.—Excuse delay. Will write you soon.

W. HOULSTON, Dunmow, Essex.—Please return us at once the sheet of Mr. Lamb.

G. TYSON, Dunmow, Essex.—Please return us at once the sheet of W. Blackaller.

H. CRANE, 26, Queens Gate, Liverpool.—Please return our sheet, value 10s., also one of F. Dransfield, value 3s.

C. SAWYER, 5, Crystal Palace Road.—Please return to us at once the sheets of H. Benson and B. Lamb.

S. SMETHURST, 20, Madeline Street, Liverpool.—Will the above gentleman remit to us the amount due to W. Clifford, Hull.

M. JACKSON, 28, Carnaby Street, W.—Please return to us at once the amount due to F. Dransfield, 4s. 2d.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

During the past month we have received many hundreds of letters concerning the above gentry. We have not, unfortunately, succeeded in apprehending either of those mentioned, but have received information which we trust to turn to good account. Dealers must not suppose we devote all our time to swindlers, business would not allow it. We devote one day in each week to making inquiries, and cannot spare more at present.

From inquiries made we find Taylor and

Bennett are the same. Hallam and Halford are the same. L. Smith and J. Thompson are the same. A. Davies and T. White are the same. A. Gliddon and J. Anderson are the same. Respecting J. Thomson we have received the enclosed letter:—

"Sant Angelo in Vado, Italy,
27th Dec, 1877

E. Webber Esq.,

On the 1st of March, 1877 I sent to a John Thompson, 15, Hanover Street, Long Acre, in a registered letter a sum of 5/3 with a request that he should forward home a parcel consisting of 100 Argentine, 100 Equador, 100 Japan, 100 Fiji, 100 Mexico, 100 Sandwich Islands, which he had advertised for sale in many Italian, Austrian, and German papers. In reply I received a postcard dated the 20th March, and saying 'We have sent your letter to Mr. J. Thompson, 23, Pacific Street, Hobart Town, Tasmania, who will reply to it in due time, E. R.'

It is now 10 months and having heard nothing further on the subject, suppose I have been taken in by a swindler, kindly let me have what information you can in the matter, and try to get the money back. I shall pay your expenses and 10 per cent. commission.

A. L. BILANCOLI."

Will all foreign dealers who have been taken in by Thomson or L. Smith communicate with our Mr. Webber at once, who intends proceeding against him. All his letters and orders must be sent.—Have any dealers any claims against the undermentioned names, if so, they are requested to forward them at once to us.—

S. Berry, 365, Wandsworth Rd.

F. W. Banks, 74, Walworth Rd.

J. Simmons, 76, Fore St., E.C.

R. Morris, 5, Lower Kennington Lane.

H. Fletcher, 57, Camberwell New Rd.

T. Lucas, 225, Wandsworth Rd.

J. Barker, 2, Great Dover St., S.E.

All the above names were taken by a lad, and at the last one we apprehended him.

All dealers who have been swindled in London only, are asked to send full particulars and letters at once to our Mr. Webber.

All enclosures to him must be marked and must contain a stamped directed envelope for reply, or no answers will be sent.

It must be understood by all that the residents at the below addresses are all highly respectable people, being in most instances either tobacconists or news-agents.

WANTED.

C. Benson, 15, Duke St., W. Smithfield.
Swindled F. W. Jones, Gloucester.

A. J. Reed, Grimsby, 5/11.

F. Bland, 238, Euston Road, N.W.
 Swindled A. J. Reed, Grimsby, 1/-
 F. Dransfield, Liverpool, 11/8
 F. W. Jones, Gloucester.
 C. W. Cook, Berwick, 15/4
 Whitfield, King & Co., 8/-
 T. Chambers, Lincoln, 8/9
 W. Blackaller, Beaminster, 12/-
 Mr. Eldrid, Junr., 50, Barbican, Aldersgate Street, E.C., who writes on thin glazed paper with top of address cut off excepting "Aldersgate Street" printed in corner in black, and "London 187" in other corner, has swindled,
 T. Chambers, Lincoln, 4/9
 J. Harris, Lincoln, 5/-
 W. H. King, Colchester, 5/8
 Hutt, Moore, Guildford, 21/4
 B. S. Hine, Beaminster, 8/5
 Mrs. Cole, 7/1
 H. Taylor, 160, Walworth Rd., S.E.
 Swindled A. Hemming, Banbury, 9/7
 T. Bennett, 96, Walworth Rd., S.E.
 Swindled H. Urbin, Woodgreen, 8/7
 G. Hallam, 74a Well St., Oxford St.,
 Swindled A. Hemming.
 A. Bingham, 5/-
 T. Chambers, 9/2
 W. Blackaller, 10/-
 T. Whaley, 8/3
 B. Clarke, 16/4
 F. Dransfield, 7/6
 J. Halford, 45, Chandos St., W.,
 Swindled A. Hemming.
 A. Bingham 5/-
 F. Whaley, 9/10
 T. Chambers, 8/6
 W. Blackaller, 7/6
 F. Dransfield, 3/7
 Alfred Gliddon, Market St., Oxford St.
 Swindled T. Dransfield, 7/2
 T. Chambers, 10/10
 A. Bingham, 5/6
 T. Whaley, 8/1
 A. Hemming.
 R. Lamb, 8/9
 J. Anderson, Sherwood St., Regent St., W.
 Swindled T. Chambers, 5/4
 F. Dransfield, 6/6
 F. White, Ridinghouse St., W.
 Swindled S. Chambers, 10/-
 A. Davies, 4, Drury Lane, W.
 Swindled G. Whitfield, Hull.
 W. Parry, 13/5
 T. Hutchins, 45, London Rd., S.E.
 Swindled A. Clark, Lincoln, 8/3
 B. Neal, Walton, Surrey.
 Swindled F. Dransfield, 7/9
 T. Cooper, 16/8
 T. Chambers, 13/4
 L. Smith, 5, Sheffield Street, W.C., or
 John Thomson, 15, Hanover St., W.

Swindled F. Rippon

H. Bastow.

T. Ridpath & Co., 66/8

E. A. Hiley, 19/6

A. L. Bilancioni, 5/3

Many enquiries have been made of us respecting T. S. Holmes, Berkley Street, Liverpool. We find on enquiring that T. Dransfield and Co., 50, Berkeley Street, and T. S. Holme, are one and the same person.

Has had of J. Beal, Banbury, 19/8

J. Whaley, Lincoln, 8/10.

Rippon, Bros, Grimsby, 22/4

G. Foster, Bradford, 25/8

F. Clarke, Lincoln, 32/2

W. Parry, Hammersmith, 10/6

Messrs. D. & Co., have informed us they intend paying Holme's Debts, we think that is a very wise plan to pursue.

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will be given to any person not being the offender, who shall give such information as will cause the recovery of the stamps, or the apprehension of either Benson, Bland, Eldrid, Taylor, Bennett, Hallam, Gliddon, Davies, Hutchings, or Neal. All communications will be treated as strictly confidential.

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1869	Set of ten, unused,	16	0
1870	Set of thirteen, unused,	10	0
1870	Set of thirteen, used,	0	0
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Complete set, including 2, 5, 10 and 20 dollars, unused,		200	0
State, set of fifteen, unused,		160	0
Post office, set of ten, unused,		10	0
Post office, set of ten, used,		1	8
Interior, set of ten, unused,		6	0
Interior, set of ten, used,		1	0
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870.1	Set of eleven, on amber,	13	0

1870	Set of nine, on cream and orange,	12	0
1870	Set of ten, on white,	13	0
1875	Set of thirteen, on amber,	14	0
1875	Set of thirteen, on blue, cream, and orange,	13	0
1876	Set of two,	0	10
Post office, 1873, set of three values,		1	6
Post office, 1873, set of ten sizes, marked "specimen,"		8	0
War, 1873, set of fourteen values, marked "specimen,"		40	0
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A HISTORY OF THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP.

By WILLIAM H. EARL.

THE forerunner of the thousands of Postage Stamps now scattered over the face of the Globe was our own well-known and homely-looking Black Penny, which has continued in use with a trifling alteration in the design, and a complete change of color, for more than 37 years.

In June, 1839, Mr. Rowland Hill published a paper "On the Collection of Postage by means of Stamps." Four kinds of Stamps and Envelopes were proposed by him to the Lords of the Treasury. The Treasury minutes of Aug. 23rd, 1839, directed these four kinds to be prepared, viz. :—

- 1st. Labels or Adhesive Stamps.
- 2nd. Stamped Covers or half-sheets of paper.
- 3rd. Stamped Envelopes.
- 4th. Stamps struck on letter paper itself.

The first three kinds were to be manufactured on special paper by the Government; the last Stamp was to be struck by the Government on paper belonging to private individuals in the same manner that Post Cards, &c., may be done now at Somerset House, under certain regulations.

The Public were invited to send in suggestions and plans for carrying out the new scheme, not later than 15th October, 1839. In response, designs and proposals numbering over two thousand were sent in. These were submitted to the Treasury.

The selection being made of the Stamps to be produced, the method of making

them arranged, engraving executed, machinery made and erected expressly for the purpose, experiments in paper making, and an entirely new system organized and made ready for work; the three below-mentioned kinds were issued at the appointed time, viz. :—

- 1st. Black Label, with Queen's Head.
- 2nd. Mulready Cover.
- 3rd. Mulready Envelope.

After the question having been discussed and argued for upwards of six years, it was finally decided that on and after the 10th January, 1840, the charge for postage of a letter not exceeding half-an-ounce, from one part of the United Kingdom to another should be one penny. Previous to this date such a thing as a penny post was not in existence. In the "Tatler" for the year 1709, we find it mentioned, this was a local post established in certain towns simply for posting and delivering in the same town or city.

Although the postage rate was reduced on the 10th January, 1840, it was not until the 6th May, 1840, that the adhesive Stamp was issued.

On the 29th April, 1840, a notice was issued to all Postmasters, enclosing specimens of the Penny Adhesive Label and Mulready. On April 30th the following appeared :—

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC,
AND

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL POSTMASTERS.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

APRIL, 1840.

"The Lords of the Treasury having fixed the 6th May next for the issue of Postage Stamps, on and after that time, all letters written on stamped paper, or enclosed in stamped envelopes, or having stamps affixed to them—the stamps in

every such case being equal in value or amount to the rates of postage now chargeable on such letters if prepaid—will pass free of postage in whatever part of the United Kingdom they may be posted."

The Public, having been informed by this official notice that their long-felt want was to be supplied in the form of stamps or labels, as they are still called on the margin of all entire sheets of stamps. They naturally were a little curious to see what form the new fangled thing would take, at last on the 6th May their curiosity was gratified, and it was found to be like nothing that had ever been seen before; so simple, so pure, and it had such a genuine English look about it, that it met with general approval. The using of Stamps was not made compulsory at this time, for I have Envelopes down to 1851, stamped within a circle in red ink—paid—very similar to the red paid hand-struck impression we now find on all foreign letters passing through London. There is also a large stroke down the envelope representing one penny. At what date the postal authorities stopped the prepayment of letters by money I do not know, perhaps some one interested may be in a position to inform me.

The name of the country, perhaps, might have been added. I think the remarks of "Mulready" in last month's Journal very good where he speaks of foreign juveniles enquiring the exact locality of the place called "postage."

I do not know of a Stamp issued by any country which has retained its preservative freshness so completely, after 37 years of obscurity. The other day, on looking over several hundreds of them, I was struck with the beautiful clearness with which the Black impression shewed up on the pure white ground, looking as if they were fresh from the press. It is not so with their successors, as we know they change color very rapidly. I remember I had about twenty common penny, and three half-penny Stamps in a box, where they remained about twelve months; when I looked at them they were almost black. It must have been

damp which did it.

A common request when making a bargain is this—"Let us have it down in black and white." We do that to protect ourselves against dishonest persons. With the Penny Black Stamp the very opposite thing had to be done for the same reason, and also so as to shew up the obliterating mark. After about twelve months' use it was printed in red, which color it has kept to the present day.

(To be continued.)

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 36.)

We beg to thank Messrs. Earl, Benson, Lacey, Greenslade, Robson, and others for the news below:

CANADA.—One of the most peculiar essays we have ever seen has reached us from this country. The bust of Earl Dufferin, the present Governor General, appears in black on a light drab ground, the letters D.A.E.C. on black squares in each corner, rect., perf. Only one sheet is believed to have been printed, and it will not be issued in consequence of the contemplated appointment of a new Governor General.

The stamp was supplied to the English agent of the Dominion Bazaar Stamp Co., Mr. S. B. Greenslade,

GREAT BRITAIN.—According to expectations held out in this Journal the new half-penny post cards for Great Britain have appeared. On enquiry at the post office, I find that they are issued as the old ones are used up. On the 31st of January I got the new type, at a City and West end office, and at the same West End Office, viz: Grosvenor St., to-day 1st February, I was surprised to receive the old type, and was there told that they are issued from the central office, mixed.

Both the thick and thin cards are printed in the same colors as the Foreign, and thick cards were, viz: reddish brown. The frame is taken away, thus reminding one of the latest United States Cards. Between the words Post, and Card, came the National Arms, instead of being below, then directly underneath the usual instructions. The impressed stamp, composed of the old head, with "half-penny" in an arched label above inclosed in a new and real rectangular frame, is placed a quarter of an inch higher up than the old one.

The alterations give more space for the address, and which is a great advantage and must be a saving to the Government in the cost of ink.

Underneath the instructions we now have two and a quarter inches of space against one and three eighths on the previous card.

What we now want is a reply paid card.

Seven British post cards are now current, all different.

HONDURAS.—The 2 reales, green, surcharged unreal, and medio real in black.

ITALY.—A correspondent at Darlington informs us that he has received a 2 lire Italian state stamp surcharged 20 in bottom corners in blue, together with a 5 centavos of Argentine Republic, current issue surcharged at top and bottom "too late."

MAURITIUS.—We have seen the one-penny surcharged "4 cents" in black, and a correspondent informs us he has the pink fourpenny surcharged "one penny" with the one penny marked through, and 4 cents printed below." This we should think a novelty.

QUEENSLAND.—A correspondent sends five 1d. and four 6d. Queensland entirely different as regards shade. These not so much a novelty as may be expected when we remember that for all the issues of Queensland the profile of Queen Victoria is selected. Each issue is designed different in colour from the last, and distinction is made by watermark. The star watermark and unperforated stamps of 1861 were superseded in 1862 by a perforated series. The 1d. of the first issue was lake; 2d. deep blue, but the second issue contained a lake red 1d., and two shades of 2d., both lighter than their predecessor. In 1865 the 1d. was orange red. In 1863 unwatermarked paper was used. The sheets of 1866 had for watermark "Queensland Postage Stamps" four times repeated on entire sheet, and Queensland with small stars.

SPAIN.—Through the kindness of an esteemed correspondent we are enabled to give a description of a new Spanish Stamp. Can anyone inform us for what it is used, as we have not been able to find out? The stamp is rectangular in shape, the central design being an envelope on a horizontal lined groundwork, enclosed by an oval, bearing the inscription, *CARTILLA POSTALDE ESPAÑA*. Squandrils filled in with vertical lines. Blue impression, in white unwatermarked paper, unperforated.—

Philatelic News.

UNITED STATES.—There is another variety of the service envelope. It is of size seven, and inscribed—

Post Office Department.

Office of Third Assistant Postmaster General.
Division of stamps, Stamped envelopes

Postal Cards,

Official, Business.

Impression, blue on blue; watermarked red,
U. S. Postal Service.

(To be continued.)

FRENCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of December 6, 1877.

M. De Rothschild in the chair. Records of last meeting read. Annual report of President read, which shows the satisfactory situation of the Society. Election of Board of Officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. the Baron Arthur de Rothschild; Secretary, Dr. Legrand; Treasurer, Mr. E. Bonchez; Executive Committee, Messrs. Skepper & Durrian. Messrs. Long & Lunse are appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The principal interest of the meeting centered on the report of the committee to examine into various propositions. They were successively adopted. As they are to be translated into various languages and sent to all collectors, the following *resume* only is given.

1st. Gilt silver and bronze medals to be given for works on Philatelic subjects to be sent the Society previous to September 1st, of each year.

2nd. Publishing a Philatelic Library composed by the separate printing of the most interesting articles in the Bulletin, this to be done at the expense of the Society or of the authors.

3rd. The price of the collection of the Bulletin will be reduced from January 1st, 1878.

4th. Adoption of the idea of a Philatelic Congress in Paris, 1878; but postpones to a later meeting all definite decision. It is proposed to the Society (1) the creation of a central committee, charged with making the By-Laws, make out the list of subjects to be treated on, and of all which concerns the holding the meeting and the general administration; (2) instituting resident committees to fill the same position in each country; (3) the holding of five meetings at which questions special to stamps will be discussed, the various countries being divided in five groups, and of a sixth at which general subjects will be discussed; (4) the payment of an assessment of 10 francs to defray the expenses of the Congress, among which may be counted (5) the publication of a volume of the Record of the Congress, to which all subscribers would be entitled, and which would contain all the works read or sent to the reunion.

As will be seen the proposal made by the Dresden journal has taken shape and merits the serious attention of all amateurs.

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We intend publishing on the 31st May, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

IN our January number we informed our friends that should five-hundred extra subscribers be forthcoming the E. J. of P. would consist of twelve pages monthly; and asked for support to carry out our plans.

With regret we acknowledge that the necessary numbers have not been forthcoming, and the Journal must for the present appear with eight pages only.

We do not mean to convey by this that we have received no reply to our appeal, on the contrary, the paper has sold remarkably well both in London and country, which assures us, that we shall ere long enlarge the paper permanently.

By referring to the column devoted to Swindlers, our readers will be interested in the statement we there make, that since our attention has been given to these gentry, such a sum as £20 has been recovered, a fact which will have great significance with the trade; and yet, some of those for whom we have recovered money have not yet sent their paltry subscription.

We invite correspondence and suggestions from all Philatelists.

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F. BUSWELL, Montpelier.—Getting your exchange parcel ready. Our attention to the "large" swindle has put us all behind—other dealers note this.

G. Bullard.—Will accept the information respecting the party you mentioned—his address is wanted. W. H. of Reading has not been paid by you—how is this?

W. S. LYON.—San Francisco—Had to pay 3½d, on your letter, please forward above amount on receipt of this,

A. NOVERAY & Co., Geneva—Please remit us at once.

Will Mr. R. J. Wilmett, formerly in an office in Basinghall Street, communicate with us at once.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We have great pleasure in notifying that by our mutual exertions we have succeeded in tracing the below mentioned nineteen aliases to a family of four brothers. Our Mr. Hamlyn has seen their father, who wishes to see a statement of the whole account and settle the matter, therefore dealers having claims against any of the undermentioned names, are requested to send full particulars at once.

We desire to send in the account by the 26th inst., as we wish to settle the matter either one way or the other without delay.

We have taken great pains, and have been put to great trouble and expense in exposing this swindle. Dealers must send their letters, statements, and orders at once.

J. Halford, 45, Chandos Street, W., has swindled.—Blackaller 7/6, Merryweather 9/6, Bingham 5/-, Whaley 9/10, Fawcett 10/-, Chambers 8/6, Andrews 8/6, Dodson 17/8, Dransfield 3/7, Golder 16/6, Frith & Platt.

G. Hallam, 74a Wells St., W., has swindled.—Blackaller 10/-, Bingham 5/-, Whaley 8/3, Clarke 16/4, Chambers 9/2, Dransfield 7/9, and Frith & Co.

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G. Riley, 189, Gt. Portland St., W., has swindled.—Reed, 5/6, Lamb 8/5, Maclean 14/6.

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J. Pearce, 41, Rupert St., has swindled.—Dransfield 6/11, Dodson 19/5.

G. Evans, 14, Gt. Windmill St., W., has swindled, Hemming 6/-.

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Halford, J., 4, Carnaby St., W., swindled Dodson 17/8.

Goodman, L., 28, „ „ swindled Dodson 21/3.

Jackson, M., 28, „ „ „ Golder 14/9. Dransfield, 4/2.

Respecting Thompson we have received the following letter.—

“Saint Angelo in Vado, Italy,
27th, Dec., 1877.

E. Webber Esq.,

On the 1st of March, 1877, I sent to a John Thompson, 15, Hanover Street, Long Acre, in a registered letter a sum of 5/3 with a request that he should forward home a parcel consisting of 100 Argentine, 100 Ecuador, 100 Japan, 100 Fiji, 100 Mexico, 100 Sandwich Islands, which he had advertised for sale in many Italian, Austrian, and German papers. In reply I received a postcard dated the 20th March, and saying ‘We have sent your letter to Mr. J. Thompson, 23, Pacific Street, Hobart Town, Tasmania, who will reply to it in due time, E. R.’

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A. L. BILANCOLI.’

Will all foreign dealers who have been taken in by Thompson or L. Smith communicate with our Mr. Webber at once, who intends proceeding against him. All his letters and orders must be sent.—Have any dealers any claims against the undermentioned names, if so, they are requested to forward them at once to us.—

S. Berry, 365, Wandsworth Rd.

F. W. Banks, 74, Walworth Rd.

J. Simmons, 76, Fore St., E.C.

R. Morris, 5, Lower Kennington Lane.

H. Fletcher, 57, Camberwell New Rd.

T. Lucas, 225, Wandsworth Rd.

J. Barker, 2, Great Dover St., S.E.

All the above names were taken by a lad, and at the last one we apprehended him.

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& Co., 8/- T. Chambers, 8/9. W. Black-
aller, 12/-.

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gate Street, E.C., who writes on thin glazed
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"Aldersgate Street" printed in corner in
black, and "London 187" in other corner,
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King, 5/8. Hutt, Moore, 21/4. B. S. Hine,
8/5. Mrs. Cole, 7/1.

H. Taylor, 160, Walworth Rd., S.E.
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9/6. Blackaller, 16/6, and Frith & Co.

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Hemming, 6/9. Blackaller, 24/4.

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Many enquiries have been made of us re-
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Bros., 22/4. G. Foster, 25/8. F. Clarke, 32/2
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A HISTORY OF THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP.

By WILLIAM H. EARL.

Part II.

SINCE the issue of the February number I have been fortunate enough to have seen a copy of the original notice issued to all postmasters on the 29th April, 1840. Which shews without a doubt that the penny adhesive and Mulready covers and envelopes were issued simultaneously. The short currency of the latter proving that they were not so well adapted to the requirements of the public as the adhesives.

“COPY OF NOTICE TO ALL POSTMASTERS.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

April, 1840.

“I beg to enclose you two specimens of the Penny and Two-penny stamped Covers and Envelopes, and two of the Penny adhesive Labels, (the Two-penny one is not yet ready) which I must beg you will carefully preserve, in order to compare them in case of doubt with the stamped letters which may pass through your office. In the event of your suspecting that the stamps used on any letters are forged, you will not detain the letter, but simply take the address, and report the circumstance to me without loss of time, in order that the party to whom the letter is directed may be at once applied to. You will observe however, that the adhesive stamps vary almost in all cases, one from the other, having different letters at the bottom corners, and I point this out that you may not be misled by this circumstance, and be induced to suspect Forgery, where the variation of the stamps has been inten-

tional. The numbers on the covers and envelopes also vary. You will carefully stamp with the cancelling stamp which has been forwarded to you, the stamped covers and envelopes, as well as the adhesive stamps; the two former must be struck on the figure of Britannia, and in case of more than one adhesive stamp being attached to a letter, each stamp must be separately obliterated. The use of the cancelling stamp, however, will not dispense with that of the ordinary dated stamp, which will be struck on the letter as usual. Where the value of the stamps is under the rate of postage, to which the letter if prepaid in money would be subject, you will surcharge the letter with a pen, in the usual manner. You will acknowledge the receipt of this letter and the specimen stamps by return of post.

By command,

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.”

On being held up to the light, the Penny Black Stamp will be found to be printed on paper water-marked with a small crown, this was one of the precautions against Forgery. Perforating machines do not seem to have been invented at this time, as the stamps are always found cut apart, as those of the French Colonies and Greece are to this day: for what reason it would be difficult to determine. Of this stamp there are no varieties.

The black obliterating mark (a maltese cross) not shewing up clearly, the authorities decided to change it to Red. Owing to a fear that the red mark might be too easily cleaned off, it was ultimately decided to change the color of the stamp itself to Red; on the 1st of January, 1841, the Red Penny Stamp made its appear-

ance, still unperforated, and continued in circulation as originally issued until the year 1850, when it was perforated with a much finer perforation than the present, viz: 18 x 16. In 1854 the watermark was changed to a larger crown, the size still used. The next change was a facial one, instead of a letter being in each bottom corner only, in 1864 the stamp appeared with letters in all four corners; the style of the letters being also changed from Roman print to the plain block ones at present in use. The only other alterations being the larger perforations, and the addition of the numbers of the plates from which the stamps are printed. These minute figures will be found to run up each side. All our stamps will be found to have figures in one part or another of the design; I have the half-penny with numbers from 1 to 14. Any one having plenty of time, and some hundreds of stamps might make a study of this, and look out penny stamps, for example, from No. 1 to 209.

(To be continued.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

Meeting of December 12, at 344, Fulton Street, Brooklyn. The Publishing Committee reported that the first number of the Bulletin will probably be issued about January 1st.

The following new members were elected:

Mr. WM. T. LAWTON,	} Active Members.
Mr. T. de 'L. MEYER,	
Mr. V. G. de YSASI,	
Mr. F. A. SAMPSON,	
Mr. C. L. MORENCY,	} Correspon'g Members.
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Mr. C. E. HAMLIN,	
Mr. C. P. J. VAN VLIERDEN,	
Mr. CHARLES MARTEL,	
Mr. LOUIS PERROT FILS,	

A letter was received from Mr. Van Vlieraen, of Holland, stating that a new postal dird would shortly be issued in that country, with arms, but without frame. He also stated that in answer to his enquiries, he had been informed by the Ministry of Finance that no unperforated stamps had been issued in Holland, except the 5, 10, and 15 cents of 1852, and in the Dutch Indies, only the 10 cents of 1864. He believes that the stamps in collec-

tions other than the above, are cut from the perforated ones, and he sent three specimens of Dutch Indies which he had himself made in that way, and which would easily pass for unperforated, the margin being very large.

A letter was also received from Senier V. G. de Ysasi, giving the following list of stamps now in use in the Philippine Islands: 2 c. de p., *rose*; 6, *yellow brown*; 10, *blue*; 12, *lilac*; 25, *green*; and the 20 c. de p. surcharged 12 c. de p. in octagon. He mentioned the new Japan, Hong Kong, Ceylon, 32 c. and 64 c., and the varieties of Griqualand. The thanks of the society were voted to Mr. Van Vlierden and Senor de Ysasi.

In a discussion on the Plympton Envelopes the president stated that Dr. Horner and Mr. Durbin had called his attention to an error in the October *Stamp Journal*, in calling 10 c. Die A., *pointed* flap, a reprint, and that these gentlemen were of opinion that the Envelopes of this value first issued had a *pointed* flap. The President stated that while these gentlemen are correct as to the 10 c. Die A., not being reprints, it will require official information to determine whether the *pointed* or *rounded* flap was the first issued, as he had received specimens of the rounded flap in the latter part of 1874, or at the time that there appeared a description of the stamped design taken from a cut Envelope. In reference to the other portions of the article, the President stated they were correct in the main, and were the basis of an official inquiry into the matter.

Mr. H. N. Sperry, Government Agent at the Plympton Company, stated to the President that he believed the Company had informed the Department that the specially watermarked paper for the Centennial Envelopes was not used for the regular series. Specimens were shown him of the No. 3, No. 4½ and No. 5 sizes of 3 cent envelopes, when Mr. Sperry stated that the mistake must have occurred at the mills. A quantity of the special paper was on hand when the printing of the Centennial Envelopes was discontinued and it would be an easy matter to slip a number of sheets into the bundles of regularly watermarked paper, and in this way the Envelopes could be made from both papers without the knowledge of the Plympton Company.

Adjourned at 10.20.

R. R. BOGEET, *Sec'y.*

We beg to call every dealer's attention to the fact of our publishing the *British and Colonial Stamp Directory*, as a medium for advertisements it will be most excellent, as it will be in the hands of every dealer and collector throughout the world.

FRENCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of 10th of January.

M. de Rothschild presided. After the reading of the minutes, the correspondence followed: 1. A letter from M. Diena, accompanying a stamp of Modena, 10 centesimi, *rose*, which bears the figure 1 reversed, a variety not hitherto noticed. 2. A letter from M. T. di L. Mayer, director of the *Correire dei Francobolli*, which among other matters proposed that the Society take up the question of the Congress. This was referred to the commission having the matter in charge.

Robert Piloer, Director of Posts at Heligoland, and Pedro N. de Soto, of Puerto Santo Maria, Spain, were admitted Corresponding Members.

M. Lunel read the report of the Auditing Committee for 1877, which will be inserted in the Bulletin.

De Le Grand read the translation of a note from Mr. Anderson, on two stamps in use in England for newspapers, and asked its insertion in the Bulletin, with a reproduction of the types. He also read an extract from a letter from M. Ysasi, on the latest stamps of the Philippines.

M. Schmidt de Wilde read a note on an article from the *Wiener Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung*, on the first stamps of Persia. This note will be inserted in the Bulletin. He also noted, after the *Illustrirte Briefmarken Journal*, an envelope for the City of Moscow, of a type similar, save the modification of the legend, to that of the St. Petersburg Envelope of 1845. The stamp is *brick-red*.

M. de Bosredon spoke of a stamp bearing "Sociedad del Timbre, Madrid," analogous to that for Cadiz, described in *Le Timbre Fiscal*, and on which he had not sufficient light.

M. Schmidt de Wilde then read the catalogue of the Baden stamps. Some remarks were exchanged on the use of the "Land Post" stamps, which is unknown; on the varieties of the postal card; and on that of the railway service of the State.

Dr. Le Grand finished with the Catalogue of Fiscal stamps. The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

The business of the meeting of 7th February will be, Study of the Stamps of the office of Thurn & Taxis.

Mr. J. A. LENG of Peckham has joined with Mr. H. Harper, Lime Tree Villa, Lordship Lane, Dulwich.

EDWARD STURMAN,

Born 1857. Died 7th February, 1878.
Aged 21.

Edward Sturman, who had been in a consumption, departed this life on the 7th Feb. last. He had been declining for some months, but now death has put an end to his sufferings.

From a very intimate acquaintance during the past six years, we must say, we have always found Edward, frank, honest, lively, up to business, and as we learn, at home he was a worthy son to a good mother. His loss is deplored by all who knew him, he was universally respected. His favorite hobby was the collecting and dealing in stamps, many pleasant evenings have been spent with him in his favorite pursuit. How well do I remember his beginning, alas, how well do I remember the end. I went to see him two days before his death, but no, was it the Edward Sturman of former times I saw? could that emaciated little figure be him? A great and wonderful change had come over him, and I felt he could not be here long. I left him, wondering whether I should see him again, but no, it was not to be, his days were drawing to a close.

On the morning of the 7th inst. he was up as usual, it was cold and dreary to him he complained, and went to bed, it was seen that a change was coming over him; watchful eyes were watching him, kind nurses nursed him, but to no avail, his spirit was wanted and it fled. He died at a quarter-past 11, on the morning of the 7th of February, at the early age of 21 years.

Gone to heaven, there to stay,
Far from this wicked world away,
There from sin and sorrow free,
And I hope to be with thee.

March, 1878.

J. D. H.

RIDPATH'S CATALOGUE.—Concerning this Catalogue, Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons & Co. write, "An action commenced by ourselves against Messrs. Ridpath for an alleged wholesale infringement of the copyright of our catalogue, published by us for many years, has within the last month been compromised by the defendant agreeing to publish an entirely new catalogue on Feb. 1, sufficiently distinct as to satisfy two referees named by ourselves, each party paying their own costs. Ours amount to £170!"

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We intend publishing on the 31st May, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page.

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

We beg to thank Messrs. Benson, Lacey, Ridpath, Jones, Ashton, Robson, and others for the news below:

BRAZIL.—Superseding the well-known 10 reis, appears a stamp with head of Emperor to right in ornamental frame, 'Brazil' at top, 'Dez reis' at bottom, and '10' in each corner, rouletted.

CAPE GOOD HOPE.—A correspondent informs us he has a One shilling, surcharged "one penny" in black, a black line run through the shilling at bottom of the stamp.

CHILI.—The latest production of the National Bank Note Company of New York is a set of fiscals for this Country. The type is the Coat-of-arms star surmounted with three plumes, as in the Prince of Wales's crest, in centre of ground work of engine-turned patterns, all on panels varying for each value and surrounded with floral ornamentations. Little room was left for the artist's ingenuity, but what has been done is most chaste and exquisite. The stamps are of two sizes, one for the *Centavos* series, the other for the *Pesos* series. Each bears the inscription "Republica de Chill" above the centre, and the value in letters and in large numeral below.

1 c., <i>vermilion</i> ,	1. p., <i>orange</i> ,
2 c., <i>seal brown</i> ,	2. p., <i>green</i> .
5 c., <i>ultramarine</i> ,	5. p., <i>blue</i> .
10 c., <i>green</i> ,	10. p., <i>brown</i> .
20 c., <i>orange</i>	20. p., <i>vermilion</i> .

GRIQUALAND.—These stamps are now being surcharged in black, with a large "G" roman print. It may interest some of our readers to know that twenty varieties of Griqualand and nineteen of Transvaal have been issued up to the present time.

HELIGOLAND.—We have seen two new news-bands—

3 pff. green.
 5 ,, brown.

No stamp, arms in plain colour with name and wreath.

MAURITIUS.—The Provisional cent stamps are:—

10 die, marone, value omitted, surcharged 4 cents.

2d pale brown, surcharged,	4 cents.
3d ,, blue	18 ,,
4d rose	17 ,,
6d blue green	25 ,,
9d lilac	38 ,,
1/- green	50 ,,
5/- deep mauve	2 rupees 50 cts.

The envelopes are—

1 cts. pale blue converted 6d. die.

25 „ mauve „ 1/8 „

50 „ red brown „ 10d. „

A correspondent has the pence series:

4d. rose, surcharged 1d.

5/- lilac „ 1/-

and he believes them to be obsolete.

TRANSVALL.—A correspondent writes: “I have the 6d. blue surcharged V.R. Transvaal, also a penny bright red on light orange paper. 3d. lilac on buff, and 1d. on blue paper.”

(To be continued.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. ALLEY, New York.—Can we hear from you respecting Kittosofki. Please answer.

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M. KITTOSOFKI.—Please forward amount due to us, £8 : 5 : 3.

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G. Bullard.—Will accept the information respecting the party you mentioned—his address is wanted. W. H. of Reading has not been paid by you—how is this?

A. NOVERAY & Co., Geneva—Please remit us at once.

Will Mr. R. J. Wilmett, formerly in an office in Basinghall Street, communicate with us at once.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We have seen the parents of the boys connected with that large swindle in the West End, but with no success, they having refused to pay one penny of the money, although it can be clearly brought home to them. The amount of the debt, as yet, is £13 odd. Particulars appeared in our last number. The only thing now left to do, is to prosecute them. To let four young rascals of Jews escape with such a booty as this is too much. Messrs. Whitfield, Ring, & Co. of Ipswich write that they are willing to pay their share of expenses in prosecuting them if nine others will do the same. We trust there will be no delay in dealers sending in their names, and it is high time such swindlers got their deserts, unless they are prosecuted it will be a great incentive to other small boys to do the same, and what would happen then we should not like to say.

Philatelists, send in your names at once to us, and shew that you are determined to rid society of such young pests. We do not hesitate to say that this is a serious matter, and all friends would do well to take the

subject into their consideration. We have found in our travels after these boys that certain shops—newsagents and tobacconists in particular—take in letters for anybody, and that these people are quite free from all risks arising from this custom. Our enterprising friends of Ipswich, Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co., however, have met this difficulty in the following way: at times on receipt of an application for a sheet on approval, which they may think suspicious, they send one enclosed in a half-penny wrapper with the following on the back:—

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FORGERIES.

Forgers have been busy this month, especially at Liverpool. Some of the latest come from F. Dransfield & Co., F. Lee, and H. Crane, which latter gentleman, who writes from 26, Queen's Road, Liverpool—is in the habit of returning sheets which he has had on approval, with the high values replaced by common continentals, and sometimes forgeries. We are making inquiries about these Liverpool forgers, and hope to make a complete exposure of the “family” soon.—Will all foreign dealers who have been taken in by Thomson, Smith, Lincoln of Brunswick Square, and others, communicate with us at once. Letters and orders must be sent

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Mr. Eldrid, Junr., 50, Barbican, Aldersgate Street, E.C., who writes on thin glazed paper, with top of address cut off excepting "Aldersgate Street" printed in corner in black, and "London 187" in other corner, has swindled—

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aRoman States, 1867, set of 7	4/10	35/-	aSuez Canal, set of 4	3/6 ... 25/-
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**SOMETHING ABOUT THE
 STAMPS OF INDIA.**

By "GRAPHICOS."

I MUST begin by expressing my thanks to Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co. for the valuable information about the valuable stamps of India which from time to time they have published in their *Circular*.

Prior to the adoption of the well-known $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna stamps, issued in 1854, a very elegant essay was prepared in the Calcutta Mint for the stamps of India. But owing to some delay in cutting the die the stamps of the Queen's head type were engraved, and this essay was for the time rejected.

The stamp is thus described by Col. Mainwaring, "Lion trippant under palm-tree, on plain coloured oblong disk, open lace border, oblong, value below in words."

Some 14 years afterwards Col. Mainwaring determined to use the die, and ordered some impressions to be struck off. He was unable to superintend the printing; and after the printing of a few stamps, the die was finally destroyed.

11 years ago the "*Stamp Collectors' Magazine*" described a stamp for Scinde, issued by Sir Bartle Frere, while he was Chief Commissioner for that province.

Scinde is one of the divisions of the Bengal Presidency.

The description of the stamp is as follows: Embossed in plain relief: East India Company's trade-mark (a heart with arrow-head) and value in inscribed circle, inscription: *Scinde District Dawk*, circular.

The *Deccan* is, geographically speaking, the whole of the great southern table land of India; the word *Deccan* is taken from the Sanscrit word *dākshina*, which means South. Area 93,337 sq. miles. Population 10,666,080. It must be remembered that from a philatelic point of view, the name *Deccan* means the same as the "Kingdom of Hyderabad." During the majority of the Nizam, Hyderabad is governed by a Regency, having at its head Sir Salar Jung. 1866, oblong. Indian characters which read—*Suikhar Arzonferah*. Imperf.

1 anna black. This is the rarest of the Indian locals and is found on papers of certainly three different textures.

1866.—Oblong. Indian characters, as above, with oriental tracery, perf., 1 anna, olive. On this stamp is the date 1283, Hegira, which corresponds to 1866 A.D.

1869.—Rectangular. Skeleton Indian characters. *Post stamp* above, and in the centre the value. Perforated. $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, brown. 2 annas, green. The latter has three shades of green. Date A.H. 1286, or in our Calendar, 1869, A.D. These stamps are printed in sheets of 240 each.

In 1870 and the next 2 years seven different values were issued, namely: $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, dark and light red; 1 anna, black-brown, purple black, and almost black; 2 annas light and bright green; 3 annas, brown and ochre; 4 annas, slate and deep grey; while the 12 annas was issued in grey-blue and green-blue. The date on these stamps is 1286 A.H., or 1869-70. Each sheet contained 240 impressions.

Nowanngur is part of the Kattywar States which occupy the peninsula of the

same name, and consist of 418 separate jurisdictions, the chief being *Nowanngur*, *Okammundul* or *Joonaghur*.

The *Nowanuggur* stamp is almost square. It contains an oval frame inscribed on the right: *Nowanuggur*, and on the left, *Post Stamp*.

Within the oval is a scimitar, with a curiously ornamented handle, on each side of which are native characters. The corners are occupied with sections of a frame, composed of two thick lines and a line of dots. Color: green-grey. Perforated.

Joonaghur has also issued two valuable stamps, 1 and 4 annas. But there seems, I think, to be some doubt about their existence as postage stamps.

Next month, if I am kindly allowed some space in the *English Journal of Philately*, I will say something about the stamps of *Cashmere* and *Cabul*.

(To be continued.)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The meeting of March 13th was held at 113, Pearl Street, New York. Messrs. H. Werninck and Albert Comstock were elected members. It was ordered that Messrs. J. A. Mason and Albert Comstock be each furnished with twenty-five copies of the first number of the *Bulletin*, to be placed on sale.

Circulars were received from the French Society, with regard to the International Congress of Philatelists, and copies of the resolutions adopted in December, offering prizes for papers on Philatelic subjects.

Their consideration was postponed.

A copy of his work on the stamps of Japan was received from Dr. Le Grand, and the *Guida Illustrata del Timbrofilo* for January and February from the publishers.—Thanks were voted.

Mr. Van Vherden noted the 25c. of Luxembourg, Prussian blue, perf., 13 issued, June, 1877, with surcharge "official."

The *English Journal of Philately* was authorized to publish reports of the proceedings.

R. R. BOGERT, *Sec'y.*

RIDPATH'S CATALOGUE.—A paragraph appeared in our last number under this heading, by a printers mistake, our source of information was left out, it should have been from the *Stamp Journal*.

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

Continued from page 56.

We beg to thank Messrs. Jones, Lacey, Ridpath, and others, for the news below:

BRAZIL.—The 500 reis is now rouletted, and there is a new 10 reis, presumably part of a complete set, but no other values are here yet.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 12 cents grey is now surcharged *Official*.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Post-card, usual colonial pattern, 1d red.

ITALY.—Our Italian correspondent writes: "The Italian post-office authorities caused the following decrees to be passed on the 14th of December last:"

"The State (official) stamps which have been withdrawn by Act No. 3203 of the 30th of June, 1876, and which have remained unutilised in the Government stores since, will be put into circulation on the 16th instant (December) for the prepayment of private correspondence.

"All the above-mentioned stamps will, without distinction, be of the value of two centesimi, and will bear exactly in the centre of the figures which expressed their original values in blue cancelling mark, and in the lower corners '2 centesimi' (also in blue). They will be used indiscriminately with the other stamps of that value; the post-offices will, however, not be supplied with these until their stock of ordinary (2 centesimi) labels is exhausted."

KUROOT STOOS.—This Swiss local is now green.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—There is now a 125 Mills de Peso, blue, which completes current set.

ROUMANIA.—A slight change in the post-card which is now printed in black on pink paper with the ordinary blue stamp.

WURTEMBERG.—A vase surcharge on post-card, viz., Arms surrounded by the inscription "Kon wurt post direction" in large circle placed over the stamp on the 1kr post-card.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Our request that readers should use their endeavours to extend the usefulness of this journal has met with great favour in all quarters. A correspondent at Forest Gate, Essex, sends us specimens of hitherto unnoticed labels, used occasionally by the United States Government, together with an explanation of contents of the latter to which

these officials were affixed. We find that the packet was excluded from the mail as "containing matter in contravention of treaty regulations," and this intimation printed in blue as is generally the case. In this case, however, no jewellery was found, and once again the envelope had to be sealed, and it is to the method of sealing we beg to call your attention. Three brown oblong labels, each bearing in oval (centre) head of liberty, on side are the words officially (left) sealed (right). In curves are the words (top) Post Office Department (bottom) United States of America. In each corner a monogram formed the letters U.S. after in minute characters. The groundwork is made up of small block letters postage in the same way as value is indicated on Montenegrin postage. These are productions of the National Bank Note Company, New York, which is a guarantee of their design and execution. Post mark black circular lines. We have also red and green specimens of Hussey's special message post for delivery of special letters in New York and adjacent cities, rectangular col. imp. Inscription "Hussey's" (at top) "Special Message" (left) and "letter post" (right) Robert Eason, proprietor, 54, Pine Street. In centre, letter carrier with dispatch in left hand and bag on shoulder. Lamp post and pavement in background also the words "trade mark."

SAMOA.—3d. red and 6d. violet, on white rouletted. In curved white band at top "Samoa," at bottom "postage three pence." Centre express obliterated by ink.

(To be continued.)

"4, Blenheim St., New Bond St., W.
Feb. 27th, 1878.

To the Editor of *Philately Journal*.

Sir,

In the February Journal I find a mistake which reads very absurd in my article on the First Postage Stamp, instead of "Previous to this date, such a thing as a Penny Post was not in existence," please to read "previous to this date, such a thing as a Penny Post *was* in existence."

A few days' ago I received some Lake stamps of Mauritius with the space for value left clear, and over this space surcharged in blue ink, 2 cents.

The present issue penny stamps of Sierra Leone appears to have been prepared in a similar way, as the value one penny is printed a much deeper color than the other portion of the stamp.

Yours truly,

W. H. EARL.

THE STAMP AUCTION.

It will be encouraging to collectors generally to know that the auction sale held in New York on the 20th December last, was a decided success. The attendance was good, and the bidding spirited. Some things were sold very cheap, as is always the case, and a few others brought more than their value. Among the stamps disposed of were the following:—

180 reis, Brazil, Italic figures, for	15/-
300 reis, Brazil, Italic figures	16/-
500	17/8
5 cents, Petersburg, first type, black cancellation	17/-
5 cents, Mobile, slightly torn, used	13/-
5 cents, Baton Rouge, used	52/-
5c, orange, Luzon, 1854, used	31/-
5c, vermilion, " " "	60/-
2r, green, " " " torn	17/-
5c, vermilion, " 1859, unused	8/-
5c " " 1863, used	16/5
1r, violet, " " unused	22/5
1r, blue, 1863, Luzon, unused	21/-
1sh, New Brunswick, 1857, unused	30/-
2½c, black, U.S. Columbia, 1861, used	18/6
50c, green, U.S. Columbia, 1862, unused	16/6
10k, rose, Finland, envelope, 1845, unused	14/6
20k, black, Finland, envelope, 1845, unused	12/6
20k, black, Finland, envelope, 1850, unused	10/-
½r, green, St. Domingo, 1865	15/-
Set of 1850, Spain, unused, each	6/6
Blue Trinidad, 1854, used	10/-
60 crazie, Tuscany, used	16/-
6 soldi, " " "	24/-
20 centavos, " " " Diligencia," Uruguay	23/-
5sh, blue on yellow, Victoria	10/-
10c, St. Lewis	17/-
5c and 10c, Providence, each	11/6
Carrier's stamp, Franklin, proof in orange brown	16/6
Sundry U.S. proofs, from 10d to 3/- each.	
Reprint of the New Haven envelope, cut square	8/-

The total proceeds of the sale were £105 : 12

In consequence of the dissolution in partnership the Directory advertised to appear on the 31st May next, will not appear until the 30th June. Advertisers will do well, however, to send it their advertisements without delay, the charges for which are very moderate: £1 whole page, 12/- half page, 6/- quarter page; in all cases payment to be made when the advertisement appears

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Editor, J. HULBERT. Manager, J. D. HAMLYN.

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AGENTS FOR THE JOURNAL.

J. Jones, 46, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 H. Styles, Fishmonger Alley, Fenchurch Street.
 E. Fernley, 28, Seething Lane, E.C.
 J. Berry, 10, Leadenhall Market, E.C.
 J. F. Todhunter, 64, (late 22) Gresham St., Bank Lawless, Philpot Lane.
 R. Phipps, London Street, Mark Lane, E.C.
 Mrs. Jones, 20, Boundary Place, Liverpool.
 C. H. Nunn, Bury St. Edmunds.
 S. A. Williams, 100, Myrtle Street, Liverpool.
 W. & R. Hughes, 28, New Road, Brighton.
 W. Spalding, 37, Westgate Street, Ipswich.
 F. Golding, 11, Minster Street, Reading.
 Richey, Bell & Co., P.O. Box, 50, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The International Directories may be obtained of Messrs. Jones, Todhunter, Fernley, and Nunn.—Price One Shilling.

NOTICE.

We intend publishing on the 31st May, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page,

Dissolution of Partnership.

The Partnership hitherto existing between Edward Webber and John D. Hamlyn, is now dissolved by mutual consent; the business will be carried on in future by John D. Hamlyn, who will pay all amounts due by the late firm, particulars of which must be sent in, on or before the 30th April next.

EDWARD WEBBER.

JOHN D. HAMLYN.

April 1st, 1878.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. E. Island Stamp Co.—We intend placing our debt in other hands.

M. KITTOSOFKI.—Please forward amount due to us, £8 : 5 : 3.

G. BULLARD.—Are you going to give us information promised? Why not pay W. H. of Reading third warning.

STAMP JOURNAL.—If you do not intend inserting our advertisement, please let us know at once.

R. J. WILLMETT, formerly in Basinghall Street.—Please write us.

L. TISSE, formerly in Gracechurch Street.—Please write us at once.

H. CRANE, 26, Queens Road, Liverpool.—We advise you to return our sheet at once.

LIPPETT D. DEVON.—Please send us 1/- owing.

H. HOWARD, Winchester.—Mr. Bogert, New York, wishes to hear from you.

S. S. B., Hackney.—Mr. Bogert wishes to hear from you.

H. D. HENDERSON, Gloucester.—Mr. Bogert wishes to hear from you.

R. R. BOGERT, New York.—We only collect debts in England.

W. TROLLOPE, Dunmow.—Please return to Whitfield Ring & Co., their sheets value, 13/7.

RICHEY, BELL & Co.—Received books, do what we can with them, letter follows.

All those having claims upon Whistock, Farringdon Road, are requested to send in statements again.

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

To The Manager,

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask you if you could spare a little room in the English Journal of Philately, to head a Column for Querists, thus enabling subscribers to obtain information on subjects connected with Philately, by way of questions which might be answered through the Paper, or by letters through the Editor if a number was attached to each Query, and the address of the person be given for Editor's use, for which of course a nominal charge could be made.

If you could arrange for something of this kind, I think it would be a great boon to subscribers, and I should think it would be the means of increasing the sale of your valuable Paper. I shall be glad if you will give the above your kind consideration, and kindly let me know of what you think of my proposal.

Yours, A. F. CLARKE.

Kirton Lindsey, Linc's, 3/4/78.

[We should be pleased to devote one column to receiving and answering queries, all we want now, is for someone to make a commencement. We should make no charge whatever, and would prefer real name and address being given. all answers must go through the Journal for the benefit of our readers. *Editor.*]

ALLEGED FRAUDS BY A SHAM TOURIST AGENT.

On Saturday afternoon Thomas Cook, *alias* Brokelhurst, Washington, &c., 18 years of age, was placed at the bar before Mr. Benson, at Southwark Police-court, on remand, charged with obtaining money, and attempting to obtain various sums of money, by advertising in the country newspapers excursions to the Paris Exhibition, with intent to cheat and defraud.—Mr. Besley, instructed by Mr. West, from the office of Messrs. Shaen & Roscoe, again attended to prosecute.

Mr. Mortimer Harris, manager of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, said he knew nothing of the prisoner. Their Company had the sole control of the steamboats between Dover and Calais, and there was an arrangement between them and the South Eastern Railway. The tickets produced by the police, alleged to be transferable, between Bradford and Paris, were absurdly false, and anyone with common sense must at once discover it. No one could obtain a second-class ticket from London to Paris alone for 25s. The lowest single fare was £1 11s. 6d., and return 47s. There was no transferable or return tickets for three months. Witness added that for the Exhibition there would be special cheap fares.

Mr. Francis Cockwell, superintendent of the Great Northern Railway, gave similar evidence. All excursion and passenger fares were arranged in his office. They had no arrangements with excursion agents. The cheapest fare from Bradford to Paris, second-class was 45s. At the solicitation of the Prince of Wales, return artisan third-class tickets were issued from Bradford to London for parties of 20 at 36s. each, by certificates

from employers that they were real artisans. The lowest second-class fare from Bradford to Paris was £4 9s. All their arrangements for Paris were with the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.

Edward Smith, printer, 48, Paul Street, Finsbury, said that in the middle of last month the prisoner called on him for an estimate for printing circulars, memorandums and tickets. Witness thought that he was connected with Thomas Cook & Sons, and eventually he printed the circulars and other things produced. On the 30th March he paid 10s. deposit, and a few days before 4s. When the detective officer called on the 30th, he handed him all the printed circulars and tickets. During one of his visits he showed witness a letter purporting to come from some one in the country to him asking for explanation as to the hotel accommodation, and whether it was the same as 1866. Witness therefore thought he was dealing with Thomas Cook & Son.

Mr. W. H. Hatton, proprietor of the *Bradford Chronicle* and *Mail*, said that in the middle of last month he received a letter from Thomas Cook, 14 Curtis street, Lambeth, enclosing an advertisement respecting excursions to Paris and back from Bradford. First-class, £1 10s.; second, £1 5s.; and third-class, £1. Family tickets for four persons, first £5 5s., second, £4 7s. 6d., and third, £3 10s., during the Paris Exhibition. The letter offered them a first-class family transferable ticket for the prominent insertion of the advertisement. Believing that it emanated from Thomas Cook & Son, he inserted the advertisement and a paragraph, but declined the "family ticket," or anything except the usual terms. One of the letters he received from Thomas Cook set forth that the hotel expenses would be 25s. a week.

Mr. Benson asked if he received the "family ticket."

Witness replied in the affirmative. The hotel coupons were promised him, but he never received them.

Robert Mitchell, Secretary to the Youths' Christian Institute, 48, Long Acre, said that in 1876 the prisoner was apprenticed to a printer from the Boys' Home, in the name of John Thomson. He joined their institute in May, 1876, but still lodged in the Boys' Home in Castle Street. While with them he dealt in Foreign Postage Stamps, and had circulars issued, and on that coming to the knowledge of the committee he left there five months ago. Witness added that he was informed that the prisoner traded as Lincoln & Co., but he only knew him as Thompson.

Edward New, No 2, Fairfax Court, Strand, said he knew the prisoner on joining the "Youth's Christian Institute," in May, 1876. He only knew him as John Thomson and "Yankee."

Sarah Ella Cook, the wife of Robert Cook, 21, Kenton Street, Brunswick Square, said that in September, 1876, the prisoner hired a bedroom at 4s. a week. He said he was a compositor, and that his name was Thompson. After he had been with her a month he asked her to receive letters for Messrs. Lincoln & Co. for him. She did so up till the time he left in January, 1877. The detectives came and inquired about the letters, and when she saw him she told him people had called about his receiving foreign stamps and not returning the money for them. He made no answer to that.

Mr. Besley here said that the post office order from Prince was sent by Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons' agents at Bradford, to detect the swindler, as they had received so many communications from the country respecting these advertisements. It would be shown on another occasion that the prisoner had gone by several fictitious names, and for a long time had carried on an artful system of plunder. He had answered advertisements in the *Exchange and Mart* and had obtained watches and valuable jewellery which he had converted to his own use, and, as his worship had been informed by the witness, he had obtained foreign postage stamps by the same means, under the name of Lincoln & Co. Some of the jewellery he had obtained by offering in exchange Cook's tourist tickets to Paris during the Exhibition, and on a future day he should produce evidence to that effect, and that they were the same tickets he had forwarded to Mr. Benson and others. They were of course worthless, but Messrs. Cook & Sons felt it their duty to bring the whole subject forward on public grounds.

The prisoner admitted sending the advertisements and the tickets, but he did not forward any hotel coupons.

Mr. Besley here asked for a further remand, to enable Sergeant Mitchell, of the City Police, to produce evidence of the other frauds, when Mr. Benson remanded the prisoner until Saturday next.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

Our readers will see in another part of this Journal, that J. Thomson alias Smith, Lincoln & Co., G. Washington, etc., will meet with his deserts. That such a bare-faced impudent swindler should have been allowed to be at large such a time surprises

our conception. We had thought at one time to have got the money from him, but now we have, and our friends must give up all thought of it. We have rendered all the information we know of to the police, and they have turned it to good account.

Respecting the West End Swindle, the following firms have given in their names as intending prosecutors:—Messrs. Whitfield, King, & Co., A. F. Clarke, and J. Reed. We trust others will soon do the same. We should think a prosecution—the expenses of which were shared between nine or twelve—would come to a very little, and would well repay all who undertook it. We should propose that those prosecuting should appoint one of themselves as chief prosecutor, to see into the matter, and we would hand over all documents, etc., and make the way clear for him.

Mr. J. Ellis of 1, Montague Place, Forest Hill, writes that he is willing to give 2/6 to go to a reward for the apprehension of Black Duke of Worthing, the reward will now be 12/6. Cannot any reader give us information respecting him, or any of the gentry?

FORGERIES.

Our attention last month was drawn to forgers in Liverpool, a town getting noted for them. This month we received complaints about them at Southport.—A person advertises in "Bazaar" stamps valued at about 30/- for 1/1, the address given is D. Sloan, 31, Sussex Road, Southport, and when written to for them, as a matter of course, sends forgeries. How people can be swindled in such a stupid way surpasses our comprehension. Mr. Sloane sends at same time a printed list or two of their packets, also "great bargains." We note, however, his name and address is not printed thereon, but only written, this seems to imply, to our mind, that he is the habit of moving from place to place, offering these bargains."

We again warn our readers against these "great bargains," and delusive advertisements.

It must be understood by all that the residents at the below addresses are all highly respectable people, being in most instances either tobacconists or news-agents.

WANTED.

C. Benson, 15, Duke St., W. Smithfield.
Swindled F. W. Jones. A. J. Reed, 5/11.
S. Golder, 30/3.

F. Bland, 238, Euston Road, N.W.
Swindled A. J. Reed, 1/-. F. Dransfield,
11/8. C. W. Cook, 15/4. Whitfield King

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SOMETHING ABOUT THE STAMPS OF INDIA.

By "*Graphicos*."
 (Continued.)

Cashmere is a province of Hindostan, subject to the King of Candahar, or Sultan of the Afghans, and is situated in the extreme north-west of India. It is a broad elevated valley 90 miles long and 50 broad, surrounded by steep mountains.

The country is subject to earthquakes, and to guard against them, all the houses are built of wood. Among other curious manufactures of Cashmere is that of shawls, which are made of the wool of a species of goat which is found in this country and in the adjoining Tibet. The inhabitants have a language of their own, said to be anterior to that of the Sanscrit. The capital of Cashmere is *Serinaghur*. The area is about 25,000 square miles; while the population is about 750,000. Cashmere was granted to Gholab Sing, father of the present Maharajah, Runbir Sing, by Lord Hardinge after the first Punjab war.

Postage Stamps: 1865-6. Circular, laid paper. In centre a Lotus-leaf enclosing denomination of value, surrounded by inscription in oriental characters, 1 anna black, blue. $\frac{1}{4}$ rupee (=3 annas), vermilion, bright blue, purple black, black. $\frac{1}{2}$ rupee (=12 annas) black, green. N.B. The value is in the centre of the Stamp. It is indicated in the 1 anna by a dash below a crescent; in the $\frac{1}{4}$ rupee by a dash alone; and in the $\frac{1}{2}$ rupee by three dashes. These are the first stamps that were issued by a native Indian potentate, and were in use about a year. The $\frac{1}{4}$ rupee, black and blue, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ rupee,

green, are very rare, as are also the others.

1866-7. Value and date of issue in central disc, surrounded by an oval frame, filled with oriental inscriptions and representation of the lotus leaf. Rectangular. $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, black; $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, blue; 1 anna, red, orange red; 2 annas, yellow, (two shades); 4 annas, green (2 shades); 8 annas, carmine, vermilion. N.B. There are at least four different shades of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna blue, and 7 shades of the 1 anna.

There are also locals for *Surinaghur* and for *Travancore*.

Serinaghur is the capital of *Cashmere*. "It contains many fountains, reservoirs, and temples," says an old *Gazetteer*. The streets are narrow and dirty. The houses many of them two and three stories high, are slightly built of brick and mortar with a very large intermixture of timber; and on the roof is laid a covering of fine earth, which is planted with a variety of flowers. The city is without walls, and is situated on both sides of the *Chelum*. There are two postage-stamps; (similar to the second type described above) issued in 1867, namely, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, and 1 anna, blue.

Travancore is a province of Hindostan extending along the coast of Malabar from Cape Comorin to the province of Cochin; its size is 6,730 square miles, its population is 2,311,380; while its revenue is about £441,000. It is governed by a Maharajah. Capital *Travancore*, an ancient town, surrounded by strong fortifications.

Postage-stamps, similar to those of *Serinaghur* $\frac{1}{2}$ anna vermilion; 1 anna, brownish yellow, vermilion, and red.

I was going to say something about

the stamps and country of *Cabul*, but I must wait till the next paper, and close this with *Alwar*.

Alwar is an ancient Indian independent district, containing nearly 80,000 inhabitants. The type of the stamps is as follows: a transverse oblong containing a sort of Indian poinard called a *Kandjar* turned to the right, with inscriptions above and below. I hear that specimens of the *Kandjar* are to be found in the South Kensington Museum. values: $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, blue, and 1 anna, brown. There is also a post-card (they are quite civilized, you see) $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, circular, red on white. In the central circle are characters resembling the Arabic; around are the same as on the adhesives. I believe the characters are called *Devanagri*.

(To be continued.)

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A SERIES OF SHORT PAPERS ON THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

BY W. H. EARL.

Having giving as clearly and correctly as the means at my command would allow, a short History of the First Postage Stamps. I now with the readers permission, will pass on to the next one issued by any country which is the Two-penny Blue of Great Britain, without white lines.

As we saw by the official notice issued to all Postmasters on the 29th April, 1840, the two-penny stamp was not then ready for issue to the public. The following July, however, it made its appearance, being in every respect except value and color identical with its predecessor the penny. By taking proofs of the penny, the color was decided upon viz. Blue, which it has kept down to the present time.

Before sheets of stamps are printed for issue, it is usual to take off from the plate one or more impressions on ordinary paper or cardboard, using inks of different colors from those which the stamps are to be issued for general use in, so as to know for certain that the plates are in a condition to print from, that none but perfect stamps may be issued. These impressions are called proofs, and being the first taken from the plates, are invariably very fine specimens of printing.

At the latter part of 1840, or early in 1841, this stamp was superseded by another, the same color, but with the addition of white

horizontal lines above and below the head, which in a small degree improved its appearance. Moens, who is a good authority gives March as the date of this change. Proofs exist of this stamp before the addition of letters in the lower angles.

In 1850, along with the penny red, it was perforated. In 1854, a large crown was used in the watermark. Letters appeared in all four angles in 1858. Since then, no alteration in design has taken place, except the insertion of the minute plate numbers up the sides.

(To be continued.)

*To the Editor of the English Journal of
Philately.*

Sir,

Having appeared lately in the market a lot of Don Carlos envelopes, which no doubt are forgeries, Mr. Moens in his Magazine, *Le Timbre Post*, No. 183, not only condemned this envelope but still goes farther to condemn the genuine ones sold nearly two years ago, the person who sold the envelopes two years ago has given Mr. Moens the following answer, and in case he would not put it in his Journal I send you a copy and will thank you to do so in yours; I may say that I am perfectly satisfied those envelopes sold two years ago to be genuine, and those just in the market, which no doubt are forgeries, come from Messrs. Grosso Brother & Co., Amargura 11, Cadiz.

Yours truly,

Y.

Translation,

Madrid, 22 March, 1878.

Mr. Moens,

Dear Sir,

Having seen the article published by you in your esteemed Journal, *Le Timbre Post*, No. 183, under the title of the stamps "of 3 cuartos Don Carlos," I cannot do less than to address myself to you with the object of clearing the mistaken conceptions you show in the above article, and to bring to light the undoubted genuineness of the stamps of Cantavieja.

The said stamps differ much from those that they have lately begun to sell by entire envelope and in parcels as you manifest in your paper, I have obtained one of these last, thanks to the kindness of a collector and correspondent in London, but my dear sir, what a difference there exists between these and those of Cantavieja!!

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Height of the letter R in "Tres cuartos,"					
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Stamps which are sold in packet of envelopes.

Length	-	0	0	28	m.m.
Width	-	0	0	15	"
Height of the letter R in "Tres cuartos,"					
1½ m.m.					

You must please bear in mind that these inequalities they differ in the word Don Carlos septimo, the printing in the forgery is much larger than in the genuine one, the two o's in Correo are smaller than the letter that compose the above word in the genuine, being thus that the letters in the forgery are all of equal size.

The title of "Rey de las Espanas" is also different, you will observe also that the mark N is in the forgery one proportioned in size to the letter, whereas, in the genuine it reaches to the A that precedes it, and lastly, the stamps of Cantevieja are stamped with printer's ink and those Mr. Moens refer are lithographed.

From what has been shown it will be perceived that these two stamps are not equal and that the second, at least, is a bad copy of the first.

You say that the stamps of Collado and Villahermosa are one and the same thing, this is very natural since both were made by the same die, and the person who sent you yours is the same that gave me mine, only I thought through a mistake on his part, that they were found in el Collado, whereas, it was in Villahermosa.

As to the impossibility of that History and miraculous discovery which you mention, I have already told you the reasons that led me to believe it.

Notwithstanding that this person gave me right to suspect him, as everybody praises his own goods, all these doubts were dissipated when heard from people I could trust, and on their showing me documents which I could also trust.

I cannot now bring to light all the facts, but the time will come when I shall be able to throw all the light upon them that is necessary.

Meanwhile, if Mr. Moens possesses any more explicit proof on the question, than those I have mentioned, I beg of him not to delay showing them, because I have no interest whatever in keeping them back.

You say that none of these stamps has the

Commandants marks, naturally so, since they bore sufficient mark to facilitate their circulation.

The stamps of the commandant was only used for official documents, and for the transmission of the orders between the columns. The service of the mails was quite foreign to that of Madrid.

Has Mr. Moens seen any of these stamps among those of the world and of Catalonia? for my part, I have not.

By the foregoing, it will be seen that the arguments of Mr. Moens against this stamp have no ground, and it only shews that there exist a forgery which has been abundantly given to the public, and with envelopes entire free from all handwriting.

Let collectors compare these last with those of Cantavieja, and keep them so as to show one day their authenticity. I beg you to publish this in your periodical if you think it convenient.

Believe me, Yours truly,
LEOPOLDO LOPEZ.

Barndon Hill, Perth.
Western Australia.

To the Editor of
The English Journal of Philately.

Sir,

I have received the three numbers of the above Journal, and thanks for so kindly sending them. I am sure that the same, if conducted in a proper manner will be of great success to foreign stamp collectors.

In the meantime wishing it every prosperity, and the numbers which I have already received meet with my best approval.

I beg to remain,
Yours faithfully,
F. J. E. VICTOR.

We have received the Bulletin of the New York Philatelic Society, and we are much pleased with the appearance of it, of the contents we especially note, the opening address of their president, Mr. J. J. Casey—Want of space, however, has compelled us to delay our remarks till the next number.

In consequence of the dissolution in partnership, the Directory advertised to appear on the 31st May next, will not appear until the 30th June. Advertisers will do well, however, to send in their advertisements without delay, the charges for which are very moderate: £1 whole page, 12/- half page, 6/- quarter page; in all cases payment to be made when the advertisement appears.

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We intend publishing on the 31st May, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page.

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EDWARD WEBBER,
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April 1st, 1878.

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STAMP JOURNAL.—We should be glad to hear from you respecting our advert.

RICHEY, BELL & Co.—The books received, but go very slowly.

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To The Manager,

Dear Sir,

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Yours, A. F. CLARKE,

Kirton Lindsey, Linc's, 3/4/78.

[We should be pleased to devote one column to receiving and answering queries, all we want now, is for someone to make a commencement. We would make no charge

whatever, and would prefer real name and address being given. All answers must go through the Journal for the benefit of our readers. *Editor.*]

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REVIEWS.

Messrs. Thomas Ridpath & Co., of Seels Buildings, 4, Church Street, Liverpool, have kindly favored us with a copy of their monthly catalogue. We have looked carefully into it, and find that all the new issues of stamps, postcards, and envelopes are chronicled up to the present time, the catalogue is printed on fine stout paper, and very neatly and tastily compiled. We greatly appreciate their endeavours to put before collectors a really good catalogue, and have no hesitation in saying they have succeeded, and we are sure it will be regarded as equal to, if not better than any we have seen. At same time they forwarded a wholesale list, the prices of which as well as those of the catalogue compare very favorably with those of other dealers.

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FRENCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Paris, 31st January, 1878.

Sir,

The SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE TIMBROLOGIE, which I have the honor of presiding, adopted at its sitting of the 6th of December last, the following resolution which I have pleasure in bringing to your notice.

PRIZES OFFERED BY THE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1—The Society will, every year, distribute prizes for the best memoirs and works submitted to it by their authors, and this under the following conditions:

1st COMPETITION.

ART. 2—A Silver-Gilt Medal, a Silver Medal, besides bronze Medals and honorable mentions will be disposable as rewards to the authors of the best unpublished papers sent into the Society, on subjects chosen by the competitors themselves.

ART. 3—Absolute secrecy must be observed with regard to the names of the writers till the reward is made, under pain of exclusion.

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2nd COMPETITION.

ART 5—A Silver-Gilt Medal, a Silver Medal, besides Bronze Medals, and honourable mentions will be disposable as rewards to the authors of the best essays or papers whether previously published or not.

ART. 6—To this competition will be admitted papers addressed to the society by the authors themselves, also those to which the attention of the society may have been called by any member of it.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

ART 7—The papers which are to be, if possible, in French, or in some other European language, must be sent on or before the first of September in each year to the Secretary of the Association.

ART. 8—The Society will appoint at its September meeting, a committee of four members to examine and report upon the papers of both competitions, to designate those worthy of a reward, and to determine the nature of the distinction to be awarded in each case.

ART. 9—The names of the successful candidates will be announced at the meeting in December.

ART. 10—The papers that have obtained prizes will be made known in the Bulletin, with the names of their authors.

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Monsieur Bouchez, (Treasurer and Assistant Secretary,) 33, Faubourg-Saint-Honore, Paris.

Yours respectfully,

The President of the Societe Francaise de
Timbrologie,
Baron ARTHUR DE ROTHCHILD.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We must inform our numerous readers that John Thompson, alias T. Cook, L. Smith, G. Washington, Lincoln & Co., and various other names, was sentenced at the Old Bailey Sessions to five years penal servitude, for defrauding various persons with sham tourist tickets, of watches, stamps and other property.

We have received no further names as intending prosecutors in the West End swindle, we again ask, are there any other firms who intend prosecuting?

FORGERIES.

Most of our readers will no doubt have noticed that paragraph in the "Bazaar" relating to forged stamps, all those who in future wish to advertise their stamps must have a reference from their doctor, minister, or lawyer, this is done so as to prevent dealing in forgeries. However admirable these fresh rules may appear to some, to us, they seem to weigh very heavy on the majority of collectors, and in this respect, an amateur who has a few hundred duplicates to exchange or sell, must needs canvass either his minister, doctor, or lawyer, to give him a character, he must then fully explain the mysteries of the labels, and then the gentleman will have a visit from one of staff of the paper, all this trouble must be taken before advertising a few stamps, we know some already who have intimated their intention not to advertise until this rule is rescinded, as the amount of trouble is not worth the stamps. The management of the Bazaar are very careful in excluding "trade" advertisements, we should think if they looked well over advertisements before inserting, they could easily pick out the forgeries, as anyone must know thirty shillingsworth of genuine stamps cannot be sold for either sevenpence or one shilling and one penny.

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Grenada, 1d. green	0	7	4	6		
„ 6d.	1	0	7	6		
„ 1d.	1	0	6	6		
Hong Kong, mixed			4	0		
Newfoundland, mixed	0	8	5	0		
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SOMETHING ABOUT THE STAMPS OF INDIA.

By "Graphics."

(Conclusion.)

IT is far from easy to understand the stamps of *Cabul*, owing to the disorganized state of the post-office in that country.

Indeed I ought not strictly to include *Cabul* in this paper, for it is situated between Persia and India proper, and has nothing to do with the later; but as I promised last month to say something about it, I must not now leave it out.

Afghanistan is divided in 3 powerful States, *Cabul* in the N.E., *Candahar* in the centre, and *Herat* in the N.W.; there are other States in Afghanistan, as *Sewestan* and *Seistan*, but they are not so important.

Cabul, *Candahar*, and *Herat*, owe their supremacy to the military importance of their capitals, which are of the same name as the provinces in which they are situated. The town of *Cabul* was besieged by the British in 1839 and 1842. A short account of the war may be interesting.

In 1839, Afghanistan was conquered by the English troops under Sir John Keane, and a body of British soldiers was left in the country; but in 1841, there was a general rising of the Afghans. The British troops were treacherously attacked and cut off by the Afghans. But *Jellalabad*, a fortress of some importance, on the river *Cabool*, was held by General Sale; and in the spring of 1842, fresh troops arrived from India, and reconquered the whole country.

Among the objects of antiquarian interest in this country may be noticed the 2 colossal statues cut out of the face of a rock near *Bamean*; the cave dwelling in

the same neighbourhood, and the topes in the *Cabool Valley*, the tomb of *Baber* near *Cabul*, and the gates of the temple of the idol *Somnauth* in *Gujerat*.

The Afghans call themselves *Poosh-tauneh*, and profess to be descended from a son of *Saul*, King of *Israel*.

Area of *Cabul*, 258,000 square miles.

Population, 5,120,000.

Ruler, *Sher Ali*.

Postage stamps. 1871. Square. Tiger's head in centre, with value above. Inscription around which reads: "Due of the Post-house of the Capital, *Cabul*." Thick white laid paper. 1 anna or *shafee* black; 2 annas or *suneer*, black; and 4 annas or 3 *abasee*, black. The date on these stamps is 1288, A.H.=A.D., 1871. Issue of 1872. Diamond shape. Tiger's head in centre with value below; the inscription is the same as the last; thin tinted paper. 8 annas or 6 *shahees* chocolate; 1 rupee chocolate. The date on these stamps is 1289=A.D., 1872. Issue of 1874. Circular. Tiger's head in centre; inscription circumscribed. 1 *shahee*, black; 4, 8, and 16 *shahees*, also black. Date, 1291, A.H.=A.D., 1874. Issue of 1876. Circular. Tiger's head in centre; inscription circumscribed. 1, 2, and 4 *shahees*, black; 8 *shadees* black, and also lilac; and 1 rupee, lilac. The date on these stamps is 1293, A.H.=A.D., 1876.

I forgot to mention the issue of 1875, 2 *shahees* lilac, black; and 4 *shahees* lilac-brown. I cannot understand why it is that the device on these stamps is generally supposed to be a "cat's face!"

It is really meant to represent a tiger's head for this reason: *Sher Ali*, an Eastern potentak, decreed the issue of the stamps; and *Sher* in *Pushtu*, the language of the Afghans, means tiger.

Bhopal lies on each side of the Vindhya range, in the Presidency of Bengal, of which it is a dependent State. Area, 7,000 square miles. Population, 769,000. Revenue, £240,000. Ruler, Mawab Shah Jahar Becam. Capital Bhopal. Issue of 1872. Large octagon, with corner ornaments, and an external frame, and so square: inscription, *Mawab Shah Jahar Becam*, which encloses an assortment of lines and rings, which have no apparent connection with each other. Value $\frac{1}{4}$ anna black, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna dark red. There are several varieties of the latter type. The characters in the centre of the stamps are, by the by, in white relief.

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NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 74.)

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. Various Heads:
16 cents green 24 cents dark blue
20 light blue 25 lake.

BARBADOES.—The three-penny is now pale mauve.

A correspondent has seen the provisional five shilling, perforated down the centre to form two stamps and each half surcharged—

One
Penny.

BELGIAN.—We have heard of newsbands, small oval stamp figure, of value in centre, "Postes" "Belgique" on either side, "Centime" below, and a crown above, green 1, brown 5, not issued to public yet.

FIGI.—Same design, fourpenny mauve.

GREAT BRITAIN.—A correspondent writes to say he has one of the penny red stamps with "V.R." below the head. We should like to see it and have further particulars.

GRIQUALAND.—We find the new surcharged much smaller than usual. In the case of the penny we find some inverted, in two types, one italic and one roman.

GUATEMALIA.—We have seen 4 reales, licac, 1 peso orange.

HONDURAS.—There are a new set. In a profile to left is the head of General Morazon the President, the values are: 1 centavo purple, 2 centavo brown, $\frac{1}{2}$ real black, 1 real green, 2 reales blue, 4 reales vermilion, 1 peso orange.

JAPAN.—The colors and values of the cards are:

3 cent olive green

5 cent emerald green

6 ,, brick red

NATAL.—We hear of three new stamps—the threepenny and sixpenny yellow, same shape—fourpenny red brown, six cornered frame in a rectangular shape stamp.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Three new values:

2 cents pe peso blue

25 mils ,, ,, black

125 ,, ,, ,, blue

QUEENSLAND.—A new one shilling brown

RUSSIA.—More War news in the way of war envelope—small thin paper, hand stamped, Geneva cross in circle, on left hand "For Russian service." The same stamped in both corners for Foreign service.

SPAIN.—There is a new post card, 5 cents orange.

VICTORIA.—A new penny on yellow paper.

WURTEMBERG.—The news-bands are now printed in *green* on white, with change of border.

New Proprietary Stamps.

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Reed & Thomsom, 1c black on white.

MEDICINES.

C. B. Woodworth & Co. 2c blue on white.
Centaur Co., 1c vermilion on pink.
Wright, 1c green on pink.
Barry (proprietary) 2c green on pink.
C. B. Woodworth & Son, 1c green on pink.
R. V. Pierce, 1c green on pink.

CARDS.

Victor E. Manger & Petrie, 5c blue on pink.

Monthly Stamp Circular.

(To be continued.)

Brussels, 24th May, 1878.

Sir,

I find in the May issue of your paper, a letter from M. L. Lopez, which refers to Don Carlos's 3 cuarto stamps, and which has already appeared in the "Timbre poste," edited by me. As it is but fair that your readers should know my reply to this communication, I now beg to sum it up in a few lines, thinking that you will have no objection to inserting it.

In July 1875, I gave a drawing of the 3 cuarto stamp from a specimen sent to me by

one of my correspondents who had found the hand printing stamp used at Villahemosa, at the time when that town was taken by the Government troops to which my correspondent belonged. As he did not know the official colour of the Carlist stamp, my correspondent being desirous of securing a copy, made use of blue ink at all hazard, and I stated the fact in my paper. Now the imprint was as bad as possible, as it had been obtained by means of a hand stamp, and in consequence of this, my engraving reproduced it incorrectly. Instead of copying the arms on a ground lined horizontally, he did so on a plain ground; the angles outside the circle instead of having flowers were plain; the S in cuartos instead of touching the frame was 1 m/m from it, the external shading of the frame, instead of being cut slanting at the ends, was in a straight line with the frame.

Two years later, Mr. Lopez sent me some 3 cuarto stamps with the remark that all the Carlist commanders had hand stamps separately engraved, hence the difference between his stamps which came from Cantavieja, and mine which came from Villahemosa. I had no reason to doubt this, and I believed M. Lopez. But the Villahemosa stamp having been again communicated to me, I was struck with the difference existing between it and M. Lopez's stamp. I compared the latter with my drawing, and I obtained the result which has been indicated to you. Now I ask whether it is possible that my engraver should have made all the mistakes I have enumerated, and which, two years later, are reproduced without a single exception in the so-called Cantavieja stamp. Even the chance blue color is that of the Cantavieja stamp.

M. Lopez has prudently said nothing of the difference in drawing which I have pointed out. He is careful to speak only of the imitation published in Cadiz. But if there are counterfeits of his imitation, that does not prove that his stamp has not a suspicious origin.

I remain, etc.,

J. B. MOENS.

P.O. Box 1698, New York.

Feb. 18th, 1878.

To the Editor of

The English Journal of Philately.

Sir,—In the November number of your paper you reproduced an article from 'The Stamp Journal of New York,' in which occurred the following statement: 'One of its most important productions will be its

'Reference List of Postal Cards,' in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. R. R. Bogert. This gentleman has stuck faithfully to his work, and we are sure he will not make such a use of it as did the late Vice-President, Mr. Coster, to whom the matter was originally entrusted, and who it may be interesting to know, betrayed his trust by publishing what had been prepared for the Society, after he had been instructed that this matter was the Society's, not his.'

In a letter which you publish in your January number, Mr. Coster calls this "a simple and deliberate mis-statement of facts."

The portion of this article which pinched this ubiquitous Coster so much, was based upon a statement made to me by Mr. R. R. Bogert, Secretary of the Society, immediately after the appearance of Mr. Coster's usufructuary list, published after he withdrew from the Society. This statement was to the effect that Mr. Coster had taken advantage of certain information furnished by Mr. Bogert and others to Mr. Coster in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee having the matter in preparation for the Society. This information consisted of descriptions of varieties of postal cards, until then absolutely unknown to Mr. Coster, and important suggestions made by Mr. Bogert, 'let the galled jade wince,' etc.

So far as the recognition of any 'equity'—some of your legal friends will explain the appositeness of this term—the Society acted most forcibly, in that it decreed by a most decided vote, that the right to any matter ordered by the Society, and intrusted to any individual member, in Committee, should be vested absolutely in the Society as a whole—and this one month before Mr. Coster's withdrawal.

As to the mud throwing feature of the letter, let it pass.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph J. Casey,

Editor "The Stamp Journal."

I consequence of the dissolution in partnership, the Directory advertised to appear on the 31st May next, will not appear until the 30th July. Advertisers will do well, however, to send in their advertisements without delay, the charges for which are very moderate; £1 whole page, 12/- half page, 6/- quarter page; in all cases payment to be made when the advertisement appears.

The English Journal of Philately.

15th JUNE, 1878.

Editor, J. HULBERT. Manager, J. D. HAMLYN.

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H. Styles, Fishmonger Alley, Fenchurch Street.
E. Fernley, 28, Seething Lane, E.C.
J. Berry, 10, Leadenhall Market, E.C.
J. F. Todhunter, 64, (late 22) Gresham St., Bank.
Lawless, Philpot Lane.
R. Phipps, London Street, Mark Lane, E.C.
Mrs. Jones, 20, Boundary Place, Liverpool.
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W. Spalding, 37, Westgate Street, Ipswich.
F. Golding, 11, Minster Street, Reading.
Richey, Bell & Co., P.O. Box, 50, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The International Directories may be obtained of Messrs. Jones, Todhunter, Fernley, and Nunn.—Price One Shilling.

NOTICE.

We intend publishing on the 31st July, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page.

NOTICE.

To avoid further trouble and to save further correspondence, I beg to inform all Philatelists that this paper is printed on the 15th of each month, and procurable at my agents on the next day.

J. D. HAMLYN.

OUR DIRECTORY.

We again beg to draw the attention of all dealers to the British and Colonial Stamp Directory. We have made arrangements for its publication at the end of July; this will give plenty of time for those to send in their advertisements who have not yet done so. The rates are very low; the circulation will be really immense, a great number of copies being already booked. Dealers and collectors, the latter especially, are requested to forward their *full* names and addresses without delay. No charge whatever will be made for inserting them. Colonial addresses are especially required.

Very latest time for receiving advertisements and addresses will be July 12th.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. E. Island Stamp Co.—We intend placing our debt in other hands.

M. KITTOSOFKI.—Please forward amount due to us, £8 : 5 : 3.

R. J. WILMETT, formerly in Basinghall Street.—Please write us.

L. TISSE, formerly in Gracechurch Street.—Please write us at once.

H. CRANE, 26, Queens Road, Liverpool.—We advise you to return our sheet at once.

LIPFETT D. DEVON.—Please send us 1/- owing.

H. HOWARD, Winchester.—Mr. Bogert, New York, wishes to hear from you.

S. S. B., Hackney.—Mr. Bogert wishes to hear from you.

H. D. HENDERSON, Gloucester.—Mr. Bogert wishes to hear from you.

RICHEY, BELL & Co.—The books received, but go very slowly.

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

To The Manager,

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask you if you could spare a little room in the English Journal of Philately, to head a column for Querists, thus enabling subscribers to obtain information on subjects connected with Philately, by way of questions

which might be answered through the Paper, or by letters through the Editor if a number was attached to each Query, and the address of the person be given for Editor's use, for which of course a nominal charge could be made.

If you could arrange for something of this kind, I think it would be a great boon to subscribers, and I should think it would be the means of increasing the sale of your valuable Paper. I shall be glad if you will give the above your kind consideration, and kindly let me know what you think of my proposal.

Yours, A. F. CLARKE,

Kirton Lindsey, Linc's, 3/4/78.

[We should be pleased to devote one column to receiving and answering queries, all we want now, is for someone to make a commencement. We would make no charge whatever, and would prefer real name and address being given. All answers must go through the Journal for the benefit of our readers. *Editor.*]

*To the Editor of the
English Journal of Philately.*

SIR,

Can you inform me the address of the German Philatelic Society, or the address of its President? By so doing you would greatly oblige,
Truly Yours, F.A.M.

[We should think you could find them in the "*Algemeiner Briefmarken Anzeiger*," published twice a month in Hamburg, if not, write to the Manager of that paper. Ed.]

*To the Editor of the
English Journal of Philately.*

SIR,

I have a quantity of unused Foreign stamps which I wish to dispose of. Can you inform me of any place where I could dispose of them?"

[The only place we know of is a shop at the corner of Gracechurch St. and Fenchurch St., but we believe that they have now discontinued doing so.—Ed.]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

The May meeting was held on the 13th at 133, Pearl St. The stamps of Antigua were then examined and the Secretary presented a list of same. The executive Committee proposed for consideration at the June meeting, the Postal Issues of Japan. Mr. Jamason exhibited some fine proofs in various colors of Costa Rica, Nicaragua,

Mexico, Sandwich Is., Canada, Nova Scotia, New Foundland and New Brunswick, and Mr. Bogert exhibited the new set of Honduras, and Heligoland newsband 10 pf., blue. Adjourned at 9.30.

R. B. Bogert (*Secretary.*)

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We have nothing more to report in regard to the west end swindle; no more names have come in, but yet we trust to hear further from several parties soon. Dealers cannot expect us—yet one firm does—to take proceedings against these young scamps, and bear all the expense and trouble ourselves—we can assure all, that we have had great trouble, and been put to great expense in finding them out. Having done so, we think it is only right the affair should be speedily settled by those who have been victimized. We firmly believe they are starting the same "game" again, so dealers, beware. On receipt of a stamp directed enveloped, we will forward the names and full addresses of the boys parents. We cannot do anything further, and do not intend spending, or rather, throwing away any more money or time on this case.

FORGERIES.

The management of the "Bazaar" have very wisely cancelled that rule as to advertising genuine stamps.

They now admit that advertisements of forgeries are easily detected. We always said so. We purchased in the City a few days ago at a stamp shop, what we thought to be genuine Griqualand, some pennies and sixpences, but on looking at them closer, came to the conclusion they were forgeries, and for these reasons, that the "G"s were above the postmark, and they were surcharged in red ink, not black, as is always the case in the lower values.

We are perfectly aware out of which book they came, and should advise that gentleman (?) to be more careful, or we will assuredly give him a free advertisement in this Journal. Dealers, beware of these forgeries, we hear of a number of them being about in the City.

It must be understood by all that the residents at the below addresses are all highly respectable people, being in most instances either tobacconists or news-agents.

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Blake Duke, Worthing, swindled W. King, 7/3. Rippon, 7/- Dodson, 23/4. J. Ellis.

C. Sawyer, 5, Crystal Palace Rd., Dulwich. Swindled, Andrew 7/4. Hemming, 5/1. Monks, 22/7. Fawcett, 12/9. Golder, 1/8, W. King, 9/6. Benson, 3/-, and R. Lamb.

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will be given to any person not being the offender, who shall give such information as will cause the recovery of the stamps, or the apprehension of either Benson, Bland, Eldrid, Taylor, Bennett, Hutchings, Neal, Duke, Houlston, and Tysoe. All communications will be treated strictly confidential.

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I have just received a small parcel of well mixed European Stamps, and can offer them at the very reduced price of 1/- per 1,000, post free,—7/6 for 10,000. These prices are very low as compared with the quality of the stamps.—Cannot sell in any larger quantity as I have only a small stock.—All orders in rotation.—Write soon.

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Notice to Foreign and Colonial Stamp Dealers.

We respectfully inform the Trade that in consequence of our increasing business, we find it impossible to devote to letters of enquiry that attention we consider due to them. We are at all times open to receive lists, &c., and thank those correspondents who have from time to time offered us their Stamps. It will be readily understood, that putting aside the cost of postage, we cannot find time to reply to every letter. We wish it to be known to dealers that we desire to increase our stock by the addition of all kinds of rare postage and Revenue Stamps, new and old issues, and that we do a large exchange trade at lowest cash prices. Dealers wishing to open with us will greatly facilitate business by forwarding a parcel (any value) of the most useful Stamps they may have, and also a list of wants; we then arrange our Stamps that Dealers requiring special kinds may be supplied as we purchase, providing they give us an open order. The advantage of this system is acknowledged as we can purchase any Stamps offered us, and forward where they are required at lowest rates, either for cash or exchange. We have at present standing orders for Colonials, both postage and revenue, from a large number of dealers. We are therefore open to purchase large quantities of these Stamps, and are at all times glad to hear from Collectors respecting any good Stamps they may have in exchange for others, for their collection.

Dealers wishing to procure the rare varieties of Stamps of Great Britain, such as Law Indenture and Customs, should write at once, as orders are attended in rotation. Particular attention should be given by dealers to the list of wants, so that no loss of time may be caused by further enquiries.

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„ 6d. ...	1	9			Barbadoes set of 10	3 0 „
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„ Small figs. 30 & 60	0	9	5	0	Grenada set of 4	3 0 „
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„ 4, 6, & 12 cts.	1	0			Jamaica „ 7	2 0 „
„ Official 2cts. 1876	2	0	15	0	Newfoundland „ 6	2 6 „
„ Law Stamps, mixed,	2	0	14	0	Persia, Head „ 4	4 6 „
Canada Bill Stamps, mixed ...	0	3	1	3	Trinidad „ 5	1 9 „
„ Registered 2c. ...	0	3	1	6		
Ceylon, mixed ...				5		
Grenada, 1d. green ...	0	7	4	6		
„ 6d. ...	1	0	7	6		
„ 1d. ...	1	0	6	6		
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Newfoundland, mixed ...	0	8	5	0		
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A DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF THE STAMPS OF FRANCE.

By "*Hippolyte*."

THE first issue of the French series is remarkable for the originality of its design, viz. :—

Profile of Liberty to left in beaded circle, with spandrels of waved lines. Inscription on top. Répub. France. At bottom "postes" and value.

1849.

Colored impression on white. Rect. unperf. 20 c. black; 40 c. vermilion, dark orange; 1 f. vermilion, dark carmine.

1849.

Colored impression on brownish tinted paper. Rect. unperf. 20 c. black; 1 f. reddish brown.

1850.

Colored impression on white. Rect. unperf. 10 c. bistre, greenish bistre; 15 c. green, dark green; 25 c. pale blue, dark blue.

PRESIDENCY, 12th August, 1852.

Profile of Louis Napoleon to left in beaded circle, with spandrels of waved lines. Inscription on top Répub. France, at bottom "postes" and value. Colored impression on white. Rect. unperf. 10 c. bistre, 25 c. blue, pale blue.

All the above are rare in an unused state, but have reprinted.

EMPIRE.

Profile of Napoleon III. to left in beaded circle, with spandrels of waved lines. Inscription on top. Empire France. At bottom "postes" and value.

Colored impression on white. Unperf. rect.

1853.

10 c. cinnamon, deep bistre; 25 c. blue; 40 c. orange, brownish yellow; 1 f. carmine.

1854.

5 c. deep green; 20 c. dark blue, light blue, blue; 80 c. carmine, dark carmine.

1855.

Colored impression on greenish tinted paper. Unperf. rect. 20 c. dark blue.

1858.

Colored impression on blue tinted paper. Unperf. rect. 20 c. light blue.

1860.

Colored impression on white. Unperf. rect. 1 c. olive green; 5 c. light green; 40 c. rose.

1861.

Same as above, but perforated in large holes, by Messrs. Susse Thérés, at The Grand Hotel, Paris.

1 c. olive green; 5 c. green; 10 c. dark bistre; 20 c. light blue, blue; 40 c. vermilion; 20 c. rose.

Originals of the above are very scarce, but four or five years ago the original machine fell into the hands of some French Stamp dealer, who perforated a lot of the common issues, and the Stamps thus perforated can be bought in Paris at 2½d. each!

1862.

Same as above, but perforated 13½.
1 c. olive green; 5 c. green, yellow green; 10 c. citron; 20 c. pale blue, blue, deep blue; 40 c. vermilion, pale vermilion; 80 c. rose.

(To be continued).

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 82).

Many thanks to our several correspondents who have favored us with new issues. We trust they will not forget us in the future. We again repeat, we esteem it a special favor to be apprised of all new issues.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—

The 16 cents, green,
20 „ light blue,
24 „ dark „

are rouletted. The 25 cents, lake, are perforated.

FRANCE.—The 15 cents now is blue. We are informed of more new colors coming:

GRIQUALAND.—some of the small surcharge appear with double surcharge in black and red.

GUATEMALIA.—Up to the present we have

2 reales, rose
4 „ lilac
1 peso, orange,

PHILIPPINES ISLANDS.—The 25 cent de peso appear now with Habilitado 12 cent Pta. Spain. We hear of a new set to appear on the 1st of this month. One correspondent says "There will be 2, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, and 1, 4, and 10 pesetas, with the exception of the 5 orange and 20 black, the colors of the others I am uncertain of; type very much like the 1875 issue, lettering larger, and corners a Grecian pattern; engraver's name, Julia King; Alfonso with whiskers; no watermark; fine are cent de peseta, and two cent de peseta.

(To be continued.)

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

STATUTES.

*Revised and amended at the General Meeting,
held June 17th, 1876.*

(Continued from page 37.)

VI. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Art. 18. The Annual Subscription for Members proper, and for Corresponding members, amateurs and dealers, residing abroad, is *Ten Shillings*; for Corresponding members, amateurs and dealers, residing in the United Kingdom, *Six Shillings*.

Art. 19. The Subscription is paid on being admitted a member, and annually, on or before the 1st of January, always in advance.

Art. 20. On the 1st of March, the names of those members who have not paid their subscriptions for the ensuing year, will be erased from the Society's Books.

Art. 21. Members wishing to withdraw from the Society, must notify their intention to the Secretary and Treasurer, on or before the 1st of December.

Art. 22. All communications must be addressed to "*The Secretary and Treasurer, 272, Cornwall Road, Notting Hill, W.*," and should contain nothing whatever of a private nature.

Art. 23. Remittances by letter must be sent by P.O.O. payable to H. A. DE JOANNIS, at LADBROKE GROVE ROAD P. O., London, W., and addressed as above (Art. 22).

VII. MEETINGS.

Art. 24. Meetings are held in London, *always* on a Saturday, at such a date, time and place as the Committee may appoint.

Art. 25. The Meetings are presided over by the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President.

Art. 26. Should both the President and Vice-President be prevented from attending, the senior member of the Committee will take the Chair.

Art. 27. As soon as the Chair is taken, the Secretary and Treasurer is to read the minutes of the previous Meeting, as well as all communications he may have received on behalf of the Society.

Art. 28. The business appointed for the day is to be proceeded with, *without interruption*.

Art. 29. Any novelties are to be exhibited after the business of the Meeting is over.

Art. 30. Any Member of the Committee has a right, at any Meeting, to call upon the Secretary and Treasurer to produce at the following Meeting, both the book containing the copies of the letters written by him, and the account book showing what monies have been received and spent on behalf of the Society.

VIII. PUBLICATIONS.

Art. 31. Reports of the proceedings of the Society are published in an English Magazine, the name of which will be forwarded on application.

Art. 32. The Reference Lists of the stamps studied at the Meetings will be published from time to time by the Society in a separate form.

Art. 33. At the request of two Members of the Committee, and with the approval of a majority of the said Committee, any of the foregoing Articles may be suspended *pro tem*.

COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1877-78.

President:—SIR DANIEL COOPER, Bart.

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T. K. TAPLING, Esq.

Nota.—Copies of the Statutes may be had on application to the Secretary and Treasurer, 272, Cornwall Road, Notting Hill, W.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir,—This letter was sent to me to be put in an English Journal. Mr. Moens has not proved at all that these envelopes are forgeries, nor either can do so, the writer of these few lines has perfectly proof of their genuineness, but Mr. Lopez gives sufficient reason for secrecy at the present time. Y.

Madrid 10th June, 1878.

Sir,

I am sorry to be obliged to answer the notes with which you have commented my last letter, notwithstanding I promised not to occupy myself more about the 3 Cuartos Don Carlos.

I cannot pass in silence your remarks of calling my letter impertinent, after calling the stamps a patent fraud.

You say you will not publish any more writing till I present the proof of their genuineness.

You must have patience and wait till the History of the Civil War is published, and then you shall have the proof, and shall know also the organization and administration of the Carlist army; at present, these documents do not belong to the public, and we must content ourselves with the information given by those who made the war. In this department, the information which there is not the least doubt, the manner in which these stamps were issued, and which you still deny of lately.

It only remains for me to make another observation, if you doubted the genuineness of these stamps, why did you take six stamps on 6th June, 1877, and then write for another six? besides, where is the abundance of these stamps, abundance which would exist if they were forgeries.

No doubt, and the best you could do is to acknowledge that in the first moment you found Grosse's of Cadiz forgeries, you con-

found the falsification of the one with the other, and then wrote your article 183, and at present you feel both in acknowledging your fault, and then to give more strength to that article you return one envelope on 4th June, 1878!! as if in a year was not sufficient time to find the genuineness or falsification of the Stamps.

I will thank you to publish this letter.

Yours truly,

LEOPOLA LOPEZ.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

During the past month I have seen many novelties in the form of Revenue Stamps, among them being an oblong label affixed to a Canadian document. Blk. Imp. This certificate puts forth that certain weights received at the office of the Deputy Inspector of Weights and Measures for the Inspection Division of Toronto from the hand of a person whose name and address are given, not being in conformity with the regulations as per Act 36 Vic., cap. 47, the said weights have been rejected and defaced, and that the payable fee 30 cts. is attached for testing. The Stamp is divided into three parts, the top third being occupied with a crown on beautifully engraved ground. 30 cts. in bottom third, being surrounded by an elaborate border. The centre is left blank for the date and signature of the aforesaid Deputy Inspector, which is thereby bounded by the words—weights (at top) and measures (at bottom). The Stamps are not very remarkable as far as design is concerned, but the execution is as usual of the highest class.

—*Mulready*.

CYPRUS is at the present time engaging the attention of most Europeans, thrown into notice by being somewhat unexpectedly ceded to England. Spoken of so well by the press to-day, although hitherto rarely mentioned, leads one to expect great results from any undertakings of energetic Englishmen. No doubt we shall have a Stamp for Cyprus, and for a moment we dismiss from our minds the probability of a Malta-like impression, and indulge in thoughts of a beautiful label of the type of Costa Rica.—*Mulready*.

In consequence of the dissolution in partnership, the Directory advertised to appear on the 31st May last, will not appear until the 30th July. Advertisers will do well, however, to send in their advertisements without delay, the charges for which are very moderate: £1 whole page 12/- half page, 6/- quarter page; in all cases payment to be made when the Advertisement appears.

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Editor, J. HULBERT. Manager, J. D. HAMLYN.

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AGENTS FOR THE JOURNAL.

- J. Jones, 46, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
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 E. Fernley, 28, Seething Lane, E.C.
 J. Berry, 10, Leadenhall Market, E.C.
 J. F. Todhunter, 64, (late 22) Gresham St., Bank.
 Lawless, Philpot Lane.
 R. Phipps, London Street, Mark Lane, E.C.
 Mrs. Jones, 20, Boundary Place, Liverpool.
 C. H. Nunn, Bury St. Edmunds.
 S. A. Williams, 100, Myrtle Street, Liverpool.
 W. & R. Hughes, 28, New Road, Brighton.
 W. Spalding, 37, Westgate Street, Ipswich.
 F. Golding, 11, Minster Street, Reading.
 Richey, Bell & Co., P.O. Box, 50, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The International Directories may be obtained of Messrs. Jones, Todhunter, Fernley, and Nunn.—Price One Shilling.

NOTICE.

We intend publishing on the 31st July, next, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page,

NOTICE.

To avoid further trouble and to save further correspondence, I beg to inform all Philatelists that this paper is printed on the 15th of each month, and procurable at my agents on the next day.

J. D. HAMLYN.

OUR DIRECTORY.

We again beg to draw the attention of all dealers to the British and Colonial Stamp Directory. We have made arrangements for its publication at the end of July; this will give plenty of time for those to send in their advertisements who have not yet done so. The rates are very low; the circulation will be really immense, a great number of copies being already booked. Dealers and collectors, the latter especially, are requested to forward their *full* names and addresses without delay. No charge whatever will be made for inserting them. Colonial addresses are especially required.

Very latest time for receiving advertisements and addresses will be July 20th

NOTICE.

We would respectfully draw the attention of our Subscribers to the fact, that with the ensuing number their Subscriptions will have ended. To avoid any delay in receiving the Journal, would ask them to remit their Subscription at once in unused postage stamps of the lowest value. If the Journal has come up to your expectations, you are asked to recommend it to your friends. Although we have done well in the past, we intend doing better in the future. We trust to hear from over three hundred Subscribers at once.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. E. Island Stamp Co.—We intend placing our debt in other hands.

M. KITTSOPAKI.—Please forward amount due to us, £8 : 5 : 3.

R. J. WILLMETT, formerly in Basinghall Street.—Please write us.

L. TISSE, formerly in Gracechurch Street.—Please write us at once.

H. CRANE, 26, Queens Road, Liverpool.—We advise you to return our sheet at once.

LIPPETT D. DEVON.—Please send us 1/- owing.
H. HOWARD, Winchester.—Mr. Bogert, New York, wishes to hear from you.

S. S. B., Hackney.—Mr. Bogert wishes to hear from you.

RICHEY, BELL & Co.—A detailed account shall be sent you.

L. LEAROLD, 16, Samey Place, Bradford.—I should advise you to settle either with Mr. J. H. Barton or ourselves at once.

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

To The Manager,

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask you if you could spare a little room in the English Journal of Philately, to head a column for Querists, thus enabling subscribers to obtain information on subjects connected with Philately, by way of questions which might be answered through the Paper, or by letters through the Editor if a number was attached to each Query, and the address of the person be given for Editor's use, for which of course a nominal charge could be made.

If you could arrange for something of this kind, I think it would be a great boon to subscribers, and I should think it would be the means of increasing the sale of your valuable Paper. I shall be glad if you will give the above your kind consideration, and kindly let me know what you think of my proposal.

Yours, A. F. CLARKE,

Kirton Lindsey, Linc's, 3/4/78.

[We should be pleased to devote one column to receiving and answering queries, all we want now is, for someone to make a commencement. We would make no charge whatever, and would prefer real name and address being given. All answers must go through the Journal for the benefit of our readers. *Editor.*]

30th June, 1878.

Sir,

I have some East Indian Stamps with V. R. on the top; can any reader of the E.J.P. inform me to what issue they belong, and also the value of Canadian Tobacco Stamps.

Yours respectfully,

T. HEBRON.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

The June meeting was held on the 12th, at 113, Pearl Street, 5 p.m. Messrs. Carlo Diena, Edward Heim, Dr. Legrand, Phil Bosiedon, J. B. Moens, and M. Jesurun were elected

active members. It was resolved that Dr. Legrand be requested to represent the Society at the Congress in Paris. Mr. Geo. B. Mason proposed an amendment to the Constitution, so that subscriptions should commence at the time of election, and not uniformly at the September meeting. The postal issues of Japan were examined and discussed, but owing to the larger number of issues, the Executive Committee appointed the same subject to the September meeting. The annual election was held with the following result. President, Jos. J. Casey; Vice-President, Geo. B. Mason; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, R. R. Bogert. Corresponding Secretary, Benjamin Betts. Executive Committee, Albert Conistock, J. A. Mason, and T. G. Eger. Mr. Bogert stated that the halfpenny of Victoria is now printed on pale pink paper, and the one penny on lemon and on pale drab, and the two penny on pale buff, and on greenish yellow. He also reported a new Proprietary Stamp, "Reeds Gilt Edge Tonic." Mr. Geo. B. Mason stated that the Government had discontinued the Proprietary Stamps on pink paper.

Adjourned at 8 p.m.

R. R. BOGERT,

Secretary.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS

We have nothing more to report in regard to the West End swindle; no more names have come in, but yet we trust to hear further from several parties soon. Dealers cannot expect us—yet one firm does—to take proceedings against these young scamps, and bear all the expense and trouble ourselves—we can assure all, that we have had great trouble, and been put to great expense in finding them out. Having done so, we think it is only right the affair should be speedily settled by those who have been victimized. We firmly believe they are starting "the same old game" again, so dealers, beware. On receipt of a stamped directed envelope, we will forward the names and full addresses of the boys' parents. We cannot do anything further, and do not intend spending, or rather, throwing away any more money or time on this case.

FORGERIES.

The management of the "Bazaar" have very wisely cancelled that rule as to advertising genuine stamps.

They now admit that advertisements of forgeries are easily detected. We always said so. We purchased in the City a few days ago at a stamp shop, what we thought

to be genuine Griqualand, some pennies and sixpences, but on looking at them closer, came to the conclusion they were forgeries, and for these reasons, that the "G"'s were *above* the postmark, and they were surcharged in *red* ink, not black, as is always the case in the lower values.

We are perfectly aware out of which book they came, and should advise that gentleman (?) to be more careful, or we will assuredly give him a free advertisement in this Journal. Dealers, beware of these forgeries, we hear of a number of them being about in the City.

It must be understood by all that the residents at the below addresses are all highly respectable people, being in most instances either tobacconists or news-agents.

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Blake Duke, Worthing, swindled W. King, 7/3. Rippon, 7/- Dodson, 23/4. J. Ellis.

C. Sawyer, 5, Crystal Palace Rd., Dulwich.
Swindled, Andrew 7/4. Hemming, 5/1. Monks, 22/7. Fawcett, 12/9. Golder, 1/8, W. King, 9/6. Benson, 3/-, and R. Lamb.

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" 6d.	1	9			Barbadoes set of 10	3	0 "
Brazil, Italic figures, mixed ...	2	0	14	0	Cape of Good Hope 8	2	0 "
" mall figs. 30 & 60	0	9	5	0	Grenada set of 4	3	0 "
British Guiana, 1 & 2cts., 1876	0	5	2	9	Hong Kong	10	3 0 "
" 4, 6, & 12 cts.	1	0			Jamaica	7	2 0 "
" Official 2cts. 1876	2	0	15	0	Newfoundland	6	2 6 "
" Law Stamps, mixed,	2	0	14	0	Persia, Head	4	4 6 "
Canada Bill Stamps, mixed ...	0	3	1	3	Trinidad	5	1 9 "
" Registered 2c. ...	0	3	1	6			
Ceylon, mixed			5	0			
Grenada, 1d. green	0	7	4	6			
" 6d.	1	0	7	6			
" 1d.	1	0	6	6			
Hong Kong, mixed			4	0			
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Philippine 12½c. 1876	3	0	20	0			
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NOTICE.

If this is marked, please remit your subscription for one year to this Journal—Philatelists in London are requested to purchase of the several agents in the City. Subscriptions can be sent by unused stamps addressed.—Manager,

English Journal of Philately,
5, Grove Road, Holloway, London, N.

“The stamps of Hamburg,” says that great authority on Philatelic matter, *Overy Taylor, Esq.*, “although by no means delicate in execution, are still distinguished by a pleasing quaintness of design.” They are also an attraction to the beginner, inasmuch as they are within the reach, so to speak, of the tenderest purse, and do not require so much experience in the arrangement of postage stamps in an album, as the labels of Colombia or Cashmere.

First issue; January 1st, 1856, $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, black; 1 sch, brown; 2 sch, red; 3 sch, blue; 4 sch, green; 7 orange; and 9 sch, yellow; the design is a large numeral on the arms of Hamburg, with inscribed scrolls above and below, and the value in words at sides; the arms of Hamburg are, by the by, a castle, with two turrets flanking a central and cross-crowned dome.

In April, 1864, there appeared 2 new stamps which were *lithographed*, owing, possibly, to the expense of the former series; these 2 were $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, lilac and sage green; a $2\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, dark green. The watermark on these stamps was a carved undulating line; it is stated that the $2\frac{1}{2}$ schilling exists without a watermark, but *Dr. Gray* merely mentions that it is *said* to exist, and *Mr. Pemberton*, in his delightful catalogue, makes no mention of the supposed variety.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, the 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9 schilling were issued *perforated* in October 1864, and during the next year, the 7 schilling turned from orange to lilac; and the 3 sch, to ultramarine; the $1\frac{1}{4}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch, were issued *perforated* at about the same time.

In 1866, the $1\frac{1}{4}$ and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ (a new

“THE HANSE TOWNS OF NORTH GERMANY.”

By “*Graphicos*.”

DURING the middle ages, the trade of certain towns in the North of Germany was very extensive. These towns formed themselves into an association for mutual protection and assistance, and were called the Hanse from an old German word, *Hanse*, or *Hanza*, a *league*; the towns were called the *Hanse towns*. The trade to the North of Europe was monopolised by this league, which extended from London to Novogorod. *Hamburg*, *Lubeck*, and *Bremen* were the principal members of this league.

Hamburg is situated in lower Saxony, on the north bank of the Elbe. It is the commercial emporium of Germany, and is situated seventy miles from the sea. The commerce between the Hanse towns and Great Britain is very large, the totals from and to the 3 ports in 1870 amounted to no less a sum than £36,146,241. Imports from Great Britain only, to Hamburg, in 1876, £22,345,000. Hamburg possesses an area of 127 square miles, and a total population (in 1875) of 385,859. The Burgomaster is C. Petersen. Hamburg was besieged and taken by the French, 1813 and 1814.

Near Hamburg is Altona, a rival to it in commerce.

value) were issued, embossed, the former being deep mauve, and the latter, carmine rose. It is said that the 1½ was issued in rose, through some printing error.

In 1867, the 2½ schilling of 1864 was superseded by a stamp of the first type, of the same value; perforated and water-marked; colors: yellow-green, and blue-green.

What the reason of thus going back to the old type may have been, is not easy to determine; whether there was a depreciation of the lithographic stones, or whether the postal authorities were not willing to incur the expense and trouble of having a new die cut, I will leave to more experienced authorities than myself; only stating in conclusion, the new stamp could hardly have been rougher than the previous lithographed labels.

The envelopes, &c., &c., I must leave till next time, when, if possible, I shall go on to the stamps of *Bremen* and *Lubeck*.

(To be continued.)

A DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF THE STAMPS OF FRANCE.

By "*Hippolyte*."

(Continued from page 89.)

1863.

LAUREATED profile of Emperor to left in beaded circle. Inscription on top, "Empire Francais," at bottom, "Postes" and large figures of value in lower corners. Colored impression on tinted paper, Rect. Perf. 13½. 2 c. red-brown, 4 c. pale grey.

1867.

Laureated profile of Emperor to left in beaded circle, Greek border at sides with lined spandrels. Inscription on top "Empire Francais," at bottom, "Postes" and small figures of value. Colored impression, 10 c. yellow bistre; 20 c. blue; 30 c. pale brown, dark brown; 40 c. orange; 80 c. rose, deep rose.

1869.

Laureated profile of Emperor to left in beaded circle; value at sides on lined ground. Inscription on top "Empire Francais," at bottom "Timbre Poste." Colored impression on tinted paper. Oblong. perf. 13½.

5 francs lilac.—This stamp has also been issued with the value 5.F. printed in blue.

1870.

Same design as the 1863 issue. 1 c. olive green.

1871.

Same design as the 1862 issue, but printed on greenish tinted paper. 5 c. green.

REPUBLIC, 11th October, 1870.

Stamps reprinted in Paris from the old blocks of 1849 and 1850. Perf. 13½. 10 c. yellow bistre, 20 c. blue, 40 c. orange.

PRINTED IN BORDEAUX, November, 1870.

Profile of Liberty to left in beaded circle. Inscription on top "Repub. France," at bottom "Poste" and large figures of value in lower corners. Colored impression on tinted paper. Rect. lithographed and unperf.

1 c. olive green; 2 c. red brown; 4 c. pale grey.

Same design as 1849, but colored impression on tinted paper. Rect. lithographed and unperf.

5 c. green; 10 c. yellowish bistre, yellow; 20 c. blue, dark blue, ultramarine; 30 c. brown, dark brown; 40 c. orange, yellow orange; 80 c. rose, carmine.

25th August, 1871.

Stamps reprinted from the blocks of 1850. Perf. 13½. 15 c. yellow bistre; 25 c. blue.

10th May, 1872.

Profile of Liberty to left in beaded circle. Inscription on top "Repub. France," at bottom "Postes" and large figures of value in lower corners. Colored impression on tinted paper. Rect. engraved and perf., 13½.

1 c. olive green; 2 c. red brown; 4 c. pale grey; 5 c. grey.

Same design as October 1870, but figures of value larger. 30 c. brown; 80 c. rose, deep rose.

January, 1873.

Same design as October, 1870. Colored impression on tinted paper. Rect. perf. 13½. 10 c. brown on rose.

June, 1874.

Same design as October 1870, but figures of value larger. Colored impression on tinted paper. Rect. perf. 13½. 10 c. brown on rose; 15 c. yellowish bistre.

(To be continued.)

NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 90).

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Ridpath and others for the news below :

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The envelopes are out for 1878.

8 cents oval on yellow paper rose
16 " " " " green
24 " " " " blue

CASHMERE.—We hear of three new issues, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red rect. perforated.

1 " lilac, unperforated.
2 " mauve "

CUBA.—The new issues for 1878 as yet are:

5 cs. peseta, rect blue
10 " " " black
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " brown
25 " " " light green
50 " " " dark "
1 peseta " " rose

In postcards as yet we only know of—
25 cs. peseta blue on buff.

FRANCE.—We have seen new postages of

3 c cinnamon and
35 c brown on orange paper,
two new post cards 10 and 15 cents, and
three new chiffre taxes.

15 cents blue
30 " black
60 " blue

INDIA.—One of the 1878 Envelopes have made their appearance, viz :

1 anna oval, chocolate.

ITALY.—We have seen a

2 ct. Envelope on 5.00 and 10.00.

ORANGE STATES.—Another change, viz :
the fourpenny blue

PERSIA.—There is a postcard adhesive affixed according to destination, we had one 6 kr. adhesive cut in two, and surcharged 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Adhesive 4 Kran blue.

WURTEMBERG.—A correspondent informs us of an official envelope, oblong blank.

(To be continued.)

THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

This association shall be known as the National Philatetical Society.

Article II.—Objects.

The objects for which this Society is formed, are :

I. The encouragement of the collection of Postage and Revenue Stamps of all nations, as well as those issued by States, Corporations and individuals.

II. The procuring and disseminating of knowledge in relation thereto.

III. The inculcation of the best principles of classification and arrangement

IV. The consideration of stamps in their relation to Geography, History, and Chronology ; Politics, Language, and the Fine Art.

Article III.—Membership.

SEC. 1. The Membership of this Society shall be divided into the three following classes :

- I. Active Members.
- II. Corresponding Members.
- III. Honorary Members.

The first class shall constitute the governing body of the Society, from which all its officers and committees must be chosen.

The second class shall consist of those, who, by reason of residence abroad, or distance from the place of meeting, do not desire to become Active Members. This class shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, nor to receive free the publications of the Society.

The third class shall consist of those persons who take an interest in the objects of the Society ; who are willing to aid it by contributions or information ; or who, in virtue of valuable services in the cause of Philately, are deserving of the distinctive title of Honorary Members.

SEC. 2. Applications from candidates for membership in either class must be proposed in writing, by an active member of the Society at any of its meetings, and shall immediately be referred to the Executive Committee who shall report thereon to the Society at the next regular meeting.

(To be continued.)

THE POSTAL UNION.—It is said that the United States Government, after consideration, have resolved to disregard the provisions of the Postal Union Treaty with regard to the delivery of book packets. Orders have been given to stamp all such packets "Undeliverable," and to return them. The authorities base their determination on a clause in the fourth article of the Treaty, which, however, relates to the case of a country desiring to exercise jurisdiction over the Post Office, and to hinder the circulation of what may be called seditious matter.—

Athæneum.

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15th AUGUST, 1878.

Editor, J. HULBERT. Manager, J. D. HAMLYN.

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 Richey, Bell & Co., P.O. Box, 50, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The International Directories may be obtained of Messrs. Jones, Todhunter, Fernley, and Nunn.—Price One Shilling.

NOTICE.

We intend publishing very shortly, The British and Colonial Foreign Stamp Directory, which will contain the names and full addresses of over a 1000 English collectors and dealers, and also a 1000 Foreign addresses. Dealers and collectors would oblige us by sending their full address (only) on a post card. The price of the book will be only 1/1 post free. It will be a capital permanent advertising medium, the rates of which will be £1 whole page, 12/- half page, and 6/- quarter page.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

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OUR DIRECTORY

Is not yet published. Due notice will be given in this Journal and other papers where it is ready.

The delay has been caused by some of the copy being lost, which will have to be re-written.

NOTICE.

We would respectfully draw the attention of our Subscribers to the fact, that with this number their Subscriptions have ended. To avoid any delay in receiving the Journal, would ask them to remit their Subscription at once in unused postage stamps of the lowest value. If the Journal has come up to your expectations, you are asked to recommend it to your friends. Although we have done well in the past, we intend doing better in the future. We trust to hear from over three hundred Subscribers at once.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. E. Island Stamp Co.—We intend placing our debt in other hands.

M. KITTOSOFKI.—Please forward amount due to us, £8 : 5 : 3.

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H. CRANE, 26, Queens Road, Liverpool.—We advise you to return our sheet at once.

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H. HOWARD, Winchester.—Mr. Bogert, New York, wishes to hear from you.

S. S. B., Hackney.—Mr. Bogert, wishes to hear from you.

RICHEY, BELL & Co.—A detailed account shall be sent you.

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CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

To The Manager,

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask you if you could spare a little room in the English Journal of Philately, to head a column for Querists, thus enabling subscribers to obtain information on subjects connected with Philately, by way of questions which might be answered through the Paper, or by letters through the Editor if a number was attached to each Query, and the address of the person be given for Editor's use, for which of course a nominal charge could be made.

If you could arrange for something of this kind, I think it would be a great boon to subscribers, and I should think it would be the means of increasing the sale of your valuable Paper. I shall be glad if you will give the

above your kind consideration, and kindly let me know what you think of my proposal.

Yours, A. F. CLARKE,
Kirton Lindsey, Linc's, 3/4/78.

[We should be pleased to devote one column to receiving and answering queries, all we want now is, for someone to make a commencement. We would make no charge whatever, and would prefer real name and address being given. All answers must go through the Journal for the benefit of our readers. *Editor.*]

30th June, 1878.

Sir,

I have some East Indian Stamps with V. R. on the top; can any reader of the E.J.P. inform me to what issue they belong, and also the value of Canadian Tobacco Stamps.

Yours respectfully,

T. HEBRON.

Westland Corner, Grimsby,

5th Aug. 1878.

Sir,

I shall feel obliged if any reader of the E.J.P. will inform me if any of the South Australian stamps were ever surcharged O.S. in black.

Yours respectfully,

A. REED.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

We are glad to be able to state that steps are being taken to bring those young rascals connected with the West End swindle to justice. We are not at liberty to say anything further, but we venture to hope that any of the parties who are requested to attend will do so, as we learn all their expenses will be paid.

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We are happy to say we have not heard or seen any fresh ones about. We trust now they will be things of the past.

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C. Sawyer, 5, Crystal Palace Rd., Dulwich. Swindled, Andrew 7/4. Hemming, 5/1. Monks, 22/7. Fawcett, 12/9. Golder, 1/8. W. King, 9/6. Benson, 3/-, and R. Lamb.

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C. A. Lyford, Boston, Mass.
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L. Perkins, Camden, N. J.
Atlas Stamp Co., Box 4763.
G. H. Fabian & Co., 102-8 St. N. Y. City.
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Lowest offers per 100 or 1000 solicited.

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12	Sets of 14 Roman States	„	13	6
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			For 10	For 100	For 10	For 100		
			£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	
9	...	II Issue, mixed	— 0 2 6	.. 1 0 0		
10	...	1 Kran, carmine, rose	0 10 6	...	5 11 0	— 0 2 0	... 0 15 0	
12	...	4 ,, yellow, orange ... ..	...	...	— 0 5 0	... 2 5 6	
13	III Issue 1876	1 Shahi, black upon lilac	0 0 9	...	0 5 6	— 0 0 6	... 0 2 6	
14	Head of Schah	2 ,, ,, ,, green... ..	0 1 3	...	0 11 0	— 0 1 0	... 0 4 0	
15	...	5 ,, ,, ,, rose	0 3 0	...	1 6 6	— 0 2 0	... 0 10 0	
16	...	10 ,, ,, ,, blue	0 8 0	...	2 12 0	— 0 3 0	... 0 14 0	
		Set of 6, Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 } and 16, (one 1 Sch.) }	...	...	— 0 10 0	... 4 10 0	
17	Issue 1877	5 Shah's Envelope (Type 15)	0 4 0	...	1 10 0	— 0 2 6	... 0 18 0	
18	,, 1878	4 Krans blue (Type 12)	2 2 0	...	— 0 18 0	...		
19	,, ,,	prov. correspond. card, Russian, } with p. stamps, ½, 1, & 2 sh. }	...	...	— 0 10 0	...	
20	,, ,,	prov. correspond. card, Persian, } with ½ 1 & 2 sh stamped 2½ blue }	...	...	— 0 10 0	...	
21	,, ,,	prov. correspond. card, Persian, } with ½ 5 sh., stamped 2½ red }	0 10 0	...	2 10 0	— 0 5	... 2 0 0	
22	,, ,,	prov. correspond. card, Persian, } without stamp }	0 2 6	...	0 10 0	—	...	
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A DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF THE STAMPS OF FRANCE.

By "Hippolyte."

(Continued from page 98.)

1876.

SAME design as June, 1874, 15 c. brown on rose.

1876-77.

Figures of Peace and Commerce seated on globe; large figures of value in white tablet. Inscription on top "Poste," at bottom "Republique Francaise." Colored impression on slightly tinted paper.

1, 2, 4, 5, and 10 centimes emerald green; 15 c. steel grey, 20 c. red brown, 25 c. ultramarine, 30 c. bistre, 40 c. bright red, 75 c. carmine, 1 franc bronze green.

1877-78.

Same design, but printed on colored paper.

1 centime black on blue, 2 c. brown on light buff, 3 c. cinnamon on pale straw, 4 c. maroon on bluish grey, 10 c. black on lilac, 35 c. deep grey on buff, 5 francs dark lilac on lilac.

JOURNAL STAMPS.

1869.

Arms on shield surmounted by crown in ornamental octagonal frame, with marginal labels above and below. Inscription above, "Timbre Imperial;" below "Journal," figures of value in lower corners. Colored imp. large rect. perf.

2 centimes, mauve, rose, blue.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

1859-78.

Denomination of value in centre on white disc. Inscription on top, "Chiffre," at sides, "Postes," below, "Taxe," square unperf.

Black impression, lithographed.

1859.

10 centimes black, 1871. 25 centimes black.

Black impression, typographed.

1859.

10 centimes black, 1863. 15 centimes black.

Colored impression, lithographed.

1871.

40 centimes blue. 60 c. yellow ochre. Black impression, lithographed.

1878.

30 centimes black.

Colored impression, lithographed.

1878.

60 centimes, blue.

THE END.

POST CARDS.

BY MULREADY.

THE year 1870 furnished us with a novel addition to the adhesives.

The introduction of Cards for the transmission of messages through the post, was perhaps the most important event connected with Philately since the study found favor in the eyes of so many. In 1870, the English post-office furnished cards with the stamp in right hand corner, value embossed, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. These cards are still common, and therefore need no description. The cards issued for private persons, and authenticated at Somerset House, are on thick card; there is also an issue retailed at the post office of a buff color. Of the many countries now issuing post cards, it would be a difficult matter to decide which produced the finest design. Suffice it to say that, the small cards of Newfoundland, United States, Canada, and Switzerland, are among the best, while the German and Brunswick are not so sightly, and take up a great space. Albums have spaces allotted for the reception of post cards, which are as well worthy of notice as postage stamps. An objection to their admission is their size, causing the album to have a bulky appearance. Those post cards which have printing on both sides cannot be fully shewn unless duplicates be admitted. We should think that this branch of collection might be omitted from the stamp album, and the collector decide between the purchase of a book for their reception, and the advisability of letting them remain loose. International post cards enabled messages to be sent from England to countries in the International Postal Union for $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. The other parties to the agreement issued equivalent value in their turn. So that now we receive post cards from U.S. (face value) 2c. France 15c., Spain, Italy 15c., Canada 2c.

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THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL
SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

(Continued from page 99).

SEC. 3. No candidate shall be entitled to membership without the concurrence by

ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, nor shall any candidate be balloted for upon whom the Executive Committee may have made an adverse report.

SEC. 4. A rejected candidate cannot be again proposed during the period of six months following his rejection.

SEC. 5. Any member in good standing may become a Life Member by the payment at any one time of sum equal to five years dues such payments to constitute a permanent fund, the interest arising from which only, may be transferred to the common uses of the Society.

Article IV.—Government.

SEC. 1. The Government of the Society shall be vested in the following named officers:

I. President.

II. Vice-President.

III. Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

IV. Corresponding Secretary.

V. An executive Committee of 3 members

SEC. 2. The term of each officer shall be for one year from date of his election, and until a successor shall be appointed.

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SEC. 4. The Vice-President will assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall conduct the business of the Society. In the absence of both President and Vice-President, a Temporary Chairman shall be appointed.

SEC. 5. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions and proceedings of the Society; conduct the correspondence pertaining to his office; receive and disburse all monies, provided that no money shall be expended by him except by resolution therefor, duly adopted by the Society; he shall keep a strict account in writing, of all monies which he may so receive and disburse; and his books of accounts shall at all reasonable times be opened to the inspection of the Society, or any member thereof.

SEC. 6. The Corresponding Secretary, with

the view of promoting in some measure the objects for which the Society was founded, shall open by letter friendly relations with Philatelists and with kindred Societies, wherever they may exist, and shall conduct all correspondence relating thereto. He shall also keep copies of all such correspondence, in a book to be provided for that purpose. All letters received by him shall be filed in the archives of the Society.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We regret to say that as yet we have received very few subscriptions to the second part of this Journal; therefore we find it necessary to inform all Philatelists, that unless we receive two hundred subscriptions by the 15th of October next, the English Journal of Philately will cease to exist.

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The subscription is comparatively nothing, therefore, why any delay in sending it.

Any of our numerous readers who desire to see further papers by such interesting authors as "*Graphics*," "*Mulready*," "*Utah*," and "*Hippolyte*," and those who would wish a stop put to forgeries and swindling in general, must help us with their subscription, and that of their friends.

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I beg to ask you if you could spare a little room in the English Journal of Philately, to head a column for Querists, thus enabling subscribers to obtain information on subjects connected with Philately, by way of questions which might be answered through the Paper, or by letters through the Editor if a number was attached to each Query, and the address of the person be given for Editor's use, for which of course a nominal charge could be made.

If you could arrange for something of this kind, I think it would be a great boon to subscribers, and I should think it would be the means of increasing the sale of your valuable Paper. I shall be glad if you will give the above your kind consideration, and kindly let me know what you think of my proposal.

Yours, A. F. CLARKE,

Kirton Lindsey, Linc's, 3/4/78.

[We should be pleased to devote one column to receiving and answering queries, all we want now is, for someone to make a commencement. We would make no charge whatever, and would prefer real name and address being given. All answers must go through the Journal for the benefit of our readers. *Editor.*]

NEW YORK,

August 16th, 1878.

To the Editor of the
English Journal of Philately.

DEAR SIR,

Once more I am obliged to trespass on your space, owing to a letter in your June number from J. J. Casey as to my action in publishing a list of Postal Cards.

I deny having received any information as to Postal Cards from the National Philatelic Society or its members. The list that I published was exclusively of my own compilation, and the partial list that was submitted to the Society (five countries in

all (was prepared from my notes: and my list consequently could not have been derived from the Society. The best proof is, that the Society's list, when I left it, had only seen through the first two letters of the alphabet (Austria, Alsace, Baden, Bavaria, Belgium), and has not been seen or heard from since. My list has already appeared in print as far as the letter "G."

I gave the Society the benefit of my notes and likewise of my plan for arranging the list. I cannot see that for this reason, either the notes or plan of arrangement ceased to be my own individual property, to be used by me in any manner that I might deem proper.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES H. COSTER.

Sir,

Can any reader inform me in what part of London a Stamp Exchange may be found, or is there one, or not.

H. H. BENSON.

Answer to Mr. REED.

Sir,

The South Australian Stamps, say two shilling ones, are surcharged O.S. in black, but they come from official offices of that Colony.

Yours truly,

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COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

As intimated in our last number, we are happy to say, proceedings will be taken against the boys who took the below mentioned names and addresses. We trust all dealers will help the intending prosecutor. He is deserving of all support.

J. Halford, 45, Chandos Street, W., has swindled,—Blackaller 7/6, Merryweather 9/6, Bingham 5/-, Whaley 9/10, Fawcett 10/-, Chambers 8/6, Andrews 8/6, Dodson 17/8, Dransfield 3/7, Golder 16/6, Frith & Platt.

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J. Anderson, Sherwood St., Regent St., has swindled,—Chambers 5/4, Dransfield 6/6, Golder 24/6.

L. Alexander, 58, Fetter Lane, has swindled,—Lamb 7/4, Maclean 11/6.

G. Riley, 189, Gt. Portland St., W., has swindled,—Reed 5/6, Lamb 8/5, Maclean 14/6.

T. White, 50, Titchfield St., has swindled, Dodson & Co, 12/-, T. White, Ridinghouse St., has swindled,—Chambers 10/-, Blackaller 17/2.

F. Brown, 15, Saville St. has swindled,—Golder 28/6.

G. Williams, 57, Marylebone Lane, has swindled,—Sissons 63/-, Andrews 6/2.

A. Davies, 4, Drury Lane, W., has swindled,—Whitfield & Party 13/5.

J. Edward, 40, Berwick St., W. has swindled,—Cox 6/0½.

D. Webb, Edward St., Berwick St. swindled,—Fawcett 10/-

J. Pearce 41, Rupert St., has swindled,—Dransfield 6/11, 19/5.

G. Evans 14, Gt. Windmill St., W., has swindled,—Hemming 6/-

A. Roberts, 15, Little Windmill St., W., has swindled,—Fawcett 10/-

Halford, J., 4, Carnaby St., W., Swindled, Dodson 17/8.

Goodman, L., 28, " " swindled, Dodson 21/3.

Jackson, M., 28, " " " " Golder 14/9. Dransfield 4/2.

FORGERIES.

Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co., of Ipswich, have sent us for inspection some Madeira Stamps, which, were obtained from Messrs. Dodson & Co., Handsworth, Sheffield. We have no hesitation in saying they are forgeries of the worst kind. Messrs. Whitfield King, also inform us, Dodson sells Griqualand, Transvaal, Four-penny Orange Free State, India Service, British Guiana official, and other stamps with forged surcharges, and offer them as being genuine; all dealers and collectors should be on the look out for these, as they are at times very difficult to detect.

It must be distinctly understood by all that the residents at the below addresses are all highly respectable people, being in most instances either tobacconists or news-agents.

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THE HANSE TOWNS OF NORTH GERMANY.

BY GRAPHICOS.

HAMBURG, (continued.)

The Envelope Stamps are as follows:—large numeral on the Hamburg arms, in an inscribed octagon, in the right upper corner of the Envelope. The 1866 issue was without watermark, while that of the following year had a castle for watermark. Values as follows.— $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, black; $1\frac{1}{4}$, mauve; $1\frac{1}{2}$, rose; 2, orange; 3, bright blue; 4, green; and 7 reddish mauve. The following were *with* watermark:— $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, black; 2, orange; 3, pale blue; and 4, bluish green and yellowish green. A local Stamp was issued by the North German Confederation Post Office for district letters. In 1868 the Stamp was issued rouletted, and in 1870, perforated; colour, brown lilac.

I (*purposely*) say nothing about the local Stamps of Hamer, Krantz, Lafrenz, Vandiemer, and H. Scheerenbreck, as it is generally supposed that only some (if any) of them are genuine. Dr. Gray rightly advises the entire rejection of these Stamps from one's collection.

I must now pass on to the second of the 3 Hanse towns, namely, *Lubeck*.

This city, situated on the Trave, 8 miles

S.W. of the Baltic, was in 1164 the head of the Hanseatic league and the most commercial city of Northern Europe. It was captured by the French in 1806. It is governed by a Municipal Council, consisting of a Senate, and a House of Burgesses or Legislative Assembly. Most of the inhabitants belong to the Lutheran Church.

Lubeck contains a fine Town Hall, where the meetings of the Hanseatic League were held; and the Marienkirche, an elegant Gothic Church of brick, dating from 1304. Postage Stamps, 1859-62, double eagle on dotted ground. *Lubeck* above other 3 sides, encompassed by lettered scroll; *Postmarke* below, and full value at sides; solid angles with large white numerals. There are two sets of Stamps, one with watermark of rosettes, and the other without watermark. The watermarked series has, says Mr. Pemberton, been "extensively forged, but never reprinted." $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, lilac; 1, orange, deep orange; 2, brown; $2\frac{1}{2}$, lake; and 4, dark green. The above are without watermark. Those with the watermark of little roses are as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, lilac; 1, orange, deep orange; 2, red brown, dark brown; $2\frac{1}{2}$, rose; and 4, yellow green, deep green, and bright green. I have got a curious variety of the 2 schilling brown, viz., with a different value—*two-and-a-half-schilling* inscribed on the scrolls.

Issue of 1863:—embossed arms on solid disk, in oval reticulated frame; numeral of value in oval at sides, perforated; $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, green; 1, orange; 2, rose; $2\frac{1}{2}$, blue; and 4, bistre. Issue of 1864:—2 new types; $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, brown; and $1\frac{1}{4}$ mauve; the latter embossed, but the $1\frac{1}{4}$ not embossed. Description: arms on dotted ground, with reticulated oval frame, with numerals of value in ovals at

sides, not perforated; and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ is the arms on a solid disk in reticulated oval, enclosed by octagon, and the corners filled in with network, perforated. The Envelopes are the same as the adhesives in the issue of 1863, being impressed in the left hand upper corner of the Envelope, and in the 1865 issue, in the right upper corner.

There was issued in 1866 an envelope with the Stamp similar to the adhesive of that year. $1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, mauve.

BREMEN next month.

(To be continued.)

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHILATELISTS.

Paris, June 26th, 1878.

The inaugural meeting of the International Philatelic Congress was held in Paris on the 26th of June. M. Donatis, President Director, opened the meeting at 8.30 P.M. He made known in a few words the objects of the Congress, spoke of the obstacles which it encountered, and bade welcome to the members present. He called upon M. Alwin Nieske, President of the Philatelic Society of Dresden, to preside at the meeting, with MM. Diena of Modena, and Pisa of Trieste, for judges.

The Vice-President read a note treating on the History of the Formation of the Congress, and refuting the objections presented to its reunion. He announced that the number of subscribers known to the present was 50. Many more were waiting, certain members having made promises, the result of which would be known later to the Committee.

The president announced that M. Evans had addressed to the Congress a voluminous work entitled "Notes on the Postage Stamps of Mauritius, from information recently received." Dr. Le Grand summarized the first chapter—"The Stamps manufactured on the Island"—from which it appeared:

1st. That the "Post Office" stamps from the first emission, issued towards the end of 1848, from a working of plates containing one design of each value.

2nd. That the stamps "Post Paid," with diademed effigy, appeared in August, 1848, from plates of 12 stamps. These two series are the work of Mr. Barnard.

3rd. That the third issue, large head with band, appeared at the end of 1858.

4th. That the fourth issue, small head with small band, appeared February, 1859. Both series comprise 12 types, the one was

the work of Mr. Sherwin, the other of Mr. Lapiroto.

5th. That the lithographed stamps, with Greek border, were issued in December, 1859, and were the work of Mr. Dardenne.

The compiler noted the most interesting parts of the Memoir, and promised to make known the rest at another sitting.

Dr. Le Grand gave a *resume* of a work which he offered to the Congress, and entitled "The Native Engraved Stamps of Mauritius." He examined the question from a stand different from that taken by Mr. Evans, and often confirmed the facts presented by the latter. The principal difference bears on the last two emissions. The member places the stamps with small effigy in the 3rd series, and attributes them to Mr. Sherwin, while these with large effigy belong to the 4th, and were the work of Mr. Lapiroto. He inclines to this belief from the fact that the plate of the stamps with small effigy was evidently not finished, which agrees with the information given by Mr. Evans on the plate of Mr. Sherwin. He presented to the Society the reconstructed sheets with a fac-simile of the disposition of the stamps on the sheet for each value of each series.

M. Pardo de Figueroa addressed a note in Spanish, entitled "Philately of the Post." The examination of this work was postponed to the next meeting.

M. Schmidt de Wilde read a work on the "Roumanian Cards" of the last emission.

M. Usigli submitted, through Dr. Le Grand, a note on "The water-marked paper which was used for the Embossed Stamps of Sardinia in 1819."

M. Maury finished by the reading of a note on "The Stamps of New Caledonia," and called attention to the hitherto unknown fact of the reproduction by Sergeant Triguera himself, of a new engraving of these stamps.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Paris, July 24, 1878.

M. Donatis invited to the chair Mr. Short-house of Birmingham, assisted by MM. Littzow and Nicol.

After the reading of the minutes, M. Nicol treated the question of false stamps in the light of the prejudice caused to amateurs. Various observations were exchanged among the members present. Its discussion was closed after a *resume* by Schmidt de Wilde. "It is necessary," said he, in closing, "to study stamps by all possible means, particularly with a magnifying glass; to form in each locality small societies, to establish among these different societies amicable relation for the purpose of information or of

mutual understanding on difficult points.

M. Ernest Petritz showed a 40 centimes laureated head of the Emperor, with the word *LANGER* in a trellis on the reverse. This inscription is considered as a mark of ownership of the stamp.

Dr. Le Grand, as Delegate of the National Philatelic Society of New York, read the translation of a report presented to this Society, which requests the Congress to prepare a chart on which will be reproduced the prismatic colors and the neutral and compound colors in all their principal shades and tints. The Congress, considering the importance of the subject, decided to submit it to the examination of a committee composed of MM. Donatis and Le Grand, who will make a report at the meeting in August, to be followed by a discussion if necessary.

The Congress recommended to the special attention of the Committee of Organization a proposition emanating from Mr. W. L. Brown, to add to the volume of *Memoirs of the Congress*, one or more sheets containing the photographs of its members.

M. Diena read the translation of a note from M. Pardo de Figueroa—"Philately and the Post"—and his new work "The Stamps of the Duchy of Modena, cancelled by cancelling seals with the Arms of Savoy." He presented specimens. Thanks were rendered.

M. Auns entertained the Congress with remarks which he had made on the stamps in the Exposition. He noted in Ceylon fiscal stamps of very high values, the absence of the 4 cents postage with "Service," an absence similarly verified in the collection of Mr. Shorthouse. In Uruguay, he noted the placing of the series—sun with value repeated twice—immediately after the *Diligencias*, contrary to the latest catalogues.

M. Schmidt de Wilde presented a work on "the large and small gum of the German envelopes."

In the name of Mr. Ooster the President submitted a work on "The semi-official or provisional stamps of the United State." The report of this work was adjourned to another meeting.

On the proposition of M. Schmidt de Wilde, the reading of the programme is preceded with "Stamps of Tours and Bordeaux." M. Schmidt de Wilde shows there has been but a single emission at Bordeaux. The differences which are mentioned come from the use of the lithographic plates. The 20 c. alone has three sub-types and a variety. Dr. Le Grand stated that there had been no other lithographic stamps in the Colonies. The one pointed out is typographed on a used plate. The differences in the situation of

the effigy in reference to the frame, on the Bordeaux stamps, comes from the fact that the two parts, made separately, have been transferred on the stone. In reply to M. Auns, it is answered that the stamps of Bordeaux *perces* and *piques* were the work of individuals. There have never been any French stamps perforated in the Colonies, but at the Bureau of the Foreign French Post. The stamps of the Colonies are refused in France by the offices which recognise them. On the other hand, the Bordeaux stamps, the remainder of the old stock purchased at the time, are still in use in the Foreign Offices.

Mr. Shorthouse thanked the Congress for the honour conferred through him to the Amateurs of England.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Paris, July 26, 1878.

The sitting was opened at 8.30.

M. Donatis invited MM. Carreton and Diena to serve as assistants. He proposed to continue the questions of the Congress.

Dr. Le Grand showed that the French stamps obliterated by impression [stamps on printed newspapers?] are not fiscal, since the Journal stamps were suppressed in 1870.

He read a humorous note from M. Ysasi on the stamps of Spain, and a list of the various emissions of the Philippines. He pointed out the 1 real *blue*, 1854-55, with surcharge "Habilitado por la Nacion"; and the latest 25 mil. de Peso with the surcharge "Habilitado 12 cent. de Peseta." He denied any emission previous to 1854-55; he spoke of a native counterfeit of these stamps, of which he believed he had seen examples.

STAMPS OF DON CARLOS: Dr. Le Grand gave, after Mr. Campbell, the distinctive character of the envelopes, true and false, taken from the stamps in the collection of M. Ysasi.

SURCHARGE OF THE AZORES: The last stamps received present a different surcharge. The first stamps of 5 reis, unperforated, has the surcharge in *black*. Information is required on the Portuguese cards printed without stamp.

THE STAMPS OF PORTUGUESE INDIES are of three types. The third comes near to the first by the interior line of the oval; to the second by the letters of the word "Reis." These have been considered false from the different number of lines and the presence of a V crossed (A reversed). For this reason was added a star. The series with crown replaced it. It was in the first consignment that were found the sheets of the Macoa series,

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NOTICE.

WE have received a mass of correspondence in answer to our notice, intimating our resolve to discontinue publishing the ENGLISH JOURNAL OF PHILATELY. All the writers, with but one exception, express their surprise and regret at Philatelists not supporting a really good journal. We have been pressed by many friends to continue the Journal, in the hope of receiving a fair support from the Stamp Collecting Public. We therefore place THE ENGLISH JOURNAL OF PHILATELY before the Public once more, and we trust to hear from our old friends and subscribers without delay.

An American gentleman writes:—

"Having read with interest your publication for '77,' I shall be only too happy to place my name on your books for '78,' which please do so. Enclosed find amount, 75 cents. Address as before."

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

To the Manager.

Dear Sir,

I am indeed very sorry to see in the September No. of the E. J. P., that it is likely to be discontinued with the present No. I cannot make it out why Collectors will not send their subscriptions, as it is extremely low for the amount of readable matter that appears in your valuable paper from month to month. Also your earnest endeavours to put a stop to all the Forgers and Swindlers, ought alone to secure for you the number of subscriptions you require. I was in hopes at one time that you would secure sufficient new subscriptions to permanently enlarge your Journal to twelve pages; all I now trust is that you have got the requisite number of Subscriptions to keep the Journal afloat, if you have not, it might be easily done by each person who already subscribes, to persuade some friend who is interested in Stamp Collecting, also to subscribe, thus it would just double the number of subscriptions you now have. Hoping to see the Journal still kept on, and further enlarged in course of time.

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,
C. H. NUNN.

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STAMPS OF SARDEGNA OF THE 4TH SERIES: The 5 centes. and the 3 lire were never perforated officially. The distinctive character of the official perforation is not known. To a remark of M. Auns, Dr. Le Grand stated what are the reprinted Italian stamps, and that the source of the quantity of the original Sardinia stamps is the sale of those contained in the *ateliers* of M. Matraire, and which formed essays or impressions often defective.

THE BOLLA STRAORDINARIO OF TUSCANY, printed by hand on thin gummed paper, is considered as a reprint or a counterfeit.

M. Nicol wished that all stamps which cannot be used, like re-impressions, should be suppressed, and that only cancelled stamps should be admitted in collections. Dr. Le Grand replies that the obliteration does not always show the genuineness of the stamp, inasmuch as the authenticity of the cancellation must be proved; and again it is certain that good cancelling marks are applied on false stamps.

M. Schmidt de Wilde related the history of the re-impression of the cards of Hungary of the second series.

M. Schmidt de Wilde promises to prepare a work on the classification of the mandates of Luxemburg.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES,

19th August, 1878.

Sir,

I have much pleasure in enclosing you my yearly subscription towards the English Journal of Philately, with the same sum from Mr. F. Victor, of Perth, Western Australia, to which Journal both he and myself have been pleased to subscribe, and wishing the Journal every success,

I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

HERB. H. BENSON.

To the Editor of the
English Journal of Philately,
London.

P.O. Box 1698, NEW YORK,
14th August, 1878.

To the Editor of
The English Journal of Philately.

Sir,

The following is a true copy of a letter written this day to M. Meons:—

"P.O. Box 1698, NEW YORK,
14th August, 1878.

"Monsieur J. B. MEONS,
Editor 'Le Timbre Poste.'

Sir,

"In an article entitled 'Le Trintre 3 Cuarots de Don Carlos,' published in No. 188, page 64, of *Le Timbre Poste*, you say:

'Ne pouvant nous convaincre, M. Lopez est allé verser ses larmes dans le sein de M. Casey, qui re fait adjourd' hui son avecat. N'est vrai que M. Casey a vendu de ces 3 Cuartos et qu'il ne tient pas plus que M. Lopez a eu opérer le remboursement.'

"To these I make answer as follows:

It is not true that I sold any of these Stamps.
I never had any of the Stamps to sell.
I never had any of the Stamps for any purpose.
I never owned any of these Stamps.
I never received any of these Stamps.
I never saw any of these Stamps.
Therefore, I have nothing to re-imburse.

"Again,

I am not an advocate of M. Lopez.
He is not one of my contributors.
He is not one of my correspondents.
I never received a letter from him.
I know nothing whatever concerning him.

"Are these denials sufficient for you?

"What I published in the 'Stamp Journal' concerning these Stamps was based on information furnished by a prominent English Collector, whose name is well-known to all amateurs, and whose honesty and integrity are without question. His evidence seemed to me better than the statements you published.

"Finally, I did not assert that these Stamps were genuine. What I did say is this: 'In this case of the Cantavieja Stamps, M. Meons may be in error.' (Page 42, No. 42, *The Stamp Journal*.)

"Now, sir, you claim to be an honourable man. Prove your honour by retracting these mis-statements concerning me.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH J. CASEY,

Editor of 'The Stamp Journal.' "

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

Sept. 8th, 1878.

To the Editor.

Your correspondents' column is really a valuable thing, and I shall try and answer two of the questions, and propound another.

If T. Hebron wish describe what Canadian Tobacco Stamps he wishes price of in the next, I will endeavour to give the value, but numbering nearly 35, and very hard to distinguish, do not feel at liberty to occupy your space with a full description.

I have the 10 p. yellow "1866," and 3 p. blue "1873" issue of South Australia, surcharged in black G.S., which is so near O.S. as to deceive many. If any one has them O.S. in black, I should also be pleased to know of it. Some of the surcharges are also very indistinct, and I think are the cause of so many varieties being catalogued, as the officials state the following are used yet catalogued "C.S.," "U.," "A.C.," "O.A."

Should be pleased to hear more in your valuable columns.

A. REED.

KINGSTON,
23rd August, 1878.

Sir,

Can any reader inform me why subscribers or stamp dealers do not, in their spare time, write the history of each stamp of different countries and send the same to this Journal for its improvement and other people's information.

Yours sincerely,
HERB. H. BENSON.

To the Editor.

NEW ISSUE OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 99).

We are indebted to Messrs. RIDPATH & Co. for the information below.

AUSTRIA.—There is a Pneumatic Post Cover, 20 Kr blue.

BRAZIL.—Two new issues.

100 r. green.

260 r. brown.

BRITISH GUIANA.—All the officials are obsolete now.

1876. 1 c. official.

CHINA, We hear of

3 candareens large rect red.

5 " " " yellow.

GERMANY, a Post Card, 1878,

10 pfg. rose.

NICARAGUA, A Post Card.

2, c. rose on yellow.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,

25 mils de peso, black.

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ST. THOMAS, a new envelope,

2 c. oval blue.

SWITZERLAND, the following are the values of the unpaid stamps. colour all blue:

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50, 1 franc & 5 francs.

To be continued.

PROCEEDING OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

September 28, 1878, Meeting, held at 113, Pearl Street, M. Bate, the Corresponding Secretary, stated that he had received two communications from the Philatelic Society of Wytheville Va., requesting copies of publications of New York Society and information. He stated that he had written to the corresponding Secretary of said Society, and sent copy of first Bulletin.

The consideration of the Japanese Stamps was then continued. Nothing of note was exhibited except two cards of the 1874 issue, 2 sen. brown with red frame, and 1 sen. blue, with red frame, both being without the usual instructions on the inside.

M. Jesurum reported that Peru would join the Postal Union on October 1st, and the Secretary called attention to the fact that on and after October 1st, third class matter can be registered to points within the United States.

The Executive Council proposed the Stamps of Natal for consideration of the October Meeting.

B. R. BOGERT,
Secretary.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

As intimated in our last number, we are happy to say, proceedings will be taken against the boys who took the below mentioned names and addresses. We trust all dealers will help the intending prosecutor. He is deserving of all support.

J. Halford, 45, Chandos Street, W., has swindled,—Blackaller 7/6, Merryweather 9/6, Bingham 5/—, Whaley 9/10, Fawcett 10—, Chambers 8/6, Andrews 8/6, Dodson 17/8, Dransfield 3/7, Golder 16/6, Frith & Platt.

G. Hallam, 74a Wells St., W., has swindled,—Blackaller 10/—, Bingham 6/—, Whaley 8/3, Clarke 16/4, Chambers 9/2, Dransfield 7/9, and Frith & Co.

A. Glidden, Market St., Oxford St., W., has swindled,—Golder 21/9, Lamb 8/9, Bingham 5/6, Whaley 8/—, Merryweather 5/1, Fawcett 10/—, Chambers 10/10, Andrews 4/3, Winch 62/9, Dodson 6/8, Dransfield 7/2.

J. Anderson, Sherwood St., Regent St., has swindled,—Chambers 5/4, Dransfield 6/6, Golder 24/6.

L. Alexander, 58, Fetter Lane, has swindled,—Lamb 7/4, Maclean 11/6.

G. Riley, 189, Gt. Portland St., W., has swindled.—Reed 5/6, Lamb 8/5, Maclean 14/6.

T. White, 50, Titchfield St., has swindled, Dodson & Co, 12/-, T. White, Ridinghouse St., has swindled,—Chambers 10/-, Blackaller 17/2.

F. Brown, 15, Saville St. has swindled,—Golder 28/6.

G. Williams, 57, Marylebone Lane, has swindled,—Sissons 63/-, Andrewa 6/2.

A. Davies, 4, Drury Lane, W., has swindled,—Whitfield & Party 13/5.

J. Edward, 40, Berwick St., W. has swindled,—Cox 6/0½.

D. Webb, Edward St., Berwick St. swindled,—Fawcett 10/-

J. Pearce 41, Rupert St., has swindled,—Dransfield 6/11, 19/5.

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A. Roberts, 15, Little Windmill St., W., has swindled,—Fawcett 10/-

Halford, J., 4, Carnaby St., W., Swindled, Dodson 17/8.

Goodman, L., 28, " " swindled, Dodson 21/3.

Jackson, M., 28, " " " " Golder 14/9. Dransfield 4/2.

11/8. C. W. Cook, 15/4. Whitfield King & Co., 8/- T. Chambers, 8/9. W. Blackaller 12/-.

Mr. Eldrid, Junr., 50, Barbican, Aldersgate Street, E.C., who writes on thin glazed paper with top of address cut off excepting "Aldersgate Street" printed in corner in black, and "London 187" in other corner, has swindled,

T. Chambers, 4/9. J. Harris, 5/- W. H. King, 5/8. Hutt, Moore, 21/4. B. S. Hine, 8/5. Mrs. Cole, 7/1.

H. Taylor 160, Walworth Rd., S.E. Swindled A. Hemming, 9/7. S. Golder, 14/-

T. Bennett, 96, Walworth Road, S.E. Swindled H. Urbin, 8/7.

T. Hutchings, 45, London Road, S.E. Swindled a Clark, 8/3.

B. Neal, Walton, Surrey. Swindled F. Dransfield, 7/9. T. Cooper, 16/6

T. Chambers, 13/4. Andrew, 6/10. Clark, 9/6. Blackaller, 16/6, and Frith & Co.

Blake, Duke, Worthing, Swindled W. King, 7/3. Rippon, 7/- Dodson, 23/4.

C. Sayer, 5, Crystal Palace Rd., Dulwich. Swindled Andrew, 7/4. Hemming, 5/1.

Monks, 22/7. Fawcett, 12/9. Golder, 1/8. W. King, 2/6. Benson, 3/-, and R. Lamb.

W. Houlston, Dunmow, Essex, Swindled W. Lamb.

G. Tysoe, Dunmow, Essex, Swindled Hemming, 6/9. Blackaller, 24/4.

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FORGERIES.

Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co., of Ipswich, have sent us for inspection some Madeira Stamps, which, were obtained from Messrs. Dodson & Co., Handsworth, Sheffield, we have no hesitation in saying they are forgeries of the worst kind. Messrs. Whitfield King, also informs us, Dodson sells Griqualand, Transvaal, Four-penny Orange Free State, India Service, British Guiana official, and other stamps with forged surcharges, and offer them as being genuine; all dealers and collectors should be on the look out for these, as they are at times very difficult to detect.

It must be distinctly understood by all that the residents at the below addresses are all highly respectable people, being in most instances either tobacconists or news-agents.

WANTED.

C. Benson, 15, Duke St., W. Smithfield. Swindled F. W. Jones. A. J. Reed, 5/11. S. Golder, 30/3.

F. Bland, 238, Euston Road, N. W. Swindled A. J. Reed 1/- F. Dransfield,

TEN SHILLINGS REWARD

will be given to any person not being the offender, who shall give such information as will cause the recovery of the stamps, or the apprehension of either Benson, Bland, Eldrid, Taylor, Bennett, Hutchings, Neal, Duke, Houlston, and Tysoe. All communications will be treated strictly confidential.

E. WEBBER,

50, Grove Road, Holloway, London, N.

I have the 10 p. yellow "1868," and 3 p. blue "1873" issue of South Australia, surcharged in black G.S., which is so near O.S. as to deceive many. If any one has them O.S. in black, I should also be pleased to know of it. Some of the surcharges are also very indistinct, and I think are the cause of so many varieties being catalogued, as the officials state the following are used yet catalogued "C.S.," "U.," "A.O.," "O.A."

Should be pleased to hear more in your valuable columns.

A. REED.

KINGSTON,
23rd August, 1878.

Sir,

Can any reader inform me why subscribers or stamp dealers do not, in their spare time, write the history of each stamp of different countries and send the same to this Journal for its improvement and other people's information.

Yours sincerely,
HERB. H. BENSON.

To the Editor.

NEW ISSUE OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS.

(Continued from page 99).

We are indebted to Messrs. RIDPATH & Co. for the information below.

AUSTRIA.—There is a Pneumatic Post Cover, 20 Kr blue.

BRAZIL.—Two new issues.
100 r. green.
260 r. brown.

BRITISH GUIANA.—All the officials are obsolete now.

1876. 1 c. official.

CHINA, We hear of
3 candareens large rect red.
5 " " " yellow.

GERMANY, a Post Card, 1878,
10 pfg. rose.

NICARAGUA, A Post Card.
2, c. rose on yellow.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
25 mils de peso, black.
" " " surcharged "Habilitado"
12 c. Ptd.

ST. THOMAS, a new envelope,
2 c. oval blue.

SWITZERLAND, the following are the values of the unpaid stamps. colour all blue:

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 50, 1 franc & 5 francs.
To be continued.

PROCEEDING OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

September 28, 1878, Meeting, held at 113, Pearl Street, M. Bate, the Corresponding Secretary, stated that he had received two communications from the Philatelic Society of Wytheville Va., requesting copies of publications of New York Society and information. He stated that he had written to the corresponding Secretary of said Society, and sent copy of first Bulletin.

The consideration of the Japanese Stamps was then continued. Nothing of note was exhibited except two cards of the 1874 issue, ½ sen. brown with red frame, and 1 sen. blue, with red frame, both being without the usual instructions on the inside.

M. Jesurum reported that Peru would join the Postal Union on October 1st, and the Secretary called attention to the fact that on and after October 1st, third class matter can be registered to points within the United States.

The Executive Council proposed the Stamps of Natal for consideration of the October Meeting.

E. R. BOGERT,
Secretary.

COUNTERFEITERS & SWINDLERS.

As intimated in our last number, we are happy to say, proceedings will be taken against the boys who took the below mentioned names and addresses. We trust all dealers will help the intending prosecutor. He is deserving of all support.

J. Halford, 45, Chandos Street, W., has swindled,—Blackaller 7/6, Merryweather 9/8, Bingham 5/—, Whaley 9/10, Fawcett 10—, Chambers 8/6, Andrews 8/6, Dodson 17/8, Dransfield 3/7, Golder 18/6, Frith & Platt.

G. Hallam, 74a Wells St., W., has swindled,—Blackaller 10/—, Bingham 5/—, Whaley 8/3, Clarke 16/4, Chambers 9/2, Dransfield 7/9, and Frith & Co.

A. Glidden, Market St., Oxford St., W., has swindled,—Golder 21/9, Lamb 8/9, Bingham 5/6, Whaley 8/—, Merryweather 5/1, Fawcett 10/—, Chambers 10/10, Andrews 4/3, Winch 62/9, Dodson 6/8, Dransfield 7/2.

J. Anderson, Sherwood St., Regent St., has swindled,—Chambers 5/4, Dransfield 6/6, Golder 24/6.

L. Alexander, 58, Fetter Lane, has swindled,—Lamb 7/4, Maclean 11/6.

G. Riley, 189, Gt. Portland St., W., has swindled,—Reed 5/6, Lamb 8/5, Maclean 14/6.

T. White, 50, Titchfield St., has swindled, Dodson & Co, 12/-, T. White, Ridinghouse St., has swindled,—Chambers 10/-, Blackaller 17/2.

F. Brown, 15, Saville St. has swindled,—Golder 28/6.

G. Williams, 57, Marylebone Lane, has swindled,—Sissons 63/-, Andrews 6/2.

A. Davies, 4, Drury Lane, W., has swindled,—Whitfield & Party 13/5.

J. Edward, 40, Berwick St., W. has swindled,—Cox 6/0½.

D. Webb, Edward St., Berwick St. swindled,—Fawcett 10/-

J. Pearce 41, Rupert St., has swindled,—Dransfield 6/11, 19/5.

G. Evans 14, Gt. Windmill St., W., has swindled,—Hemming 6/-

A. Roberts, 15, Little Windmill St., W., has swindled,—Fawcett 10/-

Halford, J., 4, Carnaby St., W., Swindled, Dodson 17/8.

Goodman, L., 28, " " swindled, Dodson 21/3.

Jackson, M., 28, " " " " Golder 14/9. Dransfield 4/2.

11/8. O. W. Cook, 15/4. Whitfield King & Co., 8/- T. Chambers, 8/9. W. Blackaller 12/-.

Mr. Eldrid, Junr., 50, Barbican, Aldersgate Street, E.C., who writes on thin glazed paper with top of address cut off excepting "Aldersgate Street" printed in corner in black, and "London 187" in other corner, has swindled,

T. Chambers, 4/9. J. Harris, 5/- W. H. King, 5/8. Hutt, Moore, 21/4. B. S. Hine, 8/5. Mrs. Cole, 7/1.

H. Taylor 160, Walworth Rd., S.E. Swindled A. Hemming, 9/7. S. Golder, 14/-

T. Bennett, 96, Walworth Road, S.E. Swindled H. Urbin, 8/7.

T. Hutchings, 45, London Road, S.E. Swindled a Clark, 8/3.

B. Neal, Walton, Surrey. Swindled F. Dransfield, 7/9. T. Cooper, 16/6

T. Chambers, 13/4. Andrew, 6/10. Clark, 9/6. Blackaller, 16/6, and Frith & Co.

Blake, Duke, Worthing, Swindled W. King, 7/3. Rippon, 7/- Dodson, 23/4.

C. Sayer, 5, Crystal Palace Rd., Dulwich. Swindled Andrew, 7/4. Hemming, 5/1.

Monks, 22/7. Fawcett, 12/9. Golder, 1/8. W. King, 2/6. Benson, 3/-, and R. Lamb.

W. Houlston, Dunmow, Essex, Swindled W. Lamb.

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G. Thompson, 15, Little Windmill Street. Swindled Platt, Junr., of 45/-

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FORGERIES.

Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co., of Ipswich, have sent us for inspection some Madeira Stamps, which, were obtained from Messrs. Dodson & Co., Handsworth, Sheffield, we have no hesitation in saying they are forgeries of the worst kind. Messrs. Whitfield King, also informs us, Dodson sells Griqualand, Transvaal, Four-penny Orange Free State, India Service, British Guiana official, and other stamps with forged surcharges, and offer them as being genuine; all dealers and collectors should be on the look out for these, as they are at times very difficult to detect.

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C. Benson, 15, Duke St., W. Smithfield. Swindled F. W. Jones. A. J. Reed, 5/11. S. Golder, 30/3.

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TO THE

English Journal of Philately

MARCH, 1879.

WE, the undersigned, having purchased the enclosed Journal from Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, of London, hope that the public will give us as fair a share of their patronage as they did to the late editors.

We shall be much obliged if you will forward us your subscription to this valuable pamphlet. We have no hesitation in saying that it is the largest and cheapest published at the present time for the money; and, if it is patronised, we have no doubt we shall be able to enlarge it.

Through the kindness of Messrs J. H. LACY & Co., of Rotherhithe, S.E. (who act as our agents, and by our instructions), advertisers wishing to pay for their advertisements by Foreign Stamps, can do so, by forwarding their advertisements and stamps to the above named gentlemen. If payment by cash is preferred, it can be forwarded as usual.

In conclusion, let us impress upon you that the paper will receive our best attention, and will after this date, we hope, be published regularly.

We remain,

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THE HANSE TOWNS OF NORTH GERMANY.

By "GRAPHICOS."

AT the end of my last article (which I was afraid would be so in another sense) I promised to speak of the third *Hanse* town, namely, *Bremen*.

This city is situated on the Weser, which divides it into the old and new towns, of which the former is the larger, and contains the cathedral. Both portions of the town were strengthened by fortifications, but the ground on which they stood is now laid out as public gardens.

Bremen does an immense business in tobacco, and has the largest cigar factories in Germany; much ship-building is also carried on; and there is a large trade between it and America.

Bremen was taken by the French in 1757, who were driven out by the Hanoverians in 1758.

Area—97 square miles.

Population (in 1875) 142,645.

Bremen is connected by railway with the outpost of *Geestemunde* or *Bremerhafen*, 35 miles distant.

Bremen is still a free port, but Lubeck (I forgot to say) is now within the German *Lollverim*, or Customs League, formed by the German Empire.

Postage Stamps, issue of 1855-63:—Arms surmounted by crown, with numeral in oval on each side, black impression on coloured paper, inscribed *Franco Marke*. Unperforated—5 grote, pink, and 7 grote yellow: perforated—5 grote, pink, and 7 grote, yellow.

Issue of 1855-64 :—Key in solid oval, on scrolled disk, Roman numeral in lower corners, inscribed *Bremen*. Coloured impression, unperforated—5 silber groschen, grn. and dark green.

Issue of 1861 :—Key in sinons double oval of engine-turning, name above, full value below, and numerals at angles. Black impression, perforated—19 grote, blk.

Issue of 1855-64—*For the town of Bremen* :—Key in shield, with crown above, and number in oval at sides, in scrolled frame; small numeral in corners. Inscribed *Stadt post amt Bremen*. Black impression, on coloured paper, unperforated—3 grote, slate; perforated—3 grote, slate. Key in small oval in broad engine-turned disk, numeral of values in corners, and marginal frame. Inscribed *Stadt post amt Bremen*. Coloured impression, perforated, 2 grote, yellow, orange.

All the stamps that I have described are found with two kinds of perforation: the first consisting of mere zigzag slits; the second, of properly formed semicircular dents.

Envelope Stamps :—Handstamped; crown, arms, and inscription

in linear tranverse oval frame, in the upper, and the word *Franco* in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Inscription: *Stadt post amt Bremen*. Black impression on blue or white paper; value, one grote.

Also without the word *Franco*, and with the stamp in the *left* or the *right* lower corner. There is also a stamp that *Mr. Pemberton* and *Dr. Gray* seem somewhat doubtful about, and “the exact use of which has never been explained.” The description of it is as follows: Arms and crown surrounded by inscription (*Stadt post amt Bremen*) in three-lined circle, with scalloped edge. Black impression, circular, on pale greenish paper. It is supposed to be official, and is frequently seen in collections.

NOTICE.

SINCE the first appearance of the “English Journal of Philately,” in 1877, a fair share of patronage has been bestowed upon it, both in the way of subscriptions and advertisements. The somewhat irregular appearance of the Journal has been owing mainly to the devotion of time to other business

by the late manager, and not to anticipated failure. We have been at times uncharitably inclined to think that a well known trans-Atlantic contemporary attached too much importance to the fact that his Journal was not conducted by a stamp dealer. But the fact remains that the attention of some competent person is essential to the success of any philatelic journal. Therefore, under the present management, no advertisements of interested parties will be allowed precedence of general advertisements; nor will business of any description intrude, and obstruct regular publication and undivided attention by the manager.

In conclusion, dealers and collectors alike may be assured that their interests will be carefully watched, and nothing that can be done to insure success will be overlooked.

Advertisers preferring, we have concluded arrangements with a firm of stamp dealers to purchase any stamps we may obtain; so that advertisers may (by previous arrangement) remit by good used postage stamps, at wholesale prices.

POSTAGE-STAMP COLLECTING.

The collecting of postage stamps has long been a favourite amusement. There is not only pleasure in procuring and arranging them, but a good postage album is an interesting book for inspection and study. At one time there was what might be called "a stamp-collecting mania," people of all ages entering with keenness into the pursuit. The selling and exchanging of stamps became a regular branch of trade, in which many dealers were engaged in all parts of the kingdom.

Like other manias, the rage of collecting, in the mere spirit of acquisition and of rivalry, has cooled down, but the pursuit is still popular and commendable, when undertaken in an intelligent way and in a right spirit. We hope that stamp collecting will continue to flourish and spread among boys.

It is exactly forty years since the new postal system, with the use of envelopes and stamps, was first introduced into England. At first two sorts of envelope were issued, one being a penny (black), the other twopence (blue), with a pictorial design by W. Mulready, R.A. They continued in circulation only about six months, and were then withdrawn, being little in favour with business people, and mercilessly caricatured by artists and jesters. The stock of unused "Mulready's," after being stored in the stamp office for about twenty years, is said to have been destroyed by the Crown officials in 1862. Sixty thousand, we are told, were then destroyed, a piece of stupidity such as is frequent in Government offices, as they could have been sold as specimens for many times their value to collectors in all parts of the world. Possibly some few were thus disposed of. The price of one of the "Mulready" envelopes, either black or blue, according to Lincoln's catalogue, is now five shillings.

The penny adhesive postage stamp was at first black, but being liable to successful forgery by photography, it was changed two years afterwards to brown, and afterwards to red. The twopenny stamp has always been blue. British stamps of higher value vary in shape and colour, as every collector and letter-writer knows.

For several years England alone issued postage stamps. In 1848 France issued her first stamps, and was soon followed by other continental countries. In ten or twelve years the system had been adopted by above a hundred countries, and more than a thousand different postage labels were known.

With the progress of civilisation, and with political changes, the number of postage-stamps in use is ever varying, generally being on the increase. Whether still in use or not, they are equally sought for by collectors—in fact some of those wholly disused become gradually the most valuable as specimens. For present prices, and for enumeration of English, foreign, or colonial stamps, the most handy book of reference is the "Lincoln Stamp Album and Catalogue."

We give examples of stamps no longer in use. To state the reasons for the changes or disappearances of most of these would be a very pleasant and useful lesson and exercise. For example, the displacement of the stamps of the States of the Church, and of the kingdom of Naples, tells of the establishment of the kingdom of Italy. The disappearance of the Confederate stamps from circulation tells of the close of the civil war in America, the downfall of slavery, and the establishment of free labour and equal rights. The absence from current circulation of the pretty stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia tells of the confederation of these provinces under the dominion of Canada.

The rise of the German Empire has also extinguished various continental stamps, as well as those of Alsace and Lorraine. In other instances old stamps have been superseded by newer designs, but the majority of obsolete stamps have been set aside by

external forces, and thus illustrate recent history and political geography.

BRITISH GUIANA.—One of the rarest stamps of British Guiana is that with date 1853. The requirements for stamps by the Demerara Post-office must have been very small at that time, as there were only two values—1 cent and 4 cents—in 1853. Three sets have been published since that time, the last having nine stamps ranging in value from 1 cent to 96 cents.

BRAZIL.—The new series for Brazil will be an ornament to our collections, if we may judge by the four values already received. The engraving is exquisite, and the colours are definite and well chosen.

The new values are:

10 reis,	scarlet.
20	" mauve.
100	" green.
260	" sepia.

These stamps give a capital portrait of the accomplished Emperor as he appeared on his recent visit to Europe.

CHILI.—The New Issue of Chili postage-stamps are:

1 centavo,	black.
2	" orange.
5	" red.
10	" blue.
20	" green.

CASHMERE.—The new Cashmere stamps are printed in ink and not in water-colors, and will stand the action of water.

The values are:

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna,	scarlet.
1	" mauve.
2	" purple.

TRANSVALL.—There is a new stamp counter-marked with V.R. Transvall.

The values are:

4 pence,	green.
1 penny,	carmine.

FOUR HINTS
FOR
STAMP COLLECTORS.

- 1.—When you wish to insert a stamp in your album, do not cover the whole surface of the back with gum—it is far better to make four dots with a camel-hair brush, about the size of a pin's head, near the corners of the stamp. If this is done the stamp may easily be removed with a table knife should you afterwards obtain a better specimen for its place.
- 2.—It is better to have a separate book for Post Cards and Revenue Stamps. Cards greatly increase the bulk of the book, and thereby damage the binding.
- 3.—Do not be deceived by gentlemen (?) who offer "75 Rare Selected Stamps for 6d.—including San Salvador (set of 4), B. Guiana, St. Thomas, Bolivia, Mexico, Fiji, &c., &c.,"—depend upon it they are worthless forgeries.
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C. H. NUNN, Bury St. Edmund's,

NOTICE TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have at last succeeded in purchasing the "English Journal of Philately" from the late editor, Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, of London, and intend publishing it every two months until further notice. Should we receive encouragement we may return to the old system of publishing it monthly. We have slightly altered the terms, as we believe that the late editors have lost largely ever since this Journal has been published. [If anybody doubts

this statement, let them write and ascertain for themselves.] We intend to spare no pains in making it as interesting as possible; and have accepted one or two offers to supply us with subjects (for each paper) that interest philatelists.

In placing this Journal once more before the public, we hope that all interested in stamp collecting will use their influence, to the best of their ability, in our favour, and we shall not be found backward in acknowledging such.

In conclusion, we may add that it rests with the stamp-collecting community whether this valuable paper is carried on: if it is, so much the better for the public: if not, we can only say we have done our best, but that we have not been supported. If any one requires any information we shall be very happy to furnish him with same to the best of our ability.

CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

Liverpool,
21st Feb., 1879.

Can any reader inform me what the word "Philetely" means, as I cannot find it any dictionary?

Yours sincerely,

JOHN CLAXTON.

To the Editors.

PROCEEDINGS of the NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

December 11, 1878.—The Meeting of December the 11th, was held at the residence of Mr. Bogert, in Brooklyn.

Mr. W. E. Woodward, and Mr. E. C. Van Disop, of Boston; Mr. Henry Wallen, of New York, and Mr. Ade Cesta Gomez, of Brooklyn, were elected active members.

The Publishing Committee reported that the second number of the Bulletin would be published in ten days or two weeks, and would contain a portion of the report of the Postal Card Committee. Copies of the "St. Louis Philatelists" were received from Mr. E. F. Gumbs, thanks were voted, stamps of the Confederate States were exhibited by some of the members—those of Fredericksburg (both adhesive and envelope) by Mr. Jamason. The subject will be continued at next meeting.—Adjourned at 10.45.

R. R. BOGERT,
Secretary.

The Meeting of January 9, 1879, was held at the residence of Mr. Bate, in Brooklyn. A letter was received from Dr. Tegard thanking him for the interest he had taken in the Congress, and stating his reason why the color chart was not published. The corner die, Franco Bollo, was received from the publishers, and the Bull is in the English Society on the stamps of Spain and her colonies. These were noted.

The President announced the death of Mr. E. L. Pemberton, and the Society expressed its regret.


The stamps of the Confederate States being under consideration, a letter was read from Mr. W. J. Lawton, of Baltimore, describing the Union town Local, and giving the history of one in his possession. Mr. Bate shewed a fine

collection, and Mr. Casey mentioned a Memphis 5 c. red tête brecke.

The subject for consideration at the February Meeting is the best method for mounting envelopes.

ALBERT COMSTOCH,

Sec. (pro tem.)

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CENTRAL AMERICA.

BY "GRAPHICOS."

CENTRAL America, as a *natural* division, would include the whole of the narrow neck which serves as a causeway to connect the two great divisions of the continent, from the Isthmus of *Darien*, in the S., to that of *Tehuantepec*, in the N. As a *political* (and therefore *philatelic*) division, Central America is restricted to narrower *limits* by the annexation of the extreme northern district to Mexico, and of the southern to New Granada.

It comprises the following States:

British Honduras,
Guatemala,
San Salvador,
Honduras,
Nicaragua, and
Costa Rica.

I propose then to speak of these several states of *Central America* in this and the successive articles.

We will begin, therefore, with the first on my list, viz., *British Honduras*.

This colony occupies a portion of Zucatan, on the west coast of the Caribbean Sea. The area is about 13,500 square miles, and the population in 1871 was 24,710. The coast is flat and swampy, but the ground rises gradually towards the interior. British Honduras was discovered by Columbus, in 1502, and its early settlement is supposed to have been effected by adventurers from Jamaica, attracted by the fine timber, which includes cedar, mahogany, rosewood, and pine. The rich soil of the valleys produces luxuriant crops of sugar cane. Upward of 2,300 tons of sugar were exported in 1875. The capital is *Belize*, the population of which is nearly 7,000. The government consists of a Lieutenant Governor, an Executive Council, and a Legislative Assembly. The stamps may be divided into two classes, the *unwatermarked*, and those which have for their watermark the usual *CC & Crown*, which, by the way, signifies "*Crown Colony*." The former class were issued in 1865,

the values being: one penny, sixpence, and one shilling—and the colours: blue, rose, and green respectively. In 1872 the second class appeared, the values and colours being the same as in the former class, with the addition of 3d.—violet and brown.

The description of the stamps is as follows:—

Profile of Queen with Gothic Crown, to left in lined disk, in white inscribed oval garter, angles ornamented. Inscription: *British Honduras*. Perforated.

Honduras is the middle state of Central America, and it contains 47,090 square miles, including a small portion of the Mosquito [a suggestive word] territory. It has a coast-line of nearly 400 miles on the Caribbean Sea, but only about 40 miles of coast-line on the Pacific side: the country is mountainous, being traversed by the Cordilleras. Its mineral wealth is great, consisting of gold, silver, copper, and many other valuable minerals. The foreign trade is chiefly carried on with the United States, Spain, and Great Britain. The capital is Comayagua, the population of which is over 8,000, but not equal to that of Tegucigalpa, which is situated in a mining district, and is said to be the most flourishing city of the state. At Copau, in Honduras, are the remains of a city extending two miles, among which is the wall of a temple 624 feet in length.

Stamps.—Issue of 1865.—Arms of Honduras on pyramid, with

waves beneath, and motto (*Dios Union y Libertad*) above: on plain inscribed oval disk figure of value in lined spandrels: inscription, *Corres de Honduras*. Value, two reales: black on rose and black on green. “It is not clear,” says the late Mr. Pemberton, “why two colours should exist: both have been known since 1865.”

Issue of 1877.—The same as above, but surcharged *in real* (in black italics), also *medio real*, in red italics (the latter only on the green).

Issue of 1878.—The same, surcharged in blue italics, *un real*, and *duo reales*, both of which are, however, only on the rose.

During the same year (1878) a totally new issue appeared, of which I hope to speak next time.

FAREWELL.

WHEN I first launched my venture—the E. J. P.—on the tide of public favour, I confess to sundry anxious thoughts for its well-faring, being fully sensitive that the commencement of a new publication could not be supposed to make its way without encountering serious difficulties, and overcoming prejudices. I am happy to be able to record that these anxieties were soon dispelled as I noted how cheerfully the votaries of philately hailed its first appearance, and rendered me a cordial support. So greatly was my faith restored that at No. 5 I enlarged the publication. This however, from various reasons, I considered a premature proceeding, and

perhaps made a mistake, as being beyond the requirements of my correspondents.

With No. 16 of the publication my name ceases to appear as manager. Private and pressing business induced me to transfer the leadership to Messrs. John Williams & Co., of 68, Lodge Lane, Liverpool, who had already shown great interest in the E. J. P. I, however, have arranged to have at my command a column to which I attach much importance, viz., to expose that class of people who, led by false representations and counterfeit stamps, endeavour to impose on the public, and damp the ardour of youthful beginners.

I have already said that this subject is of the highest importance, and I cannot too earnestly impress upon all the great aid they can render by communicating with me or the manager without delay whenever such nefarious practices are imposed on them, assuring them of our prompt attention and publication thereof for the benefit of all others.

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PROCEEDINGS of the NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

THE Meeting of Feb. 12th was held at the residence of Mr. Carey. The Publishing Committee reported that the matter for the third bulletin was in the hands of the printer, being a continuation of the report of the Postal Card Committee. Copies of the *N. P. Philatelist*, Nos. 1 and 2, and Mr. Chas. Dunas' Price List No. 3, were received. Mr. Betts was admitted a life member. The subject for consideration being the best plan for mounting envelopes, Mr. Young suggested a cabinet with shadow drawn. Mr. Bogert preferred keeping them in large strong envelopes. Mr. Carey exhibited his plan as described in the *Juntra Poste*. The Executive Committee appointed for consideration at the next meeting, the Stamps of the United States of Colombia.

ALBERT COMSTOCK,
Sec. (pro. tem.)

THE regular Meeting of March 12th, was held at 193, Schermerhorn Street, at 8.30 p.m. In the absence of the president and vice-president, the corresponding secretary took the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read for information. The Publishing Committee report that they had decided to add enough pages to the 3rd bulletin to include all the balance of the post card list. The *New York Philatelist* for Feb. and March was received, and also a letter from Mr. E. F. Gambs, which was referred to the Executive Committee.

The stamps of New Granada being under consideration, Messrs. J. A. Mason

and Bogert [exhibited 'their' collections. Mr. Bogert's contained] the 10 and 50 c., 1862, each in two very different shades, the 1864 5 c. tête beche, and a 25 c. 1870 design, printed in green on white. It was not known by Mr. Bogert whether it was a new issue or an error. He also showed a full set Porto Rico, 1879, consisting of six values, viz., 5 c. de peseta maroon, 10 brown, 15 sage green, 25 blue, 50 deep green, and 1 peseta slate. Mr. Comstock showed several varieties of Grialand with inverted surcharge.

Mr. J. A. Mason here took the chair, and Mr. Bogert moved—"That in view of Dr. Legrand's report that the international Congress deemed it impossible, a committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the practicability, best method, and cost of publishing the color chart." The motion was carried, and the Chairman then appointed Messrs. Bogert and Comstock as a Committee. Mr. Comstock moved—"That the elections for Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, be postponed until the next meeting."—Carried. The Executive Committee reported the stamps of Victoria for consideration at the next meeting.

These minutes were read and adopted.
Adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

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lows:—The new type of postage label was, under any circumstances, to comprise the words "Poste" and "République Française." The next, that the designer should utterly abstain, either directly or by implication, from imparting any "political character" to the figures or the emblems which might be adopted as symbols of France, Peace, Industry, Commerce, Liberty, Justice, Law, Arts, &c. Thus, although the door was thrown wide open to all that inventive imagination could accomplish in the way of Beehives, Ships in full sail, and Cornucopiæ, of Doves and Olive branches, of Terrestrial Globes and Locomotive Engines, of Scales and Judicial Glaives, of Palettes, Etruscan Vases, and Busts of Minerva,—the portals of competition were rigidly closed against Phrygian Caps, Equilateral Triangles, Eagles (single or double headed), Sceptres, Orbs, and especially regal or imperial Crowns. French artists alone were to compete. Also, that as one type alone would be used for all values, place must be reserved for the indication of value. On or before the 24th of August the competitors were to furnish sketches of their designs eight times the size of the projected stamps, and a photograph of the design reduced to the dimensions of the current stamp. The first prize was to be 1500 francs, or £60; second ditto, 500 francs; third ditto, 300 francs.

By the time appointed no less than 431 designs were sent in, and these had to be examined by the judges, or "committee of taste," as they have been called, who were Mr. Mr. Passey (under secretary of state), three members of the Institute of France, the post-master general, the director of the mint, the comptroller of the Bank of France, and the chief clerk of the finance office, as secretary of the committee.

On the 27th of August the decision of the judges was given—the three designs considered to be the most suitable being in the following order, viz. :—

1st. Peace and Commerce leaning against a Globe; figure of value inscribed in a square in the centre of Globe.

2nd. Abundance, leaning against a shield, in which is the figure of value.

3rd. France, holding a flambeau; figure of value on stem of flambeau.

These three designs were then submitted to the minister of finance, who decided to adopt the first one, which is current at the present time. The winner of the £60 was M. Jules Sage, a pupil of the painter Picot, who was then occupied as chief designer in a manufactory of painted glass at Auvergne. His drawing represents "Peace and Commerce united, and reigning over the world:"—a truly hopeful idea when we look at the Zulu war, &c. Mr. Chaplain won the 500 francs. He is a "Prix de Rome," which means a great deal more than a gold medallist of the Royal Academy of Arts signifies with us. He was the designer of the medal of honor of the Salon, the medal of the International Exhibition, the "mètre" of the medal of the siege of Paris, and the "Medaille du Sauvetage," same as our Humane Society's badge. The 300 francs fell to Mr. Ernest Picard, a sculptor, well known as an ardent student of Egyptian archæology. He presented us with the full length portrait of a young lady with a very extensive pair of outstretched wings, but otherwise as guiltless of wearing apparel as Lady Godiva. She carried a torch in her hand, and is supposed to represent Thought bearing light.


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