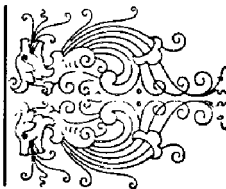
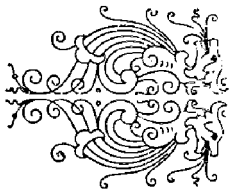


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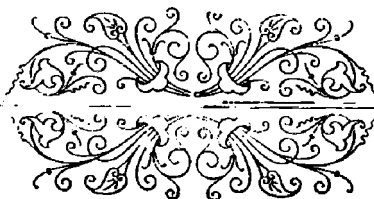
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HOW time flies. It seems only a few days ago since the *Philatelic Chronicle* came into existence, and here we are at our fourth birthday—as philatelic journals go we are quite grown up. Never mind, we are receiving birthday presents in the form of annual subscriptions in shoals just at present, and we shall do our best to reciprocate the kindness and confidence of our friends by renewed efforts to augment the usefulness of the *P. C. & A.* While on this question of time, we would point out that it is now eighteen months since our office was changed from Francis Road, and yet we receive communications directed to that address, how many we do not receive we cannot say, but we are indebted to the courtesy of strangers for all we get. Will Messrs. Gremmel, Mekeel, and others kindly note our present address, in order to prevent mistake and loss.

CHRONICLE.

ECUADOR.—The following telegraph stamps are being used postally:—

- 10c. green.
- 20c. red.

LABUAN.—A new series of the old type has been issued, lithographed.

- 2c. rose.
- 6c. yellow green.
- 8c. bright violet.
- 10c. brown.
- 12c. ultramarine.
- 16c. grey.
- 40c. orange.

MOROCCO.—The *Courrier des Timbres-Poste* has received a set of stamps of poor appearance, representing a kind of mosque in an oval with the inscription above *Serice de Courrier* and below *Fez - Safro* and value, perforated 13.

- 5c. carmine.
- 10c. slate.
- 25c. green.
- 50c. yellow.
- 1 peseta. marone.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—*Timbre Poste* announces that the 12c. is now in orange brown, and the 1/2 cent will be issued in black.

ORANGE FREE STATES.—The colours of the current issue are changed.

½d. yellow.	4d. deep green.
1d. violet.	6d. blue.
2d. rose.	1/- red brown.
2½d. green.	2/6 orange.
3d. brown.	5/- carmine.

SIAM.—Messrs. Clarke & Co., of Bushey, Herts, have sent us three sheets of the surcharges on 64 atts. The 1 att surcharge reads "1 Att." on the first sheet, and "1 Atts." on the second, the figure of value being uniform. In the 2 atts sheet, the surcharged numeral embraces every variety of 2, large and small, thick and thin, straight and curved base, &c.

1 atts on 64 atts,	purple and brown.
1 att on 64 atts,	" "
2 atts on 64 atts,	" "

TONGA.—The 8d. and 1/- have been surcharged.

½d. on 1/- brown,	black surch.
2½d. on 8d. lilac	" "

POST CARDS, &c.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Envelopes of the type of 1d. are issued.

½d. grey-blue on white.
2½d. olive-green on bluish.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—A reply card, ordinary 1887 type, is about to be issued.

3+3 cents, red on white.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The 2c. and 3c. cards, with and without reply, have been surcharged *Union Postal Universal* in black.

2 cents,	red, black surcharge.
2+2 "	" "
3 "	blue "
3+3 "	" "

NEW SOUTH WALES.—This country has issued a letter card, value 1½d., for use on the Australian continent.

1½d. red on chamois.

ROUMANIA.—Roumania has issued a postal card, bearing value 5 bani on the right, and arms to the left.

5b. blue on white.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

IT rained last Tuesday. For fourteen hours without cessation the flood descended.—We rather like rain, the blustering wind makes us wrathful and vindictive, the cold seems to freeze our heart and renders us callous, heat finds us red in the face and generally disagreeable, but rain, gentle rain, always makes us charitable and forgiving, especially when our tailor calls unsuccessfully for the sixth time and

has forgotten his umbrella. Oh yes! would lend you one with pleasure, but we have only this, and as we are compelled to keep an appointment, we shall be obliged to lock the office at once. Which way, up the street? Dear, dear, we have to go down. Good morning, good morning, perhaps it's only a passing shower. And we go away feeling good and charitable and at peace with all men, thinking how it will benefit the crops if it will only come down heaven's hardest for an hour or so. Yes, rain is good, distinctly good, except when you are compelled to remain in it, although some men we know never go out at all on wet days, and yet manage to get more or less soaked. But to return to our muttons, as the French say. We took advantage of last Tuesday to do some work. We are fond of work. Often we go to sleep beside it, and it always pains us to see it diminish. If we could only swap our collection of work amassed during many years, for old colonials, Ferrary's collection wouldn't be in it. Well, we started work, but barely had we commenced when the postman came wobbling up. As our lady assistant was temporarily absent, we answered the knock, and found him standing like a half-drowned rat, in a pool of water. He handed us some soaked letters, apologetically stating that his Government cape was about as useful for practical purposes as a piece of muslin. "And, do you know, sir," he said, "if I was to lose that 'ere cape I should 'ave ten shillings stopped, and the blessed thing ain't worth fifteenpence." He turned to go, but a parting casual remark,—“It's very wet this morning, outside, sir,”—there seemed the ghost of an emphasis on the word *outside*,—went to our heart, and he merrily wobbled down, running the usual risk.

After watching him as far as the corner, we seized the sacrificial scissors and turned to our accumulation of letters and papers, like a lion seeking whom he might devour.

Our first victim was the *Indian Philatelist*, from whose vitals we cut the following:—Mr. Charles L. Borg, a popular Chicago collector, has no hands, having lost them in a railway accident, but his collection is fine and neatly arranged. In placing the stamps in his album, he uses a carpenter's chisel, manipulating it with his teeth.

In the May number of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* the occupation of one of the *P. S. of A.* applicants is commented upon. The applicant gives his age as 14, and occupation as "Pugilist." He should be able to lick a stamp.

The Philatelic Society of Bengal has lost its President in Mr. G. J. Hynes, who left India for England on August 23rd. India is the poorer for one of her most advanced philatelists, while England is the gainer. Mr. Hynes is a member of the *L.P.S.*, and we shall no doubt soon hear of his appearance among London collectors.

A correspondent of an inquiring turn of mind wants to know how many stamps would be required to philatelic album.

The Negus of Ethiopia, "King of the Kings of Ethiopia, Emperor" has had some stamps made in Paris for the use of such of his subjects as desire to send letters. But there is no postal service, so that, unless the "blameless Ethiopians" go in for philately, we do not quite see what they will do with them. So the Negus's subjects won't be happy when they get them!

The following is stated to be the list of the five scarcest stamps in the world in the order of their rarity:—

- 1.—British Guiana, 1c., 1856 (only one known).
 - 2.—Sandwich Isles, 1st issue, 2c. (four known).
 - 3.—British Guiana, 1850, 2c. rose (sold for \$1,010).
 - 4.—Mauritius "Post Office," 1d. (sold for £310)
 - 5.—Mauritius "Post Office," 2d.
- Only sixteen of the Mauritius "Post Office" stamps are known, and six of the 1850 British Guiana 2c.

The new postcard regulations seem to be now a little more elastic in working, for we have received cards showing a considerable difference in size and appearance to the ordinary post-office article. We have printed a large number for our own use, and would be happy to send 20 as a sample on receipt of postage 1d. They contain an advertisement of P. C. & A., which occupies a small portion of one side. We can supply thick cards at 6/- per 1,000, carriage free, printed as required on one side. The post office cards of the same quality cost 8.4 per 1,000 (not considering the half-penny stamp), and if you want printing on, it means about 14/- of 15/- per 1,000. We supply card and printing for 6/-, and all orders are executed promptly.

STAMP VALUES:—A CONTRAST.

BY MRS. HARRISON.

PRICES IN 1867 and 1894.

HAVING just now an opportunity of looking through the advertisements of stamps in the numbers of *The Boys' Own Magazine* for the year 1867, just half-way between the introduction of the penny post and the present year, it may, I think, be interesting to the readers of the P. C. & A. to contrast some of the present prices with those at which the school-boys of twenty-seven years ago could obtain valuable specimens, some of which are now considered suitable for only advanced collectors, and which the owner of three or four thousand varieties in these days may have never seen. The names of advertisers are but few, and in reading them, we are ready to enquire what has become of them. Have

they "made their pile" and retired on their profits? or have their ventures only brought disappointment and failure? With the exception of the name of Stanley Gibbons, there is scarcely one that is familiar to the present generation of collectors. In 1867, Mr. Stanley Gibbons' address was 15, Treville Street, Plymouth (I believe it was in that town that he made his historical purchase of two sacks of Cape stamps from two sailors for £5), his catalogue in the same year consisted of 21 pages, and was supplied post-free at one penny! In looking over the lists of stamps supplied in packets, we notice how different were the lots then offered:—Tuscany, Schleswig-Holstein, Oldenburg, Swiss (first issue), Moldo-Wallachia, Parma, Modena, Bremen, "Swan River," Nova Scotia, Portugal (Donna Maria), Spain, 1850, &c., meet us on every page, instead of the newer stamp-issuing countries which now chiefly furnish these packets. In 1867 there is no mention of watermarks, or number of perforations; and where the colours are not given it is sometimes impossible to identify the particular stamp in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue. In some cases, therefore, I have given the prices of each issue of a certain value before 1867, the difference being chiefly in watermarks, perforations, &c. The prices are contrasted with those of the 9th edition of the catalogue.

UNUSED STAMPS.

	1867.	1894.
Austrian Italy, 2 soldi ..	2d. ..	5/-, 3/-, 1/-
British Columbia, 2½d. ..	7d. ..	perf. 7/6
" " 5 cents ..	8d. ..	7/6
" " 10 " ..	1 3 ..	" 5/6
Ceylon, ¼d. ..	2d. ..	(1864) 2/-, 3/6
" 1d. blue ..	3d. ..	1/6
" 2d. green ..	6d. ..	5/-, 15/-
Canada, 2 cents, 1860 ..	2d. ..	3-
" 10 cents ..	9d. ..	Not priced.
Holstein, 1865, ¼ schilling ..	1d. ..	3/6
" " 1¼ " ..	3d. ..	3/-
" " 1½ " ..	3d. ..	2/-
" " 2 " ..	4d. ..	3/6, 5/-
Ionian Islands, set of 3 ..	9d. ..	5 6
Jamaica, 1d. (pine) ..	3d. ..	1/6
Mexico, ¼ real, brown ..	1/- ..	2/6
Nevis, 1d. ..	3d. ..	5/-, 7/6, 16/-
Newfoundland, 1d. ..	2d. ..	6-, 2/-
" 2d. ..	4d. ..	16/6, 8/6
" 3d. ..	6d. ..	3 6
Nova Scotia, 1 cent ..	1d. ..	1/-
" 2 cents ..	2d. ..	1/-
" 8½ cents ..	8d. ..	7/6
Oldenburg, ¼ groschen ..	1d. ..	1862, 2/-
" " ¼ " ..	2d. ..	" 1 6
St. Vincent, 1d. ..	3d. ..	2/-
St. Helena, 1d. ..	2d. ..	5/-, 7/6
Schleswig, ¼ schilling, green ..	1d. ..	1/9
" 1¼ " ..	3d. ..	2/-
" 2 " blue ..	4d. ..	1/9
" 4 " " ..	6d. ..	2/-, 1/9

USED STAMPS.

	1867.	1894.
Brazil, large Roman fig., 60r.	1/3 ..	4/6
" " " " 30r.	2/6 ..	7/6
" Italic fig., 10r...	3d. ..	1/-
" " " " 90 reis ..	8d. ..	3/-
" small Roman fig., 280r.	3d. ..	5/-
" " " " 180r.	6d. ..	3/-
" " " " 300r.	6d. ..	3/-
" " " " 600r.	6d. ..	4/-
Buenos Ayres, 1 peso ..	4d. ..	lowest 4/-
Canada, 10 cents ..	2d. ..	1/-, 1 6
France, 1849, 10c. ..	6d. ..	2/6
" " " " 15c. ..	4d. ..	5/6
" " " " 1 franc ..	6d. ..	2/6
" President, 10c. ..	6d. ..	5/6
" " " " 1853, 25c. ..	2d. ..	2/-
Hamburg, 1¼ schilling ..	2d. ..	1/6
" " " " 2 " ..	2d. ..	1/6
" " " " 2 " ..	2d. ..	1/6
Norway, 24 sh., 1863 ..	2d. ..	1/3
Parma, 25c., 1852 ..	6d. ..	2 6
St. Vincent, 1d. ..	3d. ..	1/-
" " " " 6d. ..	3d. ..	1/6
Tuscany, 1 quattrino ..	4d. ..	7/6, 3/-
" " " " 9 crazie ..	2d. ..	2/-
" " " " 1 centes ..	2d. ..	2 6
" " " " 5 " ..	2d. ..	1/9
" " " " 10 " ..	2d. ..	1/-
Western Australia, 1d. rose ..	2d. ..	2/6
" " " " 2d. blue ..	2d. ..	3/6
New Brunswick, 8d. red ..	6d. ..	8/6
" " " " 2 cents ..	2d. ..	2/6
" " " " 10 " ..	2d. ..	1/6
N.S. Wales, Sydney Views. 1d.	2/- ..	up to 60/-
" " " " " 2d.	1/9 ..	" 90/-
" " " " " 3d.	1 6 ..	" 40/-
" " " " " laureated head, 1d.	6d. ..	6/- to 12/-
" " " " " " 2d.	3d. ..	up to 25/-

The above lists are necessarily very incomplete, as in some cases only one or two issues of a country are offered. It would be very interesting to contrast Stanley Gibbons' present prices with his own of the same year, as given in his 24-page catalogue, which, as now, included all stamps issued up to date. It will of course be seen that the increase in prices varies very much in different instances; and there are others in which the prices remain very much the same. One of the principal conclusions arrived at in the perusal of these old advertisements, is the enormous advance which has been made in philatelic matters, during the 27 years from 1867 to 1894, compared with the same period from 1840 to 1867. We have only to contrast the 24-page catalogue of the latter year with the present thick volume, its 186 pages of lists, its almost 3,500 types, and its supplements following in quick succession, to see how complete is the change. The boys who were collectors then, are now middle-aged men, with boys of their

own to follow in their footsteps; but it is quite evident that stamp collecting has passed out of the hands of the boys, and become a serious and fascinating pursuit for men and women. Some of us who have only lately taken it up have cause to wish that we had been collectors in the days when Sydney Views and other gems were cheap; and we can scarcely avoid the conclusion that many rarities may continue to increase in price as the years go on. Time will decide the question; but while philately has so many votaries, from royalty downwards, the pursuit is showing no sign of collapse, and we must believe that the old days of low prices have for ever vanished.

GROUP COLLECTING.—AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

EDITED BY NON-LEX.

NEW ZEALAND—(Continued).



Type I.



Type II.

FISCAL POSTALS (continued).

1874. Same as preceding, type I. remade, lined groundwork in panels wider and clearer. Colour on white wove paper; imperf.; perf. 12, 12½, 13; wmk. N.Z.

A Imperf. (Jan. 1878).

1d. violet green 1d. lilac green

B Perf. 12, 12½.

1d. mauve green 3/- mauve green
 1d. violet " 3 4 bistre blue
 1d. lilac " 3 6
 1d. grey " 3 8
 2d. green red 4/- rose blue
 4d. " " 4 4
 6d. brown blue 4 6
 6d. " black 4 8
 8d. blue " 5/- violet green
 8d. " red 6/- rose blue
 1/- lilac green 10/- " "
 1/- mauve " 15/- mauve green

1/- violet	green	20/- rose	blue
1/4 bistre	blue	£1 "	"
1/6 "	"	£2 10/- rose	"
1/8 brown	"	£3 "	"
2/- rose	"	£4 "	"
2/4	"	£4 10/- "	"
2/6 bistre	"	£50 "	"
2/8			

C Perf. 10.

1/- pale lilac green

D Perf. 12½, imperf. at sides.

£5 rose green

E Compound perf. 12½ x 10.

1d. violet	green (shades)	6/- rose	blue
3/- mauve	green	10/- "	"
4/- rose	blue		

F On azure wove paper ; perf. 10 x 12½.

6d. brown blue

Same as preceding, value surcharged in larger figures ; perf. 12½ ; wmk. large N.Z.

£1 rose	blue	£5 rose	blue
£3 "	"		

End 1887. Newspaper postage, surcharged "Stamp Duty" in black block letters, colour on white wove paper ; perf. 12 ; wmk. star.

3/4d. rose black

End 1880. Profile to left of Victoria on horizontally lined ground in double lined oval, containing above: "Stamp Duty, N.Z."; below "one penny" in white block letters on solid ground ; double lined rectangular frame, with very small ornaments in spandrels, colour on glazed white wove paper ; perf. 12 ; wmk. N.Z.



Type III., ordinary size, perf. 12.. watermark N.Z.

1d. blue.
1d. lilac.

Type III.

End 1880. Same profile in various frames. Country title and value all in block type, upright rectangle, colour on white wove paper ; perf. 13. Type II.

A wmk. large N.Z. only.

2d. violet	10/- rose brown
4d. orange	15/- green verditer
6d. red brown	£1 pale rose
8d. green	£1 5/- blue
1/- pale rose	£1 10/- deep brown
2/- blue	£2 deep violet
2/6 deep brown	£2 10/- carmine

3/- pale violet	£3 ultramarine
4/- red brown	£4 rose
5/- green	£6 orange
6/- deep red	£8 blue
6/8 blue green	£9 pink
7/- ultramarine	£9 10/- blue green
7/6 deep brown	£10 blue
8/- blue	£15 sepia
9/- brick	£20 canary yellow

B thinner paper ; wmk. small N.Z. and star.

2d. violet	10 - carmine brown
4d. deep orange	15 - green
6d. carmine	£1 flesh
8d. deep green	£1 5/- blue
1/- pale rose	£1 10/- brown
2/- dull blue	£2 bright violet
2/6 deep brown	£2 10/- violet carmine
3/- bright mauve	£3 ultramarine
4/- red brown	? £4 red
4/- carmine	£6 deep orange
5/- deep green	? £8 blue
6/- red	£9 pink
6/8 dull green	? £10 blue
7/- pale blue	£15 sepia
8/- "	? £20 canary yellow
9/- salmon	

WHOLESALE COLLECTORS OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

MESSRS. BOTTLIWALLA & CO. have sent us the Times of India for August 10th. From an article on philately in general we cut the following :—

"The art of the stamp collector, which has spread all over the civilised world has called into being the trade of the stamp dealer with his catalogues and circulars. The stamp collectors, or philatelists as they are called, have their own journals, their own literature, and their own societies. There is in some minds a constant desire to sort and classify, and to these philately particularly appeals. The origin of the idea of collecting postage stamps emanated, it is said, from Belgium, and thence spread to France, to Germany and to England. At the present day there is scarcely a country which has any pretensions to civilisation that does not possess some votaries of philately, while most have societies and journals devoted to it. The Stamp Collectors' Magazine was first issued in 1863 ; in 1873 the first auction of postage stamps was held ; to-day there are more than 20,000 stamp dealers in Europe, and one of the fraternity has just retired from business with a fortune of £50,000. In 1890, the Jubilee year of Penny Postage, an Exhibition of Postage Stamps was held at Leeds, which gave a great stimulus to the scientific study of the subject, whilst lately the British Museum

accepted the collection of Mr. Tapling, M.P., which was valued at £60,000. The so-called "craze" has taken hold of society at both ends. The school-boy or school-girl, who puzzles over mysterious stamps from unknown lands, is getting a lesson in geography, more likely to abide in the memory than any paragraph in a book. All ranks of society have adepts in stamp collecting amongst them; the Czar is said to have a collection which ranks third in value in the world, and the Queen and the Prince of Wales are also great collectors. The Duke of Saxe-Coburg is the president of the London Philatelic Society, and his nephew, the Duke of York, is one of the vice-presidents, whilst in India not a few of our native princes and rulers 'philatelize.' To a subject which has grown so extensively it was of course to be expected that the great Worlds' Fair of 1893 would have some reference; and a number of exhibitors from all parts of the world had rare and valuable stamps on view. Amongst the chief of these exhibitors, Messrs. N. D. Bottliwalla and Co., of Abdool Rahman Street, Bombay, are specially noted as having one of the rarest and choicest collections in the official report of the World's Fair. Bottliwalla and Co. have one of the finest and most extensive shows of postage and other stamps going; all the scarce and curious Indian ones and many odd and rare ones from various quarters of the earth."

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

WHO is Benjamin? We wot of one Benjamin in patriarchal times, but the modern philatelic Benjamin is a man of another stamp,—in fact, a good many more stamps. We have noticed in reading our philatelic exchanges the name of Mr. Benjamin constantly recurring. A new issue here, a fresh surcharge there, information about the proposed issue for Chuck Ling, or some other outlandish spot no one ever heard of before, and Mr. Benjamin is responsible for supplying the information in every case.—it must cost this philanthropic Benjamin a little fortune in samples and postages,—but who is he, and in what spot does he reside? We have seen his name referred to as Mr. Benjamin, of Shanghai, but he seems also Mr. Benjamin, of Ching Kiang, Hankow, French China, Siam, *et sic de ceteris*. Possibly Mr. Benjamin travels from one to another of these spots, whenever he hears of a new issue, in order that he may procure a few samples to send to dealers and philatelic publishers, or, perhaps, he reverses this procedure, and gets the samples first, putting off the visit to a more convenient season. Anyhow, the ubiquitous Benjamin seems to know exactly when every twopenny-halfpenny spot in the Eastern world is about to discharge a fresh cargo of rubbish on the philatelic market. We know nothing about Mr. Benjamin beyond what we have read in various publications,

and so we cannot say whether his efforts are intended to benefit philately at the expense of himself, or *vice versa*. But whether Mr. Benjamin be saint or sinner, we have only one opinion about the wares with which his name is connected. During the last few months he has been constantly quoted by journals giving the name of correspondents who furnish them with news.

We call the following from various sources:—
Chetoo.—We have received from Mr. Benjamin, of Shanghai, Post and Letter Cards of the local post. . .
Hankow.—Mr. Benjamin informs us that the first supply, &c. *Kew-Kiang*.—Mr. David Benjamin has sent us the set which has been issued here. . .
Hankow.—Mr. Benjamin says, 'The current 2c. is exhausted, and a lot of 10 000 of the same design are being made. . .'

Ching Kiang.—Mr. Benjamin has sent us the new set, and he writes us: "The Ching Kiang stamps were issued on the 6th of August, and are permanent. The Municipal Council of Ching Kiang assured me that the stamps were issued for a legitimate need, and the denominations limited to 23½ cents a set, and materially differing from the other local post offices, whose sets are unnecessarily high, and the denominations have been carefully selected with a view to *potals arrangements*."*

French China.—Mr. Benjamin, of Shanghai, has sent us the current French stamps surcharged "Chine." Mr. Benjamin writes us: "These were issued on the 1st of August, and the surcharge printed in Paris; and they are for use in the French Postal Agency here, &c."

Siam.—Mr. Benjamin has sent us two provisionals of this country. The 64 atts have been reduced by the printer to 1 and 2 atts in various types, especially the 2 atts, &c.

There would really almost seem to be a Tribe of Benjamin,—possibly it is the lost half-tribe just turning up,—but, at any rate, we cannot recommend our readers to have anything to do with the stamps emanating from the places named above.

It seems to be time that the company which runs the state of North Borneo (including Labuan) made up its mind which series of stamps is to be employed in its territory. A new issue of the Queen's Head type of Labuan is out, lithographed on unwatermarked paper. Either the North Borneo surcharged stamps, or the latest issue must be a fraud, for surely two issues cannot be allowed in one State concurrently, — possibly the Company stamps are only made for collectors, and the usual type authorised by the Colonial office.

Mr. H. A. Slade, of Tudor House, St. Albans, writes, giving some personal views of his own on the subject:

DEAR SIR,—I am of opinion that if proper steps were taken, much good might be done to philately by putting a stop to, any rate, some few issues that are of

* (The italics are our own.)

no use and of little interest. When postmasters send round circulars to leading dealers advising them of the approaching sale of stamps issued to celebrate the foundation of an institute that very few people ever heard of, and still less take the slightest interest in, it seems time to draw a line. The other day a friend wrote me that he called at the post office at Obock, and was offered the stamps he purchased either used or unused, and this particular case is no exception—many insignificant French colonies do the same thing. On the other hand, I learn, on good authority, that the locals issued by the Treaty Ports of China are used by the public to a great extent, and the local post is found to be of service. If this be true, dealers, by buying up large stocks of the unused stamps are defeating their own ends, by lessening the value of those locals that are being used in a legitimate matter. These instances show the difficulty of deciding what are unnecessary and what are legitimate. Our Colonial office has taken the matter in hand to some extent, and some British colonies will not be as great offenders in the future as they have been in the past.—Yours faithfully,

H. A. SLADE.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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MR. D. OSTARA; MR. W. G. WALTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A. Official Address: 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

Annual General Meeting, October 4th. The chair was taken by Mr. W. G. Walton, in the unavoidable absence of Messrs. Wilson and Hollick.

The meeting confirmed the provisional election of:—A. Bartleet, corresponding member, (Redditch); D. Ostara, ordinary member, (Birmingham).

The following were unanimously elected corresponding members:—C. W. Sneyd Kynnersley, Esq., (Malacca); T. D. Dutton, Esq., (London). One application was postponed to some future meeting.

Messrs. W. T. Wilson, W. Pimm, and G. Johnson, were unanimously elected President, Vice-President, and Hon. Secretary respectively. The Committee was elected as above after very close voting.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the officers of the past year, coupled with a special vote to the Hon. Sec., for having gratuitously provided suitable rooms for the meetings.

The Balance sheet showing a considerable amount standing to the credit of the Society was passed unanimously, having been certified correct by the hon. auditors, Messrs. C. F. Tanner and C. W. Burman.

Votes of thanks were given to the Manchester Philatelic Society for their invitation to the first meeting of the session; to the Bombay and Alamo City Philatelic Society's for Annual reports; to Messrs. R. F. Albrecht and Co., for a copy of "Our Catalogue." This last had been sent for the purpose of corrections and suggestions. The Hon. Secretary announced that he had sent a number to the publishers, and would send others as they were noticed by himself or other members.

The meeting then proceeded to complete the programme for the session.

Oct. 18th, will be "The Presidential Address."

Nov. 1st, "Queensland," W. G. Walton.

"15th, "United States," W. S. Vaughton.

The 'Exchange' was reported to be in a really good position, probably owing to the fact that, as soon as a packet is returned to the hon. sec., those to whom money is owing are paid without waiting for those who owe to pay first. Thus the accounts for June quarter were settled in August. The last two packets sent out were valued at £162 2s. and £141 19s. respectively. They contained a very fine selection of stamps, seldom met with on exchange packets, partly owing to the above considerations and to the fact that common, damaged, or otherwise unsuitable stamps may be, and are occasionally refused.

Subscriptions for current year (1894-5), are due October 1st. In all cases they include "The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser."

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.—The A.P.A.'s Ninth Annual Convention was held at Niagara Falls on August 21st and 22nd, under the leadership of its excellent President, Mr. T. K. Tiffany, who was re-elected President. The membership is 280 stronger than last year, the names of 770 members now gracing the roll. Next year the Convention will be held at Clayton, N.Y.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.—This Society met at Niagara for the annual Convention on August 23rd, but none of the Executive Officers put in an appearance. Mr. Kissinger, who was so ruthlessly ejected from the presidential office last year, in favour of Dr. Russell, undertook the rôle of Good Samaritan, and carried the convention over its difficulty by presiding. The next convention is fixed for Clayton, N.Y.

BRADFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The collectors of Bradford are now forming a society. Mr. W. H. Scott, Old Post Office Chambers, 1, Picadilly, Bradford, is acting as Secretary, *pro tem*.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—A very good lot of sheets has been sent in for October packets, and several new members joined. Vacancies still exist: rules, etc., from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

* The new Palace at San Marino is probably meant.—Ed.

† We would point out to Mr. Slade that the Chinese locals are offered in sheets ready postmarked.—Ed.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB.—The Secretary has pleasure in stating that the exchange sheets for September circuit were valued in the aggregate at about £402, and were therefore the best he has had to record. The balances due for April-June quarter are being adjusted as rapidly as possible, and it is hoped that all will be finally settled ere this notice appears in print. The proposed Postcard Exchange Packet has not yet been started, as it is not thought advisable to commence business with less than 25 members. When sufficient names are received due arrangements will be made without further fee or trouble to members. Sec., H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.—The first annual convention was held at Niagara Falls on August 24th and 25th, under the presidency of Mr. C. W. Kissinger. The membership during twelve months has increased from 110 to 803, and the Society has a balance in hand of \$11-71. Among the newly-elected officers we find Mr. Severn, as President, and our good friend, Mr. L. Brodstone, as Exchange Superintendent. Next year's convention is fixed to be held at Denver, Col.

"The Philatelic Evercircular." A new departure in the philatelic line has been opened out by Mr. Teasdale Wilson. He is forming a society of philatelists in which each writes a paper on some topic of his own choosing. These are bound together and circulated among the members as a magazine. This sort of society may be well known to phonographers, etc., but we are sure it is quite new to philately. Full particulars may be obtained of the conductor, Mr. W. Teasdale Wilson, 20, Linden Road, Leeds.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

MR. Hadlow opened the season with a sale at Warwick Court on September 21st. A fair all round lot, and some bargains. £ s. d.
 Great Britain, £5 on blue paper. 2 8 0
 Suez, 20c. blue, used, 40c. blue, unused, originals 1 12 0
 Sandwich Isles, (50) provl. 5c. deep blue, red surch. 3 15 0
 U.S.A., 1869 issue, set complete 2 10 0
 Antigua, 1st issue, imperf., green 6d., unused 3 6 0
 S. Australia, 2d. orange-vern., pair, imperf. 2 0 0

On September 26th, 27th and 28th, Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper offered a fine lot of stamps, we pick a

few from among the many good things on sale.

Great Britain, 1d. black, V.R., V slightly damaged	..	8 12 0
.. 6d. octagonal, unused	..	2 8 0
.. 1- green, octagonal, unused	..	3 5 0
.. (1870) 1½d. mauve on bluish, unused	..	1 2 0
.. 6d. (plate 6) unused with gum	..	3 3 0
.. 2½d. (plate 3) unused	..	3 0 0
.. £5, orange on bluish	..	2 12 0
Spain, (1851), 2 reales, red	..	17 0 0
Switzerland, the double Geneva, very fine	..	25 0 0
.. Vaud, very fine	..	£17 and 18 0 0
.. Zurich, 4 rap., vertical lines	..	16 0 0
Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf., fine specimen	..	12 0 0
Cape, wood block 1d. . . . .	..	4 10 0
Mauritius, Post Paid, earliest state	..	9 0 0
Canada, 12d., black on wove	..	30 0 0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co., favoured us with the list of prices realised at their sale on October 2nd, but as we had not the catalogue of lots, we were unable to identify any prices.

PHILATELIC FIXTURES.—Oct. and Nov.

- Oct. 10th. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale.
 18th. Birmingham Philatelic Society, President's Address.
 24th. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale.
 Nov. 1st. Birmingham Philatelic Society, "Queensland." W. G. Walton.
 8th. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale.
 15th. Birmingham Philatelic Society, "United States." W. S. Vaughton.
 26th. to 30th. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale.
 [Secretaries of societies, etc., are requested to send us dates of meetings for publication in this column].

Collection, 1,000 all different, catalogue value about £6, about 150 unused; price for cash only 20/-; also 1,500 all different, £2 12s. Neither of these includes any reprints, locals or fiscals. They will be found splendid value for the money. F. L. Heygate, Ventnor House, Rushden.

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WE wish to call the attention of collectors and dealers to the fact that *The Advertiser* is now published twice monthly—on the 5th and 20th. We intend to give this semi-monthly issue a fair trial, and can safely recommend the paper to advertisers. For collectors, the 'Wants and Offers' column presents a cheap means of stating what stamps they require or what duplicates they have to sell or exchange, and the price,—four words a penny—means only the cost of a few letters of enquiry sent round with the same object. We issue about three thousand copies of the paper, of which one-third is sent to small dealers and advertisers in other papers, while the remainder go to names on our own large private directory of collectors, which is kept well up to date. Dealers are thus assured of a good and extensive circulation, which will be greatly enlarged if the venture is well received and supported. Many dealers have announcements of new or special lots which they wish to bring before the philatelic public at once, the delay in awaiting a monthly issue often means loss of the market, but the *Advertiser* offers a medium of publicity published twice monthly, which is frequent enough for all practical purposes. The cost of displayed advertisements, 2/6 per inch and *pro rata*, (half-inch advertisements accepted,) is very cheap considering the large circulation, which is necessarily gratuitous, but an advertisement sent for three or more insertions is subject to an allowance of one-third or 33 1/3 per cent. We invite trial advertisements from collectors and dealers to appear in our December 5th issue, and can promise a large circulation in the right quarters, which guarantees good results.

CHRONICLE.

ANGOLA.—In the middle of August the 2½ reis stamps were surcharged 25 reis.
25r. on 2½r. brown, blue surcharge.

BRAZIL.—We have seen the new issue of this Republic. The lower values give a sea-view lighted by a brilliant star in the heavens. The two higher values show an effigy of the Republic, perforated 11½.

- 10 reis, red and blue.
- 20 „ yellow and blue.
- 50 „ blue.
- 100 „ black and red.
- 200 „ black and orange.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen informs us that during the week, ending Nov. 3rd, a sheet of 2½d. stamps, printed on the gummed side and with watermarks inverted, was issued at Southampton. Mr. Ewen's friend was fortunate enough to obtain eight, but the remainder of the sheet was sold.

LIBERIA.—The official stamps, 1c. to 32c., are now superseded by the ordinary stamps, surcharged O.S. Mr. H. L. Hayman has sent us the set, as follows, the second colour being the surcharge.

- 1c. red, black.
- 2c. blue, red.
- 4c. green, red.
- 8c. brown, red.
- 12c. vermilion, black.
- 16c. light mauve, „
- 24c. slate green, red.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. W. T. Wilson has shown us a copy of the current 3d., Q and crown watermark, *imperforate*. The stamp is gummed and on ordinary paper, and therefore cannot be considered a proof.

3d. brown, *imperforate*.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The native states of the Straits Settlements appear to have tired already of the "Tiger" design, and contemplate issuing a new series with the representation of a kris. The following have been ordered:—

- Perak—1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 50c.
- Selangor—1, 2, 3 and 5c.
- Sungei Ujong—1, 2 and 3c.

TRAVANCORE.—We have been favoured by Messrs. Clarke & Co., the well-known wholesale dealers, with a copy of the new half chukram of this Indian State. It is of the usual design.

½ ch. dull mauve, perf. 12.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Johnson has shown us the following values of the new issue: The colours are slightly modified, and the designs are recut, the principal difference being the insertion of triangular ornaments in the upper spandrels. The values we have seen are 2c., 4c., 5c., 6c. and 10c.

ZULULAND.—Messrs. Clarke & Co., of Bushey, have sent us the new halfpenny permanent stamp. It is of the Seychelles type, printed in light mauve, with name of country and denomination of value in pale green.

½d. mauve and green, perf. 14.

POST CARDS, &c.

BRAZIL.—In connection with the new postal issue, a card, wrappers and envelope have been issued.

80+80r. (postcard) 133×88mm. carmine and blue on white.

300r. (envelope) 135×109mm. slate on white.

40r. (wrapper) 138×350mm. orange on buff.

60r. (") " " " "

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—Surcharge on the Cape of Good Hope card.

1d. black and brown on white.

Surcharge on British postcard.

1½d. on 1d. vermilion.

1d.+1d.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—A larger size of the ½d. envelope is now issued.

½d., 223×98mm. grey on white.

MARTINIQUE.—Messrs. Hopkins Bros. have received a 25c., red and black on rose, envelope, usual type.

25c. red and black on rose.

MEXICO.—A postcard of value 5c. has been issued.

5c. blue and red on straw.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—A new variety of postcard.

1d., 122×75mm. orange on white.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

OUR own tame postman has seemed a little off colour lately. We made enquiries, for we were naturally very anxious, and elicited the information that he had been afflicted with some grave domestic calamity. Our informant was not sure of its nature, but had heard vague rumours of twins. Anyhow, we have had no opportunity of converse with him since a fortnight ago, when he told us about the lady who wished to sell an old Australian stamp, which she assured him was still upon the "same antelope as her son had written in" some years ago. We have not acquired that stamp yet, and are afraid that we must forego the bargain, as our limited space and more limited knowledge of zoology presents an insurmountable obstacle.

But to business. As some curiosity exists as to the meaning of the letters above the date on the new style

of postmarks, a little explanation may not come amiss. The letters denote the time when the postal packet is passed under the obliterating stamp. The first thirteen letters of the alphabet, omitting J, represent the hours, and the same letters denote the minutes: A is 5, B is 10, and so on. The A or P after the asterisk are *ante* or *post meridiem*. Thus FF*P means 6.30 p.m., H*A means 8 a.m., &c.

The following from a daily paper must be taken *cum grano salis* :—

"Stamp collectors have quite a folk lore of their own, but a London correspondent doubts whether the following true story of the cuteness of one of the kings of philately is known to them. It goes back to the time when there was not such a boom in stamps as there is nowadays, and shows the advantage of being first in any field. Just before the Zulu war there was in Mauritius a gentleman who had preserved from his schooldays the taste for collecting stamps. He was a friend of the chief of the local post-office, as was perhaps only natural. Learning from him one day that there was to be a clearance of the old stock, he got permission to collar the unused 'blocks' of stamps and other valuables of the kind which were about to be thrown away as waste. This suggested to him that there might be similar spoils at other of our small colonial offices. He 'moved round,' acquiring them without difficulty. When one learns that a single one of his Mauritian trophies fetched £850 not so long ago, one is not surprised to hear that by judiciously feeding the market he has realised a competence of something between £20,000 and £30,000 by his judicious foresight."

The Berlin "Boersen Courier" estimates that there are 13,000 different kinds of postage stamps in the world. In January, 1889, the Imperial Postal Museum possessed 9,500 sorts, and is now supposed to have at least 2,000 more.

At the recent exhibition of the Philatelic Society of Victoria, Mr. A. J. Derrick showed among other things, 1st issue Victoria, rouletted; 6d. orange, serpentine perf.; plates of lithographed and engraved 2d., Queen on Throne; South Australia, imperforate in pairs, 1st issue, and many other rare stamps. Mr. Joseph Davis also showed some fine stamps.

Some miscreant, knowing our simple and guileless nature, sent us a query a few days ago to the effect, "Now Abyssinia has stamps of its own, will many lick the stamps for postal purposes?" We sat down to give an answer in our usual courteous style to this apparently somewhat unnecessary question, when—we bethought ourselves,—what! *many lick*, Menelik, ah, ha, but no matter!—Some day we will beguile the infamous perpetrator into the inmost recesses of our

office, and then—again ah, ha!—but let us wait and dissemble.

The Columbian 1 dollar.—This stamp is the first to show the effects of the corner in Columbians. Although the number issued was more than twice as great as that of any other dollar value, the price is steadily rising, as 4, 5, 6 and 7 dollars are being asked for a copy. We think, however, that some holders will soon try to unload, and the price will fall again.

"Mr. F. B. Pollok informs us that in the proposed new issue for Mauritius, each stamp is to be emblematic of one of the products of the colony."—*American Journal of Philately*. Are these stamps for philatelic or postal purposes? We thought better of Mauritius.

We have received copies of a petition to be presented to the House of Commons with a view to removing the limitation at present exercised in respect of the reproduction and illustration of English stamps. Some people do not know when they are well off. Surely enough range exists in this direction without requiring the power of reproducing our own stamps. The powers that be are very liberal in their interpretation of the law at present, but this agitation may have an opposite result to that desired by the promoters. When we were at school we had to translate, for our sins, the *Fables of Phædrus*,—we would recommend to the promoters of this petition the one entitled "The Frogs asking a King."

Mr. W. Morley, Tottenham, has won a gold medal for Fiscal Stamps at the Paris Exhibition. This is the highest award for Fiscals.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

MR. RICHARD HOLLICK writes us as follows: "Although philatelists may look askance at certain issues, which can be classed as unnecessary, it is entirely their own faults if they spend their money on such productions. It would be as well if the facts be kept in view, that postage stamps are merely printed receipts for money paid to the post-offices, and the postmark only the cancellation of the offer to render equivalent service for the face value of the stamp. The post-offices should be sources of income to their respective Governments, and if they become such, the general public are relieved of an amount of taxation equal to the profit.

The genuine student of philately will judge to which class stamps belong, making him keener after certain issues and more careless of the attainment of others; this, of itself, will regulate the market, as price must follow the laws of supply and demand. Moreover, as soon as the producer finds the market unprofitable he will cease to cater for it.

In the August number of *P. C. & A.* a list of 'Unnecessary Stamps' are given, which could be commented on. *French Colonies and surcharges on same.* The various titles of these are printed on the stamps to facilitate keeping of accounts. The surcharges are caused by philatelists or their providers buying up certain values to force a provisional issue, the stock of stamps being always kept low in hot or damp countries.

Chinese Locals of every kind. Those of Shanghai, at least, have a postal use. *Commemorative cards of exhibitions, &c.* These have but little postal significance, but where available for postage, specimens which have passed through the post are interesting.

Labuan and North Borneo. These colonies, belonging to the Postal Union, should have no place in the list. Although the *London Philatelist* proclaimed the issue of Labuan or Borneo stamps as being made for collectors, the last two mails bring my correspondence from Labuan franked with this issue, and my correspondent informs me that no other stamps are procurable at the post-office there, and as proof that the high values are used, I had a brick sent me by post, the necessary postage being paid with such stamps.

Hawaii Provisionals. These represent an important epoch in the history of the islands, no unnecessary delay occurred in the production of a permanent set, and the post-office of Honolulu had no hand in the speculations of buying up certain values.

Seebecks of any kind. Undoubtedly a paying arrangement for the Hamilton Bank Note Co., yet genuine used specimens will be appreciated in the near future.

Niger Coast, 2nd and 3rd issues and surcharges. The first issue on English stamps was a provisional one, made to carry on until the preparation of a permanent one, but in the meantime the title of the territory had been altered from Oil Rivers to Niger Coast Protectorate, so the new dies were altered accordingly, thus forming the second issue. The third issue consists of a set from an entirely new die. The three issues are entirely legitimate, but as the climate is very damp, the stock of stamps is kept very small, and it is no unusual thing for a seaman to walk into a post-office with an order which reduces a particular value to a dangerously low ebb,—then the surcharge is produced. These surcharged stamps were not sold, but placed on the letter by officials; all are scarce, and some of a very high degree of rarity.

Company Stamps, such as British Central Africa. The high values of British Central Africa are sold and used in Africa; they are available for fiscal as well as postal purposes, but are chiefly used as payment of post-office accounts.

San Marino issues and surcharges. Very few stamps would suffice for the Republic outside Mr. Otto Bickel's correspondence.

Russian Locals. These are used to prepay postage from outlying stations to the nearest point on the

trunk postal routes. Probably the demand at some of these stations for old specimens which have become scarce has caused other villages to issue.

Commemorative Issues. The income derived from the United States Columbus issue will probably produce a full crop of these on the slightest provocation.

We publish the opinions of Mr. Hollick with very great pleasure, and shall be glad to hear other views on the subject. We trust the superior quality of Mr. Hollick's brick compensates for the expense of postage.

GROUP COLLECTING.—AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

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NEW ZEALAND—(Continued).

RAILWAY NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

1890.—Inscribed N.Z. RAILWAYS NEWSPAPER HALFPENNY.

½d. black.	3d. brown.
1d. lilac.	4d. red.
2d. blue.	6d. green.
3d. yellow.	1d. lilac (laid paper).



OFFICIAL STAMPS.

1887.—Inscribed POSTAGE FREE, Crown in a Greek frame. No denomination of value.

- (a) Imperf.
 rose violet on bluish.
 black on white.
- (b) Perforated.
 black on white.
 black on l. blue (1889).

1891.—Inscribed ON PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE BUSINESS—FREE.

No value, black on white paper.

1892.—Ordinary types, surcharged O.P.S.O. (On Public Service Only) diagonally.

1d. rose.	5d. olive green.
2d. lilac	6d. brown.

LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

1891.—Inscribed GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT—POSTAGE, wmk. N.Z. and star.



- ½d. purple.
1d. blue.
2d. red brown.
3d. chocolate.
6d. green.
1/- rose pink.

ENVELOPES.

Oct., 1886.—Crown in Greek frame, tress. Colour on white laid, 137×80mm.

- (a) Inscribed POSTAGE, red.
(b) „ TREASURY, black.

WRAPPERS.

April 1, 1878.—Sizes, 103×320mm., 100×283mm., 96×280mm. Head of Queen Victoria in oval, to the right. Colour on white.

- (a) Lined medallion with notice above the stamp.
½d. rose.

Sept., 1880.—Same, watermarked with Crown between two stars and ONE HALF-PENNY NEW ZEALAND. Colour on yellowish grey.

- (b) Medallion enclosed by wavy line. Same paper.
½d. rose.

OFFICIAL WRAPPER.

1885.—Wrappers with the Arms of Great Britain, and inscription ON PUBLIC SERVICE—NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE—EXEMPT FROM POSTAGE. No value, white.
„ blue.

POSTCARDS.

1876.—Royal Arms, inscribed POST CARD—NEW ZEALAND. Border of trefoils between a thin inner and thick outer line, frame 109×67mm.

1d. red brown on buff.

- (a) Lower left corner of the stamp over the right hand stroke of the H in THIS.
(b) Lower left corner over the centre of H.

1881.—Similar to above, but the inner line of the frame is thick. 111×68mm.

1d. red brown on buff.

- (a) Lower left corner of stamp over right stroke of H.
(b) Lower left corner over space between H and I.
(c) Same as a, but deep red brown.

1886.—Similar, but frame of small heart-shaped ornaments, &c.

1d. red brown on buff.

1886.—Similar, but frame of a double spiral ribbon.
Reply 1d.+1d. red brown on buff.

- (a) Lower left corner over right stroke of H.
(b) Lower left corner over space between H and I.
1898.—Same frame, &c.

1d. red brown on buff.

- (a) Lower left corner over right stroke of H.
(b) Lower left corner over space between H and I.

1891. No frame, inscribed NEW ZEALAND INLAND AND AUSTRALIAN—POSTCARD.

1d. blue on pale buff.

OFFICIAL POSTCARDS.

1893.—No stamp, border of ribbons, Royal Arms over the words NEW ZEALAND, inscribed POST OFFICE BUSINESS ONLY.

No value, black on white.

REGISTERED ENVELOPES.

1881.—In three sizes.

No value, blue.

POST PAID HAND-STAMPS & MARKS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

From the introduction of Prepaid Postage, 1839, until their suppression in 1852.

BY W. T. WILSON, Pres. B.P.S.

COLLECTORS of the present day are generally unaware that upon the introduction of Penny Postage the use of Postage Stamps, Letter Covers or Envelopes was, by the officials of the Post-office, looked upon as a very doubtful experiment. So deeply were old-fashioned methods rooted in the official mind, that Rowland Hill's plan was looked upon as a pretty plaything, which would soon prove to be valueless,—indeed to show that this was the case, I have only to quote a sentence from the official notice of the intended change, dated April, 1840:—

“It must be distinctly understood that it is optional with the public either to use Stamps or to forward their letters Prepaid or Unpaid, as at present.”

The final sentence of this same notice reads:—

“The instructions issued in December and on the 4th of February last remain in full force, the only alteration being that Stamps are permitted to be used in certain cases instead of the postage being paid in money.”

Such was the lame and half-hearted way in which the P.O. Officials qualified a change which was to revolutionize the whole civilised world, and we may feel sure how irritating such a notice would be to so energetic a man as Rowland Hill. It is easy to read between the lines and see how his scheme was opposed at every point by the P.O. Officials. The public, however, were not to be gainsaid; they saw the feasibility of Penny Postage,—and, although Rowland Hill had only received an appointment at the Treasury, and not at the Post-office, so that on the change

of Government in 1846, he was turned out, and would probably have shared the fate of many previous public benefactors, if the community had not already been profoundly impressed with the value of his scheme, they marked their feelings towards him by a subscription of £15,000.

To make the meaning of this paper more clear it is necessary to point out that previous to December, 1839, prepayment of postage was the exception and not the rule. Rowland Hill's strong point in his new scheme was to make prepayment almost compulsory, thereby enabling the work of the Post-office to be carried out more expeditiously, and in a less expensive manner. It is true prepayment had previously existed, but it was troublesome to the public, who had to take a letter they wished to prepay to a Post-office, and the clerk would examine and mark it with the amount paid in red ink. So deeply was this system rooted in the official mind that it appears strange, looking back over 50 years, that this system was permitted to remain in partial use for 12 years afterwards,—I am informed by an old official at St. Martin's le Grand that prepayment of a single letter in money was abolished in the country offices in 1851, and in London in 1852.

The first fruits of Rowland Hill's plan is found by the reduction of postage as a temporary experiment, which took place on the 5th December, 1839,—and was in existence up to 9th January, 1840, by this the postage was reduced to 4d. per ½ oz.—any distance in the United Kingdom, but *prepaid*, abolishing "Penny" and "Twopenny Posts"

"... except on letters franked or exempted by law from General Post rates, which latter shall still be liable to and chargeable with 'Penny' and 'Two Penny' post rates when transmitted by any such posts."

This rate was superseded on the 10th January, 1840, by the reduction of the postage to 1d. per ½ oz., under the same conditions; as prepayment had to be made in the old way at the reduced rate, because stamps were not ready until the 6th of May following.

From and after 10th January, 1840, the "Penny and Two Penny Posts" were abolished.

SPECIMENS EXHIBITED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE PAPER.

I.—Temporary experimental rate, 4d. per ½ oz., any distance within the United Kingdom; from Dec. 5th, 1839, to Jan. 9th, 1840.

(a) Letter cover, used from London to Brighton, penmarked in black ink with large 4 on front, postmarked at back as posted at Charing Cross, Dec. 7th, 1839.

(b) Same as above, used from Petworth (Hants) to Brighton, Dec. 29th, 1839.

NOTE.—It is curious that both these specimens have the *prepaid* rate in black. The rule was both previous

to this experiment and subsequently, to mark all prepayments in red.

II.—Permanent rate of Penny Postage, half-ounce, January 10th, 1840.

- (a) London postmarks for local delivery. These are merely a continuation of the marks of the old penny post.
- (b) London postmarks for country delivery. They consist of a figure 1 in red, applied by hand in ink or chalk, or hand stamped.
- (c) Country postmarks in various forms, hand stamped in red.

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ENGLAND AND WALES.

These bear on the face the red "Paid" dated — postmark in addition when passing through London. Some also bear the old Local Penny Postmarks.

thus— *Ilkley*
Penny Post

generally in black, but occasionally in red.

SCOTLAND.

Prepayment marks in red ink or chalk, and usually stamped with the dated "Paid" postmark in red on the front. Hand stamps in this country appear to have been little used.

IRELAND.

Prepayment marks in red, similar to England and Scotland, with square dated "paid" postmark in red on the front.

P^d 1

The *Philatelic Era* has not lost one iota of its excellence during the time it has appeared weekly, in fact, it really seems better if that be possible.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.

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Mr. D. OSTARA; Mr. W. G. WALTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 203, Birchfield Road,
Birmingham.

October 18th. The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. T. Birch, (Birmingham); W. J. Colley, (Liverpool); R. Tyeth Stevens, (Plymouth); C. E. Baker (Leicester); F. F. Emspon (Birmingham); R. Peake (Epsom).

It was resolved to purchase Moen's Catalogue for the Library,

A vote of thanks was given to the President for having had the first seven parts of Scott's Advanced Catalogue bound.

Owing to the rapid increase in the exchange packets it was necessary that further resolutions should be passed with regard to their sub-division. In order to give members full benefit of such, it was decided to charge only 1/- annually for each additional packet in which they participated, just to cover extra expenses.

The Presidential address then followed. Mr. Wilson gave a very interesting paper on "Post-paid Hand Stamps and Marks, from the Introduction of Prepaid Postage until their suppression in 1852." It was illustrated by a finely-arranged collection of covers, including the rare varieties in use from Dec. 5th, 1839, to Jan. 9th, 1840.

The following programme was approved:—

Each Meeting commences at 8 p.m.

- Oct. 4.—General Meeting.
 - „ 18.—Presidential Address. Mr. W. T. Wilson.
 - Nov. 1.—Paper. Queensland. Mr. W. G. Walton.
 - „ 15.—Display. United States.
 - Dec. 6.—Display. Great Britain.
 - „ 20.—Paper. Ceylon. Mr. W. Pimm.
 - Jan. 3.—Paper. S. Australia. Mr. G. Johnson.
 - „ 17.—Paper. Spain. Mr. D. Ostara.
 - Feb. 7.—Display. Cape of Good Hope.
 - „ 21.—Lantern Display. Mr. W. T. Wilson.
 - Mar. 7.—Display. Leeward Islands.
 - „ 21.—Display. Victoria.
 - Apr. 4.—Paper. Spanish Colonies. Mr. D. Ostara.
 - „ 18.—Display. India.
 - May 2.—Paper. Stamp Collecting as an investment and a hobby. Mr. D. Davis.
 - „ 16.—Display. British North America.
- General Meeting, October 3rd.

Members are specially requested to bring their collections of the country under discussion.

Nov. 1st. Mr. W. G. Walton gave his paper on "Queensland" (1860-1880). It was illustrated by his own collection, which was arranged to show the numerous varieties and perforations of the early issues. Mr. Wilson showed some fine imperfs. on originals; unused blocks of lithographs, and 1d., 2d., 1/- *biurclés*.

A fine assortment of the stamps watermarked script type, and small star with Roman type was shewn by the above, Mr. W. Pimm, and other members.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—Very good selections are sent for the November packets. Among the nicest stamps on the sheets are 1d. and 4d. Cape woodblocks, 1/- emerald green, unused, pair of 3d. Sydney Views, Canada 10 cents envelope, N.S.W. one *shilling*, imperforate watermarked S, ditto *wmk.* 12, unused; set of U.S. newspaper (large) stamps, Geneva and other early Swiss, etc., etc. We hope to have good packets all through the winter. Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, B'ham.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Now the season is in full swing, members have contributed sufficient sheets to make up three very good packets for October round, which started punctually on the 20th. Prices generally were reasonable, and many countries were well represented as regards old issues. Philatelists, wishing to become members will be welcomed on receipt of satisfactory references. Sec., H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

NORTHERN STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY (Secretary, F. A. Wickhart, 70, Sotheby Road, Highbury, London).—This Exchange has proved an extraordinary success, doubtless on account of the fact that the rules framed for the guidance of members are strictly adhered to, and fines for delay in circulation stringently enforced. Started in September, 1893, with a membership of 29, its first packet totalled £54 3s. 3½d. The sales on its return were £18 14s. 2d. For the first six months a total of £672 10s. 2d. were contributed; of this amount no less than £163 7s. 9d. changed hands, or 25 per cent. The Society has gone on steadily increasing, until now its membership is 55. The October packet, despatched on the 20th of October, reached the magnificent sum of £393 2s., the contributions including Mauritius "Post-paid" and "small fillet" Canada pence, imperf. and perf., Nova Scotia pence, Ceylons, imperf. and perf., scarce varieties, and other exceptionally good stamps.

NOTICES.

NEW papers and rumours of new papers pour in. From the East we hear of one to be issued at Hong-Kong, under the title of *Hong-Kong*

Philatelic Journal. From America are announced the *Northern Philatelist*, (Sandy Hill, N.Y.), the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine*, by Mr. Weatherston, and a new weekly. England is not behind. We have received the first issues of *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, conducted by Messrs. Harry Hilckes and Percy C. Bishop. We are glad to see the latter gentleman in philatelic harness, one can always read his effusions with pleasure and profit. The paper presents a pleasing appearance. Its issue is guaranteed for three months.

Messrs. A. Cameron & Co., have issued an excellent price list for November and December. Dealers requiring current British Colonials should send for a copy. Two other wholesale lists which no dealer can do without are Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s, probably the most comprehensive in the world, and Messrs. Clarke's, of Bushey, who are unrivalled in many lines. From these three lists a dealer can order almost anything he requires. Another list we have received,—that of A. Monteith & Co., a fifteen page list of packets, sets, philatelic accessories, etc., which would be useful to any collector. A copy may be obtained post free from the publishers at Southport.

Mr. R. S. Gray, 188, St. George's Road, Glasgow, is selling a couple of very cheap packets, which he styles the "Gem" packets. No. 1 contains 100 varieties for 7d. post free, and No. 2 holds 50, price 5d. post free. The packets are excellent value, but as an extra inducement, he gives away certain sets with each packet, and all sending 1/- for both receive an Oil Rivers or set of 10 Japan. This is the best shillings-worth in the line that we know—you can't lose much on the investment.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

MESSRS. Ventom Bull & Cooper sold, on October 24th and 25th, the duplicate portion of Mr. Castle's collection. Some magnificent and practically, if not absolutely, unique things were disposed of, we mention a few. Only three copies of the Baden error are known. £ s. d.

Baden, 1st issue, 9k green, error of colour.	100	0	0
India, strip of four 4 annas, red and blue	25	0	0
Labuan, 6c. on 16c. red	14	14	0
Tellico Plains, 5c., red, unused.	26	0	0
British Guiana, 1851, block of four 1c. unused	30	0	0
West Australia, 2d., error, pale violet	13	0	0

On November 8th, the same firm held another sale, the principal prices being

Great Britain, 10 ⁻ , wmk. anchor, unused	20	0	0
" 1 ⁻ , " " " "	29	0	0

Tuscany, 3 lire, yellow	27	0	0
Ceylon, 4d., rose, imperf.	16	0	0
Newfoundland, 1 ⁻ , orange	20	0	0

On October 10th and 11th, Messrs. Ventom Bull and Cooper held a sale at St. Martin's Town Hall. There was nothing very extraordinary in the sale, the highest price fetched being £50 for a collection.

Great Britain, 2 ⁻ , brown, very fine	1	7	0
Schleswig Holstein, 1st issue, 1 and 2 sch., unused	2	2	0
Naples, ½ tornese, blue, 'Arms' very fine	18	0	0
" ½ tornese, blue, 'Cross' fine	4	0	0
Basle, 2½ rap., on entire	6	0	0
Vaud, 4c., blue and red, used on entire	19	0	0
Zurich, 4r., black, used on cover (hor. lines)	15	0	0
" " " " (vert. lines)	15	0	0
Cape, woodblocks, 1d., £2 12s. 6d.; 4d.	1	8	0
United States, 'Columbus set' complete unused	4	0	0

Mr. W. Hadlow held a sale on October 19th, at 13, Warwick Court, High Holborn. Many very useful lots were included, although nothing of transcendent interest.

Germany, practically complete collection	55	0	0
Schleswig Holstein, 1st issue, 1 and 2 sch., unused	2	4	0
Ceylon, 2 ⁻ , brown, CC, perf. 12½, pair	1	3	0
St. Vincent, 5 ⁻ , lake, unused, with gum	5	0	0
United States, 'Columbus' set, complete, unused	4	4	0
Victoria, 5 ⁻ , blue on yellow, mended	2	6	0

Mr. W. Ridout held (we believe) his first sale on November 2nd. Although nothing extraordinary was offered, yet the lots were very good taking them all round.

Tuscany, 60c., fine, good colour.	9	5	0
Great Britain, 8d., orange, fine, block of 6.	2	0	0
" 3d., imperf., dot at sides	6	0	0
" 2½d., plate 3, orbs inverted	5	0	0
Mauritius, 2d., Post Paid, early state	5	10	0
Victoria, 5 ⁻ , blue on yellow, good copy	3	0	0

THE LATE GILBERT HARRISON.

THE untimely death of this eminent Philatelist, which occurred on Nov. 9th last, at Ferrisley, Yorkshire, is deeply to be deplored, and is a heavy loss to the Philatelic World. His brilliant abilities are made conspicuous by his works on the Stamps of Portuguese India and Afghanistan, and the Envelopes, &c., of the United States. The former is before us, and the latter papers are fortunately so far prepared that we may expect their publication shortly by the Philatelic Society of London.

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CHRISTMAS is once more with us,—
Merry Christmas with its mince pies, roast beef, plum pudding, quarter-day and visions of unpaid taxes. 'Tis a poor heart that never rejoices, so let us be merry, be merry while we may, let us go out and enjoy ourselves at night, and return ere morning light, notwithstanding the satellites of the County Court waiting for us at every corner. Let us pull ourselves together and spend a merry Christmas, and let the New Year look after itself. Friends, for all our readers are our friends, we wish you the Compliments of the Season.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Owing to a reduction of postage to and from East Africa, two new values - 5 annas and 7½ annas—are being prepared. Messrs. Clarke and Co., of Bushey, send us specimens of two provisional stamps made for use until the permanent types are ready. Ordinary type, perf. 14, surcharged in black.

- 5 annas on 8 annas, blue.
- 7½ " 1 rupee, red.

CONFEDERATE LOCAL.—The *American Journal of Philately* announces the discovery of a local for Jetersville. The design is very simple, being merely a 5. The initials, A. H. A., are written by the side of the one, or rather pair on envelope, discovered.

5c. black on white.

CONGO.—Messrs. Waterlow have printed a new series for this portion of Africa. The shape is oblong, size similar to the U.S. Columbians, except the 5fcs. The series is inscribed ETAT INDEPENDANT DU CONGO. Perf. 15, on white paper, all with centre view in black.

- 5c. blue Scene, Port of Matadi.
- 10c. red " Stanley Falls.
- 25c. orange " Inkissi Falls.
- 50c. green " M'poso Railway Bridge.
- 1f. lilac " Elephant Hunting.
- 5f. carmine " Chief Morangi and Wife.

These stamps had not been surcharged up to the moment of going to press.

PERAK.—The five cents stamp, tiger type, has been received by Mr. Johnson, surcharged 'Service' in black.

5c. black on blue.

PERSIA.—A contemporary announces the new issue, which contains two types. The first is the lion and sun, the second shows the Imperial head. Inscribed at bottom, POSTES PERSANES. The four lower values are perf. 13, the four higher ones perf. 11 and of larger size.

- 1/- violet (lion).
- 2/- green "
- 5/- blue "
- 8/- brown "
- 10/- orange (head).
- 1k. red and yellow "
- 2k. yellow and blue "
- 5k. blue and silver "

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—The new sets have now been supplied to Macau, Mozambique, Timor, and Zambezia.

- 5r. yellow.
- 10r. lilac.
- 15r. brown,
- 20r. mauve.
- 25r. green.
- 50r. blue.
- 75r. rose.
- 80r. green.
- 100r. brown on buff.
- 150r. carmine on rose.
- 200r. blue on blue.
- 300r. blue on salmon.

SANDWICH ISLES.—A new 12 cent stamp is about to be issued in these islands.

12c., blue.

UNITED STATES.—We have received the 1, 3 and 15 cents of the new issue. The 3 cents has the lines round the mouth deepened and some diagonal lines added to the shading of the oval, the 15 cents is of a deep blue-black colour, but otherwise is the same as the obsolete stamp, except, of course, the distinguishing triangular ornament in the upper corners. The values now issued are

1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 10c., 15c.

POST CARDS, &c.

CANADA.—The reply card now bears the same stamp, similar to that of the single card, on both halves.

1+1 grey-black on buff.

MEXICO.—Envelopes with stamps of the current type.

- 4c., red on white laid, 152×85mm.
- 5c., " " "
- 10c., " " "
- 5c., " white wove, "
- 10c., " " "

MONTENEGRO.—Two new sizes of the 5n. envelope.

5n. red on buff, 148×116mm.

5n. " " 162×138mm.

NEW ZEALAND.—Two new postcards, of ½d. and 1½d. value are being prepared.

VENEZUELA.—Two postcards, single and reply.

10c. orange-red on white.

10+10c. " "

VICTORIA.—The ½d. wrapper is now orange on white.

½d. orange on white, 112×278.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

“ [S this for you, sir? ”—This is how our own postman greeted us yesterday, as he handed in a letter from Sweden, addressed, “ Mr. Fentham Road, Birmingham.” We have had several communications lately from foreign parts, addressed to “ Mr. Fentham Road,” or, “ Fentham Road, Esq.,” and it says a great deal for the sagacity of the post office officials that such letters reach their destination. When Mr. Walton lived at 8, Webster Street, he received a letter addressed, “ Mr. Webster, Walton Street,”—absolutely nothing else! There is no Walton Street, in Birmingham, but the P.O. people got it through all right. It was certainly posted in the district.

Mr. George showed us a very peculiar address on a letter he received Nov. 28th—“ To W. George Roland Road Esq. — Hansworth — Birmingham — Eng.”—Foreigners must have an idea that the surname, “ Road,” is very common in this country. The above quoted was from Denerara.

While on this subject we might mention that we had an indignant postcard from a gentleman named Mr. Bosman, who complained that we had not answered his previous letter. As Mr. Bosman is a perfect stranger to us, and had not troubled to enter more fully into residential particulars than the somewhat vague “ London ”—we consider that there was some slight excuse for our neglect.

Another luminous brain directs a request to us from Lynn, Mass., U.S.A., and concludes the message with the words, “ Yours truly.” There is nothing else. If the gentleman or lady is the happy possessor of a name at all, he or she carefully omits it. Lynn, Mass., U.S.A., is all right, but would a postal packet reach the right person if so addressed. We have our doubts. Our office boy, a smart youth as a rule, suggested that we should write for fuller particulars. This shows a very thoughtless bent in the mind of our juvenile assistant,—how can we write for fuller particulars if we know not whom to write?

During December, Madison Square Garden, New York, will contain one of the most interesting exhibitions ever presented to the public of New York. The entire floor space of the great amphitheatre will be fitted up to represent the ancient and historic city of Nuremberg, with its old castle, city gates, and quaint streets, providing for upwards of one hundred stores. In these stores will be exhibited for sale, toys, notions, fancy goods and postage stamps from every part of the world. The fair opens December 5th, and continues until Christmas. The postage stamp department will be conducted by E. T. Parker, as a branch of his Bethlehem, Pa., establishment.

Our valuable contemporary, *The Philatelic Record*, describes the ornamental difference between the late and current series of United States stamps as "a double-lined, right-angled triangle, with a curved hypotenuse." Suffering Euclid! Where does Capt. Bob Shortey's Conic Section of the Mackerel Brigade come in?

Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has just returned to London after a visit to Australia to further his postal scheme. He says that as the result of his visit a considerable step has been taken towards Imperial penny postage. He has won over two colonies which were formerly antagonistic, and now only one colony stands out against the proposal.

The following was clipped from the *Southern Weekly Philatelist*, of August 9th, and may prove interesting to the readers of the *Chronicle*:—"One of the greatest philatelic curiosities has made its 'appearance' in San Antonio, Tex. On December 31st, 1893, at 6 p.m., Mr. Edward W. Heusinger, having addressed a letter to himself at Victoria, Hong Kong, mailed it in the San Antonio post-office, with the intention of sending it round the world. Having informed the postmaster at Hong Kong that if the letter was not called for in ten days to please forward it to Mr. Frederick Hagen, Sydney, New South Wales, which was done. Mr. Heusinger wrote to Mr. Hagen in advance asking him when the letter arrived to prepay it with stamps of New South Wales and forward it to Mr. J. Seymour Summers, Bombay, India. Mr. Heusinger also wrote to Mr. Summers in advance asking him to prepay the letter with stamps of India, and forward it to Mr. E. D. Bacon, London, England. As per Mr. Heusinger's request, Mr. Bacon prepaid the letter with a stamp of Great Britain, and re-directed it to Mr. Henry Clotz, New York City, and Mr. Clotz, who was also requested to prepay it with Uncle Sam's stamps, sent it registered to Mr. Adolf Lohmeyer, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Lohmeyer then sent it to its starting point, San Antonio, where it was received August 4th, 1894, at 12 m. Thus the letter travelled for seven months, two days and eighteen hours. It has been post-marked thirty times and bears four nine pies stamps

of India, a tenpence stamp of each New South Wales and Great Britain, a two, three, four, six, eight and ten cent Columbian and 1890 issue, a special delivery and two official seal stamps of the United States.

Page 184 of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* contains the following: 'There will be a run on the Philatelic Dairy for 1893.' Is this a sly allusion to the way collectors are being milked by means of Chinese locals, and other 'made for collectors' rubbish?

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

WE saw, a few days ago, a consignment of the stamps of Tientsin, sent to Birmingham by a wholesale dealer in England, whose speciality, according to his note-paper, is new issues. The lot consisted of whole sheets (50 in the sheet) of the ½c. and 1c., sheets of the same surcharged "Postage Due," sets of ½, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 15c. ordinary and "Postage Due," and the same repeated throughout, but *used*. There can be no doubt as to the desire of the Tientsin authorities (or Mr. D. B.) to spare no expense in their efforts to please collectors. No one requires used stamps for the purpose of sticking on letters, and what could be easier than to send un-gummed sheets of postmarked stamps out,—but the Tientsin postal authorities scorn the paltry economy here suggested,—they know the worship some collectors pay to original gum, and so they sell you the lot—stamp, postmark and gum for a trifle under face value, charging nothing even for the time the boy expends in placing the postmark so beautifully at the corners of each four stamps. In the case of "Postage Due" Stamps, they even give the surcharge in,—a very pretty one, quaintly printed in old English type. What is the precise meaning of these words, by the way, when the stamps bearing them are sent out, ready postmarked, in sheets? The postmark is something like a large double gallows, thus, T, and if we understand the words "Postage Due" to mean what is due to the postal authorities (?) at Tientsin,—then the postmarked copies may bear a true significance.

Messrs. Clarke & Co., of Bushey, Herts, have sent for our inspection a couple of stamps of a proposed new issue for Hankow. The gentleman who is exploiting these stamps evidently thinks he can make a little more out of them by improving the quality and enlarging the size, and so this new issue is entrusted to English manufacturers (Waterlows, we believe), and the size is 32×26 mm. The same gentlemen also inform us that a correspondent has written them to the effect that issues for Foochow and Amoy will shortly be unloaded on a suffering philatelic public. Verily the ubiquitous one has much to answer for.

Our young but energetic and extremely interesting contemporary, *The Philatelic Times and Stamp Mart*, enters into the defence of these "made for collectors" stamps, believing, and truthfully, that two sides exist to every question. Our friend considers that these stamps are interesting on account of the lessons they teach, for, as the Nicaraguan stamps shows us that the Cap of Liberty grows on a broomstick in the mountains of Central America,—so the U.S. Columbians bring home the fact, not always recorded in history, that Columbus was the champion beard grower of his century. Again, some of these issues must have great interest to the world of spiritualists, for are not many stamps issued for countries which have no human inhabitants, and also for countries unkennd by human eye, if we are to believe the account a contemporary gives of the stamps appertaining to the Principality of Trinidad, situate, we are told, somewhere in the South Atlantic.

Another strong point our writer adduces in support of these stamps is the amount of geographical knowledge one intuitively absorbs. We hear of a new set of stamps, say for Chin-Chang-Chow, naturally we search atlas and geography until we find out where this important spot is, and sometimes we find out. Again, how interesting the typographical art is. Who can see a collection, say of French Colonials, without admiration? The varying types,—the ingenuity displayed in the arrangement of the device,—the different positions and sizes,—the wonderful number of combinations and arrangements possible. Yes, one only wants eternity and money for the collection of these,—time is insufficient and brains are unnecessary.

THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE UNITED STATES OF N. AMERICA.

E. R. ALDRICH.

WHILE semi-official stamps were issued by several post offices "early in the forties," yet it was not until 1847 that officially any attempt to supply stamps was made by the general government. The authority for this step being taken by the Postmaster-General is found in Chapter LXIII. of the general laws passed by the second session of the twenty-ninth congress, and reads,—

"And be it further enacted, that to facilitate the transportation of letters by mail, the Postmaster-General be authorized to prepare postage stamps, which, when attached to any letter or packet, shall be evidence of the prepayment of the postage chargeable on such letter, which said stamps the Postmaster-General may deliver to any deputy-postmaster who may apply for same, the deputy-postmaster paying or

becoming accountable for the amount of the stamps so received by him, and if any of said stamps shall not be used, but be returned to the General Post Office, the amount so returned shall be credited to such deputy postmaster, and such deputy postmaster may sell or dispose of any stamps so received by him, to any person who may wish to use same, but it shall be unlawful for any deputy postmaster to prepare, use or dispose of any postage stamps not authorized by and received from the Postmaster-General."

Under virtue of this law, Postmaster-General Cave Johnson, of Tennessee, entered into a contract with Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson for the printing of two values, under which contract 4,400,000 five cent. stamps and 1,050,000 ten cent. stamps were supplied. The five cent. value is printed in the various shades of brown on bluish paper (the question of white paper see *infra*), and bears a likeness of Benjamin Franklin, the famous revolutionary diplomatist, and the colonial Postmaster-General, after the painting by John B. Longacre. The design, briefly described, is three-quarter profile to left on an oval disc of crossed lines, bounded by a colourless band with fine line beyond, in rectangular frame, similarly bounded. The groundwork of the frame is composed of fine horizontal lines, and inscribed in colourless capitals, U in upper left corner, and S in upper right corner, with "Post Office" between. In each lower corner a large numeral 5, with FIVE CENTS between. Below the lines of the outer lower border are the initials of the engraver's firm in small coloured capitals—R. W. H. & E. The impression measures $18\frac{1}{2} \times 23\frac{1}{2}$ mm, with 2mm. between stamps.

The second value was that of ten cents, printed in black, bearing a portrait of the first American President, George Washington.

Description of this value,—three-quarter portrait facing to right on oval disc, with background bordered by colourless band, with fine coloured line beyond. The remainder of the design is similar to that of the five cent, except that the value is expressed in Roman instead of Arabic figures. The size, etc., is the same as the five cent.

The bill was approved on March 3rd, 1847, and under the contract the stamps were to be delivered by July 1st, but it is said that it was not until the 5th of August that the first consignment was received at the General Post Office. The issue is said to have been withdrawn from use between June 11th and September 30th, 1851. The instructions issued to deputy postmasters in June, 1851, orders that they be not received after June 30th, but it is not likely that the circular would reach the outlying frontier offices in time to go into effect at the date originally intended. At this time the deputies were instructed to return the stock on hand, and \$12,038.55 worth are said to have been returned, which, with 688,000 of the five cent value and 169,000 of the ten cents not delivered to deputies, were destroyed, as is shown by the report

of the Postmaster-General under date June 30th, 1851, which states.—

"Directions for the destruction of the dies and plates, employed in the manufacture of the stamps formerly used, have been given, and for counting and burning such stamps as have not been issued to postmasters or have been returned."

Whether or not these stamps were ever issued on white paper will probably always remain a disputed point. The question was first broached late in the sixties, and depended upon the authority of Third Assistant Postmaster, General Terell. The weight of proof seems to be that only a blue or bluish paper was used. Examination of specimen shows that the bluish-hued paper is the one nearly always found, but occasionally one is offered where the paper is white, but this, as has been explained, may be due to chemical change. On the other hand, the price which these white paper specimens command show that there are those well advanced in philatelic knowledge who have confidence in them, as is instanced by \$13.50 (nearly £3) being realised in October, 1892, for an unused specimen of the 10c. The specimens should not be confounded with proofs which exist on white paper.

Whether or not, the fact that occasionally a local postmaster, being out of five cent stamps, would cut the ten into halves, and use these as five cent stamps was ever brought to the notice of the higher authorities will probably never be known, but that it was occasionally done is a well-established fact, and these cut specimens command a high price, and as high as \$30.09 (£6) has been paid for specimens on the original cover.

During the last few years there has been a marked advance in the price of specimens, although for many years prior to 1886 the price remained practically the same. In 1889, 25c. (1s.) would purchase a fair specimen of the 5c. cancelled; last year the price had doubled, and this year 60c. (2s. 5d.) is required to purchase. The same ratio applies to the unused, \$3.00 (12s.) now buying, where only \$1.25 (6s.) was asked in 1889.

In 1886, \$1.00 (4s.) would add a 10c. used to a collection, where now the purchaser is required to pay \$3.00 (12s.); at the former date \$2.25 (9s.) would purchase an unused 10c., while dealers now hold at \$10.00 (40s.), and extra fine specimens will bring nearly 50 per cent. advance, when an extra particular collector is searching for shade varieties.

Collectors of unused copies must always examine their specimens carefully, to prevent unscrupulous parties foisting the government counterfeit upon them.

In 1876 the government decided to place a full set of their postal issues on sale. Plates to print these values were prepared to supply the place of those destroyed in 1851. These products are often referred

to as reprints, but are, in fact, nothing but counterfeits, although prepared with government sanction.

The following points will determine the forged:— In the 5c., the 5 on the right-hand side is nearer the bottom than on the left; the white cravat ends in a point on the left of the P in FIVE, while in the original it ends in the right corner. In the 10c. in the genuine one of the curls near the end of the hair on the left side of the face, forms a minute white circle with a black centre, which is entirely wanting in the forged; the o of POST is flattened in the imitation, but not in the genuine.

Whether these are "collectable" has been more or less discussed on the American side of the water, and while there are many who would say nay, yet when it is treated as one of the Centennial sets (which should include the reprints of the 1856 and 1861-8 issues), there can be no question but that they should be assigned a place in the album, but should the collector reject the reprints, he should certainly reject also this only official counterfeit of the American nation.

It is believed that the subjoined reference list includes every known variety, both of the stamps and also of the proofs.

REFERENCE LIST.

- 1 5c. brown on white (?)
- 2 5c. dark brown on white (?)
- 3 10c. black on white (?)
- 4 5c. brown.
- 5 5c. dark brown.
- 6 5c. red brown.
- 7 5c. purple brown.
- 8 5c. bronze brown.
- 9 5c. bronze.
- 10 5c. black brown.
- 11 5c. purplish black.
- 12 10c. black.
- 13 10c. grey black.
- 14 10c. blue black.
- 15 5c. red brown, so-called reprint.
- 16 5c. brown " "
- 17 10c. black " "
- 18 10c. black, bisected and used as 5c.

PROOFS FROM ORIGINAL PLATE.

- 19 5c. brown, Hub proof on white.
- 20 5c. brown, same, on cardboard.
- 21 5c. red brown, die proof, India paper.
- 22 5c. black " "
- 23 5c. green " "
- 24 5c. vermilion " "
- 25 5c. blue " "
- 26 5c. bistre " "
- 27 5c. orange " "
- 28 5c. red " "
- 29 5c. black, Hub proof, border of shaded lines.
- 30 5c. red brown " "

31	5c. green, Hub proof, border of shaded lines.
32	5c. red " " "
33	5c. blue " " "
34	5c. black, plate proof on white.
35	5c. bronze " " "
36	5c. green " " "
37	5c. vermilion " " "
38	5c. blue " " "
39	5c. bistre " " "
40	5c. rose " " "
41	5c. orange " " "
42	10c. black, Hub proof, on India.
43	10c. black, same, on cardboard.
44	10c. brown, die proof, on India.
45	10c. red brown " " "
46	10c. green " " "
47	10c. vermilion " " "
48	10c. blue " " "
49	10c. orange " " "
50	10c. red " " "
51	10c. black, die proof, border of coloured lines.
52	10c. red brown " " "
53	10c. green " " "
54	10c. blue " " "
55	10c. red " " "
56	10c. black, plate proof, on white.
57	10c. red brown " " "
58	10c. brown " " "
59	10c. green " " "
60	10c. vermilion " " "
61	10c. blue " " "
62	10c. orange " " "
63	10c. rose " " "
"REPRINT" TYPE.	
64	5c. brown, Hub proof, India.
65	5c. " plate proof, " "
66	5c. " " cardboard.
67	10c. black, Hub proof, India.
68	10c. " plate proof, " "
69	10c. " " cardboard.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.

Vice-President:—W. PIMM, Esq.

Committee:—Mr. D. DAVIS; Mr. W. S. VAUGHTON;
Mr. D. OSTARA; Mr. W. G. WALTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road,
Birmingham.

Nov. 15th. DISPLAY UNITED STATES. The chief attraction was Mr. W. B. Avery's superb and unique

collection. One page is devoted to each variety, used and unused, in pairs, strips and blocks where obtainable. Most of the early postmasters' stamps and "locals" were shewn on the originals in beautiful condition, some being unique, in other cases only 2 to 5 copies are known. "Providence" and other varieties were shewn in complete sheets as well as separately.

In the General Issues, several closely-filled pages of the early issues of the 5c.; also of 30c., 90c. (first issue), 15c., 24c., 30c., 90c. (1869), including inverted centres, and complete sets of the Departmentals and Newspapers made up a grand display.

There was, however, a still greater treat in store for the members present, for Mr. Avery announced to the meeting that he had brought with him his special collection of British North America and his general collection of Africa, Australia and America. It was therefore decided to abandon most of the routine work, and give the rest of the evening to these collections.

The British North America volume was taken first, and excited the wonder and admiration of all. The pages of N.B. and N.S. shillings; superb copies of 12d. Canada (wove and laid), some splendid pages of 6d., 7½d. and 10d. Canada, many scores of the carmine and orange vermilions of Newfoundland, with blocks and complete sheets of commoner varieties made up a fine show.

Then commenced an examination of the general collection alluded to above. This contained with a very few exceptions an unused copy of every variety including such rarities as 1d and 2d. *Post Office Mauritius*, first issue Reunion, tête beche and rouletted pairs of Transvaals, British Guiana, complete, except 2c. rose, most of the varieties of type being represented by reconstructed sheets, as was the case in the early issues of the Dominican Republic.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Avery for his kindness, which he most suitably and generously responded to.

W. A. S. Westoby, Esq. (Folkestone), W. C. Tyrrell, Esq. (Ludlow), and Howard Weston, Esq. (B'ham), were elected members. Two applications were postponed. Subscriptions were voted to the *London Philatelist* and *Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt* p. 1. All other business was left to next meeting.

Dec. 6th. DISPLAY—GREAT BRITAIN. R. H. Hunter, Esq. (Ottawa), and J. Fiquet, Esq. (Paris), were elected corresponding members. The report of the Oldham Society was received with thanks. Circulars from the Manchester Society were partly discussed and then handed over to the committee to report upon.

The President exhibited a very fine lot of unused English, nearly every variety being shewn in nice shades.

Messrs. W. Pimm, W. G. Walton, and the Hon. Sec. shewed collections of used and unused, including reconstructed plates of many values and varieties.

The separate plates of the various dies and perms. of the 1d. and 2d. engaged some time, as did a nice lot of Mulreadies and Mulready caricatures. Mr. H. L. Even sent a very interesting selection of stamps on originals, showing earliest dates of use, errors of postmarks, etc.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE. — The December packets were strong. Three new members required to fill vacancies at the end of the year. Rules, &c., from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—All things are going on satisfactorily, and there seems nothing special to report except that our solicitor has been actively engaged in endeavouring to obtain a settlement from two delinquent members. One case will probably be paid in full ere this report appears, and the other is uncertain, but in this case, very fortunately, no loss whatever will fall on the members. Several fresh members are joining, and the greatest care is taken in ascertaining if they are reliable before admitting them. H. Clark, secretary.

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.—Owing to ill-health and pressure of other matters I have been unable to send reports the last two months. For some unknown reason I have received no later copy of *The Collector* than the August number. We had then 1,384 members and 13 applications. The new Superintendent of Sales reports his department is in full working order. English members would find this a good place to sell duplicates. Cost of membership to the society is 10s per annum. For application forms and further particulars, write (enclosing stamp) H. Clark, Resident Vice-Pres. for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB — Sheets to the number of 201 were received for November packets, were made up, and despatched on their rounds in good time. Any member who did not contribute a sheet, and who wants to see one or more packets must notify the secretary direct to this effect. Splendid selections of old unused West Indians and other Colonials were submitted, and the aggregate value of the packets reached a very large amount. Collectors are welcomed, but applications for membership must be accompanied by a reference. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

NORTHAMPTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—At a meeting on Friday, Dec. 7th, a successful start was given to the Northampton Philatelic Society. Mr. T. P. Dorman, Reincliffe House, was elected president, and Mr. M. Wetherell, Billing Road, Northampton, hon. sec. and treasurer. A set of Rules were adopted, an Exchange packet will be started, and a Library of Philatelic literature will be formed. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday in each month. M. Wetherell, hon. sec.

TO THE EDITOR, *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your notice in the *Philatelic Chronicle* for October, stating that *The Philatelic Evercirculator*, a new departure in the philatelic line has been opened out by Mr Wilson, etc., I may say, that I have been circulating the *Premier Foreign Stamp Evercirculator* for more than a year. The members, who are phonographers and also enthusiastic in philatelic matters, write articles in Pitman's shorthand, and criticise their fellow-members' articles; they also make illustrations, contribute their photos and notes that are likely to be of philatelic interest, while each member inserts an approval sheet of foreign stamps with the price marked above each stamp. Thus they purchase from each other's sheets and the money is sent to the conductor, who afterwards forwards it to the respective members. The subscription is 1/6 per year, and a nominal charge is made for the paper for contributions, approval sheets, &c. Further particulars can be obtained from the conductor, J. Bennett, 25, Strawberry Hill, Pendleton, Manchester, England

NOTICES.

WE are promised yet another English magazine—*The Universal Stamp Review*, to be published by Messrs. Smith and Partridge, in London.

The Scott Catalogue, 55th edition, is published by this time, and it behoves every collector to get it. It is the standard catalogue of America, and the prices are a good guide to those which will constitute the next edition of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' excellent price catalogue. Those requiring copies may send their orders to Mr. W. T. Wilson, or this office, if they do not wish to send direct.

Mr. G. I. Bryant has a good article on 'The Stamps of Heligoland' in the November *Stamp Chronicle*.

Messrs. Smyth's excellent paper, *The Monthly Post*, has recently increased its size. It has one advantage over other stamp papers, in that you can always find something amusing as well as instructive in its varying features.

Mr. Gremmell's *Post Office* grows more useful with every issue, and promises to be the leading American magazine ere long.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for November, maintains the high standard of excellence, which has obtained for it the highest award for Journals at the Paris Exhibition. The article on Turkish stamps, from *Der Philatelist*, is continued, and the editorial matter and Review of Reviews are as usual—first-class.

Mr. C. H. Nunn has published his 1894 edition of the *Stamp Dealers of Great Britain*. The book gives a full and comprehensive list of dealers and much other useful information, and is cheap at the price, 5d. post free.

Mr. Dolph Ostara, a member of the B.P.S., and until lately a resident in this city, has removed to Manchester and opened a stamp business at 18, Piccadilly. We shall miss Mr. Ostara's genial presence in Birmingham, but wish him every success in his new surroundings.

The firm of W. Eastwood & Co., Stratford, E., has been dissolved, and will be carried on in future by Mr. William Eastwood alone.

We have received a copy of Messrs. Errington and Martin's price list, wholesale and retail, which we can recommend to collectors and dealers.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

a. First-class copy, perfect. b. Good specimen, no defect.
c. Torn, or with other defect.

MR W. HADLOW'S sale, Nov. 7th, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
b Great Britain, sheet, plate No. 184	2	16	0
a Great Britain, 6d. lilac, pl. 5, block of 4	3	12	0
a Nevis, 6d. lilac black, perf. 12½	1	4	0
a " 6d. " with 1/- green, pf. 15	2	8	0
b N.S. Wales, 2d. Sydney, pl. 1, on orig.	1	14	0
b Tasmania, 1st issue, 1d. blue	1	5	0
a West Australia, 1st issue, 1/- l. brown	0	18	0
a S. Australia, set of 60 reprints, ½d. to £20	2	17	6
b New Zealand, 1d. on blue	0	18	0

Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, Nov. 8th.

a Bahamas, 1d lake, imperf., block of 4	5	0	0
a British Guiana, 1853, 1c. verm., unused	6	15	0
a " " " used, strip of 4	10	0	0
a " 1862, border of crossed ovals	4	4	0
a " " border of grapes	8	0	0
a Canada, 6d green, grand copy	5	2	6
a " " fine	2	4	0
a " 10d. blue	1	16	0
b Cape of Good Hope, 1d. red, woodblock	3	15	0
b " 4d. blue	1	6	0
a Ceylon, 4d., imperf.	16	0	0
b Great Britain, 5/- rose, plate 4, unused, no gum	7	0	0
b " 10/- grey, wmk. anchor, no gum	20	0	0
b " £1 violet " " "	29	0	0
b Tuscany, 3 lire, yellow	27	0	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co.'s sale, Nov. 14th.

a Gt. Britain, 4d. hair lines, imp., block of 6	8	15	0
a " 3d. secret mark, imp., pair	7	10	0
b Newfoundland, 2d. or.-verm., unused, no gum	0	15	0

b Newfoundland, 8d. or.-verm.	0	17	0
c " 6d. "	1	2	0
b " 4d. car.-verm.	2	12	0
b " 6d. or.-verm.	1	4	0
b New Zealand, 2d. verm., wmk. N.Z.	1	0	0
a S. Australia, D.B. in black on 4d., perf. 10	1	0	0
c " D.B. in blue on 6d., rouletted	1	0	0
a " D.B. in black on 6d., perf. 11½ × 10	1	0	0
a " L.A. " small 2d. perf. 10	0	14	0
b " O.A. in blue on 2d., S.A. & Cr. rouletted	0	18	0
b " P.O. " " roul. pair	2	12	6
b " P.S. in black on 2d., perf. 10	0	15	0
c " M.R. " 2/- car., p. 11½	0	12	0

Mr. Ridout's sale, Nov 19th.

b Cape of Good Hope, 1/- emerald green	0	15	0
b Ceylon, 8d., imperf.	5	0	0
a Gt. Britain, 4d. m. garter on white, unused	17	10	0
a " 6d. oct., unused, on white, blue green	4	0	0
c N.S. Wales, 8d. square imp., large margins	2	15	0
b S. Australia, 1st issue, 1d. dark green, pair	1	10	0
b United States, \$1 Columbus, used	0	9	0
b Western Australia, 2d. 1st issue, rouletted	7	5	0

Mr. W. Hadlow's sale, November 22nd and 23rd.

a Bergedorf, 1st issue, 3sch., unused original	1	2	0
a Lubeck, rare error, 2½sch., brown	2	0	0
a Bavaria, 12kr., perf., unused	1	2	0
a Hanover, 10 gros., unused	1	12	0
a Mecklenberg Schwerin, ¼, roul., dotted	4	10	0
a Tuscany, 60 crazie	6	0	0
c Ceylon, 1/9 green, imperf.	1	4	0
a " " " unused	2	12	6
a Mauritius, 2d., greek border, strip of four	5	0	0
a " 1d., Post PAID, early state	4	6	0
a Cape, set of triangulars, 1d., 4d., 6d., 1 - unused	2	15	0
b New Zealand, 1d. on blue	1	0	0
a Victoria, 8d., red-brown on pink, wmk. 10, unused	0	14	0
b Victoria, 5/- bl. on yellow	2	14	0

The London Philatelic Co.'s sale, November 28th.

a Great Britain, 6d., lilac on dark blue, litmus paper, on original	4	0	0
a Great Britain, 1d., carm., die II, pair, wmk. L.C., perf. 16	9	15	0
a Great Britain, 2d., blue, die I, perf. 16, L.C.	18	0	0
a " 6d., oct., unused, block of six	25	0	0
a Oldenburg, ½ gr., moss-green, unused	3	0	0
a Saxony, 8 pf., red	5	10	0
a Switzerland, Poste Locale, 2½r., no frame	8	0	0
a Ceylon, 9d., imp., violet brown, used	3	5	0
b " 4d., rose, imp.	6	10	0
a " 8d., yellow-brown, imp.	22	0	0

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THE American law with regard to the reproduction of postage stamps is similar to that of England and provides against the imitation not only of native stamps, but of the "securities" of all countries having treaty relations with the United States, and postage stamps are embraced in the category of securities. In this arrangement the law is similar to our own, but, whereas, up to the present, the authorities have been content with suppressing imitations of our own stamps, on the other side the administrators of the law have taken a step further, or rather several strides further, and seem to have played the cat among the pigeons to perfection. On December 17th and following days the secret service police in New York made a series of raids upon stamp depôts, seizing all packets of stamps, albums, &c., which bore representations of foreign stamps, and confiscating all electro-types and other means of reproducing the same. We learn that instructions for similar proceedings have been forwarded to other important towns in the States, but no information has yet come to hand as to whether they have been carried out, except in the case of Washington, where Mr. ROTHFUCH's stock has been seized. The proceedings mentioned above constitute a great hardship to dealers. Laws are not framed to hamper legitimate trade, at any rate their originators had no such intention, and when a law tends in this direction it should be removed from the Statute Book. We do not believe that any English Government would strain the law in this cowardly and arbitrary manner, but the proceedings in New York furnish a *raison d'être* for a certain petition now going round, and which, although originally the advertisement of a metropolitan weekly, may possibly be-

come an object of interest to philatelists generally. We think, however, for the present, the proceedings we detail above are impossible here, and probably would not have happened in New York had the official palm been sufficiently well greased.

CHRONICLE.

NIGER COAST.—Mr. C. A. Cole informs us that he received on Christmas-day *per* "SS. Bakana," some new surcharges of this country. They consist of the following: $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on half of 1d., current issue, various types of surcharge, also double impression of 1d. on half of 2d. Oil Rivers.

PANAMA.—Mr. H. A. Slade, of St. Albans, has just received the following Panama stamps surcharged "HABILITADO—1894—1—CENTAVO"—in four lines:—
 1 centavo on 2c. black surcharge.
 5 centavos on 20c. red " small 5.
 5 " 20c. " " large 5.
 10 " 50c. " " "

SAN DOMINGO.—A new issue is expected in this republic.

SERVIA.—The new stamps are now all out. They bear the likeness of King Alexander I., and are on white paper with threads of red silk, perf. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.

5 para green.
 10 " rose.
 15 " bright violet.
 20 " orange yellow.
 25 " blue.
 50 " grey brown.
 1 dinar, violet.

SUNGEI UJONG.—Messrs. Clarke & Co. have sent us two provisionals of this Strait Settlement, being the tiger type surcharged.

1 cent. on 5c. green.
 3 cents on 5c. rose.

UNITED STATES.—The three dollar values of the new issue have appeared. The 1 dollar is similar to the old 90 cents, and bears the same picture, that of Commodore Perry. The 2 and 5 dollars are handsome stamps, presenting new sets of features for the Philatelic Valhalla of Uncle Sam,—the 2 dollar stamp showing James Madison, who was twice president during the early years of the century, and the 5 dollars, John Marshall, Chief Justice of the supreme Court about the same time. The stamps are well produced in every respect, and are likely to give satisfaction to all.

1 dollar, black.

2 dollars, blue.
 5 dollars, rich green.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—*Le Timbre Poste* gives the following list of revenue stamps used postally:—

I.—Postage stamps of 3p. printed in lilac, and surcharged I.R. at top and value below.

Watermark Crown and C.A., perf. 14.

1p. lilac, black surcharge.
 2p. " "
 3p. " "
 1sh. " "

II.—Postage stamps, surcharged I.R. in green.

Watermark Crown and C.C., perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

1p. bistre, green surcharge.

Perf. 14.

1p. bistre, green surcharge

Watermark Crown C.A., perf. 14.

1p. bistre, green surcharge.

III.—Current long revenue stamps. *Perforated.*

1p. lilac.	9p. lilac.
2p. " "	1/- "
3p. " "	2/6 "
6p. " "	5/- "

ZULULAND.—The whole of the surcharged stamps have been withdrawn. The current Natal sixpence was overprinted ZULULAND, and a few issued to carry on until the new stock of permanent issue arrived.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—Three new post-cards are announced. The first, the ordinary Cape penny, the other two, the British current card, all surcharged with the name of the State.

1d. brown on white.
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (on 1d.) red on chamois.
 1+1d. red on chamois.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Three new envelopes have arrived from this country, being embossed with the usual ship and motto.

1c. green, 141×79 mm. on thick white laid.
 2c. carmine, 145×89 mm. " "
 5c. ultramarine, 134×107 mm., on white wove.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The two new envelopes are now out.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. grey blue on white.
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. olive on bluish.

PERSIA.—The new cards are of four kinds, head.

2 shahi, green on cream.
 2+2 shahi, green on pale green.
 4 shahi, rose on cream.
 4+4 shahi, rose on pale rose.

The new wrapper is of the lion type.
 1 shahi, lilac.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

WE notice that Mr. David Benjamin, of Chin-Kiang, has sent to a contemporary the Post Card appertaining to that flourishing spot, of the face value of 1c. We also learn that the Ge. presumably of Chin-Kiang, has been discovered imperforate between a pair. Bless your innocent hearts! When Mr. D. B. gets fairly into his stroke, you will have them imperforate and perforated down the middle, printed upside down, double printed, printed on the back, rouletted one side, and in fact every variation possible.

Mr. Benjamin, of Foochow, informs the *P.J.G.B.*, that the post office there has been taken over by a "Committee of Public Works." The information is not complete. We hear that the said "Committee" consists of D. Benjamin, Esq., chairman; Mr. D. Benjamin, secretary; Mr. De Benjamin, Postmaster and treasurer; and Messrs. David Benjamin and Benjamin Davids. With regard to the Public referred to, we are unable to give any information, being entirely unacquainted with the hotels of Foochow.

A Local Post is contemplated at Ichang. No, we don't know where Ichang is, but the name sounds Chinese. We understand that Mr. Benjamin, of Ichang, is looking after the matter.

An esteemed contemporary announces that Mr. Benjamin, of Macau, has sent the Postcards of that state, with a new value printed on either side of the stamp, and a Chinese surcharge over the old value. We read that the old type adhesives have also been received with a surcharge proviso, which Davides—beg pardon, divides,—the stamp diagonally. The values have also been altered to *aros*. We do not know what *aros* are, but no doubt they represent something very acceptable in Benjo-Chinese.

"Some years ago" as Dan Leno says, we used to hear of the amiable princess of the cannibal isles, whose full dress uniform consisted of a parasol and a postage stamp. *O tempora! O mores!* The humble cannibals of those days were satisfied with any common or garden variety of postage stamp which chance or an enterprising missionary society might place at their disposal,—now, the Chief Moranji of Congo, must have stamps of the very latest design, with pictures of waterfalls, elephants, etc., to decorate his princely form. We have not heard yet of or from Mr. Benjamin, of Congo.

Another English contemporary announces its indebtedness to Mr. Benjamin, of Wahu, for the stamps of that locality. There are nine values and two types of the ½c. We are told that they are not an authorised issue, as the place has no Municipal Council, but are the idea of a Mr. Gregson. Somebody suggests that collectors should say "Woho" before taking any Wahu.

The following paragraph is going the rounds of the philatelic papers on the other side of the herring pond:—

What it may yet be.—As we go to press, a report reaches us that Dennis Riordan, expressman, is engaged in the preparation of a Special Local Jubilee Stamp, to commemorate the nineteenth consecutive year of his business as expressman. The design, which we hope to present to our readers in the next issue, is described as being a Tara harp rampant, on a field vert., surmounted by demi-shamrocks over a bar sinister, supported by a four-wheeled chariot, right; a hippo-centaur, left; with value two mts below, together with the license-collector's number of the business. This issue will be limited to one hundred copies, to be raffled for at McKloskey's Retreat, on Saturday evening next.

PLATE LETTERS AND NUMBERS OF U.S. COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

DURING the year 1893 we collected the series of U.S. Columbian stamps, with their plate numbers attached, with the idea of finding out thereby, approximately, the number of stamps of each value that the government would issue.

A collector having sent Mr. Gremmel a list of wants in these plate numbers, it has occurred to us that many collectors of United States stamps may be interested to know what the numbers and letters of the plates were, and, therefore, we publish a list.

ONE CENT.					
J	K	P	MM	OO	VV
46	51	65	149	159	194
47	52	66	150	160	195
48	53	67	151	161	196
49	54	68	152	162	197
50	55	69	153	163	198

Number issued, 439,252,300.

TWO CENT.					
A	C	E	F	G	H
1	11	21	26	31	36
2	12	22	27	32	37
3	13	23	28	33	38
4	14	24	29	34	39
5	15	25	30	35	40
I	O	Q	T	U	V
41	60	70	78	83	88
42	61	71	79	84	89
43	62	72	80	85	90
44	63	73	81	86	91
45	64	74	82	87	92
X	EE	FF	GG	HH	JJ
94	109	114	119	124	134
95	110	115	120	125	135
96	111	116	121	126	136
97	112	117	122	127	137
98	113	118	123	128	138

KK	LL	NN	PP	QQ	RR
139	144	154	164	169	174
140	145	155	165	170	175
141	146	156	166	171	176
142	147	157	167	172	177
143	148	158	168	173	178

SS	TT	UU
180	185	190
181	186	191
182	187	192
183	188	193
184	189	194

Number issued, 1,461,289,700.

THREE CENT.

L	R
56	75
57	76

Number issued, 11,227, 800.

FOUR CENT.

D.	16	17	18	19	20
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Number issued, 19,026,550.

FIVE CENT.

B.	6	7	8	9	10
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Number issued, \$5,247,000.

SIX CENT.

Z	104.	Number issued, 4,329,200.			
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EIGHT CENT.

II.	129	130	131	132	133
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Number issued, 10,649,600.

TEN CENT.

Y.	99	100	101	102	103
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Number issued, 16,484,210.

FIFTEEN CENT.

M	58.	Number issued, 1,546,740.			
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THIRTY CENT.

N	59.	Number issued, 599,250.			
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FIFTY CENT.

S	77.	Number issued, 199,666.			
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ONE DOLLAR.

W	93.	Number issued, 54,472.			
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TWO DOLLARS.

AA	105.	Number issued, 23,129.			
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THREE DOLLARS.

BB	106.	Number issued, 18,281.			
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FOUR DOLLARS.

CC	107.	Number issued, 17,419.			
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FIVE DOLLARS.

DD 108. Number issued, 17,885.

We see from this list that there were of the one cent stamp 30 plates, two cent, 135 plates, three cent, 4 plates, four, five, eight and ten cent, 5 plates each; six, fifteen, thirty, fifty cent. one, two, three, four, five dollars. one plate each.

Counting two hundred stamps for each impression, these plates printed from less than one hundred impressions in the case of the three, four and five dollar stamps, all the way to seventy-five thousand impressions, which was about the average for the one cent stamps.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

OUR friends did not forget us at Christmas. Our own postman brought us numerous tokens of regard from our friends, philatelic and otherwise, but most of all we have to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. Whitfield King for a very handsome Christmas souvenir, which takes the form of an album of views, 9x7in., showing Mr. King's beautiful home in its various aspects. The first view represents the house from the lawn, the second an admirably executed family group, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. King and the five olive branches, then follow various views of different portions of the house and premises, among which are the Dining Room, the Billiard Room with a portrait of John Roberts hanging on the wall, the Conservatory, Orchid Houses, etc., not forgetting the Library, the famous Stamp Room, with its walls papered with unused stamps, goodness knows how many thousands. This is the most interesting Christmas gift we received.

The Philatelic Journal of America reports a sale of the remainders of the island of Mauritius. A quantity of 127 thirty-nine cents of 1880, 1558 twenty-seven cents, and 1518 thirteen cents were sold, probably among others. The same paragraph also refers to a reprint of the twopence Post Paid stamp, stating that the stamp so reprinted is the 1859 issue, with band. The correspondent of the *P. J. of A.* knows a party in Mauritius who has a full plate of 12.

Haughty Lady (who has just purchased a stamp): "Must I put it on myself?" Post Office Assistant (very politely): "Not necessarily, ma'am; it will probably accomplish more if you put it on the letter."

We heard, the other day, of a certain leading dealer who offered £1,000 spot cash for a pair of "Post Office" Mauritius. The offer was declined. Both owner and would-be purchaser are members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society. We are carefully stocking all our own copies until they run to £1,000 apiece.

George E. Marrow of 38, Grinshill Street, Liverpool, writes from an extract, as follows:

"The Stamp Collecting Craze.—The most curious of all the various developments of stamp collecting is the high price set upon errors. A few examples of the United States 15 cents and 24 cents, 1869 issues, with inverted centres, got into circulation, and are now appraised at £17 and £18 10/- respectively, the values of the correct impressions being less than half as many shillings. In the Mauritius 1848 2d. blue, the early impressions read 'penoe' instead of 'pence,' the example with the error is valued at £10, but the one without at about five guineas. But perhaps the most famous of all 'errors' in this direction, is the 'Connell' stamp of New Brunswick, in which the then post-master thinking that his own portrait would be as acceptable to the natives as that of his sovereign, had 5 cent stamps so ornamented in 1861. Not many, however, got into circulation. In 1873 it was selling at 7.6 each unused, a good specimen now sells readily at £20."

Mr. Gremmell has applied for a patent for the protection of his Imperial Stock Book, the pockets cannot come away from the page, when prepared according to his specification, the principle being that each page and pockets are made out of one piece.

Says the *Stamp News*: "The Chinese Local stamps, we fancy, will not be in great demand, as all, or almost all, of the stamp journals have made a decided stand against them."

The *Indian Philatelist* tells us that the letters M.B.D. surcharged on the Nandgaon stamps, are the initials of the Rajah—Mahout Balaram Dass. We thought there was something about "ass" meant, although we did not know it was Balaam's, or, according to Eastern orthography, Balaram's. Knowing the actual standing of these stamps we thought the letters referred to the purchasers of the stamps—More Benighted Donkeys.

A Birmingham gentleman asked a friend in New York to procure for him a copy of the 90c. orange. Upon making application at the Post Office in New York, the friend was informed that there were none on sale, neither had any of provincial cities got any. Eventually one was procured from Philadelphia, and with it came the information that it was absolutely the last in the Post Office.

We have not heard whether Mr. Robert Ehrenbach has recovered the stamps stolen from his Moorish attendant outside the gates of Tetuan. Eight hundred pounds worth of German States, British Columbians, etc! This is an amalgamation of the very worst kind, and we greatly hope to hear that Mr. Ehrenbach has been fortunate enough to get back his lost treasures.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, ESQ.

Vice-President:—W. PIMM, ESQ.

Committee:—MR. D. DAVIS; MR. W. S. VAUGHTON;
MR. D. OSTARA; MR. W. G. WALTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road,
Birmingham.

December 20th. C. Manley, Esq. (Bath) and Dr. G. H. Hart (Birmingham) were unanimously elected members.

Mr. W. Brown's Reference List of Straits Settlements was ordered to be purchased for the library.

Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Theodor Buhl and Co., for sending complete files of the *Philatelic Record and Stamp News*; to C. G. Vogel for the *Internationales Briefmarken Offertenblatt*; also to Messrs. L. M. Staebler and H. Hillekes for such numbers of the *Canadian Philatelist and Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* respectively as have been published.

Mr. W. Pimm then read his paper on "Ceylon," illustrating it by means of his own very large and fine collection of these stamps.

January 3rd, 1895. The President handed round the diary published by S. Gibbons, Limited, which has been presented by Mr. Phillips, and the members, while acknowledging the up-to-date character of the diary itself, regretted that the description of our Society was of such an antediluvian nature,—as the list of officers and address of Societies was some years out of date. This lapse of our worthy friend and member is hardly in accord with the advanced ideas of the managing director of S. Gibbons, Limited.

The Hon. Secretary then gave his paper on South Australia, the varieties of wmk., shade, paper, perf., and surcharge, being illustrated from his collection. Messrs. Wilson, Pimm, and Walton showed very fine collections.

The next meeting (January 17th) will be an exhibition of De Coppet's collection of Mexico, recently purchased by the President.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE. — The January packets are fairly good, but the festive season has probably prevented some members from sending sheets. It is to be hoped that this matter will be rectified next month. Owing to the resignation of three members at the end of the year, there are now some vacancies. Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.—It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. M. A. Swanbeck, of Kansas City, Kansas, U.S.A. Mr. Swanbeck was Superintendent of the Sales and Exchange Department of the S. of P. He was a well known collector in America, and member of the A.P.A., and Postal Card Society of America, etc., etc. The Secretary of S. of P. reports that owing to the split between himself and Mr. Lang who bought "*The Collector*," he (Mr. Miller) will re-issue "*The Collector*" himself. Mr. Lang refused to send the paper to S. of P. members, and that is why our English members have not had their copies. Will our English members please note that they are entitled to free use of Circuit II of the Philatelic Exchange Society for selling purposes, rules on application. This arrangement is temporary, until a separate Exchange Circuit for the S. of P. can be arranged. English members should take the *P. C. and A.*, in which a report of S. of P. will appear each month. H. Clark, Resident Vice-Pres. for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—This Society was founded on September 15th, 1894, at Denver, Col., U.S.A. The list of officers is a good one, and meetings are to be held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

WEST KENSINGTON STAMP CLUB.—Owing to pressure of business Mr. Norman McGregor, who has so long and honourably carried on this club, has been compelled to give up the Secretaryship. Mr. G. B. Shedlock, of Florence Villa, Waldeck Road, Ealing, has taken it over, and will, no doubt, maintain its successful character. All communications should now be addressed to the latter gentleman.

THE METROPOLITAN PHILATELIC CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—This club was organised on November 13th, for the benefit of the numerous and energetic philatelists of San Antonio and district. The officers are well known American philatelists, consisting of Messrs. E. W. Heusinger, president; Albert Steves, vice-president; E. G. Cervantes, treasurer; J. G. Roth, secretary; M. E. Jesse, assistant secretary; with A. E. Hayden, H. C. Glaze, and Julius Jermy as a literary board. With so representative and energetic an Executive, the club should certainly prosper.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—156 fairly good sheets were received for Dec circuit, but owing to the holidays, packets were not made up and despatched before the 28th. Colonials and old South American issues were well represented, some fine Sydney Views being specially noticeable. From November, packets have been smaller to expedite circulation, so that members wishing to have their names placed on more than one list, should notify the Secretary to that effect. Advanced and medium collectors are always welcome on receipt of satisfactory references, and every information is given on application to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.—Mr. T. H. Hinton, writes us to say that he is gradually getting the affairs of the Union into a satisfactory state. When Mr. Hinton assumed office, matters were very much mixed, but, ere long we may see the Union in a flourishing condition. Mr. Hinton will do it if anyone can.

EALING STAMP EXCHANGE.—This club still continues its upward progress, no less than 10 new members joined last year, and 3 have done so since Xmas, and it now numbers 35 contributing members to its Monthly Packets. The Packet was continued throughout the summer with very marked success, it took rather longer time in circulating in consequence of some members being away holiday making: the sheets for June, July and August amounted to £250 18s. 8d., and for September, October, November and December, to £388 3s. 7d., the sales from which show a very fair average, members being careful not to price their stamps too high, a fault which so often mars a club's success; many fine old Colonials, etc., were to be found amongst the sheets. The January Packet was duly despatched on the 7th, and quite up to the average of other months. The settlements in this Club take place immediately after the return of each month's Packet, and the members generally seem well satisfied with the working of the cash department. Rules will be forwarded on application to the Secretary, J. Wilson, 24, Hartington Road, Ealing, W.

STAMP ALBUM SEIZURE.

THERE will probably be a long continued clash between the United States Secret Service and dealers in stamps and stamp albums in all parts of the country. Mention was made in *The Post* several days ago of the confiscation of a large number of the albums belonging to C. F. Rothfuchs, a dealer at 354 1-2, Pennsylvania Avenue North-west, by Agent G. O. Barker, of the secret service.

It appears that special agents of the service attempted confiscation also in other cities, notably in New York and St. Louis, where the two largest firms publishing the albums are located. These firms, however, seemed to have received intimation that confiscation would be attempted by the Government officers, and, on the advice of their attorneys, refused to deliver up their stocks on demand. They told the officers that only armed with search warrants could they seize their goods. The point seems to have been well raised, for the officers in those cities have not molested the dealers since. The two largest firms in America publishing these stamp albums are the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Limited, of New York, and the C. H. Meekeel Stamp and Publishing Company, of St. Louis. These two firms, having learned of the confiscation of the goods in Mr. Rothfuchs' store here, have deter-

mined to test the right of the secret service to molest their trade, and they have engaged attorneys to investigate the matter and prosecute the department ordering their confiscation, or the officer, if he made the seizure without working under the instructions of his chiefs.

Mr. Rothfuchs, the local dealer, while he knew, or at least felt satisfied, that he was engaged in a legitimate business, did not know how far the authority of Special Agent Barker could reach, and therefore submitted to the seizure of his stock without protest. When he informed the publishing houses of the confiscation they immediately sent him a fresh stock, and advised him not to give up the goods if another seizure was attempted, but to compel the officer or officers to show warrant for their actions. This Mr. Rothfuchs has resolved to do, and as soon as his stock arrived he placed it on exhibition in his store. He has not been visited a second time by an officer as yet, though the stock has been conspicuously displayed for several days. He was very angry when seen by a reporter for *The Post* yesterday, holding that the seizure of his stock was entirely unwarranted.

"It looked to me like an attempt to spoil my holiday trade," he explained. "The seizure was made last Friday, just at a time when I had a number of orders for the albums to fill for Christmas gifts. It strikes me as being the work of Special Agent G. O. Barker on his own responsibility. I don't believe that the heads of the Treasury Department will uphold him. In the first place, these books are copyrighted, and I don't think the United States Government would copyright anything that by even the broadest construction might be considered as a counterfeit. Besides, I have sold copies of the various styles of the books to the National Museum, the Post-office Department, and dozens of Cabinet officers, Senators, Congressmen, and other prominent officials in the years I have been engaged in the business in this city. You may be astonished when I say to you that there are nearly 600,000 stamp collectors in this country, people prominent in all the walks of life, and among them many attorneys and clergymen."—*The Washington Post*, December 26th, 1894.

NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR 1895.

THE latest enterprise of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, takes the form of a Philatelic Diary for 1895. The Diary consists of 142 pages, bound in tull French morocco, red colour. Each page provides for three days, and pockets are provided for securing stamps. A large amount of useful information is found at the commencement, a perforation gauge at the end, and general excellence all through.

The same firm have issued the seventh edition of the universally known "Imperial Album." The book is quite up to date, and produced in first-class style. The prices range from 10/- up to £5, according to the paper, style of binding, etc., and thus it meets the requirements of every pocket.

NOTICES.

WE have received the first number of *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, a class publication from Buenos Ayres. Our old and esteemed contemporary, *The Philatelic Record*, completes its sixteenth volume with the December issue. According to custom, subscribers are presented with a photograph of some philatelic celebrity. An old-time philatelist, the publisher of the first collectors' catalogue, Mr. Mount Brown, is the subject this year. *The Philatelic Journal of America* gives an exhaustive account of the St. Louis locals, from the pen of the greatest authority on American stamps, Mr. Tiffany. Our old friend, W. R. J., who writes about "The seamy side of Philately" in *The Stamp News*, has discovered an hitherto unchronicled variety in the Mauritius stamps, viz., the PFENCE error,—or is it a mistake of the usually accurate compositor of *The Stamp News*?

The Indian Philatelist for December contains a lot of interesting matter, while its Calcutta compeer, *The Philatelic World*, maintains the good position it has gained.

No. 2 of Mr. Croome's paper, *The Philatelic Times and Stamp Mart*, is a very creditable production. The nominal price charged, 6d. per annum, should be an inducement for all collectors to take this sprightly and useful new comer.

The Stamp News has now extended its Review a little. We are pleased to notice that our old and respected contemporary approves of our objection to unnecessary issues in general and Chinese locals in particular.

Mr. J. Wilson, of Ealing, is making some excellent and cheap stamp mounts. The new price list of Messrs. Rayward, Bond & Co., 159, Queen's Park Rd., Brighton, should be in the hands of every collector. We have received the wholesale price lists of the two wholesale firms,—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and Cameron & Co. With these two and Messrs. Clarke's list every dealer should be supplied. Each is excellent in its way, and, among them, can be found absolutely everything in the wholesale markets.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

a. First-class copy, perfect. b. Good specimen, no defect.

c. Torn, or with other defect.

MESSRS. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER held a four days' sale of an excellent lot of stamps, catalogued and sold by instruction of Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., of New York. We give a few of the prices, Nov 26—30th, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
a Great Britain, 2/- red brown ..	2	0	0
c " £5 orange ..	1	16	0
a Ionian Isles, 2d. used on letter ..	1	5	0
b Luxemburg, 4c. black, error ..	4	4	0
b Oldenburg, 1858, Agr. green, used ..	5	5	0
b Saxony, 1850, 3pf. red ..	4	10	0
c Schleswig Holstein, 1850, 2sch. ..	4	0	0
a France, 1849, 20c. blue, error, on original ..	7	0	0
a Zurich, 1843, 6 rappen, type 3 ..	16	15	0
a Br. Guiana, 4c. black on blue (S.G. No.61) ..	9	0	0
a Br. Columbia, \$1 green, perf. 14 ..	5	7	0
a Canada, 6d. dark grey, perf. 12 ..	7	0	0
a New Brunswick, 5c. 'Connell' ..	20	0	0
Con. States, Grove Hill, Ala., unique, on original ..	50	0	0
a Ditto, Mobile 5c. blue, on orig. ..	4	4	0
b Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf. ..	6	6	0
a Cape, 4d. blue, pair rouletted ..	7	15	0
b N.S.W. laureated 2d., WALES ..	2	4	0
a " square 5d. ..	3	0	0
a New Zealand, 2d., wmk. Lozenge ..	3	6	0
a W. Australia, 1st issue, 2d. brown, unused ..	7	10	0

Mr. W. Hadlow's sale, Dec. 17th.

a Bavaria, 12kr., perf. ..	1	0	0
a Great Britain, 8d., imperf., 'specimen' ..	0	12	0
b Afghanistan (1293) tablet, 1 sunar ..	4	5	0
a " (1290) pair, 1 shahi ..	8	0	0
b Mauritius 'Post Paid' 1d., early state ..	3	13	0
a Ceylon, 9d., imperf. ..	1	16	0
b U.S.A., 90c. black and carmine ..	2	0	0
b Queensland, 2d. deep blue, imperf. ..	3	0	0
b " 1d., imperf. ..	1	0	0
a N.S.W., square 5d., imperf. ..	1	18	0

London Philatelic Co.'s sale, Dec. 18th.

a Levant, 6 kopecks, large, blue, unused ..	0	19	0
a Russia, 7 roubles, no thunderbolt, unused ..	1	5	0
b Great Britain, 2 - brown, used ..	1	12	0
a " 6d. lilac on blue, used on orig. ..	1	18	0
a " £5 orange ..	2	0	0
a Ceylon, 8d. yellow brown ..	4	4	0
a Cape, 6d. lilac on blue ..	0	8	0
b Canada, 10d. imperf., unused ..	2	2	0
b U.S.A., 90c. (1869) ..	1	14	0
b " Columbus, \$1 (two) ..	1	9	0
b St. Vincent, 4d. on 1/- verm., used ..	3	3	0
a Mexico, Gothic, surch. 1/2r. black on buff ..	4	17	6

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's sale, Dec. 19th.

a Mauritius (1858) 1d. scarlet, unused ..	4	12	0
b Naples, 50gr., unused ..	1	4	0
b Newfoundland, 2d. verm., unused ..	0	14	0
c " 4d. carmine ..	2	8	0
b " 1/- ..	10	5	0
a Mauritius, 'Post Paid' 1d., early state ..	7	10	0
Tuscany, 60cr. brown red ..	8	5	0
a Victoria, 5/- blue on yellow ..	5	0	0
b " 5/- " ..	3	7	6

Total of Sale, £279 15s.

Messrs. Cheveley & Co.'s sale, Jan. 1st, 1895.

b Tuscany, 2 soldi ..	5	0	0
c Great Britain, 1/- oct., unused, but soiled ..	0	16	0
b Ceylon, 4d., imperf. ..	6	0	0
c " 1/9, no margins ..	1	7	0
a West Australia, 6d. first issue ..	2	3	0
c Queensland, current type, 1/-, perf. 9 1/2 x 12 ..	1	12	0
b Victoria, 2d., first issue, fine background ..	1	16	0
c Mauritius (1818) 1d. verm., early state ..	3	3	0
c Canada, 7 1/2d. green ..	1	9	0
a Newfoundland, 6d. car.-vermilion ..	3	2	0
a Virgin Isles, 1st issue 6d. perf. 15 ..	4	15	0
a U.S.A. (1869) 9 c. black and carmine ..	2	0	0

Mr. Hadlow's sale, Jan. 7th.

c France, 1st issue, 1fr. orange, on original ..	2	15	0
c Great Britain, £1, Maltese cross ..	0	15	0
b " £5 orange, 'specimen' ..	1	16	0
a Hanover, 10 gros. green ..	1	6	0
c Ceylon, 9d. imperf. ..	1	18	0
b U.S.A. (1869) 90c. black and carmine ..	1	5	0
a Con. States, Mobile, 5c. ..	1	7	0
a N.S.W., Sydney, 3d. on original ..	1	4	0
a " " 1d. carmine, pair ..	3	7	6
a South Australia, 1st issue, 1d., imp., pair ..	1	15	0
a West " 2d. brown on red ..	2	6	0

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THE BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY held quite a field day on Friday, February 7th. Besides the local men of light and leading, some distinguished visitors were expected, Messrs. W. B. AVERY and M. P. CASTLE. There was a large muster of members to receive these gentlemen, in the expectation of a rare philatelic treat. Nor were they disappointed, for both the visitors brought a grand selection of stamps, —Mr. AVERY showing Africans, and Mr. CASTLE Europeans. The pages of wood-block Capes, including the errors singly and in pairs, the plates and pages of early Mauritius and the wonderful contents of Mr. AVERY's two books were like a philatelic dream, while Mr. CASTLE's show of Europeans was equally fine. Amid these lions, your editor felt like a philatelic Daniel, but fortunately there was no evidence of ferocity. Mr. AVERY has visited the Society before, and is always welcome, while Mr. CASTLE at once established himself as a favourite by his *bonhomie* and dry good humour. The latter gentleman made a special journey from London to attend the meeting, and has promised to show other portions of his collection at a future time, when he will be sure of a warm welcome from the BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

CHRONICLE.

CHILL.—Mr. R. A. Laval has sent to the Post Office two sets of unpaid letter stamps to be used in *Valparaiso*; the first set is a provisional issue, of which the 10c. is in a circle and all others are in ovals, VALPARAISO above, and MULTADO below, and value in large figures in centre. The regular set is similar to the regular postage stamps. Mr. Laval also informs the P.O. that he found a sheet of the 5c. Return Registration Receipt Stamp, unperforated.

Provisional Unpaid Letter Stamps—

1c. black on yellow.	10c. black on yellow.
2c. " " "	16c. " " "
4c. " " "	20c. " " "
6c. " " "	30c. " " "
8c. " " "	40c. " " "

Unpaid Letter Stamps—

1c. pink on yellow.	20c. pink on yellow.
2c. " " "	40c. " " "
4c. " " "	50c. " " "
6c. " " "	60c. " " "
8c. " " "	80c. " " "
10c. " " "	1p. " " "

Return Registration Receipt Stamp. Unperforated.
5c. brown.

CHINA.—Mr. Benjamin has sent the *Post Office* a new set of adhesives, which, undoubtedly, have been issued to swell the treasury of the empire, to keep up the war with Japan. The stamps are of various designs.

Adhesives. Perforated. Watermark, a shell.

1c. red.	5c. yellow.
2c. light green.	6c. brown.
3c. pale yellow.	9c. green.
4c. rose.	12c. orange.
	24c. carmine.

HONDURAS.—The Seebeck issue for 1895 is out. The design gives a figure of Justice, and the whole is nicely executed, but of smaller size than the previous issue.

1c. vermilion.	20c. blue.
2c. dark blue.	30c. violet.
5c. grey black.	50c. dark brown.
10c. carmine.	1 peso. green.

LIBERIA.—The three high values of the O.S. stamps are now issued. Mr. H. I. Hayman has favoured us with them, now making the set complete.

1 doll. black and slate,	O.S. in red.
2 " brown,	O.S. in green.
5 " black and rose,	O.S. in black.

The surcharge is considerably larger than on the lower values.

NICARAGUA.—The 1895 Seebeck's ordinary, Official and Telegraph are issued. The types are the same, but the Officials are printed in green and have the words **FRANQUEO OFFICIAL** surcharged in blue. The Telegraphs have the words **TELEGRAFOS** surcharged in black block capitals.

1c. yellow brown.	50c. violet.
2c. vermilion.	1 peso brown.
5c. blue.	2 " green.
10c. black.	5 " red.
20c. carmine.	10 " orange.

OIL RIVERS.—Some new provisionals have appeared. The first is on British Protectorate, Oil Rivers.

HALF in violet on 2d. green and red.
in red on 2½d. blue
PENNY in blue on 2½d. blue.

The second value is 1/-, as follows:—

ONE

in violet on 2d. green and red.

SHILLING

The third is the stamp divided diagonally by two red lines, each half surcharged ½d. parallel to vertical line in red on 1d. violet.

PANAMA.—The 2 centavos 1892 issue has been surcharged **HABILITADO**—1894—1—centavo in four lines. There are many varieties of the lettering. Messrs. Clarke & Co. favoured us with a sight of the sheet.

1c. black on rose.

SIRMOOR.—Messrs. Clarke & Co. have sent us a used copy of the new six pies stamp of this state. The design consists principally of the figure of an elephant within a lettered band. The whole contained in an oblong rectangle with figure of value in each angle. The full set is

3 pies, orange.	1 anna, blue.
6 pies, green.	2 annas, carmine.

ST. HELENA.—It seems as if the speculator in the ½-penny stamps will succeed, as the one which we just received has a different surcharge.

Adhesives. Surcharge and line. 14mm. long.
½p. green.

SOMALI COAST.—*Die Post* chronicles two high values of the new set.

Adhesives—
25fr. rose and blue.
50fr. blue and rose.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Mrs. E. M. Mayers sends three newly-issued cards for this colony. Centre of design, ship in circle, surrounded by circle containing motto, "Damus Petimusque Vicissim," and in an outer circle "British Guiana and value."

One cent, embossed in green on laid envelope.

Two cents	"	carmine
Five "	"	blue on foreign paper env.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—We have received information that the 1 penny postcard has been surcharged **HALF PENNY** in two lines, and the old value overprinted with two half-circles, *Provisional Postal Card*.

½d. on 1p. green, black surcharge.

HONDURAS.—The Seebeck 1895 stationery is
5c. envelope, black on white, 157 × 90mm.
10c. " red brown " "

- 2c. postcard, green on salmon.
 2c.+2c. " " "
 3c. " " on rose.
 3c.+3c. " " "
- NICARAGUA.—The new postcards, &c., are
 5c. envelope, blue on white, 157 × 90mm.
 10c. " black " "
 20c. " carmine " 238 × 103mm.
 30c. " brown " "
 50c. " purple " "
 1c. wrapper, green on blue, 181 × 304mm
 2c. " " " 162 × 265mm.
 4c. " " " 168 × 254mm.
 2c. postcard, verm. on yellow.
 2+2c. " " "
 3c. " blue on blue.
 3+3c. " " "

UNITED STATES.—The new U.S. envelope is same as the last issue, with the exception of the watermark. U.S. in double-lined capitals, 20 × 27 mm., with P.O.D. in small single-lined capitals sideways inside the U. and the figures 9 and 4 sideways inside the top and bottom curves of the S.

- 1c. envelope, blue on white, 160 × 89mm.
 2c. " green " "
 2c. " " on amber "
 1c. wrapper, blue on manilla, 140 × 239mm.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

HOW civilization spreads. Not so very long ago the head hunting Dyaks of Brunei were the terror of the Malay Archipelago. Even the redoubtable James Brooke was driven out of his capital by their ferocious and blood-thirsty attack, and now,—they are a highly civilized race, have fallen in with European customs, and adopted penny postage. All the modern day accomplishments have been picked up during the last few years,—yea, even perhaps the New Woman has arrived. But our mission at present is with the stamps of that affluent Sultanate,—we had almost written—the stamps emanating from—but our wonted scepticism prevented us. Truly there are stamps of Brunei, but as Edward Terry says, in *The Magistrate*, "Not in, my boy, on,"—so, with regard to these stamps, "Not from, my boy, but of Brunei." From several sources have we heard and received these stamps during the present month, but we would say to all our readers "you'd better bide a wee."—They may be all right. Possibly the Dyak head hunters are adopting the postal system to facilitate the despatch of the trophies of warfare to their respective homes by the new Borneo Parcel Post,—but, on the other hand, perhaps they are not. For once, kind philatelic friends, emu-

late our old friend Micawber, and wait for something to turn up, but if you must know a bit about the labels, here is a brief description. BRUNEI above; POSTAGE and REVENUE, two sides; value below. In the middle is a sea view with a mountain in the distance, a sailing vessel upon the water. Above this is the crescent and the star. The values are $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 25, 50 cents and 1 dollar.

La Union Philatelia of Barcelona declares the Morocco stamps to be only a speculative issue, and an American paper states that the Porto Rico Columbian stamps have been printed in a number of colours and shipped to Europe. Collectors must beware of these.

Now just a couple of the many letters we have received on this subject. Firstly, a letter from an old friend and devoted philatelist, Mr. W. R. Joynt.

TO THE EDITOR, *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*,

TRINIDAD.

DEAR SIR,—Seeing the notices in your paper about stamps issued by someone styling himself James I. of Trinidad, I thought the following particulars about the island might be of interest to your readers.

Trinidad is a small (length about six miles) and desert island in the South Atlantic Ocean, distant about 700 miles from the coast of Brazil. It is of volcanic formation, the mountains rising sheer from the sea to heights varying from 800 to 3000 feet. Its chief characteristics are the steepness of the mountains, the size and number of its land crabs (its chief inhabitants—for whose benefit presumably the stamps are being issued!), and its wonderful forests of dead trees. Captain Marryat visited the island in or about 1825, and gives a remarkable description of it and of these forests in one of his novels.

Owing to the precipitous shore and the heavy swell, it is almost impossible to land, and, save some few occasional adventurous visitors, it is devoid of human inhabitants.

A most interesting book, "The Cruise of the *Alerte*," being the narrative of a search for treasure on the desert island of Trinidad, by E. F. Knight (Longmans, Green & Co.), gives a graphic and detailed account of this wonderful island, and of the voyage which was undertaken in 1890 to try and discover a vast treasure supposed to have been hidden there, by pirates, in the last century.

To readers of this book the necessity for these Trinidad labels will be apparent.—Yours truly,

W. R. JOYNT.

Mr. Taylor, of Boston, writes under date Jan. 30th, as follows:—

"I note your article regarding the Chinese impositions in December number. The London *Times* of Oct. 8th, 1894, gives the number of Europeans in Tientsin as 200 persons, in Neu Chiang 50 persons, in

Chin Kiang 100 persons. To say that these small communities should require a series of stamps for their tremendous correspondence is to insult our intelligence. To offer these things as veritable postage stamps, made for the purpose of prepaying letters, is, to say the least of it, both impudent and audacious. Let us hope the Japanese will wipe these rascals out."

Very truly yours, -S. ALLAN TAYLOR.

We cannot join with Mr. Taylor in the last rather uncharitable hope, but we wish someone would make a clean sweep of the stamps

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for February 10th contains the following items:—

CHIN KIANG.—Mr. Benjamin writes, "A 15c stamp has been ordered, and the whole of the present series will be printed in darker tints of the same colours. "Postage Due" stamps of all denominations have also been ordered, but as these will not arrive for some time a limited number will be surcharged 'Postage Due,' but no large orders for the lower values will be executed."...TIENTSIN.—Mr. Benjamin writes to us, "I have been officially informed that no such institution as the Tientsin Local Post Office exists. I believe...the P.O. is a private speculation, like that of Wuhu, and calculated to take the public in...The only Post Office in Tientsin, so far, is the Imperial Chinese Customs Post Office, and there is a branch of the Shanghai German Post Office."

The same issue, Feb. 10th, in the *Review of Reviews*, also contains the following extraordinary statement. "Our own motto is: 'Never blast a man's reputation unless he is near enough to prosecute you.' We can commend this to the notice of our friend, the editor of the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*. It hardly seems fair fun to hit a man who lives in China, even if you don't know his address."—This is staggering. For cool, complacent assurance we don't know anything to equal it. As our readers know, we have, for some time past, called attention to the consistent manner in which the name of a Mr. Benjamin has been identified with the local issues of the various Chinese ports, and yet in the opinion of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* this is sufficient to merit prosecution. But the remarkable thing is that our information was gathered from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* itself. Month after month, our worthy contemporary has quoted Mr. Benjamin as the informant upon these issues, and we have repeated the information. True, we never took these labels seriously. We looked upon them as a joke, while the *P. J. of G. B.* evidently regarded them as very serious matters. If there is anything wrong in connecting Mr. Benjamin's name with these productions, then the *P. J. of G. B.* is clearly the first wrong-doer. We should never, probably, have heard of Mr. Benjamin but for the manner in which his name was advertised in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, the *Monthly Journal*, and the *Post Office* of New York.

All our information is culled from these papers. But why is it wrong to mention this connection? Is it because there is something discreditable about the stamps? Surely not, or the proprietor of the journal in question would not put them in his price lists and thus offer some of them for sale to the philatelic public. We would say seriously, if the *P. J. of G. B.* dislikes jocularity, that our objections are aimed at the labels themselves and their originators, not at anyone else. If Mr. Benjamin, or Mr. Jones, or Mr. Smith sell these stamps believing them to be genuine articles, we have no word of condemnation. The man who has received a bad coin and endeavours to change it, believing it to be good, is no culprit.—but woe betide the coiner. We have never said that Mr. Benjamin is responsible for producing these so-called local stamps, but when the leading journals persistently pin all responsibility upon his shoulders, it looks as though they thought he deserved some of the credit. We never had a word from Mr. Benjamin, and have not the slightest doubt that he is a most estimable gentleman. We owe our acquaintance with his name entirely to the *P. J. of G. B.*, the *Monthly Journal*, and the *Post Office*. We have never heard it whispered that he is anything but the soul of honour and probity, but, with regard to the wares which he, if we are to believe the *P. J. of G. B.*, the *M. J.*, and the *P. O.*, is exploiting, we believe, and state our belief emphatically, that they are—unnecessary issues.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE weather is the one all-absorbing topic of the day. Shivering over the fire, we were startled by the apparition of our tame poet, who hastily entered the sanctum, and, advancing in a most mysterious manner on tip-toe, placed a folded sheet in our hand. "Don't say anything!" he whispered, "but keep cool." We thought the last remark a trifle superfluous, to say the least, but we watched the poet past the umbrella stand, and then opened the mysterious document. At first it seemed unmeaning hieroglyphics, for our poet never was great on writing, but at length we made out that it was poetry. Poetry, forsooth! some rubbish about the weather. A sensible philatelic poem would have been welcome, but we sent it to the usual place, the W.P.B. This is how one verse ran, did anyone ever read such rubbish?

It's fifteen days or more
 Since I was warm before,
 I'd like to make it sultry a *la* Nero.
 For he made it warm at home,
 Even though he burnt up Rome,
 But I can't—although the mercury's at Zero.

The London Philatelic Co., send us particulars of the following unique stamp. New South Wales, Sydney

View, 3d., green printed over the New South Wales Colonial seal. The shield of the arms (which are printed sideways, with respect to the stamp) comes exactly in the middle of the stamp, the two supporters appearing at the top and bottom respectively. The inscription "New South Wales" under the arms is also legible. The stamp itself is a fine used specimen, but naturally the colouring is somewhat uneven, owing to the embossing having received the latter first, but taken as a whole the design is very clear.

It is difficult to account for this curious combination, unless by some extraordinary oversight one of the official letter sheets crept in amongst the paper employed for printing the views on.

There cannot be the slightest possible doubt that this stamp is absolutely unique and of the greatest interest all to philatelists.

Mr. S. A. Wood has written us that he is about to publish a book on the Stamps of U.S.A. You shall know more about it when we have seen it.

Mr. Dolph Ostara, who moved only lately from this city to Manchester, has met with a severe loss. His shop was entered by burglars and a large number of valuable stamps were stolen. Among the missing are a 4c. Br. Guiana 1856, a small brown book with stamps valued at £26, Swiss envelopes with rare stamps upon them, a pair of 3pf. Saxony red, on original, together with 8 watches and a number of valuable coins. If any of our readers should hear of any articles answering to the above description being offered for sale anywhere, we shall be glad to know.

The Auction Sale on January 30th and 31st, seems to have been a record-breaker. The S.C.F. reports that the collection dispersed was in the market some time ago at £500, while it realised five times that amount at auction. The tip-top price for one stamp was £132, bid for the Ceylon 4d., imperf., unused,—probably an unique stamp.

An American contemporary is informed that the trade in stamps is so brisk in Cook's Islands, that the islanders find it the most profitable source of income.

There are a great many revenue stamps which are allowed to be used as postage stamps, and in postally used condition are sometimes scarce. Some of these revenue stamps have very fast colours, and, as a lot of different acids are known for removing ink stains, a good many stamps are dealt with in this way, and afterwards cancelled by some obliging postmaster with genuine postal cancellations, and sold at good prices. It is well to be exceedingly careful in handling this line of stamps. They will generally be known by an experienced collector, on account of some faint trace of a yellow spot or something similar where the ink originally was, and all specimens should be carefully examined before being placed in a collection.

THE ENTIRES OF QUEENSLAND. Q. AND CROWN.

THE entires of this distant British colony are confined to some three issues of post-cards, a news-band, and a couple of registration envelopes devoid of fee stamp.

Although the Post-CARD was introduced to the British in 1870 and to the United States a year or two later, it did not take kindly root in Australian soil, and it was not till 1880 that the Queensland postal department ventured to practically test public feeling by issuing a penny card. If cheapness and spaciousness could have commanded popularity the issue should have been a success, for the card was sold at stamp value and afforded abundant room for a short letter, being 140×94 millimetres. The design consisted of a modification of the Royal Arms in the left hand upper corner, and the stamp in the right hand corner. Between the arms and the stamp was a shaded tablet with scroll ends, 8t×13 mm., bearing letters, "Post Card," and lower line in coloured letters "Queensland Australia." Beneath the tablet and between two plain rules was the world known legend in sanerif type "the address only to be written on this side." Half way down the card on the left in script letter, was the word "To" followed by four dotted rules for the address. The whole design being enclosed in a narrow chain border imparted a rather heavy appearance to the card. The stamp, a bust portrait of Queen Victoria, framed in a double lined oval containing the designation "Queensland" and value "One penny," was an adaptation of the obsolete first issue adhesive (originally engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co.), by cutting away the rectangular frame and spandrels. This issue was printed in lake on white rough face card. The following year, 1881, the colours were altered to scarlet on buff card, and in 1885 the card appeared in crimson on buff. Excepting at letter rates these cards were not transmittable beyond Australasia. In spite of its economy the postcard made very slow progress against public prejudice; for years it was looked on almost as an affront to receive a postcard containing communications or announcements beyond the nature of an auction notice. The precise business man abominated a document whose stiffness and size caused a difficulty in its orderly filing away with his ordinary papers. The private individual resented the card as a gratuitous invitation to prying curiosity. Hence many of the earlier ones were without acknowledgment summarily consigned to the waste paper basket or the fire. In 1888, at the request of the Imperial post office, arrangements were made to exchange postcards between Great Britain and her Australasian colonies, which took effect from 1st January following, at the rate of twopence each long sea route *via* Plymouth, or threepence each *via* Italy. In January, 1889, Queensland issued a set of three smaller cards to suit the new arrangement, the general design being the arms (as before)

in left hand corner, stamp in right hand corner, the space between being filled by a ribbon scroll bearing the inscription (reading from left to right) "Queensland, Post Card, Australia," surmounting the usual instructions (in sanserif type) respecting the address between fancy lines, or finials. There was also the word "To" in script, and four dotted rules for the address. The border was discarded on these cards and the size was reduced to 120×76 mm. The stamps had a profile (to left) portrait of the Queen instead of the full face bust of the first issue, and the word "postage" was substituted for the designation "Queensland." In the penny card a light scroll filled the spaces in the oval frame between the word "postage" and the value, but in the two and three pence cards the oval was unfilled. All the cards were buff, the one penny printed in red, the two penny in blue with "via direct route" under the stamp, and three pence in mauve with the route "via Brindisi or Naples." The penny card is still current for inland and intercolonial requirements. The two and three pence cards were withdrawn on the entry of the Australian colonies into the Universal Postal Union on 1st of October, 1891, though the three pence card had really become defunct nine months earlier, when postage rates to Great Britain had been reduced to twopence-halfpenny per half-ounce letter, and twopence per postcard via Brindisi, the long sea route being once more discarded for the quicker one overland. On joining the U.P.U. it became necessary to provide a reply card which hitherto Queensland had not issued, so a small quantity of double penny cards were hurriedly prepared of the 1889 design, but larger size, 132×88 mm., the word REPLY added to one half and perforated 6 at the fold. This card was issued 4th October, 1891, and was intended to be available provisionally for foreign service by affixing a halfpenny adhesive stamp to each half of the card. It is still sold as an inland reply card. The next issue was on 5th November following, when the first permanent Postal Union cards were sold, the size being 132×88 mm., both single and double; the perforation of the latter being 6, that is six punctures in the space of two centimetres. The design differs from the 1889 issue in having the Universal Postal Union inscriptions added in English and French, and in the rectangular stamp on which the designation and the value "3 half pence" are in minute letters. The blotchy character of the stamp detracts from the otherwise creditable work of the Queensland Government engraving and printing offices where all the Queensland postals have been produced.

The NEWSBAND came into existence with the imposition of postage on Queensland newspapers which up to 31st December, 1891, were carried as free mail matter to any part of Australasia, if posted within seven days of publication. "The Post and Telegraph Act, 1891" (Queensland), fixed the postage on newspapers "if printed and published in Queensland—not exceeding 10 ounces—town, country and intercolonial"

at a halfpenny each from 1st January, 1892. In anticipation a wrapper printed in emerald green on manilla paper was issued on 8th December, 1891. The stamp was printed from the electro of the 1891 oblong adhesives; the instructions, five and a half lines in long primer type, being copied from the earlier half-penny wrapper of Great Britain, viz.:

"This Wrapper may only be used for Newspapers, or for such documents as are allowed to be sent at the Book-rate of postage, and must not enclose any letter or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise). If this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged as a letter."

This was printed 37 mm., from the gummed end of the wrapper and the corners of that end were cut off. The size of the wrapper was 305×129 mm. About the same time a narrower wrapper 297×115 mm., was also sold, with square corners. In January, 1892, probably for the convenience of publishers having addressing machinery, the band was issued with the instructions printed close to the end, and without gum, corners square, size, 300×129 mm. This is the current issue, and can be bought gummed or not. It has appeared in emerald, dark, and yellow green.

The ENVELOPES may be dismissed with a very brief notice, as they are merely the general registration envelopes supplied by McCorquodale & Co., as contractors to the British Government and bear no special mark to identify them with Queensland. On the first issue the instructions were "This letter must be given to an officer of the post office and a receipt obtained for it." On the left was a rectangle enclosing the word "Registered," and in the right hand corner was a square containing the intimation that "the stamp to pay the postage must be placed here." A vertical and horizontal line intersected each other in the centre of the envelope, both back and front. The second issue is similar but has "Registered Letter" printed above the instructions, and in the left hand corner is the large **R** in oval, in lieu of the word "Registered." These envelopes, calico lined and printed in red, are sold to the public at a halfpenny each, and stamps have to be affixed to cover both postage and registration fee.

RECAPITULATION.

POST CARDS.

1880.	One penny.	Lake on white.	} 140×94 mm.
1881.	One penny.	Scarlet on buff.	
1885.	One penny.	Crimson on buff.	
1889.	Three pence.	Mauve on buff, <i>via</i> Brindisi and Naples.	} 120×76 mm.
Jan.	Two pence.	Blue on buff, <i>via</i> direct route.	
	One penny.	Red on buff.	} Profile in oval.
1891.	One penny.	Double.	
Oct. 4.	One penny.	Card. Red on buff.	} 132×88 mm. Profile in oval.

Nov. 5. 1½d. Brown on buff.

1½d + 1½d. Brown on buff, double card.

132×88 mm. Small profile rectangular stamp. For Postal Union. Last four cards still current.

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1891. All halfpenny on manilla.
 Dec. 5. Emerald green, 305×129. Cut corners. Instructions 37 mm. from gummed end, Emerald green, 297×115. Square corners.
 1892. Dark green, 305×129. Square corners.
 Jan. Instructions near end. Not gummed.
 Yellow green, 305×129. Square corners. Instructions near end. Not gummed.
 Emerald green, 305×129. Square corners. Instructions near end. Not gummed.
 Emerald green, 305×129. Square corners. Instructions near end. Gummed.
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- 1884 (?). No value. "Registered" in rectangle. Red.
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Jan. 17th. W. G. Hawkins, Esq. (London), F. A. Wickhart, Esq. (London), W. A. Woolley, Esq. (Ironbridge), were unanimously elected members.

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A hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co. for a copy of their recently published handbook on Shanghai, by W. B. Thornhill.

Mr. W. B. Avery then exhibited his magnificent collection of South African stamps. The well filled pages of woodblocks, with the various errors and varieties, all in superb condition and in a fine range of shade, were especially remarkable. Mr. Avery took very considerable pains in carefully explaining all the minor details of some of the rarer varieties.

Mr. M. P. Castle, who had made a special journey for the benefit of the society, brought with him a grand selection of his Europeans. His Oldenburgs; early unused French, including several vermilion 1 franc; Saxony, including an unique block of 4 of the error ½ neu-gr.; Tuscany (800 in number, a large proportion being unused); Spanish, unique strips and blocks of the rare values; Sweden, etc., excited the admiration of all.

Mr. C. A. Stephenson was elected on the Committee in place of Mr. D. Ostara, who has removed to Manchester.

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SONS OF PHILATELIA.—Our secretary, Mr. Miller, has issued a joint Nov.-Dec. number of *The Collector*, a copy of which has been sent to all our English members. Any who have not received it will please let me know. A Joint Stock Co. has been formed to take over *The Collector*, and they commence with the January number. This has not yet reached me, but will no doubt be a little late, as there is so much to do to get everything straight for a new start. We now have 1482 members and a lot of new applications. Mr. G. J. Luhn, of Charlestown, is our new president. He received 153 votes, against 33 for Mr. Stuart, the other candidate. H. Clark, resident vice-pres. for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Upwards of 120 sheets were made up into packets and despatched on their rounds on Jan. 24th. Some fine old unused Colonials, provisional Nigers, and others claim attention, while the average value of sheets contributed was satisfactory. Four new members were enrolled during the past month, and all balances (with three exceptions) for Sept. quarter have been settled. An enquiry as to whether large or small packets should be the rule was answered by the majority of members in favour of the former. For rules and full information, apply to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

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it may be procured from the P. C. & A. office, Fentham Road, Birmingham; or from the Scott Co.'s wholesale and retail agent, Mr. W. T. Wilson, 6, Westminster Road, Birmingham.

A NEW ENGLISH CATALOGUE.

COLLECTORS of English stamps will hail with pleasure the appearance of Mr. Morley's New Catalogue, published at the end of last month. 132 pages are devoted to the various stamps of Great Britain, — postage, envelopes, postcards and wrappers, — in their minutest variety, and bill stamps, circular stamps, railway stamps, telegraph stamps, and, in fact, every kind of stamp known to have been used in any capacity in these islands. The price of this wonderful aggregation is 1/- post free, from Mr. Morley, or the P. C. & A. office, Fentham Road, Birmingham. We hoped to be able to notice the new English album of Messrs. Hilckes & Co., but it is not yet quite ready.

N.B.—Owing to pressure of space we are unable to publish Auction Reports this month.

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THE crusade initiated by us last August is gradually gaining ground. The more important papers find themselves compelled to take sides, they sat upon the fence as long as possible, and now, in some cases apparently against their will, have been obliged to give their voice against these unnecessary issues. May the good work go on and prosper—the *Philatelic Chronicle*, in the interests of collectors, started the boulder down hill, may it now sweep away all these speculative and faked issues,—a choking undergrowth in the forest of philately.

.. ..

The Advertiser is going along with leaps and bounds. The issue for February 22nd, had to be produced with twelve pages, and now our twentieth number will barely hold all the advertisements sent. We shall endeavour to do without further increase in size this season, but next winter, if the progress is maintained we may enlarge and appear, as advised by several correspondents, in the form of a weekly paper. We know a little about philatelic publishing, and we should not be far out in saying that our last three issues have each surpassed in quantity the combined circulation of all the other English philatelic publications, if we except two. Advertisers seem satisfied and come to us again, hence we infer that our enterprise in issuing the paper fortnightly and with so large an edition, is likely to be remunerative all round in the near future.

CHRONICLE.

CONGO.—The 5c. and 10c. of the new issue come in a new colour.
Adhesive stamps. Perforated 15.
5c. red brown and black.
10c. pale blue.

ITALY.—*Die Post* chronicles a new 20c. unpaid letter stamp.

Unpaid letter stamp. Perforated 14. Watermark Crown.

20c. yellow.

ITALIIS AND FORTUNA ISLANDS.—According to the *Gazette Timbrologique* the stamps of New Caledonia were surcharged for use in the above islands during December and January.

MADAGASCAR.—Mr. Slade informs us that he has just received a set of the stamps used by the French in Madagascar. They are the ordinary French stamps surcharged "POSTE FRANCAISE MADAGASCAR" in three lines.

The 5c., 10c., 15c., 25c. and 75c. in red.

„ 40c., 50c., 1fr. and 5frs. in black.

MARTINIQUE.—Mr. Thorne has shown us a very interesting block of 9 of the 1892 05c. on 25c. (Scott's No. 31), in which the centre one is surcharged 95 instead of 05c.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We have seen the 6c. in a new colour.

Adhesive stamp. Perforated 12.
6c. carmine.

SALVADOR.—If this country were a kingdom, like Portugal, then we would not be surprised to see two different sets of stamps within one month; but it seems that Mr. Seebeck is very anxious to beat all speculative countries, as we have seen two different sets for 1895 for Salvador. The first set has been sent out by Mr. Seebeck to mostly all philatelic publishers, and seems to be a provisional set; as the stamps which are used at present are of an entirely different design, Mr. Toppel has shown us the 5c. and 15c. of the second set, with coats of arms in centre, and figures on both sides of lower label, but we believe that this class of "GUMBGS," as one of our English publishers calls them, are worse than China locals, and we will not waste our time and space in chronicling them.

SAMOA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have sent us the current type surcharged.

1½d. in blue on 2d. orange.

3d. in black on 2d. orange.

SARAWAK.—*Die Post* chronicles four new stamps with portrait of Rajah Brooke.

Adhesive stamps. Perforated.

2c. brown.

6c. violet.

4c. black.

8c. green.

SEYCHELLES.—*Le Timbre Poste* reports that an adhesive of the value of 30 cents, and envelopes of 8 and 15 cents, have been sent out to this colony, the designs including a view of the islands, with giant tortoises and coconut palms in the foreground! This is believed to be the Jubilee issue alluded to a few months back, but a mere 50 or 100 years are nothing to a giant tortoise; we were personally acquainted

with one which is known to have been in the Mauritius for the last eighty years, and is believed not to have grown any larger during that time. It had, when we knew it, a dent in its upper shell, that was supposed to have been caused by a cannon ball at the time when the island was taken by the English—the cannon ball is believed to have got the worst of it. Jubilees must be somewhat monotonous to patriachs like this, and it seems almost insulting to drag them into such an affair.—*Monthly Journal*.

TONGA.—Two new surcharges have been made.

½d. on 4d. blue on brown.

2½d. on 1/- black on green.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BAVARIA.—Postcards with date '94.

3+3pf. brown.

10pf. carmine.

10+10pf. „

TRINIDAD.—The stamp on wrapper is now

1 penny, vermilion-red.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

WE have come to the conclusion that it was time we left the Chinese locals and called attention to some other varieties of speculative rubbish.

SAN MARINO.—The 20c. and 1 lira come now in new colours.

Adhesive stamps. Perforated. Watermark Crown.
20c. violet. 1l. blue.

The *Calcutta Philatelic World*, which should know what it is talking about, thus classifies the stamps of the Native Indian States: (I.) Really genuine postage stamps; (II.) and (III.) Less desirable and doubtful; (IV.) Altogether beyond recognition.

I. Surcharged series only of Chamba, Faridkot, Gwalior, Jhind, Nabha and Puttiala; Cashmere and Deccan. II. Alwar, Bhopal, Faridkot (1st issue), Holkar, Jhind (native issues), Nepal, Rajpipla, Scinde Dawk, Sirmoor, Soruth and Travancore. III. Bhor, Cochin, Jhallawar, Nandgaon. Poonch and Wadhwan. IV. Bamra, Cashmere reprints, Faridkot re-engraved, Hyderabad (reprints), Nowanugger, Sirmoor reprints and Soruth later issues and reprints.

It appears that the Abyssinian stamps are to be obtained almost anywhere but in Abyssinia. There was no post office in the country on October 6th, 1894. We understand that a postage system will be established as soon as sufficient has been made out of the sale of stamps to pay expenses.

The Post Office quotes the following letter received by Mr. Gremmel, from the Austrian agent for the sale of the stamps of the Principality of Trinidad:—

WIEN, 29th January, 1895.

GENTLEMEN,—By the present I beg to inform you that the Principality of Trinidad (not identical with the small British island of the same name) has entrusted to me in my character of Secretary of Legation the exclusive sale of the stamps lately issued, and, as I hope, that these will be probably interesting for you, I beg to state their values as follows:—

Cents: 5, 10, 25, 50, 75; frs.: 1, 5; colour: green, brown, blue, orange, lilac, vermilion, grey, which, conformably with my instructions, I can furnish you at the nominal values, charges forward or payment in advance, or by means of any other mode of payment to agree upon. On requirement, and according to an agreement which would be to stipulate, I am willing to make you sole agents for America. Envelopes, etc., are about to appear.

Enclosed I beg to hand you a copy of these stamps, with the sample impress, "Specimen," and I should be happy if you would feel induced to let me have a favourable reply.

Looking forward with pleasure to your valued services, I remain, Gentlemen, Yours respectfully,

We withhold the name of the writer. We would advise our readers not to purchase any of the stamps at present, except of dealers who are willing to refund the money in case the set should be a swindle.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

OUR postman has brought us some interesting budgets of news this month for instance, Mr. J. W. Luckey, writes:—

"With regard to the 1890 5c. error, will say I have secured two fine specimens. One on part of original wrapper, lightly cancelled, and by sending a remittance to the office from which it came, one uncanceled. I believe there is no doubt as to their being genuine. The two I secured are from the Post Office at Seymour, Wis.

Then we have received the following from our old friend, Mr. Cole.

TO THE EDITOR, *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your paragraph in last November's issue, anent the letters above the date on the new style of postmarks. I should like to officially inform you that this system will be discontinued, and a new system introduced similar to that in vogue in the United States, the letters indicating the time of stamping will be replaced by plain figures showing clock time to the nearest quarter-of-an-hour, e.g., 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m. This change will be carried out gradually, as occasion arises for new or altered stamps, and will doubtless be much appreciated by the public, as the present code letters are decidedly mystifying to those outside the service.

What wonderful coincidences sometimes occur. On the morning of March 10th, we received among our budget of mail two papers, one a little eight page sheet called *The Philatelic Tribune* from Smyrna, N. Y., U.S.A., and the other, the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, Messrs. Hilckes' sprightly publication. The first thing we noticed in the *Tribune* was the following paragraph:

"In perforating stamps a die plate is placed below the needles of a machine carrying 300 needles. As about 180,000,000 holes are punched each day, the wear on the die plate is very severe. Brass plates only last a day and those of steel wear but a short time."

A most interesting item. We next opened our welcome visitor, the *S.C.F.*, and turned as is our wont, to the last page, where such interesting questions are raised by the *S.C.F.*'s correspondents. The first words that met our astonished gaze were the following:

"W.G.F.—In perforating postage stamps a die plate is placed below the needles of a machine carrying 300 needles. As about 180,000,000 holes are punched per day, the wear on the die plate is excessive; brass plates wear out in a day, and even steel plates are rapidly destroyed. The use of aluminium bronze has caused the die plates to last for months without renewal."

There is a moral appertaining to the above little narration somewhere, but for the life of us we cannot exactly make out where.

And she called us "dear"! Oh joy! oh rapture! Nothing but the stern glances of our respected ma-in-law, and the significant manner in which our own good lady grasped the fire-shovel, prevented us packing up and hastening away to Salisbury. We may differ on the question of Chinese locals, but one glance at that affectionate finish on page 19 of the *P. J. of G. B.*'s review, allayed at once and permanently every symptom of rawness.

Mr. J. Edwards informs us that Mr. Edgar Nelton, of 35, Alexander Street, Montreal, Canada, has been the victim of a robbery. The stamps stolen were principally British North Americans, on the original covers, including Nova Scotia and Newfoundland shillings, Ceylon, U.S.A., and old German issues. If any of our readers should have cause to suspect that any of the booty has come under their notice, they are requested to communicate with Mr. W. Patterson, 38, Torrance Street, Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Walter Morley in the course of one of his letters says:—

"The sale of my English Catalogue so far considerably exceeds 1,000, and orders come in freely every day—so hope to clear the 2,500 in less than 12 months—not bad for a specialist catalogue is it? Telegraph stamps are moving very freely. I expect I have made a record price in this department, having sold one a little while back for £50 (English). I had previously refused £40 for it. It is probably the only copy existing unused, though a few used are known."

THE RAREST STAMPS.

MR. GEORGE E. MARROW, of 38, Grinshill St., Liverpool, writes from an extract as follows:—
 "Among stamps which are so rare as to be almost obtainable at any price, the Mauritius "Post Office" pair hold the premier position. The highest price yet realised for the two was £780, paid in January, 1893, by Mr. Avery, the Birmingham philatelist, who almost rivals Philippe le Renottière von Ferrary, the 'Prince of Philatelists,' in his devotion to the hobby. The singular thing about this scarce Mauritius twain is that neither stamp has ever been successfully forged. This is explained by the fact that the owners of the very few known copies of these varieties are such well-known philatelists that suspicion would at once be aroused were a specimen from any unknown quarter to be placed on the market.

The 'Connell' stamp of New Brunswick, if not one of the very rarest stamps out, is certainly one of the most curious. It is a monument of disappointed ambition, and of vanity nipped in the bud. Connell, sometime Postmaster of New Brunswick, thinking the New Brunswickers might tire of repeated portraits of her Majesty on their postage stamps, substituted his own noble head. The issue was peremptorily countermanded when the authorities heard of it, and Connell nearly lost his post.

Second only to the early issues of Mauritius are some of the first British Guianas. Crude enough, are they not? The circular stamp, the two cent. rose of the first issue is worth £200 any day. A specimen from the collection of Mr. F. de Coppett, of New York, sold at auction last year for £205.

Then there is the one cent. British Guiana of 1856, for which no price has lately been quoted. Probably if one came into the market to-morrow it would be bought eagerly at £150 or £200, according to condition. Another interesting pair are the two first issued stamps of Reunion, chiefly notable as perhaps the most extensively forged stamps in the whole range of philately. Specimens on the original envelope—generally a guarantee of genuineness—are excessively rare.

A stamp—or rather envelope—which American philatelists delight to look upon as 'the rarest in the world,' is the New Haven, issued locally by the postmaster of New Haven, Connecticut, in the days prior to the general issue of postal stationery for the United States. It is not too much to say that the New Haven envelope is the rarest envelope. Its rarity, however, is conditional. It must be 'entire,' as the stamp men say, to be worth its full figure, \$1,250—say £250. That is to say, one must have the whole envelope, and not merely the stamp.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, a prominent American collector, discovered a splendid specimen of the New Haven envelope recently among the discarded papers of a

Harvard Professor. A Philadelphia dealer promptly advanced him £200 on it, at the same time agreeing that the envelope should not be sold for less than £500. It is not sold yet, should anyone be anxious to put down the requisite amount.

Anyone who knows anything of stamps has heard of, or seen, the 'triangular Capes.' The rarest of these are the two 'woodblock errors,' by which is meant two specimens of the issue printed from woodblock dies produced in the wrong colour by error on the part of the printer. The fourpenny was printed in red instead of blue, and the penny in blue instead of red. Fine copies of these 'printer's mistakes' fetch about £50 apiece. The fourpenny sold at auction in the last week in January for £52. Hawaii supplies several great rarities, notably the two cents of the first issue, one of the *pièces de résistance* of the famous Tapling Collection, now on show at the British Museum. To fix the value of this great rarity would be sheer guess work. Only four copies are known to exist. From our Eastern Empire comes one great philatelic rarity—the half-anna red. A stamp of precisely similar design in blue, is comparatively common. Mr. G. J. Hynes, the Postmaster-General of Bengal, who is at present in England on leave, has a whole sheet of this scarce half-anna red. He values it at a cool thousand.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road,
Birmingham.

Feb. 21st. Mr. M. P. Castle sent his fine collection of Swiss Cantonal for exhibition. The President gave all necessary information and remarks. The whole collection was certainly a great surprise to very many of the members who have scarcely seen some of the varieties which were here shewn in such profusion.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Castle for sending his stamps for the inspection of the members brought a very interesting meeting to a close.

March 7th. Walter Morley, Esq. (Tottenham), Mrs. L. Rondel (Jersey), Harry Hilckes, Esq. (Lond.), Monsieur P. de la Tournier (Paris), E. F. Broderip, Esq. (Clifton), were unanimously elected members.

Messrs. Wilson, Pimm and others then exhibited fine collections of the obsolete stamps of the Leeward Islands, etc.

The last two exchange packets were £197 5s. 1d. and £248 19s. 5d. respectively. The Dec. packet was

returned to the Hon. Sec. on March 14th, and all accounts due to members were settled on that day and the following one.

THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.—Members of this society residing in Great Britain, are respectfully requested to communicate with the undersigned, with a view to the formation of a branch or a sister society in this country. It is believed that there are sufficient willing members to start a useful branch, and the full benefits of the parent society could be opened to English members. Resident vice-pres. for Gt. Britain, W. Teasdale Wilson, 20, Linden Road, Leeds.

THE BRITISH SPECIALISTS' STAMP EXCHANGE.—The first monthly packet was sent out on March 4th, with a postal list of 20 members all of whom had joined within a fortnight, a number fully justifying the popularity of a club on the special lines of this one. The packet included selections to the value of £60. There were 10 members' sheets, 5 selections of entires, and two special trade sheets. Among the specimens were unused imperforate English, silk thread envelopes of sizes, Guildhall cards, Jubilee envelopes, and Furniss' caricature, rare horse tax, etc. The second packet starts April 1st. J. O. Sell, Hon. Sec., The Gables, Bishop's Stortford.

THE MONTREAL STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB.—The above club bids fair to become first-class in every respect. Its quarters are centrally located, and every effort is being made to help and encourage the new beginner. Its aims are to protect members from fraud, expose dealers in counterfeits, form a library, and make an official collection. The auction sales are quite a success, the exchange department will soon be in running order, and the membership is about 35, including many advanced collectors. Members have daily access to the club, and considering that the dues are only \$2 or 8/4 per year for active membership, and \$1 or 4/2 for corresponding membership, I can assure the readers of the *P. C. & A.* that all members get privileges well worth their money. I hope to have a more lengthy report of this flourishing society for next month's issue. John Edwards, 52c, Latour Street, Montreal, Canada.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The circuit for exchange of entire postcards, envelopes, etc., has lain dormant for some months, owing to the insufficient members to work it, but several fresh members have joined and the February packet was a success. The value of selections was £9 9s. 3d., and amount sold £2 8s. 4d. Non-collectors may now send selections. Settlements in cash, quarterly, at half marked prices. The circuits for stamps are both doing well. The new rules for circuit II. are receiving many suggestions from the members, and when finally drawn up will not be printed until approved by the majority. Each member having a vote. A stamped copy will have to be signed by every member in future. H. Clark, Secretary, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.—March 9th. The January number reached me about ten days ago. Any member who has not had a copy will please notify me. The new superintendent of sale and exchange department is F. J. Bescher, City Hall Market, Kansas City, Mo., United States. I have written to ask if he can send over any exchange sheets, and for a supply of blank sheets for those English members who wish to send stamps to the department. Our members would find this a very good way to sell U.S. stamps, for in America they fetch nearly full catalogue price and even more than catalogue for fine copies. The catalogue prices in America are higher in most cases than Gibbons' prices. Members wishing to make use of the department may write to me for any particulars. Only the special sheets supplied by the superintendent are accepted. Cost of membership in the S. of P. is only 1/0½ per year, including *The Collector* monthly. For particulars and application forms write (enclosing stamp) to H. Clark, resident vice-pres. for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Three very fair packets were made up and despatched on their rounds by February 24th, and those members who only sent one sheet but want to see more than one packet, should communicate with the Secretary without delay. The Oct.-Dec. Quarterly Accounts will be submitted in the course of a few days, and it is expected that settlements will be as prompt as usual. Some new members joined last month, and any collector sending two references, will receive full information as to working, etc., of Club, on application to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

"EVERCIRCULATORS"; AS APPLIED TO PHILATELY.

BY T. A. PLUMPTON.

IF Phonographers, students, clerks, photographers, etc., have their evercirculators, why not the enterprising philatelist.

Last October, Mr. Teasdale Wilson, of 20, Linden Road, Leeds, started the first Philatelic Evercirculator open to all stamp collectors, and also wrote an able article on the subject to the *Monthly Post*, but it is to be regretted that it was not a success, and consequently, he abandoned it. This is a great discredit to our enterprising philatelists, who heard of its existence. Quoting one of his paragraphs, he says:—

"Its uses as a means of literary instruction are very considerable, in fact the manuscript magazine is pre-eminently the finest possible school for the amateur journalist. The mere fact of his being familiar with his readers puts him at his ease, and makes his literary efforts 50 per cent. better and more natural."

Again he says : —

“It must not be supposed the working of so beneficial a society is at all intricate or complicated. Indeed, the simplicity of the working rules is one of its greatest charms.”

Every philatelist who has read Mr. Wilson's article will understand the preliminary workings of a Philatelic Evercirculator, but for the sake of those who have not read it, a *resumé* of the workings of the *International Philatelic Evercirculator*, which is a fair sample, are here given.

The conductor of the Society receives an annual subscription of 2/- per member in Europe, out of Europe 1/- per member, in return for which he conducts the working of the Society, and many other smaller duties attached to a Philatelic Evercirculator and also provides bindings for members' contributions and sheets.

Each month by a stated date the conductor inserts his articles and sheets and posts on to member No. 1, who, after 3 days, inserts his own articles and posts on to member No. 2—and so on (members may contribute as many articles as they desire), the last member posting it on to the conductor, who inserts fresh articles and sheets and restarts. All payments are remitted to the conductor who sends to each member his remittances, thus preventing any monies being lost.

There is also a private advertisement, sales and exchange page, which is free to members, and which tends to strengthen the interest of all members in the society.

It will easily be seen from the above, that a Philatelic Evercirculator opens golden opportunities for the amateur journalist, as well as being beneficial for buying, selling or exchanging stamps.

AGONY FOR THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

A LOCAL stamp collector is nearly heart-broken over a scene of mental torture that he recently underwent, and it was certainly enough to have brought anguish to every member of the fraternity. He learned that the firm of Hobbs, Wall & Co., box manufacturers of St. Louis, were to make a thorough overhauling of their office records with the purpose of getting rid of old and worthless correspondence, bills, etc. He accordingly called on the firm and offered them \$2,000 for the privilege of taking off the stamps from the correspondence they intended to destroy. The firm has been established since the fifties and has

had heavy transactions with Australia, Hawaii, and other important islands of the South Pacific. He was just in time to witness the operation of shovelling wheelbarrows full of old letters, etc., into the big furnace of the establishment. He saw hundreds and hundreds of “Sydney Views” and other Australian rarities, Fiji Islands, Hawaiian numerals, and other most desirable stamps being fed into the glowing furnace. And the worst of it was that he was powerless to put a stop to the work of the vandals, even by his tempting offer of \$2,000, for the firm absolutely refused to listen to any offer for the purchase of the stamps, as it did not care to risk making known who its correspondents were, or the contents of any of the letters. They would listen to no argument on the matter. The only satisfaction the disappointed collector got was that \$10,000 would not tempt them to accept his proposition.—*From Chicago Tribune.*

ALBUM FOR BRITISH STAMPS.

MESSRS. HARRY HILCKES & CO., Limited, have issued the first of their “Universal” series of Postage Stamp Albums, entitled “The Postal and Telegraph Adhesives of Great Britain,” arranged and compiled by Mr. H. Hilckes. The book is a compromise between the German style with marked spaces for the stamps and the ordinary blank album of the advanced philatelist, for, although spaces for each particular stamp are marked by minute dotted angles, yet there is plenty of space round for pairs or strips if desired. All varieties, except the most minute, are provided for, and the book should prove a great boon to collectors of English stamps, being a scientific combination of illustrated Catalogue and Stamp Album. It is sold in three styles, price 2/6, 4/6, and 10/6 respectively, according to quality of paper and binding.

NOTICES.

WE have received a copy of the wholesale price list of the Midland Stamp Co., 11, Northampton Street, Birmingham. This list is one of the cheapest in the world, and every dealer should see it. It will be sent post-free for 1d. We understand that the Midland Stamp Co., supply many of the large dealers with much of their wholesale stock.

Mr. E. T. Parker's Priced List is sent free on application. Nos. 69 and 70 should be in every collector's hands, they contain some pronounced bargains in

Colonials, &c.—From Mr. S. A. Wood and Mr. C. T. Reed, we have received copies of their new wholesale price lists. It would repay any buyers to see these two lists, and for small dealers who wish to buy cheap wholesale parcels we can recommend a little wholesale list issued by Harold Conne & Co. The list which displays most "class" is that of Geo. Callf & Co., Seaford, Sussex. There you can find stamps but seldom mentioned by ordinary dealers, as, for instance, sets of the first issues of all the Australian Colonies—some of which are quoted at the price per dozen!

Mr. T. Coelho has dissolved partnership with Messrs. Quail and Fernando, but will still carry on the stamp business from 81, Wightman Road, Harringay, London, N., under the old style of Coelho and Fernando.

Mr. Henry Gremmel's pocket edition of his stock book seems to have been received with favour by the philatelic public, as a convenient means of carrying loose stamps. We have not seen one but we believe it is a neat and useful article. The "Minor Varieties" published by the same journal has also been well spoken of by the Press, but as we have not had the pleasure of seeing a copy we cannot speak from personal knowledge.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

a. First-class copy, perfect. b. Good specimen, no defect.
c. Torn, or with other defect.

MESSRS. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER, January 10th and 11th, 1895.

	£	s.	d.
b British Bechuanaland, £1 black and lilac	1	6	0
b British Guiana (1853), 4c. blue, pair	2	4	0
a " (1860), 1c. brown-red	1	2	0
a " (1862), 1c., crossed ovals	7	7	0
a B. Honduras, 2c. small on 6d., perf. 12½, un.	2	2	0
b Canada, 1c. red-brown on laid	1	2	0
c Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. car-red, pr.	7	0	0
c " " 1d. light blue. Reserve	£35	47	0
c Ceylon, imperforate, 8d. brown	9	0	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co., Jan. 23rd and 24th

b Brazil, 300r. black, slanting figures	2	4	0
c British Guiana, 9c. bis're, thinned unused	2	2	0

a Canada, 12d. black, on card, "Specimen" in red	1	12	0
c Ceylon, 2/-, imperf., thinned	2	6	0
c Great Britain, 2/- salmon, heavy postmark	1	5	0
c Mauritius, Post Paid, 2d. blue, half worn plate	1	3	0
a Montserrat, 4d. blue, C.A.	3	7	6
c Natal (1857), 1/- buff	1	14	0

Mr. W. Hadlow's sale, Jan. 25th.

a Great Britain, 3d. imp., secret mark	5	15	0
a Hanover, 10gr. green	2	6	0
a Naples, ½ tornese, cross, on original	4	10	0
a Tuscany, 60cr.	8	10	0
b Ceylon, 8d. imperf., deep brown	5	5	0
b Br. Honduras, 3c on 3d., perf. 12½	4	0	0
b Bolivia, 1st issue, 10c. brown, penmarked	0	18	0
a Br Guiana (1860), 1c. dark brown	1	6	0
a Virgin Isles, 6d. car., perf. 15.	4	0	0
b New Zealand, 1d. or.-verm., pelure, perf. 13	7	0	0
a " 1d., wmk. N.Z., perf.	13	0	0

Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, Jan. 30th—31st.

b Austria, Newspaper, 30kr. rose on original, creased	6	6	0
b Bavaria, 1kr. black, silk thread, unused	3	12	6
a British Columbia, 10c. blue, imperf., unused	4	10	0
c British Guiana, first issue, 4c. black on yellow, cut square, one corner mended	40	0	0
a Buenos Ayres, 4 pesos red, unused	17	10	0
b " 5 pesos, orange, unused	33	0	0
a " another, used	20	0	0
c Canada, 12d. black	29	0	0
a Cape of Good Hope, error, 1d. red. margins small, but fine	52	0	0
b Ditto, ditto, 1d. blue in a pair with 4d blue, latter torn, light postmark	65	0	0
a Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf., unused, full gum, fine margins and colour	130	0	0

The London Philatelic Co., Jan. 16th.

a British Columbia, 10c. blue and pink, perf. 14, unused	6	10	0
b " 25c. violet and yol., imperf., ver.	4	6	0
b British Guiana, 1862, 2c. yellow, border of grapes	5	15	0
a Canada, 7½d. green, unused	7	0	0
a Ceylon, imperforate, 8d., very fine	23	0	0
b Newfoundland, 1/- carmine-vermilion	17	10	0
c Tuscany, 3 lire, yellow	13	0	0

The London Philatelic Co.'s sale, Feb. 14th.

a Belgium (1865), 40c. rose, imperf.	0	15	0
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a Bremen, 2gr. orange, roulette, unused, 2 averaged	1	1	0
c British Honduras, 2c. on 6d. rose, perf. 12½, unused	1	1	0
c Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf., mended at top	3	15	0
a France, 1fr. Empire, pair, unused	2	6	0
b Great Britain, 1d. rose, plate 191, imperf., vert. pair	2	2	0
a Nevis, 6d litho, very fine	9	10	0
b " another. not so fine	7	15	0
a " 1/- litho, dark green, unused	1	18	0
a " 1/- yellow green, on laid	41	0	0
c New Brunswick, <i>The Connell</i> , unused, imperf. 2 sides (corner stamp)	11	0	0
b Newfoundland, 2d. orange vermilion	2	2	0
b " 4d. "	3	12	6
b St. Vincent, 4d. on 1/- vermilion	5	5	0
b United States (1869), 90c. pair	4	10	0
b Virgin Islands, 1/- double line, unused	2	12	6
b Western Australia, 6d. green, rouletted	1	16	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co.'s sale, Feb. 18th.

a Antigua, 6d. no wmk., pair, unused	0	14	0
c Barbados, 5/- lake, thinned	1	0	0
a British Guiana (1862), 1c. rose, pearls, No. 17 on plate, unused	16	0	0
a Great Britain, 8d. brown, pair, unused	9	10	0

Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, Feb. 20th to 22nd.

a Barbados, 5/- pink, unused	4	8	0
c " 1d. on half of 5/-, used on piece of newspaper	4	10	0
a & b Bavaria, 12kr. lilac, perf., 4 averaged	1	8	0
a Bremen, 7gr. black on yellow, perf. on orig.	8	15	0
b British Columbia, 10c. pink & blue, unused	2	17	6
b " Guiana (1851), 1c. black on magenta	3	0	0
a Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red.	5	5	0
c Ditto, error, 4d. red, small margins, printing partly cut through paper	32	0	0
c Ceylon, imperforate, 8d. brown, slight tear	6	15	0
c " 8d. yellow brown, slight tear	4	0	0
b " 8d. brown, unused	5	5	0
b " 2 rupees 50 cents	2	6	0
a Gold Coast, 20/- green and carmine	4	10	0

Mr. Hadlow's sale, Feb. 27th.

a Schleswig Holstein, 1st issue, pair	2	8	0
a Mauritius, post paid 1d., early state	2	2	0
a " " 1d., unused	3	3	0
a " " 1d., late state, unused	2	10	0
b W. Australia. 2d., 1st issue, roul.	0	18	0
b " " 1/-, roul.	0	12	0

J. W. Scott's sale, Jan. 30th.

United States—			
1860, *90c. blue, fine	..	..	10-60
1862, 3c. scarlet, damaged	..	..	28-00
1868, 90c. grilled	..	..	8-75
Newspaper, 1865, 5c. blue border	..	..	9-50
Executive, 6c.	..	..	8-00
Justice, 90c. not fine..	..	..	20-00
State, \$2 ..	..	..	9-50
New Brunswick, 6p. yellow	..	..	11-50

Gremmel's sale, Feb. 15th.

United States—			
1847, *10c.	..	..	4-70
1861, 3c. laid paper	..	..	9-00
1869, 90c. . .	..	..	11-00
1870, 10c. grill	..	..	6-00
New York, 5c. on letter	..	..	7-25
Carrier, 1c. black, on letter	..	..	9-50
Newspaper, 9c.	..	..	7-50
Unpaid, *30c. yellow brown, block of 4	..	..	6-80
50c. yellow brown, block of 4	..	..	6-80
Executive, 6c.	..	..	8-00
10c.	..	..	5-10
Justice, 30c.	..	..	7-00
Envelopes, 1861, 10c buff	..	..	14-05
Bermuda, 1sh., perf. 12½×14, block of 4	6-00
Spain, *1850, 10c	14-00
Sweden, 1855, 3s.	6-00
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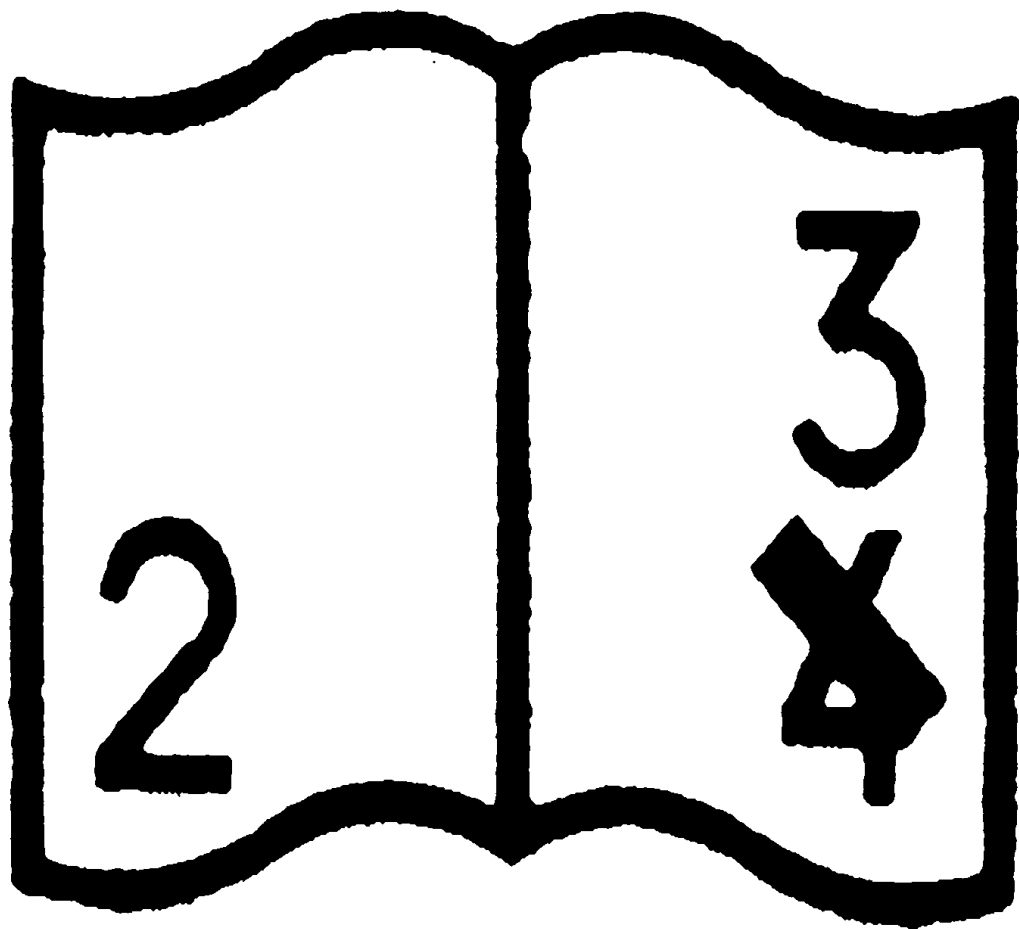
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PHILATELY is to-day the loser of one enthusiastic supporter. H.I.H. The GRAND DUKE ALEXIS MICHAELOVITCH died at San Remo on March 2nd, from consumption. PRINCE ALEXIS was the youngest son of the GRAND DUKE MICHAEL NICOLAIEVITCH, and therefore grandson of the EMPEROR NICOLAS, and cousin of the present CZAR. Born December 28th, 1875, he was in his twentieth year, a handsome and good-hearted lad, and, although a collector only five years, an enthusiastic philatelist. The deceased prince was a member of the Dresden and London Philatelic Societies, and a midshipman in the Russian Navy.

Our readers will remember that last month we ventured to say that *The Philatelic Chronicle* initiated the crusade against unnecessary issues last August. Our modest claim was that we started this movement—we made no attempt to detract from the glory of those who joined it later, and, perhaps, did more towards helping the cause than we. But modesty goes for nothing in this world of unreason and rush. Our simple remark has provoked a frantic shriek of disapproval from a London contemporary—*The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*. The paper in question refers to the "brazen impertinence"—"astounding assertion"—"brazen audacity"—"one or two feeble articles"—"preposterous presumption," &c., of this "smugly impudent journalette." When we saw this, we were very sorry that a mistake on our part as to dates should have caused us to claim an honour to which another was entitled. The paragraph goes on to state:—"To the S.C.F., and the S.C.F. alone is due the credit of bringing this gumpap question urgently before the public. . . . yet this



insignificant provincial paper dares to take unto itself the credit of initiating the crusade. The small paper we refer to probably sought to secure a free "ad." in the *Fortnightly* by its preposterous presumption." When we saw this, we were sorry—very sorry—firstly, that we should, by error, provoke the resentment of our contemporary, and secondly, that the said resentment should be expressed in so unkind, not to say discourteous, a manner. If we claimed the credit of *initiating* the movement, and were wrong, we did it in error, and do not merit this assortment of choice journalistic Billingsgate, further, does it not seem very like breaking a butterfly on the wheel for a "paltry provincial journalette" to be annihilated by the verbal thunder-bolts of the Magazine of All the Talents—the Koran of Philately—the mighty and soul-inspiring advertising sheet of HILCKES & Co, LIMITED. But the Prophet has spoken, henceforth our "smugly impudent journalette" must be a shameful thing and a by-word, all because we claimed the initiation of a movement to which THE Philatelic organ was entitled. But stay! a ray of hope! As we close the book with reverence and regret, we glance at the front page. What? No. 14—and a fortnightly! A frantic rush to the calendar, a rapid deduction of fourteen fortnights, and we are back in October. We hastily seize our file of THE journal, and we find the *first issue* was on *October 6th*. We open THE VOLUME carefully and search, yea, search with diligence for the articles against speculative issues. We find a passage which runs as follows:—"Above all, our columns will be kept scrupulously free from the petty personal bickerings which have done so much to drag the philatelic press into disrepute and

ridicule"—alas! no word of speculative issues, but a great deal about the Worth and Purity of the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, and MESSRS. HARRY HILCKES, LIMITED. We turn anxiously to the second issue. Again the manifold virtues of MESSRS. HARRY HILCKES AND Co., LTD., and the S.C.F.,—but no word of speculative issues. No. 3 continues the Gospel with assiduity, announcing continuously the True Belief—there is but one HILCKES, and the S.C.F. is his prophet—but unnecessary issues are severely left alone. No. 4, dated November 17th, and Eureka! At last we have the initiatory attack for which the "S.C.F., and the S.C.F. alone is responsible"—in the shape of an editorial paragraph announcing the great things which the Mighty, if somewhat Juvenile organ is going to accomplish! Now we see our error. We acknowledge with sorrow and shame that to the S.C.F. alone is due the glory of initiating the Crusade. True the S.C.F. initiated it four months after us, and when three of our "feeble articles" had appeared in print. True the S.C.F. began initiating after our articles had been quoted in other magazines, but still we yield to the S.C.F. the palm, trusting that the Great One will be as magnanimous as He is mighty, and spare us the awful scourge of His philatelic excommunication. Mighty Pope of all Philatelists—Infallible One among Limited Companies—spare us! Take pity on us, beseeching. *Moriturum te salute!* Remember the words of that other Pope—who, although merely an insignificant poet, and unworthy to be brought under the notice of thy August Intellect, says:—
 "'Tis wonderful to have a Giant's strength,
 But tyrannous to use it like a Giant."

CHRONICLE.

ECUADOR.—A number of the large fiscal stamps dating from 1889 seems to have been used for postage. Some of the values are fairly scarce and none very common.

ITALY.—The now 45 cent. is different from the other types, having *POSTE ITALIANE* in white letters arched above the head, and 45 *CENTESIMI* 45, on a white ground below.

LABUAN.—It appears, from a letter published in the *Stamp News*, that the current issue is produced sometimes from the plates and sometimes from a lithographic stone, according as it suits the convenience of the contractors.

NATAL.—Mr. L. H. J. Walker sends us specimens of a provisional halfpenny, issued March 10th, 1895, to supply a temporary dearth of ½d. stamps, and made by overprinting the sixpence, violet, with a red surcharge *POSTAGE—Half-Penny*. The type differs in the word *POSTAGE*, the P, T and A being found in some instances with a long down-stroke. The H in Half-Penny is superseded by E twice on the sheet. Only 500 sheets were printed, the supply of 6d stamps being inadequate. The first sheet was printed in black, but was destroyed.

Halfpenny on 6d, C.C. and Crown.

MEXICO.—We have seen the new issue for Mexico. The stamps have rather a common appearance, and are printed on paper watermarked *CORREOS E.U.M.*, perf. 12. The series shows five different designs.

- 1c. Mountain mail carrier, green.
 - 2c. " " rose.
 - 3c. " " yellow-brown.
 - 4c. Mule train, orange.
 - 5c. Emblematic figure, blue.
 - 10c. Overland mail coach, puce.
 - 12c. Mule train, brown-green.
 - 15c. Overland mail coach, green.
 - 20c. " " rose-brown.
 - 50c. " " purple.
- 1 peso, Railway engine, dull brown.

NATAL.—We learn at the moment of going to press that the ½d. on 6d. is already superseded by a ½d. on 1d. stamp. We have not heard any particulars of this latest provisional.

QUEENSLAND.—The 1d. and 2d. have recently been issued on the thick paper of the large sized high value stamps of 1890. No single stamp shows the whole watermark.

QUEENSLAND.—We have received specimens of the current penny printed on thickish unwatermarked paper, crossed by a blue *buric* band, being the paper used for fiscal stamps.

UNITED STATES.—*The Metropolitan Philatelist* has seen two values of the 1890 issue, imperforate.

- 4 cents, brown.
5 cents, bistre.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

(Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.)

THE latest scheme for drawing coin from the pockets of collectors emanates from Portugal. We thought the Don Henry rubbish was the low watermark, but

"Beneath the lowest deep, a lower still,"

the new idea is to issue stamps celebrating the 700th anniversary of Saint Anthony of Padua. It is very hard on the old gentleman to risk his hitherto blameless reputation in this manner. If the Portuguese government are in difficulty as to the next most appropriate saint whom they will honour, we would humbly suggest St. Nicolas, who is, we believe, the patron saint of thieves and fishermen. This would be a personal compliment to themselves, although we do not know of any followers of the gentle art among them.

The *Monthly Journal* announces on the authority of Mr. Benjamin, than whom nobody should know better, that no local post office exists at Tientsin,—but this is merely a detail. As we announced some time ago, there is practically no one to use the stamps at these treaty ports, so why waste money on a post office. A printing press and a pushing bagman are all that are required for this branch of philately. The same journal thinks that the exploiters of these stamps are endeavouring to establish a good reputation. We remember hearing a man once express his fear that some business he was engaged in might lose him his reputation. "For goodness sake, don't miss the opportunity," said a well-wisher standing by. The Chinese Local Posts might deduce a moral from this.

We notice that Mr. Castle, at a late meeting of the London Philatelic Society, spoke of unnecessary issues as the Rock Ahead in Philately. We are glad to find the men of light and leading taking a position on our side. We commenced this crusade in August last, and have since gained new adherents to the good cause every day. By-the way, THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S FORTNIGHTLY (small caps please,—the paper in question always refers to itself in that way) in its report refers to "the Scylla of forgeries and facsimiles" and "the other rock ahead—the Charybdis, &c." We have a dim idea that Charybdis refers to a whirlpool. The mistake is no doubt, on the part of the S.C.F., as Mr. Castle is a man of education.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

HOW'S this for a nice 'derangement of epitaphs.' It is a passage in an article we noticed the other day, written by a well-known and highly re-

spected collector. The gentleman is pointing out the various classes of stamp rogues he has met with, and goes on to say about one man: "He advertised several stamps which I wanted, and I received forgeries on approval, which I promptly returned. By return post I had a frantic letter, demanding his genuine stamps in place of the forgeries which he alleged I had removed from his sheet." Now, to avoid this sort of thing, never remove forgeries from anyone's sheets, and then they cannot allege that you have done so, and demand genuine stamps. No, we are wrong. The man demanded *his* genuine stamps, consequently forgeries cannot have been removed. "I received forgeries on approval"—and yet the man advertised stamps "I wanted"—did I want forgeries, or did he advertise genuine stamps? Did 'I' get what 'I' wanted, *i.e.*, the things 'he' advertised? How could 'I' have his genuine stamps when he only advertised the things 'I' wanted—*forgeries*? And how could he allege 'I' removed forgeries from his sheets, when 'I' had his genuine stamps? What was it 'I' returned? Did 'I' return forgeries or genuine stamps,—did 'I' receive genuine stamps or forgeries? Did 'I' want forgeries and did he advertise what 'I' wanted, and if so, why couldn't 'I' be satisfied when 'I' got them? Why—No, no! Let us collect ourselves! The awful possibilities of this problem bring Hanwell within measurable distance! Enough. Away with your forgeries and genuine stamps! If you got what you wanted, be happy,—if not, it is no business of ours. *Benedicite*.

Candour is a fine quality to possess. We do like to meet a man who never values himself at a false figure. The writer who is responsible for the above-quoted is a man after our own heart. No silly messing about him. He says further on in the same article "this man's clerk had the effrontery to write of his master, 'he is quite as honourable as yourself.' As soon as I received this I knew my books were in imminent peril, and placed the matter in my solicitor's hands." Not a moment's delay. He had the man's character in a second, and proceeded to business. Beg pardon? Irish! Oh, yes, both of us.

Poor 'ickle thing! Did 'um agitate it! What a shame! No, friend of the Limited Company, we don't want a free ad. in your paper. We would rather not have one at all—and others appear to be of the same opinion.

An esteemed lady correspondent writes in complaining of the difficulty she has experienced in obtaining West Indian stamps, and calls attention to what is really a scandal in connection with our colonial offices. We give the words of the lady's letter: "I commissioned my brother to get me a set of stamps at each post-office he touched at, buying me two copies of the higher values. In every instance he had the

greatest difficulty in doing this. In almost all the islands, the postmasters are dealers on their own account and absolutely refused to sell the higher value stamp, such as 5/-. At Barbados he had to interview the postmaster in his private *sanctum* before he could extort a single copy, and the same at Jamaica and St. Vincent, St. Lucia would not sell the 10/- stamp, and at Montserrat they only told him to buy them at some other office. Fortunately my brother is a Government official himself of high standing, and insisted upon being supplied, so I succeeded in getting complete sets all round except St. Lucia, where I still want the 10/-. but I really think it a scandal that the officials in these colonies should be allowed to feather their nests in this way at the expense of the public. If the stamps are issued *pro bono publico*, I think the public should be allowed to buy them. If I had known beforehand I should have told my brother to offer a commission, in which case I should have got all I wanted." There can be little doubt that this new method of "farming the revenue" has prevailed for a long time in these parts, and is, to a great extent, responsible for the many curious and wonderful surcharges of the last few years. We have believed this for some time, but never thought the officials would have the effrontery to refuse money proffered for stamps over the counter.

A correspondent writes ^{***} under date April 10th: "Have you seen those slimy-agnostic-immeasurably dirty remarks in last week's S.C.F.?" Yes, friend W., we did! But why agnostic? Besides, it isn't pretty to describe the man as you do—the truth should always be put in as palatable a form as possible.

NOTES ON U.S. STAMPS.

E. R. ALDRICH.

THE question which collectors in "the States" are now asking each other is, "Have you one of the newly-discovered varieties of the 12 cent purple." The nearly simultaneous discovery of this die variety on each side of the country is not more strange than that it should exist for nearly a score of years without discovery. The variety can be distinguished by a small dot of colour which terminates the line forming the lower left lobe of the figure 2, while in Die I. the lobe is nearly a solid white ball. The newly-discovered variety is evidently a re-touch of the original die, and was probably made in 1873, when the Columbia Bank Note Co. took the contract. The Indian paper proof in my collection is of the earlier type, while the card proofs, being printed as samples, are taken from the re-touch.

The question which the dealers are trying to solve is where to locate the re-touch as to variety and price the same, and find the question so perplexing that

several firms are holding all unused specimens, while another wants £1 (5-00) for die I, and 4-00 for the re-touch; another firm advertises the pair for 6s. (1-50) used, which would indicate they consider the newly-discovered die as of considerably more value than the old, as they catalogue the former at 1s. 2½d. (1-30). My own experience would place the old variety as a trifle the most valuable, as out of 14 copies I happened to have 8 were of the re-touch.

The 1875 reprint of the 1869 series is to-day perhaps the most prominent rival for popularity of the 12c., and prices are advancing. About four years ago I procured several specimens of the 2c. at 5d. (10) each, and to-day one standard catalogue prices it at 6s. (1-50), and another wants 16s. (4-00). The full set is worth not far from £15 (75-00), and has brought even higher, but indications are that the above price is "about right." The distinguishing features of the reprint are light gum, which crack very easily, and absence of the grill. As these reprints are still receivable for postage, cancelled specimens are occasionally met with, used in the days when they were considered of little philatelic worth.

The craze on high value dues seems to be subsiding, and specimens of nearly any one of the 30c. or 50c. varieties can be obtained at from 50% to 75% below list price, but on the other hand some of the lower values cannot be secured for anything like what was being asked, even a month ago, and one variety at least (the 3c. red brown) is exceedingly hard to obtain.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The circuit for postcards and envelopes is doing well, and the membership increasing. The attention of collectors is specially called to Circuit I. (for postage stamps). This circuit has run successfully since 1891 on the exchange basis, without cash settlements. Now the membership is greatly increasing. For those collectors who do not want to make money out of their stamps, this system possesses several advantages over the quarterly cash settlement system.—Circuit II. This is on the cash settlement system. No commission on sales is charged, and subscription is only 1/- per annum. The new rules are being warmly discussed by the members, and will probably be ready for printing in June. The provision for minors who wish to join the society meets with favour among the members, and will certainly be adopted. This is a matter that all Exchange secretaries ought to provide for. H. Clark, secretary, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE PHILATELIC EVERCIRCULATOR.—Mr. Plumpson's *Evercirculator* starts on its first round, the last

week of this month. Those purposing to join must hurry up.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.—I have now received a supply of blank sheets, any member wanting them must let me know. Only these special sheets are accepted by the Exchange superintendent. When filled, the sheets may be sent direct to Mr. Beseker at address given in March report, or if sent to me I will forward them. Cost of membership in the *S. of P.* is only 10½ per annum, including *The Collector* monthly. For particulars and application forms write (enclosing stamp) to H. Clark, resident vice-president, for G. B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—Owing to unavoidable delay, the March and April packets have been amalgamated, making a very valuable lot. Sheets for May should reach the secretary by April 30th. W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

A YOUTHFUL COLLECTOR'S DIFFICULTIES.

BRIGHT V. ROSE.

THIS was an action brought at the recent Birmingham Assizes by Messrs. Bright & Son, the well-known Bournemouth dealers, against Alfred N. Rose, of Over Whitacre, near Birmingham, for the recovery of a book of British and Colonial stamps. The defendant pleaded that the stamps had been returned, but could produce no evidence to that effect, afterwards advancing the plea of infancy, which the Judge over-ruled. Judgment was eventually given for the plaintiff, in the sum of £58 1s., the amount to be reduced to a shilling if the stamps were returned.

Mr. Harris, Q.C., who represented young Rose in the action, said a verdict for the plaintiffs would brand his client as a thief. As the amount granted by the jury was about half that which was claimed the presumption is that they branded him as half a thief. It cannot have been a very pleasant case for the relatives of the defendant. If the jury are right in their belief that he still has the stamps, he has shown a cunning beyond his years in trying to convince the plaintiffs that he has not. A point of law of some subtlety was raised. Mr. Harris said: "If a man sends goods to me on approval, I am not bound to return them at all. The Judge: Quite so, but suppose he sends to you for them? Mr. Harris: Well, I am not bound to give them up. I did not ask for them to be sent to me. What remedy could he have? The Judge: He might sue you for detention. Mr. Harris: But suppose I am a minor, as my client was? The Judge: I think it would make no difference." So it will not be wise for

other stamp collectors to make experiments on these lines.

THE GENERAL COLLECTOR.

BY H. J. RANDALL, JUN.

IN these days of specialism, the General Collector seems to be rather left out in the cold. Look into any well-conducted magazine, and it is ten to one there is an article by some specialist on his own particular country giving *such* lists of shades, and perforations, and surcharges, and all sorts of things that have "gone wrong" somewhere. You seek the sheets, still thinking if you shall ever live to see that country complete: and then it gives you nightmare and you dream of—

"Excuse me," remarks a candid friend, "but don't you think that third helping of cold plum pudding might have had something to do with the nightmare?"

Then again you casually remark to somebody, "I say, I have just completed all my issues of New Scotland."

"Have you," he replies, "let me see."

As he looks at them you observe a slowly gathering curl of the lip. You know what's coming. You half make up your mind to quote from Darwin, and tell him that when he sneers, he proves his simian descent,—that always makes him angry, and he'll argue the point and forget about the stamps. But before you can begin, he says:—

"Do you call this complete? Why, it was said in last Wednesday's *Daily Philatelist* that somebody had discovered a new variety; no doubt about it whatever; and there are only three specimens in existence, so no chance for you, my boy! Ta, ta."

And he leaves you—— in peace (?)

But seriously, the General Collector has many joys that the specialist has not. In spite of incidents like the above, there is a great deal of snug satisfaction in the knowledge that you have some countries complete; at any rate, in all the principal varieties.

How many varieties may be called "principal" depends on your own personal inclinations, and the condition of your bank-book (but especially the latter).

When you pick up a magazine, too, whatever country you may find treated of there, you have always the pleasure of looking through your own stamps to see if you have any rare varieties.

Of course all the knowledge of geography, history, and numismatics, unconsciously and pleasantly acquired; the stock argument of the defenders of philately against infidels and heretics, falls to the

share of the General Collector alone. I must say that these remarks are not meant as a depreciation of specialism; it is to the specialist alone that we owe any increase in our knowledges of stamps; it is for the most part owing to the specialist that philately may rank as a science; it is the specialist who gets most of the plums in the shape of rare varieties: none of these things fall to the share of the single-specimen General Collector; but general collecting is a most enchanting pursuit nevertheless.

NOTICES.

THE *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, a paper emanating from Denver, Colorado, was started with the new year. The one principal feature of this journal is the picture presented each month, splendidly executed by a photo process, of some natural object in the locality.

The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* now gives a stamp away every issue. This is quite *fin de siècle*. The idea nowadays of giving presents is very fine, but, as a rule, the class of goods which requires this artificial stimulation is not of the highest calibre. Why do not the proprietors adopt the Bond System, like the cheap tea men?

Messrs. A. Monteith and Co., of Southport, have prepared some excellent blank Approval sheets for dealers. They are really good and cheap. Three sheets as a sample will be sent on receipt of 1d. for postage.

Alfred Smith and Son, of Bath, have been appointed sole agents for the "Perfect" stamp hinge, made by the Excelsior Stamp Co., Hoosick Falls, N.Y. These hinges are among the best and cheapest in the market.

Mr. F. R. Ginn, the well-known P.P.A. Secretary, has filled another long-felt want. *The Philatelic Collecting Book* is prepared for the use of those who like plain albums and for specialists. They also make excellent stock-books, or, as their name implies, books for accumulating specimens ere a collection is formed. They are handsomely and strongly bound, and the price, 2/6, brings them within the reach of all.

We have now in stock plenty of *Scott's Catalogue*, price 2/3, and *How to Deal*, price 6d., both post-free. Orders will be promptly supplied. Dealers wanting a cheap envelope can have their name and address printed on 1,000 of our envelopes, beneath our own advertisement, for 3/- carriage free.

AUCTION REPORTS.

Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

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MESSRS. CHEVELEY & Co., March 11th, 1895.

	£	s.	d.
a Barbados, 5/- lake, unused	3	12	6
a British Columbia, 50c. carmine and mauve, perf. 14, unused	0	19	0
c Ceylon, 4d. imperf., unused, small margins, no gum, slightly discoloured	13	10	0
a Ditto, 1/- violet, no watermark	0	16	0
b Great Britain, 2½d. lilac-rose, plate 2, L.H. and F.L.	1	18	0
b 8d. brown, unused	4	5	0
c £1 lilac, Maltese cross	0	16	0
a India, 2½a. on 4½a green, unused sheet of 120	1	12	0
b Ionian Islands, 2d. red, used	0	12	0
a Levant, 10 paras, blue and brown, provisional	5	0	0
b New South Wales, Sydney, 1d. pale red, plate 1, unused	11	0	0
3a 1c. lauricated, 1d. vermilion, with wmk., unused strip of 4 (No. 3 to 6)	5	15	0
c New Zealand, 2d. vermilion, lozenge wmk.	2	12	0
a Peru, Medio Peso yellow, 2 copies averaged	2	11	0
c ditto, rose	6	10	0
c Queensland, 1d. orange-red, imperf., large star	1	18	0
1a. 1c. ½d. on 1d. orange, pair unused	1	7	0
b Russia (1863) 30k., rose and green, perf. 15, on vertically laid paper, unused	1	12	0
c South Australia, 2d. red, Crown and S.A., perf. by roulette	0	12	0
b Sweden, 24sk. bco., red, unused	0	16	0
b United States (1869) 24c., purple and green	0	16	0
b Columbus 1 dollar	0	12	0
c Western Australia, 2d. brown-red, slightly mended, unused	4	7	6
b ditto, used	0	15	0

Mr. W. Hadlow, March 11th, 1895.

a Afghanistan (1298), plain circle, abasi black, unused	1	11	0
b ditto, sunar, used and not cut	1	3	0
b (1290) shahi purple, pair, penmark	3	5	0

b Another pair, unmarked and untern, on piece of original	5	0	0
b (1293) tablet issue, abasi, penmark	6	6	0
c ditto, shahi black, 2 cut to shape	0	18	0
b ditto, shahi cut square, piece out	1	2	0
a British Bechuanaland, 1d. green surcharge, strip of 4. last with double surcharge, unused	0	18	0
a British East Africa, 2a. red, imperf.	0	18	0
c British Guiana (1856), 4c., 2 damaged, averaged	0	13	6
c Cashmere, 1st issue, 3 of the black, on pieces of original	0	9	0
c Colombia (1861), 2½c. black	0	16	0
b France, 1st issue, tête bêche	1	4	0
a Guadeloupe, sheet of 50 of 25c. on 35c., unused	0	19	0
a Ditto 20c. on 30c., ditto	1	1	0
c Hong Kong, 10 dollars rose	0	19	0
c Ionian Islands, 2d. carmine with red postmark	0	14	0
b New South Wales, Sydney, 2d. blue, 4 averaged	0	10	0
b Registration, imperf., 2 averaged	0	8	6
c Peru, 1 dinero green, pair arms reversed	1	6	0
c Portugal, 240r. lilac, figures in curve, 13 copies	1	11	0
c Queensland, 6d. imperf.	0	14	0
b South Australia, 1d. green, imperf., 3 averaged	0	15	0
b 1d. deep green, imperf., pair	2	6	0
a 1d. yellow green, imperf., pair	5	5	0
c Tasmania, 1d. blue, penmark	1	3	0
b Transvaal, 6d. dark blue, wide roulette	0	16	0
b Victoria, 2d. Queen on throne, litho., reconstructed plate of 50	5	0	0
c 6d. orange, serpentine roulette, unused	0	14	0
b 4d. rose, emblems, imperf., no wmk., printed on reverse, unused	1	12	0
c 6d. orange, beaded ovals, perfs. cut	0	11	0
b Western Australia, 6d. black	1	10	0

Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, March 13th and 14th, 1895.

b Alsace Lorraine, 10c. brown, inverted net, 24 copies	0	12	0
b Austrian Italy, 5c. yellow, impression on back, 2 copies	0	12	0
a Bremen, 5sgr., imperf., block of 12 unused	3	5	0
b & c 5 grote, 10 unused copies	1	10	0
b British Guiana (1860), 24c., thick paper	0	16	0
b 2c. on 24c. green (1863), official, block of 20 unused	6	5	0
b Canada, 6d. purple black, 2 averaged	0	17	6
c Cape of Good Hope, 4d. woodblock	2	6	0
b 1d. red on bluish, 15 copies	2	0	0
c 1/- green, 10 copies	2	2	0

c Ceylon, 8d. brown, imperf., good margins but corners clipped	2 12 6	b Nova Scotia, 3d. blue, surcharged 5 cents	0 7 6
b 5c. on 24c. green, 3 copies	2 0 0	b & c ditto, 2r. green, ditto, including 21 unused	.. 42 0 0
b 5c. on 48c. rose, 17 copies	1 10 0	a ditto, 1r. blue, COIRROS .. ..	.. 4 4 0
b 10c. on 24c. green, 10 copies	2 4 0	a Lithograph, 5c. red, fine vert. pair .. ..	.. 3 0 0
a 20c. on 24c. green, 17 copies, unused	1 6 0	b ditto ditto, horizontal pair .. ..	.. 2 0 6
a 10c. on 64c., perf. 12½ × 14, 12 unused	1 14 0	b ditto ditto, unused .. ..	.. 2 15 0
b Colombia (1862), 1 peso, lilac	1 4 0	a Another .. ..	.. 3 5 0
b Dominica, ½d. in red on half 1d., inverted surcharge	1 12 0	b ditto ditto, 4 averaged .. ..	.. 1 1 0
a ½d. in black on half 1d., 6 unused pairs	1 12 0	b Sandwich Islands (1862), 2c. red, 3 shades	1 12 0
b ½d. vertical on half 1d., 20 copies	2 6 0	c South Australia, 9d., perf. and roulette	1 1 0
a Great Britain, Prince Albert essay, 1d. black perf.	0 12 0	b Suez Canal, set of 4, used .. ..	.. 9 10 0
a Greece, 2 leptas cinnamon, block of 10 and 4 unused	1 2 0	c Switzerland, Vaud, 4c. red and black, torn but fine .. ..	.. 7 10 0
a Grenada, ½d. purple "Ostige" in pair and single, unused	1 2 0	b Tasmania, 1d. red, wmk. 2, penmark .. ..	.. 2 4 0
b 2½d. lake, 36 copies	2 12 6	c Another, mended .. ..	.. 1 18 0
b & c 1/- purple, 6 unused copies	1 2 0	a Tolima, 1st issue, 5c black on puff .. ..	.. 1 10 0
b ditto, 13 used	1 8 0	c Trinidad, lithograph 1d., fine impression, 2 copies .. ..	.. 1 0 0
b Hamburg, 7sch. orange, perf., 2 unused	1 1 0	c ditto ditto, coarse, 2 copies .. ..	.. 1 1 0
c Hanover, 10gr. green, 7 mended specimens	2 2 0	c ditto, 1d. grey, coarse, 2 copies .. ..	.. 1 8 0
b India, 2a. green, unused	2 8 0	c ditto ditto, on piece of original .. ..	.. 0 13 0
a Another ditto	2 17 6	b 1/- imperf., CC. wmk., unused .. ..	.. 1 14 0
a Service ¼a. green and lilac, 3 unused	1 10 0	c 1/- indigo, pin perf., 5 copies .. ..	.. 1 2 0
b Lubeck, ¼sch. lilac, wmk. rosettes, unused	1 8 0		
b Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d medium state, pair (Nos. 1 and 2)	5 2 6	Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, March 27th, 1895.	
c ditto ditto, vertical pair	1 10 0	a Great Britain, Mulready env. 1d. .. ..	.. 2 2 0
a ditto ditto, strip of 3 (7, 8 and 9)	5 10 0	c Bremen, 10 grote, <i>percé en scie</i> .. ..	.. 1 2 0
b ditto ditto, late state, pair (10 and 11)	2 2 0	b British Guiana, 1851, 4c. blue, on original 3 0 0	
b & c ditto, 2d. blue, 5 "apparently unused" copies averaged	3 11 0	b " " 1850, 12c. light blue, " .. 14 0 0	
c ditto ditto, PENOE, mended	2 2 0	b " " " 8c. green, " .. 120 0 0	
b ditto ditto, early state	3 17 6	a " " " 4c. primrose " .. 60 0 0	
b ditto ditto, 6 copies averaged	2 9 0	a Cape, woodblock, 1d. .. ..	.. 2 4 0
c Small Fillet, 5 poor specimens	2 4 0	a New Zealand, 2d. on blue, strip of 3 .. ..	.. 2 4 0
b Mecklenberg-Strelitz, ¼sgr., 7 unused	0 18 0	a U.S.A., 30c. black, grille .. ..	.. 1 1 0
c Mexico, Chiapas, 2r. black on rose, on original	2 6 0	Total of Sale, £570 Os. 6d.	
b Modena, 25c. black on green error of colour	0 8 0		
c New South Wales, Sydney, 1d. on bluish, plate 2, pair, one mended	1 16 0		
b ditto ditto, another pair	3 10 0		
b ditto, 2d., plate 2, 7 averaged	0 16 6		
a & b ditto, 2d., plate 3, 17 averaged	0 15 0		
b & c ditto, 2d., plate 4, 3 averaged	0 11 6		
c ditto, 2d., plate 5, 5 averaged	0 7 6		
c ditto, 3d., green, 3 averaged	0 7 0		
b Laureated, 1d, no wmk., 18 (several pairs)	2 12 6		
b O.S. in black on 3d. green, wmk. 6	0 5 0		
b Registered, imperf., 4 on pieces of original	1 7 0		
c ditto ditto, 19 copies	4 7 0		
c ditto, perf., 24 copies	3 0 0		
b New Zealand, 1d. on bluish, 5 averaged	0 17 6		
b & c Philippines, 1st issue, 10c. carmine, made-up plate of 40, including 8 unused	45 0 0		

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ONE by one all our cherished idols are being shattered in this iconoclastic age. For many years we have firmly clung to the fond idea that we must not expect credit for anything we do or say, inasmuch as a prophet is not without honour except in his own country. Alas! our harmless conceit must be abandoned or at least modified,—a prophet can nowadays receive honour, or at least the prophesy can be acknowledged, if repeated by deputy, from a sufficiently great distance and after a reasonable time has been allowed for consideration. To-day we shine with a brilliant, if second-hand lustre. In February, 1894, or exactly fifteen months ago, we called the attention of the philatelic world to the fact that there were at least two distinct types of the "N.S.W. and Crown" watermark in the New South Wales stamps. We do not propose now to enter into a detailed account of these, but we gave exact illustrations of the types with sizes and full particulars. We carefully listed all the varieties and values found with the different watermarks and perforations, and altogether made a useful and fairly complete list. In the January 1895 issue of the *Australian Philatelist*, appears a paper by MR. A. E. WEIGHTMAN, embodying the same idea but without a great amount of the detail we supplied, and with but vague particulars of the values and perforations. We hasten to say, however, that MR. WEIGHTMAN is entirely free from the taint of plagiarism. The arrangement and wording of his paper is diametrically opposite to ours, although exactly the same results are deduced, and his very omissions are positive proof that he was unfamiliar with the matter previously published. The *London Philatelist* for April, in the useful section headed "Discoveries"

reproduces Mr. WEIGHTMAN's article with the following remark. "This is only another instance—were such needed—of the knowledge that comes by *studying the stamps themselves*, and we congratulate Mr. Weightman upon the careful and conscientious study he has made on these watermarks, forming as it does an addition to our previous knowledge on the subject." *Palnam qui meruit ferat*. We give Mr. WEIGHTMAN credit for all he has done, but we cannot overlook the claim of Mr. G. JOHNSON as the first to make public the varieties of this watermark, by means of his able paper published in the *Philatelic Chronicle* of February, 1894. We are afraid, if Mr. WEIGHTMAN's article forms "an addition to previous knowledge on the subject," that someone at Effingham House has been neglecting the first duty of a philatelist—namely, a careful and diligent study of his *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

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The LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY, the LONDON PHILATELIST and MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS, LIMITED, have now taken up the question of Unnecessary Issues, and, in such hands, we are practically assured that the Hydra of Philately will soon be in the throes of dissolution. In our first article upon this subject in August last year, we pointed out the probable ultimate result were this scandal allowed to proceed, and we are proud to find that our opinions of then are the opinions of every leading philatelist at the present moment. In August last we strenuously appealed for combination on this important matter, and the meetings announced on another page are a gratifying corollary. May the efforts now being made prove effective, and HYGEIA once more assert her gracious sway over our favourite hobby.

CHRONICLE.

BELGIUM.—The *Moniteur* states that three new unpaid stamps are about to be issued.
5c., 50c. and 1 franc.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—It is stated that a complete change of the stamps and stationery is contemplated in this province.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The following values of the new type are now out

1c., 3c., 5c. and 10c.

FERNANDO PO.—Surcharged with "HABILITADO PARA CORREOS, 50c., pta." in a circle.

50c. blue on 1c. green.

50c. " 5c. blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. C. F. Denny Marshall has shown to the *London Philatelist* a specimen of the 2d. of 1841, with white lines, in which there are no letters in the lower angles. The stamp has duly passed the post.

LUXEMBURG.—The *P. J. of G. B.*, announces part of a new issue for this duchy. Head to right in oval, perf. 12½.

1c. grey lilac.

5c. green.

2c. brown.

10c. rose.

4c. yellow bistre.

PERU.—This country has returned to the old and beautiful type representing llamas within a garter.

20c. blue.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Mr. H. Ribeiro, of Bombay, has kindly sent us specimens of the new permanent type stamp. The head is in oval with PORTUGAL above and INDIA below, 24 to the sheet, perf. 12.

1½ reis, black.

1 tanga, light blue.

4½ " bistre.

2 tangas, rose.

6 " green.

4 " blue.

8 " violet.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. H. A. Young, of Ipswich, Queensland, has sent us specimens of the 1d., new type, with white background to oval. Also the one on *burelé* paper chronicled last month.

1d. vermilion, white oval.

SERVIA.—Unpaid stamps with eagle and figure of value in centre.

5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 paras.

ST. HELENA.—The current 1/- is on C.A. paper, with bar 18mm. long.

1/- green, wmk. C.A. and Crown.

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Johnson has received three more values of the new type, the ½d., 2d. and 1/-.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BAVARIA.—The 3pf. wrapper now current, is printed on yellow instead of buff.

3pf. brown on yellow.

The following postcards are announced with the date 1895.

- 3+3pf. brown on chamois.
5+5pf. green " "
10pf. carm. " "
10+10pf. " " "

CEYLON.—A new wrapper has been issued.
5c. ochre on yellow-brown.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co, Ipswich, state that the designs used for the envelope stamps have all been changed except the 10d. The dates are omitted in the new design.

LEEWARD ISLES.—The penny envelope is now square.

1d. rose on white laid.

MEXICO.—The new Mexican stationery is as follows:

Envelopes: size 149×90mm.

4c. verm. and rose on white wove.

5c. ultra. " " "

10c. rose-lilac " " "

Wrappers 1c. dark green on manilla.

1c. grey-blue "

Postcards: 2c. carmine on white.

3c. " and brown on white.

2c. blue-green and carmine on buff.

3c. " " brown "

Letter Cards: 4c. blue and vermilion on white.

10c. black and rose-lilac " "

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. H. A. Young, of Ipswich, Queensland, has sent us the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. wrapper with plain background.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green on buff.

SERVIA.—Postcards with border.

5 paras, rose on buff.

5+5 " " "

10 " blue on white.

10+10 " " "

Letter Cards: 5 and 10 paras.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

(Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.)

THE Indian Government is at present in treaty with the various rulers of the Native States to secure the suppression of their local issues. This fact is encouraging to those Philatelists who have taken up the crusade against this class of labels.

Effingham House, W.C.,

10th May, 1895.

DEAR SIR,—The Philatelic Society, London, having recently appointed a Committee to consider the best means for putting a stop to the great increase in the production of unnecessary and speculative stamps, a Special Meeting, to which representatives of the leading stamp importers and members of the Philatelic Press were invited, was held at the Society's rooms on

Monday evening, the 6th May, 1895, for the consideration and discussion of the whole subject. I have been directed to forward you the following Report of the proceedings at such Meeting.—Yours truly,

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,

Hon. Sec. to the Committee.

There were present at the Meeting the Members of the Committee: Messrs. M. P. Castle (in the chair), E. Ehrenbach, J. A. Tilleard, E. J. Nankevell, and H. R. Oldfield, and in addition, Messrs. Percy C. Bishop, Theodore Buhl, F. R. Ginn, M. Gewelb, H. Hilckes, W. H. Peckitt, C. J. Phillips, H. Stafford Smith, and D. W. Wood. Numerous letters regretting the inability of the writers to be present at the meeting, and expressing sympathy with the movement, and promises of practical support, were read, including communications from Messrs. Butler Bros., of Oxford; Messrs. Clarke & Co., of Bushey; Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich; Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath; and Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham.

The Chairman, having explained the object of the meeting, moved the following Resolution:—"That this meeting is of opinion that the great increase in the production of speculative stamps, for sale to Collectors, threatens to have a very serious effect on the collection of genuine postal issues throughout the world."

In the course of his remarks Mr. Castle called attention to the strong feeling on this subject which had been expressed both in this country and abroad, and pointed out that the steps proposed to be taken were for the common good, the interests both of collectors and of dealers being identical so far as these issues were concerned.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, in seconding the resolution, referred to correspondence which had passed between Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., and various leading houses representing the chief European firms of dealers and importers. The following are short extracts from the replies received by Mr. Phillips, which were of considerable length, and showed a remarkable unanimity of opinion amongst the writers as to the desirability of some steps being taken to put an end to speculative and unnecessary issues of stamps.

Messrs. Whitfield King, of Ipswich, write: "We had already on our own initiative decided some time ago not to buy or sell any more speculative issues."

Mons. J. H. Moens, of Brussels, writes: "As regards the rubbish that comes in from all quarters, and that will be the death of Philately, I share your opinion that they ought not to be sold."

Mr. Senf (of the firm of Senf Bros.), of Leipzig, writes: "I, too, share your doubts as to the future of Philately. I am not aware if you know that for many years past I have been of opinion that everything not unavoidably necessary should be rejected, and I have always borne this in mind when writing our postage stamp albums."

Mons. Maury, of Paris, writes: "I have always in my Journal warmly spoken against these speculative stamps. . . . It would be very useful to have the assent of Editors of Albums that they will not provide spaces for these stamps."

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd., of New York, write: "We think the subject worthy of serious consideration, and we certainly feel inclined to join you in the matter."

Messrs. C. H. Mekeel & Co., of St. Louis, U.S.A., write: "The future of Philately is certainly menaced by the issues of stamps continually being prepared for the benefit of collectors. . . . If four or five of the leading firms agree on a certain policy with regard to stamps of this character, we shall be glad to co-operate with them."

After some further discussion the above resolution was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Buhl, and after some discussion was carried unanimously:—"That it is desirable to form a representative Committee of the leading dealers and importers and of the Philatelic Press in Great Britain to co-operate with the Committee of the London Philatelic Society in considering the measures to be taken to prevent the issue of unnecessary stamps and surcharges, and to warn Collectors against purchasing them."

Various matters of detail in connection with this resolution were discussed, and ultimately postponed for consideration by the two Committees.

In response to questions, the Society's Committee explained the many obvious reasons which had actuated the members in suggesting the formation of separate committees, representing the "trade" and "collectors," rather than a joint Committee, and it was also pointed out that consultations could be held when required, and that emergency sub-committees could be appointed, if necessary, to deal with pressing matters.

The following further resolutions were then duly considered and unanimously agreed to:—"That it should be the duty of the two Committees to enquire into the status of all future issues, and to decide what shall be classed as unnecessary or speculative, and to arrange for public notice being given of their decision in the Philatelic Press."

(Proposed by Mr. Castle and seconded by Mr. Nankevill.)

"That the two Committees shall use their utmost efforts to secure the exclusion from all Journals, Catalogues, and Albums of all unnecessary issues."

(Proposed by Mr. Castle and seconded by Mr. Peckitt.)

"That with regard to existing issues the two Committees shall consult, and public notice shall be given of such stamps as may be agreed to be unnecessary."

(Proposed by Mr. Castle and seconded by Mr. Gewell.)

Mr. C. J. Phillips then intimated that all members of the trade invited to or attending that meeting, together with other well-known stamp dealers and importers, would be asked to meet at the offices of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391, Strand, on Friday, the 10th of May, at 3 p.m., to consider the appointment of a representative committee of the trade.

The proceedings, which throughout had been most harmonious and enthusiastic, then terminated with a vote of thanks to the London Philatelic Society and its special committee appointed to consider this subject, and to the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of such Committee.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

GOOD morrow, sweet friends! Does this beautiful Spring-time lead you to cast aside album and guage—seeking the fresh verdant meadow, the purling stream and the budding arborage? Alas, the scribe would fain wander amid these delights! He longs, with a maddening longing, for the green lane and river, or the luxurious lounge of the cricket field—but printers, like time and tide, wait for no man, and these columns must be prepared. Ha, ha! let us to work. "What ho, there, varlet! my scissors and paste, and quick, thou villatic carl an' thou wouldst escape my buffet!"

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This is a communication we received from Christchurch, New Zealand: "Please receive enclosed P.O.O. No. 8526, for 7/6, being my subscription for the next five years to the *Chronicle and Advertiser*, yours, &c. Ah me, why do not all our subscribers do likewise? Then—but let us dissemble, perhaps the *P.C. & A.* will be longer-lived if they pay in the usual twelve-monthly way.

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A friend has sent us an extract from the *Natal Mercury*, of March 30th, anent the rush for the halfpenny on sixpence surcharged stamps. "The stamp boom is reaching dimensions that even a week ago few people would have credited. Yesterday as much as £10 was asked and given for a single sheet. In the evening the excitement waxed so strong that a few speculators started an open-air stamp exchange not a 100 miles from the *Mercury Office*, and prices to buy sell were sung out in a manner that took one back to the days of the share boom or between the chains on the Rand."

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A few months ago Mr. Basil Thomson introduced himself to the public in a series of graphic sketches, entitled "South Sea Yarns," which were illustrative of life in the islands of the South-Western Pacific. He relates his experience as Assistant-Minister to his Majesty, George Tubou II., King of Tonga. As ad-

viser to the Chancellor of the Tongan Exchequer, he had recourse to many expedients to tide over periods of financial distress. In the course of his narration, he says:—"I must now make a disgraceful confession. Among the letters in the Postmaster's office were a number from firms in England and America which dealt in postage stamps, some of which had enclosed considerable sums of money. The Treasury was in dire straits, and a sum of £200 well worth a sacrifice of self respect. We determined to change our stamps. The change could be effected for £40, and the sale of our old stamps, thus enhanced in value, would bring us in £200 or more. I have since heard that a year later the Government of Costa Rica descended to the same disreputable expedient, but I believe I may fairly take to myself the discredit of being the first to devise the scheme."

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The following is an extract from the catalogue of an auction sale of stamps that took place on May 13th, 1895, at Elk's Hall, Howard Place, Boston, U.S.:—Page 11, Lot 331, "New Zealand, a superb collection of 60 1d. rose, 1892, all with different "ads" on the back of stamp. Among the varieties may be mentioned: "Poneke Table Jelly," supposed to be in use only one day. These are from the collection of a well-known amateur, who gives up this branch to specialize on shades of 2c., 1894 issue, U.S., Unique!! (no reserve)."

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Gentlemen,—I was pleased to receive with my copy of the *Advertiser*, a copy also of the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*. The article on "Agony for the Stamp Collector" has a history that may be of interest to you. This article was first published by Nekeel's *Weekly Stamp News*, and the scene of the story was in San Francisco, California, and the name of an actual firm doing business in San Francisco was given as the vandals. This firm promptly denied any such act on their part, and this denial was published the week following the original publication. Meanwhile, another chapter opens up. The *Chicago Sunday Tribune* was offering to the school children of that City, prizes for the best article on stamps, and one of the boys in one of the schools, took this article, changed its scene from San Francisco to St. Louis, and also changed the name of the firm and sent it in to the *Sunday Tribune*, and would have won the prize, if a score or more of the school children, together with some of the leading philatelists of Chicago had not promptly notified the paper of the fraud. The prize was actually announced as going to the boy who had created the article, but was recalled and awarded to the next best article. If you will send me some copies of the *Advertiser* I will circulate them among my friends here. With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.

THE STORY OF A POLITICAL EXILE.

I met the old gentleman at an obscure café kept by a person with a name ending in *a*. His white hair and dreamy eyes appealed to me: was he poet, philosopher, or Anarchist? I demanded of myself. He sipped sweet fluid and water, and looked into the distance when he looked not into his tumbler.

"The fellow has a history," I said to myself. "I am convinced of it."

For weeks I tried to win it from him, vainly—ever polite, occasionally even monosyllabically colloquial, he was never communicative. The more I failed the more I yearned.

At length one drear March evening success rewarded my attempts; though, as usual, unexpectedly.

He pulled out a pocket-book, and from it took a postage-stamp with "Republica de Debilidad" on it, and a girl holding a mirror to a man—not full figures, but from the waist upwards only. There was a reflection in the mirror.

"I beg, be careful," said the old fellow, as he passed me the stamp and the reading glass. "It is my

BOARD AND LODGING FOR ONE YEAR."

"What is it?" I asked with a stare.

The stamp. I shall tell you; but first regard the 'espejo'—how do you say that thing?" He pointed.

"Oh, yes, the mirror. Why it's a devil's face, not a man's!" I exclaimed. And such it was, with horns to it.

"Yes, my friend. And Don Alphonso Exema was a devil—at the heart."

"Really, monsieur," I remarked, "I am bewildered. How is it board and lodging for you, and why doesn't his proper face appear in the mirror, cocked hat and all?"

The old gentleman sipped his pink stuff and said again, "I shall tell you."

"I was of the Administration," he proceeded, quite proudly. I hold the portfolios of Treasury and the Post and Telegraphs. We enjoy our *beaux jours*. All is prosperous, and the military forget the art of war. But (with a shapely finger-tip on the face of the man in the stamp) that miserable spoil everything. He spend all the taxes on his own joys; he travel and make debts, leaving promise-notes on the State; he do worse yet, for he become a vile traitor and make a plot to annexe us to the next Republic. We know

NOTHING TILL IT IS TOO LATE.

"One morning he tell it me all in his cabinet, with a cigar in the mouth. He advise me to do like him and steal from the people. I refuse him, and denounce him. But what good that, when he have all the army in his palace ready to support him? 'Don Miguel,' he say, 'you are ordered to surrender into my hands all the postage-stamps you possess.' For the treasury he care nothing, 'because it have nothing

in it. Then I return sad, with the colonel of the State, and give up the stamps. I not know what happen to me, and if I would not do best to accept a Yankee offer of a clerk place in his goods store. I collect my little papers to go, when I find one sheet of stamps of this kind, only without the face in the mirror. They was proofs and nothing more. I think a thing all at once.

IT MEAN REVENGE.

I go to the State print place, where the man was my friend, and I order him to send to me the engrave-man. 'Make me a devil's head in the glass,' I say to him, 'and I will take all responsibility.' By the evening he do it and make the proofs into stamps, all like this one. At seven o'clock we send the mail by Government steamer to Salvador. I receive the 'devil stamps' by five, and at six I get order from the President to give up the portfolios that night. That not surprise me. But no matter, I think, if I get revenge before I suffer. And then what do I do, my friend, but stamp all the Republic mail that night with the new stamp? Caramba! what good it do me? There was seven letters—two to Europe and three to New York; and they carry the compliment of Don Alphonso's truthful soul-portrait into three continent. After I do that I pack my portmanteau and give a sailor two dollars to row me into the Republica Indiana, three mile away.

I HEAR A GUN GO

when we are escaped, and know that there is no more a Republic de Debilidad.

"They receive me well as a refuge and I come in time to Habana, and so after to Londres, the home of all unfortunate ones; and here I am, and I have the pleasure to drink to your health, Sir."

"Did ever any one hear such a yarn as that?" methought when the old gentlemen stopped and put his glass to his lips

"But"—I began.

"Ah yes," he exclaimed with a shake of the head and a laugh. "I have not satisfy you yet, I see. It is still the stamp that trouble you; you not understand it. But I shall finish. I put in my little bag the ninety-three more stamps with the devil like this, and when I come to London I go to a man. Our Republic had received money from him before, and so I know him. I tell him all, and show him what I have.

HE GO PALE WITH ADMIRATION.

Then he embrace me and lock the door; and *enfin*, my friend, it is true what I say, that they are my board and lodging. He pay me two hundred sterling the year for my life in exchange for those little bits of paper. It is riches, and I am content."

With that the old gentleman proceeded to light a cigar, and I think to myself how shamefully I have been deceived. I went no more to the café owned by the man with the final letter *a* to his name. One can meet liars anywhere.—*St. James' Gazette*.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.

Vice-President:—W. PIMM, Esq.

Committee:—Mr. D. DAVIS; Mr. W. S. VAUGHTON; Mr. C. A. STEPHENSON; Mr. W. G. WALTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 203, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

March 21st. Display—Victoria. Messrs. Wilson, Pimm, Johnson, and others showed very complete collections of this interesting country. A large number of rarities and minor varieties sustained the attention of the meeting until a late hour.

April 4th. F. J. Crick, Esq. (Northampton), C. W. Boyton, Esq. (Great Yarmouth), were unanimously elected members.

Mr. W. Pimm then read an interesting paper on the stamps of Spain, illustrating it from his own collection. The Hon. Sec. and others also shewed fairly complete collections of the same country.

April 18th. Display—India and its Native States. The President showed almost every one of the rarities of type and surcharge of India, unused. The Hon. Sec. showed a general collection of the country and States, used and unused, with their entire envelopes and cards; also stamps used at Zanzibar and those of East Africa. Other members showed smaller collections of the same.

May 2nd. E. Slinger, Esq. (Grenada, W. Indies); was unanimously elected a corresponding member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. C. J. Phillips, for presenting to the Society the minute book of the old Birmingham Philatelic Society, when he was Hon. Sec. It was certainly received with as much enthusiasm as anything that has been presented to the Society, owing to its interest as a link with the past.

The meeting then resolved itself into an extraordinary General Meeting, to draw up the programme for 1895-6, which was nearly completed. It was also unanimously resolved to issue an Annual Report in neat book form, containing lists of members, rules, balance sheet, *resumé*, programme, advertisements of members and the trade; and to deposit copies of the same with every Society, English and foreign, which is mentioned in the official lists or known to the Society.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.—I have received several applications lately and I think the number of English members is now large enough to run an exchange department over here. Is any member willing to undertake the Secretarial work? We shall draw up

our own rules, but they must be on the same basis as the exchange department in America. It will be best not to start running the exchange until September, and this will give time to arrange details. Any of our members desiring exchange correspondence with American and Canadian collectors, would do well to try an advertisement in our paper, *The Collector*. The rates are 30 words for 5d., to members only. Advertisements may be sent to me. I had an advertisement myself in the February number, and was surprised at the number of answers I had, many of them enclosing really valuable selections of stamps. Our Secretary, Mr. R. M. Miller, writes: "During the last month we have been greatly encouraged by the activity displayed by numerous members in the securing new members and suggestions they think would benefit our Society." Membership only costs 1/0½ per annum, including *The Collector*. For particulars and forms write (enclosing stamp), H. Clark, resident vice-president for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE MONTREAL STAMP COLLECTORS' CLUB.—At the regular meeting of the above club held on Thursday evening the 18th inst., there was a good attendance, four applications were received for membership, and the applicants being well-known were unanimously elected. The dues for corresponding membership is 30 cents or 2/1. All applications for membership should be addressed to the Secretary, and all donations from publishers and others intended for the library, should be addressed to the Librarian of The Montreal Stamp Collectors' Club, 52c, Latour Street, Montreal, where they will be thankfully received and promptly acknowledged. John Edwards, Librarian.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The May packets was very good. The Circuit II. contained some nice selections of old English and Colonials. The Circuit II. packets have circulated remarkably quickly of late. To go round a list of 35 members inside of eight weeks is not bad work. H. Clark, Secretary, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

Chicago apparently has been the head-quarters of the gang, and its product has been shipped to distributing agents through the express companies. Just exactly how the information reached the government officials is yet a mystery. But they evidently got a straight tip, for Capt. Stuart, of the Postal Inspector's Department, and Capt. Porter, of the United States Secret Service Bureau, called at the Wells-Fargo Office. After a short conference with Barney Wygant they were taken to the store-room. For half an hour they searched through the pile of packages and they found what they were looking for—an oblong package looking like a big roll of music. It contained 10,000 of the counterfeit stamps.

It was said in Washington that while the gang has had its headquarters in Chicago, it has operated extensively in St. Louis, Cincinnati, Buffalo and as far west as San Francisco. The two-cent stamp is so easy to counterfeit and the detection of spurious ones so unlikely that now the discovery has been made it is thought the work may have been going on for years. The money possibilities are enormous when the fact is taken into consideration that over 700,000 letters go through the Chicago post office every day. With the assistance of dishonest postmasters in small towns the product could easily be disposed of, and there would be no trouble in marketing the counterfeits in small lots in stores and offices.

The United States makes its own stamps now. Its first issued had to be recalled, because the gum was so poor; now this lot will have to suffer the same fate.

Further investigations gave the police a clue and Scotland Yard was communicated with, the result being seen in the arrest of a man named Mendel Howard, (46) 57, Chester Terrace, Eaton Square, who was brought up at the Westminster Police Court on April 30th and remanded.

NOTICES.

OUR readers will see by the page announcement in the present issue of the *Chronicle*, that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, propose issuing a 10th edition of their popular Priced Catalogue. Recognising that the size hitherto utilized was too bulky for convenient carriage, they intend to issue the next edition in *pocket form*. Every information will be found in the advertisement, but we will give full particulars when we have seen the book. Owing to the great demand, orders will be filled in rotation, hence those prepaid now will have the earliest chance. Orders will be filled from our office as quickly, or more quickly, than from London, as we cannot expect anything like the demand, and we invite collectors to at once place their orders with us. The price is 3/6 per copy, prepaid. For orders of not less than 3 we allow

A BIG STEAL IN STAMPS.

POSTAL AUTHORITIES UNEARTH A STUPENDOUS SWINDLE

UNITED States secret service operatives in Chicago and Washington have unearthed probably the most important swindle ever perpetrated upon any government. Its magnitude, after two days' investigation, can only be guessed at, but it is believed thousands upon thousands of dollars have been secured by a gang of skilled counterfeiters, who have reproduced with wonderful skill and accuracy the pink two-cent stamp of commerce. As a result the entire issue must be recalled and retired.

10%; and for orders of 6 or above we allow 25%. Only prepaid orders will be booked.

The great demand among collectors of late years has been for a good and cheap blank album. Illustrated albums are excellent in their way, but so many now specialize and collect shades and varieties that these are of no use, as they allow no license of classification. We received this week an excellent book which should meet with a ready sale. It is the shape of the ordinary exercise book, but thicker and bound more strongly. It is secured by a strong elastic band. Guards are plentiful to allow of the book being filled without bulging, and the paper is of a special heavy quality, printed faintly on one side with five faint lines in grey, and a margin on the left for description, date, etc. These books are all that is required by the collector and would do equally well for dealers as approval books, while the price (2/6) is extremely reasonable, considering the superior quality and finish. The one we have described is published by Mr. F. R. Ginn, and can be obtained from the *Chronicle* office for 2/10½, post-free; or from Mr. Ginn at the same price. We understand that Messrs. H. Hilckes, Ltd., also publish a similar book, but we have not yet seen theirs.

Our readers will find particulars of a useful and first-class article announced in Messrs. Whitfield King and Co.'s advertisement, in the shape of a Philatelist's Pocket Book. The article is worthy of its enterprising originator, and would make a splendid investment either for one's own use, or as a present to a philatelic friend. Orders for either quality may be sent to this office.

Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen has issued a third edition of his excellent Priced Catalogue of Great Britain. In addition to an exhaustive list of the ordinary issues, official stamps, etc., he now gives many minor varieties, as double perforations, double printing, proofs, O.U.S., printed on the back, colonial and foreign cancellations of English stamps, etc., price 7d. post-free, from the *Philatelic Chronicle* office, Fentham Road, Birmingham.

The other day we were shown one of Messrs. Lambert and Co.'s packets. We often see packets of stamps. There is a great similarity between cheap packets, but the one under notice struck us as being decidedly above the usual run. There is a set of Ecuador in every packet, for which we would not hesitate to give sixpence. In fact, a similar set cost us more a month or two ago. There are three or four other stamps well worth a shilling to anyone who wanted them for his collection, and besides there was a whole assortment of others, eighty or ninety, all seeming clean and perfect. We have seen worse packets than this at thrice the money asked, and a collector might do much worse than try one while they are on sale. The advertisement of this packet is in *The Advertiser*.

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a British Columbia, 25c. perf. 12½ ..	1	17	6
a Canada, 6d. lilac on wove ..	0	14	0
a " 7½d. green ..	2	0	0
a New Brunswick, 6d. yellow ..	2	0	0
b Newfoundland, 6½d. carmine-vermilion ..	6	0	0
a West Australia, 2d. brown on red, unused, printed on back, rouletted ..	6	6	0
a " 6d. bronze-black, a vert. pair	11	0	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co., April 30th, 1895.

b Oldenburg, 2nd issue, ½gr. ..	4	6	0
b Naples, ½ tornese, blue, trinacria ..	13	0	0
a Moldavia, 54 paras green, on original ..	15	10	0
a India, ¾a. red, 9½ arches ..	7	5	0
a St. Lucia, 1/- orange, pair, unused ..	7	15	0
b U.S.A., 1869, 90c. carmine and black, pair	3	14	0

London Philatelic Co., May 1st, 1895.

a Great Britain, 6d. oct., unused ..	3	7	6
b Newfoundland, 1/- vermilion ..	13	10	0
a Ceylon, 8d., star, imperf. ..	18	0	0
a Nova Scotia, 6d. deep green, unused ..	3	15	0
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THE organisation of the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps marks a new and decided era in Philately. We need not waste words by describing the purposes of this new Association, nor in recapitulating the circumstances which have led to its formation—readers of recent philatelic literature are well conversant with the latter, and its very title furnishes a complete explanation of its *raison d'etre*. Several meetings have been held, both private and semi-public, between the leading dealers, collectors and others interested in the welfare of the Science, and an unanimous move in antagonism to bogus and unnecessary issues is the result. The truly gratifying part of this business is the unanimity displayed. Selfish interests have been put aside, willing sacrifices have been made, and more or less natural jealousies have been ruthlessly burked in the praiseworthy and, we may almost say, patriotic determination to present an unbroken front to the enemy. It is unnecessary, as it would be presumptuous, to point out any special line of action to the new Society. The names of those taking the matter in hand are so representative of Philately in all its branches that they furnish a thorough and sufficient guarantee that the best and most appropriate path will be chosen. This is our honest opinion, and we hail the birth of the S.S.S.S. with the liveliest satisfaction and wish, as we earnestly hope, that unbroken cordiality between its various branches will exist continuously, and that a perfect success will ultimately crown its efforts.

CHRONICLE.

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20c. " " "
30c. " " "
40c. " " "

ECUADOR.—Messrs. Monteith & Co. have received the 10c. Telegraphs used postally.

INDIA.—Mr. Nityananda Dhur informs us that the 9 pies stamp has been withdrawn for the purpose of being surcharged 1 anna. The new issue of "Postal Service" surcharged on $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4 and 8 annas and 1 rupee, is out for use as custom duty on foreign parcels.

LABUAN.—The \$1 surcharged LABUAN has been overprinted with the same values and type as Borneo.

MADAGASCAR.—BRITISH INLAND MAIL. A roughly typographed provisional issue has been made. The stamps are printed in sheets of 24 on coloured paper. These stamps are of very doubtful standing.

1d. black on blue-grey, wove paper.
4d. " cream, laid paper.
6d. " yellow, wove paper.
8d. " salmon, "
1/- " fawn, "
2/- " scarlet, "
4/- " grey, "

It is said that a permanent issue is in preparation.

MEXICO.—All the new issue, as previously listed, have been surcharged OFFICIAL in block capitals, diagonally.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Fildes has the new $\frac{1}{2}$ d., printed in black. The stamp is larger than the late issue and has the Queen's head similar to the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. $\frac{1}{2}$ d., black.

PERU.—The new 20c. blue, an imitation of the well-known llama series has been received in England. Messrs. Monteith & Co. have the 1c. orange, surcharged bust of Bermudez, with surcharge inverted.

20c. blue, llama.
1c. (Bermudez), surcharge inverted.

POSTCARDS, &c.

INDIA.—Mr. Nityananda Dhur has sent us specimens of the new Indian wrappers, showing the Jubilee head of Her Majesty in oval, with INDIA POSTAGE arched at top and the value beneath, size 298 x 125 mm.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green on buff.
1 " claret "

The nine pies envelope has been withdrawn, and will be surcharged 1 anna, and issued for the use of soldiers and seaman of the navy.

GUATEMALA.—A new postcard has been issued for the interior. The design is rather handsome, containing a railway train and the national coat of arms. 1 centavo, brown on white.

UNITED STATES.—A variety of the 5 cent envelope, head of General Grant, has been unearthed. Mr. O'Warner, of Hadlyme, Conn., has sent us a specimen of the new die, which he calls the Holyokubust. It can easily be distinguished from the 1887 bust by the head being bent forward, by which the front of the neck is entirely hidden by the beard. Our correspondent informs us that the entire output was 117,500 on white, and 63,000 on amber paper.

5c. blue on white.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

AS we announced last month, a meeting of the leading dealers was summoned for May 10th to consider the appointment of a representative committee of the trade. The invitation was addressed to every leading stamp merchant in the kingdom, and a large and influential gathering took place. Mr. C. J. Phillips, as representing the largest stamp interest, was elected to the chair, and that gentleman proposed a resolution to the effect that a permanent committee of leading dealers and others be formed to carry out the objects of the meeting. Subject to their individual consent, the following gentlemen were chosen to form this committee, with power to add to their number:—Messrs. W. Brown, Butler, Bright, Belper, Brosnam, E. Clark, E. B. Evans, Earle, Harold Frederick, F. R. Ginn, M. Ginwelb, Hilekes, E. Healey, Hadlow, Whitfield King, Lincoln, Myerscough, Peckitt, C. J. Phillips, Alfred Smith, Stafford Smith, Gordon Smith, J. Scott Stokes, W. T. Wilson, Winch, and Westoby. A glance at the names listed above will show that the members of the anti-bogus issues committee are thoroughly responsible and representative men, and, what is more, men who do not turn back, having once put their hand to the plough. A sub-committee was appointed to frame rules and appoint dates of meeting, &c. The name given to the society is the suggestive, if somewhat ponderous title of THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS

The first practical outcome of the new society is seen in the following circular, issued June 10th:—

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS.

391, Strand, London, W.C.,

10th June, 1895.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Society having taken into consideration the Stamps (or other

postal matter) enumerated below, has decided and do declare the same to be speculative or unnecessary, and warns all whom it may concern not to deal in or collect the same.

1. PORTUGAL. "Santo Antonio" Centennial Stamps.
2. CHINESE LOCALS: that is to say, any issues for Chefoo, Chinkiang, Chinking, Hankow, Ichang, Kewkiang, Tientsin or Wuhu appearing after this date, or for any other place in China of a like nature.
3. NORTH BORNEO AND LABUAN. The 4, 10, 20, 30, and 40 cent. surcharged on 1 dollar red appear to be unnecessary.—By Order,

GORDON SMITH,

Secretary.

It would appear from the above that the warning will be given only against issues yet in embryo.—it would be quite as well if notices of the society could be made retrospective and advise collectors against many of the issues made during the last two years. This would perhaps be hardly fair to the dealers who have stocked the stamps, but they surely would not mind a small loss incurred in the cause of probity, and it would be of great service to many young collectors. We hope to see an official list of speculative stamps published by the Society ere long.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

DEAR Friends, the Postman's Knook must be short this month as the unfortunate youth who is responsible for arranging it has been stealing a holiday and taking a little jaunt on a bicycle "made for one" round Beds, Hunts, Cambs, and Northants (what a blessing these abbreviations are to a lazy man), and hence has not proper time to prepare a great intellectual feast for you. Kind friends, do not be hard upon the poor scribe, bear with him this month, and he will try to do better next time. *Allons!*

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson write to say that they held their last sale for the season on May 29th. This firm have earned well-deserved success by earnest and straightforward efforts, and we shall be pleased to find even greater appreciation of their work next year. The letter pays a graceful compliment to what they are pleased to term our "valuable paper." Well, our paper is valuable, we believe, to many people, but our good friends, with a little thought, could devise a means to make it more valuable to themselves as well as to us. *Verb. sap.*

Our readers will recollect that we called attention to the disappearance of a collection of stamps in Mon-

trah some two months ago. The stamps belonged to Mr. Edgar Nelson, and later despatches state that Dr. C. E. Cameron of that city, sometime President of the Canadian Philatelic Association, has been charged with the theft and arrested.

TO THE EDITOR, *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.*

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow us through the medium of your columns to warn philatelists against some extremely dangerous forgeries of the early stamp of Spain, which have just come under our notice.

The execution is almost faultless, and it is only by the closest comparison with genuine specimens that it is possible to detect the minute deviations in the forgeries.

The stamps are the 2, 6 and 10 reales of 1851, and the 2 and 6 reales of 1853, and they are being offered in the country by a man, named V. Gomez Novella, of Valencia. The 2 reales of 1853 is the cleverest imitation of a genuine stamp which we have ever seen.—Yours faithfully,

May 23rd, 1895.

CHEVELEY & CO.

The *Advertiser* will not be published on June 5th, friends kindly take notice. Auctioneers have given up the hammer for the summer, dealers write us that they are going to take it easy for a time, and collectors want to spend all their spare time out-of-doors while the sun shines; consequently we see no just cause or impediment why we shall not take a holiday—besides, an insuperable obstacle stands in the way of publication—our Office Boy informed us in his usual coldly authoritative manner that he takes his annual Sunday School excursion on that day. This settled all chance of publication, and hence our determination as stated above.

R.W.M.—Stamps marked as requested. Shall be glad to give opinions on any you may send. STAMPS (Manchester).—(1) We can only tell you that the address given in the advertisements is the Post Office at the place mentioned, where the letters of this firm are called for; (2) Yes, it is the same under a new name. W.P.—Ewen's Catalogue, price 6d., or Morley's, price 1/—, both from this office, or the English Catalogue, published by Messrs. H. Hilckes & Co., 4/6, which also is very full. A. RHODES.—The rouletted French are unofficial, as are those with the large perforation. Strange to say, all catalogues give the "La Susso" perforation, but few list the roulettes.

[Stamps sent for opinion or information must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. If more than 12 are sent, a fee of 6d. must accompany the stamps, which covers the examination of 30, and 6d. for each additional 30.]

THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.

BY NON-LEX.

THIS flourishing Society is a fine ensample of the national characteristics of present day Young America—namely, pluck and push. It is not many months since a forlorn few, smarting under the sting of real or fancied affront, seceded from the then representative philatelic society of Young America—yelept the Sons of Philatelia, and, led by Mr. C. W. Kissinger, of Reading, Penn., boldly set up a standard of their own and invited the young blood of philatelic America to follow where they led.

This bold action met with well-deserved success, and to-day the Philatelic Sons of America, for that is the chosen title of the recalcitrants, numbers over fifteen hundred adherents, and claims to be the largest philatelic corporation in the world. The sole aim and object of the society is to attract young philatelists by ruling everything connected with it on popular lines—the selection of officers is by popular election—the rates of subscription are at popular prices, and the benefits offered are more than considerable. We cannot do better give a few particulars gathered from the official invitation to become a member.

1. *Expenses attendant upon Membership.* All applicants are required to pay the sum of ten cents as initiation fee. The annual dues of the society are twenty-five cents, or 1/6 for 1st year. This is all the expense to which members are subjected, and can be sent with application to save time. The cost after 1st year is only one shilling.

2. *Data, References, etc., required from Applicants.* In order to insure a class of membership that is A No. 1, all applicants are required to give two references. One reference must be a member of the society; and if the other reference is not a member of the society, he shall be a responsible citizen of the applicant's place of residence.

Your name being in the list of members comes before dealers and publishers, and you receive a large number of free copies of stamp papers and price lists, and this may get up a fine correspondence.

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM MEMBERSHIP.

1.—All members receive, every month, free of charge, a copy of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist*, in which magazine the reports of the Society are published. The regular subscription price of *The Pennsy* is 55 cents, so this benefit alone more than equals the cost of membership, and is the finest organ of any to-day in the U.S.

2.—The members meet in Convention each year at a given time and place, and anyone, who has attended a Convention of any Philatelic Society, knows that it

is something to look forward to. You learn more about stamps in a day at a Convention than you can in a month by yourself.

3.—Members have the use of a fine Exchange Department. Through this department, you can buy and sell stamps. You send your stamps on sheets to the Exchange Superintendent, who forwards them to a number of members, who invariably buy generously. In turn, you receive the sheets of other members, to buy stamps from.

4.—The Auction Department is one through which you can buy or sell anything of a philatelic nature by auction. Sales are held monthly.

5.—The Purchasing Department enables members to secure new issues at a figure slightly above their face value.

6.—The Advertisement and Subscription Department enables members to place their advertisements in, or subscriptions to almost all Philatelic papers, at five per cent below published rates.

7.—An experienced Attorney is in office to collect all bad debts of the members.

8.—We have an expert counterfeit detector, who will examine your stamps as to their genuineness, in case you are in doubt.

9.—The Society possesses a fine Library, and any member who wishes to refer to any Philatelic periodical he does not possess, can do so by writing to the Librarian, who will forward it if it is in the Library.

10.—Auction Agents in New York and Chicago are ready and willing to purchase stamps for members at any and all auction sales held in either of these cities.

11.—A Board of Information will answer all inquiries pertaining to the Society, to stamp collecting in general, or kindred subjects.

12.—Members have the use of the Official Journal, in which to express their views on current topics.

13.—Number the most lady members of all societies put together.

There are many more benefits, but space forbids our mentioning them. Any one of the above benefits is fully worth the cost of membership. It is our earnest desire to enroll you as a member. It will, without doubt, pay you.

It is the Largest, Best, and Cheapest Society in the world.

The fact that its membership in so short a time has assumed such huge proportions is a testimonial to the worth of the society, and certainly the advantages offered deserve this great support.

My good friend, Mr. L. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska, is the Exchange Superintendent, and he will be happy to give any information possible, or the same could be obtained from Mr. C. W. Kissinger, Box 368, Reading, Penn.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.*President*:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.*Vice-President*:—W. PIMM, Esq.*Committee*:—Mr. D. DAVIS; Mr. W. S. VAUGHTON;
Mr. C. A. STEPHENSON; Mr. W. G. WALTON.*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*:—Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road,
Birmingham.*May 16th.* Messrs. W. Vibert and W. Ward (Jersey), were unanimously elected members.

Offers of exchange were received from the Milan Society and were cordially accepted, but the final arrangements were deferred until the Autumn Session commences

Subscriptions were voted to the "American Journal of Philately," "Metropolitan Philatelist," "Philatelic Journal of America," "Post Office," and the "Australian Philatelist."

Messrs. Pimm and Johnson then exhibited their collections of British North America.

The January and February packets (£200 14s. 11½d. and £197 5s. 1d.) have been returned £58 3s. 4d. and £58 11s. 2d. had been purchased from them, in addition to the Canadian packet from which £15 13s. 7d. net cash had been taken. The last four packets have been £248 19s. 5d., £247 11s. 1½d., £221 9s. 6d. and £254 4s. 4½d. The summer seems to have enlarged rather than diminished them. Will all members endeavour to keep to these totals during the ensuing months.

At the meeting held on May 2nd, it was unanimously decided to publish on October 3rd, 1895, an Annual Report of the Society, containing lists of members, rules, balance sheet, résumé, programme, advertisements of members and the trade, etc.

As a preliminary it was decided to guarantee 1,000 copies.

We do not wish to make any profit out of the publication, so that whatever is paid for advertisements will be expended in printing extra copies.

From the support which has been spontaneously given, we expect to distribute 3,000 to 4,000 copies.

Rates for Advertisements, etc., may be obtained from the Secretary. Advertisements must be sent before August 31st.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Three good packets were made up and despatched on their rounds this month, and it is gratifying to note that the packets consisting exclusively of sheets valued at not less than £5 seems to be gaining in popularity; it is hoped that every member will endeavour to contribute

to this packet—at any rate, occasionally. Following the tread of public opinion, the most conspicuous feature of the May packets was the quantity of old Europeans, these being strongly represented, though obsolete Colonials were fairly numerous. A fresh supply of stationery has been received, and Club sheets will be furnished to members on application. As at present arranged, packets will be sent out throughout the summer months. H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.—The general annual meeting was held at the Arbitration Room, 63, Chancery Lane, London, on Thursday, May 16th. A small but representative assembly was present, with Mr. W. G. Hawkins in the chair. The business consisted principally of the election of officers and committee for the ensuing twelve months. Mr. E. Hawkins, J.P., who has so long and honourably occupied the position of President, sent in a letter tendering his resignation, which was accepted with regret, and Mr. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., was elected in his room. Messrs. H. R. Oldfield, E. Hawkins, J.P., and Vernon Roberts were chosen Vice-Presidents, the Committee being elected as follows:—Messrs. W. D. Beekton, A. G. Gardner, W. G. Hawkins, C. T. Reed, A. Stich, B. W. Neave, W. Hadlow, W. Silk, F. A. S. Coelho, W. B. Kirkpatrick, F. F. Empson, and Rev. W. Bell. The two secretaries, Messrs. T. H. Hinton and S. C. Skipton, who are heartily to be congratulated upon their work during the last twelve months, were unanimously re-elected.**THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.**—The packets will run as usual all through the summer months, unlike some societies that miss two or three months during the holiday season. A proposal has come in from one member for the formation of a circuit for Philatelic papers. This will be put to vote, and started, if sufficient names are sent in. The plan is to subscribe a few of the best English and American papers and circulate them monthly in a packet separate from the stamp packets. About 15 members would be the maximum, and about 1/6 per annum from each would cover expenses. Non-members will be allowed to join. The postcard packet is doing well. There were seven members on last list, and these took cards to value £3 0s. 6d. H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.**THE FISCAL AND POSTAL EXCHANGE CLUB.**—This Club has been divided into two sections, respectively designated "The Fiscal Section" and "The Postal Section." The Secretary, Mr. A. P. Pearce, found that the combined packet was getting too big to be managed in the limited time at his disposal, so he has handed over to my care the "Postal Section," and retains the "Fiscal Section" himself. Members will still have the privilege of exchanging fiscals for

postals, or, *vice versa*, as the two sections will be worked in conjunction. There will be at least for the present little alteration in the rules except that in the "Postal Section" the entrance fee is abolished, and, also, no commission will be charged and no subscription. The division of the club leaves the "Postal Section" with only about 25 members, excluding Foreign members, who do not see the packets. The greatest possible care has been taken in admitting members. The result of this has been that quarterly accounts have been paid promptly. We now propose to admit about ten more members, and I shall be pleased to receive applications, but only those with first-class references will be entertained. H. Clark, Secretary of the "Postal Section," Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.—Will readers of this please remember that we keep a list of Frauds, and undertake to try to collect accounts, &c., &c., for all members of the S. of P., both in England and America. In America we have an attorney specially for this department. Cost of membership is only 1/0½ per annum, and surely even if the above will be the only benefit derived, it would be worth the small cost. For particulars and forms, write (enclosing stamp) H. Clark, Resident Vice-President for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE "DESIDERATUM" ALBUM.

THE new album is, we think, the best yet offered to the public, and is the result of long study and numerous experiments by an experienced philatelist in the endeavour to obtain an album that will combine all the essentials of a well-bound book, together with the advantages of detachable leaves. The designer has used it himself for over two years, and has brought it as near perfection as possible. The leaves, which are most carefully linen-jointed, are made of the finest quality paper, and each leaf has a neat border line and a tablet for the name of the country. The space inside the border is filled with an extremely faint quadrillé network of lines, and to enable perfect symmetry a system of indicators in the shape of minute dots sub-divide the pages into sixteen divisions. This is a great boon, as it is very trying to the eyesight when one has to count these extremely faint lines. The back of the binding is solid, and the leaves fit, top and bottom, into a kind of case where a novel V shaped attachment holds them in place or releases them, with one motion, and minimises, to the very utmost, the rubbing of one leaf upon another, and yet allows the book to lie out perfectly flat when opened. The workmanship is, in every particular, tip-top and beautifully finished. Full particulars and

prices may be obtained from Mr. R. White Stevens, 15, The Parade, Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Plymouth Philatelic Society brought the series of exhibitions, which have been held during the past session, to a successful close on Wednesday evening, when a fine display of the postage stamps of Great Britain was on view. With the exception of a few varieties which, although printed, have never been in active circulation, the exhibition included representatives of every die and each plate from which the adhesive postage stamps of this country have been produced during the past 55 years, in the great majority of cases in an unused state these stamps being also shown after they had passed through the post and become obliterated. When it is stated that the latest catalogue of these stamps fills a closely printed book of 64 pages it will be seen that the ground to be covered was extensive, and that it is impossible to enumerate the whole of the exhibits. The following summary, however, of the chief items in each collection will, no doubt, be of interest to Philatelists:—

Mr. A. R. Barrett (president). All unused, several specimens of the 1840 black, 1d., and blocks of various shades of the imperforate 1d. red. The 1d. perforated 14 small crown, die I.; two pairs and strip of three of the same stamp, die II.; perforated 16, die II. (3), one being on paper showing no signs of the blue discoloration. The twopence, perforated 14 small crown: ditto, large crown, pair and strip of three. The small halfpenny and twopenny plate numbers in blocks: 1½d. rose lilac, with and without "Specimen." The values from 2½d. to 1s. nearly complete. The octagonal 6d., 1s., and 10d., pair. A complete unsevered sheet of the 1d. red, plate 177

Mr. R. T. Stevens (vice-president). This display was mounted on the movable leaves of the exhibitor's newly-patented "Desideratum" album, and comprised used specimens of the surface printed stamp produced by Messrs. De la Rue, in an immense variety of shade, watermark, &c. Among the varieties were the 4d. large garter on apparently bleuté paper, and the same stamp both on very thick and on glazed paper, printed in the colour usually found in the medium garter; also a fine used copy of the scarce 2s. brown.

Mr. H. W. Mayne. Used Mulready envelope, bearing early-dated postmark; unused block of six imperforate twopence, and forty halfpenny, plate 8; registered envelopes and postcards and the 1d. brown perforated 15, large crown.

Mr. J. Milton. A good general collection, containing no rarities, but all fine picked specimens

Mr. M. Z. Kuttner (London) sent thirteen large frames, containing a mass of valuable stamps, prominent among which was a fine block of four 1d. reds, printed on the Dickinson paper (silk thread); Archer rouletted 1d., used; pair unused 6d., octagonal; used 2s. brown (fine); entire pane 1s., plate 4, several fine used specimens of the 10d., octagonal: a reconstructed sheet of the 1d. rose, perforated 14, large crown: Beaufort House essays: 150 varieties of foreign and colonial cancellations on British stamps; Guildhall postcard and invitation to Guildhall conversation; House of Commons envelope; Kensington ditto, with Harry Furnis's caricature; Mulready envelopes and covers, ante-postage stamp cancellations, &c., &c., also a large quantity of unused adhesives, the same marked "specimen" and several imperforate varieties, including 4d. drab, plate 15.

Mr. F. A. Pearse contributed five sheets of British fiscals and revenues, containing representative embossed and surface printed stamps, some of which are of exceeding rarity. They were divided as follows:—England, English municipalities, Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man.

Mr. A. Levy (hon. secretary), who exhibited a portion only of his well-known collection of British stamps, made a large show. The principal items were an unsevered block of 48 imperforated 2d., plate 4, the top four lines of sheet with margin and inscription; large blocks and single copies of the 1d., with the various perforations and watermarks, in numerous shades of brick red to crimson; a fine specimen of the large crown, perforated 16, rose, all unused; the same being also shewn complete with all the two-penny stamps on the original letters, including a pair of the early Archer perforated stamps on envelope, postmarked October 24th, 1850, although the Archer perforating machine was not adopted officially until 1854. The penny and halfpenny red plate numbers complete, nearly the whole being in blocks of six or nine. The twopenny plate numbers complete, unused, with shades. With few exceptions, the whole of the values up to 1s., with their plate numbers complete, unused. Fine used copies of the 10s. and £1 Maltese cross and anchor, white and blueté paper. Mulready 1d. and 2d. envelopes and covers, used and unused, also caricatures of same. Used and unused I.R. Officials, Government parcels, telegraphs, unused letter sheets, and silk thread envelopes, various dies, Post-office Jubilee Christmas card, reconstructed sheets of the 1d. black and 1d. red imperforate.

The exhibition, which was largely attended by visitors and members, did not close until a late hour. On Wednesday next the annual meeting of the members will be held for the purpose of electing officers

for the new session, which commences in October, but the exchange branch continues in operation during the recess, and all communications should be made, as usual, to Mr. H. Tucker, jun., the Exchange Secretary.

NOTICES.

Mr. Haberstraw, of Cardiff, has published a useful little book, *The Stamp Collectors' Manual for 1895*. The book contains several most interesting items and hints of considerable value, while there is useful information which would be new to ninety-nine out of a hundred advanced collectors. Portraits of Messrs. M. P. Castle, Lindenberg and McKeel are given, and the book altogether, although not claiming perfection, is well worth the modest sixpence asked for it, and for which it can be supplied from this office, post free.

Mr. S. C. Skipton, (the energetic assistant secretary of the I.P.U.), has compiled, and Mr. W. Brown, of Salisbury, is publishing a new album called "The British Empire Stamp Album." We have seen only the title-page, but from that, and our knowledge of the thorough manner in which both Mr. Brown and Mr. Skipton go to work, we imagine it will be the very thing for collectors of British Colonial stamps. We may see the book ere long, and will then give further particulars.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

- a. First-class copy, perfect. b. Good specimen, no defect.
c. Torn, or with other defect.

MESSRS. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER. May 7th and 8th, 1895.

	£	s.	d.
a Canada, 6½d. green, unused ..	..	5	10
a Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf. ..	..	16	0
b .. 8d. brown, imperf.. no margins ..	..	13	0
b .. 9d. violet-brown, imperf. ..	..	2	4
c Great Britain, 6d. oct., block of 4, unused	4	10	0
b Newfoundland, 6½d., carmine-vermilion ..	14	0	0

Mr. W. Hadlow, May 11th, 1895.

c Buenos Ayres, ship, 5p., unused	..	4	0	0
c S. Australia, 10d. orange, comp., perf., "P.S."		2	2	0
c Victoria, 6d., orange, serrated and rouletted, unused	.. ..	2	12	6

Mr. W. Hadlow, May 17th.

a Antigua, 2½d. red-brown, C.C.	..	1	0	0
b Bahamas, 1d., imperf., unused	..	1	10	0
a British Columbia, 25c. orange, perf. 12½, unused..	.. ..	1	10	0
a British Guiana (1860), 1c. red-brown, un.		2	2	0
b British Honduras, 2c. on 6d., perf. 12½, un.		1	12	0
c " " 3c. on 3d., perf. 12½	..	4	0	0
a " " 6d. orange, unused	..	2	0	0
a " " 1/- grey, unused	..	2	0	0
a Canada, ½d., imperf., unused	..	1	1	0
b " 7½d. green, cut close..	..	1	8	0
b " 10d. blue, unused	..	1	18	0
a Hanover, 1½ s.-gr., unused	..	6	0	0
a " 10gr. green, unused..	..	3	10	0
a Spain, 1850, 10r. green	..	2	10	0
a " 1853, 2r., red	..	6	0	0
b Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf.	..	7	12	0
a " 8d. brown, imperf.	..	21	0	0
a " 8d. deep brown, star, perf.	..	3	7	6
a Natal, 1/- green, Postage with capital P..		3	5	0
c Nevis, 6d. grey-lilac, perf. 13	..	1	4	0
b " " " " unused	..	2	4	0
a Newfoundland, 6d. orange, unused	..	5	0	0
b " 6½d. carmine, unused	..	9	10	0
b Oldenburg, second issue, ½gr., unused	..	6	10	0
a " third issue, ½gr. moss green, unused	.. ..	4	4	0
a Prince Edward Island, 3d. rose, perf. 9, un.		2	2	0
a West Australia, 6d., 1st issue, unused	..	10	0	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co., May 22nd, 1895.

a Barbados, 5/- lake, not well centred	..	1	12	0
a Bolivia, 50c. dark blue, penmark	..	1	14	0
a British Guiana (1851), 1c. magenta	..	4	0	0
b British Honduras, 6d. yellow, with blot	..	1	14	0
b Gold Coast, 20/- green and carmine, unused		3	12	0

a Great Britain, £1 crown, strip of 3, unused		9	0	
a " 8d. brown, unused	..	3	17	6
c " 1/- green. circle round "K"		1	2	0
b Labuan, 12c. carmine, CC.	..	1	3	0
a Mauritius, 6d. green, no wmk., imperf., pair, unused	.. ..	1	0	0
a Montserrat, 4d. blue, CC., 3 copies	..	1	0	0
b West Australia, 1st issue 2d.	..	2	12	0
b " " 6d.	..	2	18	0
b Tasmania, 2d. serrated perf.	..	5	10	0
a Nevis, 6d. litho	..	7	15	0
a " 6d., perf. 13, unused	..	2	6	0
a " 1/- " " "	..	2	0	0
c " 6d. litho, bad crack, unused	..	2	6	0
b & c " 6d., perf. 13, used pair..	..	2	2	0
a " 1/- green, engraved, perf. 15, 2 copies averaged	..	1	11	0
a " 1/- mauve, unused	..	2	0	0
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a Newfoundland, 4d. orange-vermilion	..	1	14	0
c New South Wales, 8d. yellow on original..		2	15	0
a Nova Scotia, 1/- purple	..	10	10	0
a St. Lucia, 1/- black and orange, unused	..	3	7	6

Messrs. Venton, Bull & Cooper, May 23rd, 1895.

a Great Britain, 6d., oct., block of 4, unused		29	0	0
a " 6d., oct., pair, unused	..	14	0	0
a " 2/- brown, pair, unused	..	11	0	0
a Ionian Isles, 2d. carmine, pair, used	..	3	3	0
a Oldenburg, ½ gr. black on green, unused..		8	0	0
a Portugal, 1st issue, 100 reis	..	2	4	0
a Spain, 1851, 2r. red, unused	..	30	0	
a Mauritius, 1858, large fillet, 2d. blue	..	11	11	0
b West Australia, 1st issue, 2d., unused	..	2	17	6
b Victoria, 10d. slate, unused	..	1	2	0

Mr. W. Hadlow, May 27th, 1895.

a Gt. Britain, 1d. black, reconstructed plate		2	10	0
b " Mulready, 2d. proof	..	1	0	0
b Afghanistan, 1293, 1 sunar, black, tablet..		4	10	0
b Newfoundland, 6d. orange-vermilion	..	0	12	0
a Nevis, 6d. red-brown, C.A., unused	..	0	11	0
b U.S.A., 90c., 1869	..	1	12	0
b Virgin Isles, 1st issue, 4d.	..	0	16	0
b Queensland, 6d. green, imperf., 1st issue..		0	10	0

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SUMMER is with us and the general tendency is to leave philatelic pursuits for the more seasonable, and, as a change, more pleasant pastimes of country, river and coast. The true collector does not lose his philatelic instinct, however, at any time, and should opportunity arise, no matter under what circumstances, his enthusiasm is quickly aroused in favour of "the first love of his heart." At the same time a change is pleasant and, what is more, absolutely necessary if we are to return to our ordinary pursuit with renewed energy and activity, and therefore we wish all our readers a pleasant holiday, good company, and fine weather.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—We take the following from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* :—

We have received from Mr. Maunder a set of stamps, etc., that are to be used in this colony. The design consists of the arms and supporters (two negroes) and motto below in centre, and printed in black. Above are two scrolls, the upper one solid, inscribed "Postage & Revenue," the other white and inscribed "British Central Africa." The lower values have the value in small squares in bottom corners, while the higher values (2/6 and over) are larger and have the value in words at bottom.

The registered Envelopes are of the old shape, with flap at right side, and have the "R" in an oval at left with inscription "British Central Africa Protectorate" at top above the usual instructions. The stamp is oval and with the arms in centre and above the name, as on the front with "Registration Four Pence" in a scroll below.

The Postcards have the Royal Arms at top with "Post"—"Card" to right or left, with the name in a scroll in two lines. The two lower values have the word "Internal" below the name, and the higher value "External." There is on the outside of the card a frame consisting of a continuous black line, then a blank line, and the extreme edge is yellow.

The stamps appear to be lithographed, are unwatermarked and perforated 14.

1d. black.	3/- black and yellow.
2d. " and green.	5/- " " olive.
4d. " " orange.	£1 " " orange.
6d. " " blue.	£10 " " vermilion.
1/- " " rose.	£25 " " blue-green.
2 6 " " violet.	

Reg. Enr. 4d. blue, sizes F and H₂.

Postcards 4d. black and yellow, stamp black and yellow, size 121 × 87mm

1d. black and yellow, stamp black, size 121 × 87mm.
2d. " " " " " " 136 × 85mm.

COSTA RICA.—The *American Journal of Philately* has seen the 2 centavos of the 1883 issue, and the 10c. of the 1887 issue, surcharged horizontally in tall, thin letters, GUANACASTE.

2c. carmine, black surcharge.

10c. orange " "

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. Hollick has shewn us a new provisional 10c. stamp surcharged on the 50c. in three horizontal lines, 10c. 1895. Watermark crown.

10c. on 50c. mauve, black surcharge.

GRENADA.—Mr. E. Slinger informs us that the new stamps representing rates of 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d. and 1/- will be issued during the present month (July).

ICELAND.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* announces a 50aur official stamp.

Official Stamp. Perforated 14 Watermark crown.
50a. violet.

LUXEMBURG.—The new issue with the head of the Grand Duke to the right consists of five values, also the same surcharged S.P. Perf. 12½.

1c. light lilac.	5c. green.
2c. brown.	10c. rose.
4c. greenish yellow.	

Official Stamps. Surcharged S.P. in black.

1c. light lilac.	5c. green.
2c. brown.	10c. rose.
4c. greenish yellow.	

PORTO RICO.—*L'Avenir des Timbres Poste* states that the 3c. has been issued in blue-green.

3c. blue-green.

SPAIN.—*Le Timbre Poste* announces the 15c. current type printed in yellow for the use of the members of the Chamber of Deputies.

Official. Adhesive.

1895. 15c. yellow.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—The arms on the 1p., 3d. and 1sh. of the late issue have been altered so that the wagon has a tongue instead of shafts.

1895. 1p. carmine (wagon with tongue).
3d. violet " " "
1sh. green " " "

TURKS ISLANDS.—The four pence grey has been superseded by one of the De la Rue type in two colours.

4d. purple and blue.

UNITED STATES.—The die of the present two cent stamps has been retouched, and stamps are now appearing from plates in which the lines of the groundwork do not pass through the frame of the triangle, which was added by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the die made by the American Bank Note Co. The change will be found in stamps of the series only as new plates are required, hence the variety may never be found in the high values, the plates of which last for years. An intermediate variety also is found in which the lines of the triangle and frame are finer than those of the stamp at first printed.

Watermarked paper containing the letters U.S.P.S. has also been adopted by the U.S. Government. The letters are large but the arrangement is such that there is a trifle more than one letter to each stamp. A change in the watermark is contemplated by the Government. So far the one and two cent and ten cent stamps only have been seen on this paper, but others will follow immediately.

The *American Journal of Philately* announces the discovery of the 90c., 1872, on vertically ribbed paper, and the 3c., 1856, on laid paper. The same paper mentions the current 1c. wrapper printed in dark blue, and states that the 5c. adhesive of the present issue has been re-engraved by the addition of a thin frame around the oval containing the portrait of General Grant. It also chronicles a new local.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the high values of the newspaper stamps have been issued, and chronicles the 6c. of 1870, grilled all over, stating also that the 1c., 3c. and 15c. exist in this condition.

Laid Paper.

1856. 3c. red, horizontally.

Grilled all over.

1870. 6c. carmine.

Retouched Die.

1873. 2c. brown, engraver's mark.

Ribbed Paper.

1875. 90c. carmine.

Retouched Die.

1895. 2c. rose, fine lines through triangle.
2c. rose, no lines through frame of triangle.
5c. brown, frame around oval.

Watermarked Letters.

1895. 1c. blue.
2c. rose, original type.
2c. " second "
2c. " third "
10c. green.

Newspaper Stamps.

1895. 50c. pink.	\$20 slate.
\$2 orange.	\$50 carmine.
\$5 blue.	\$100 purple.
\$10 green.	

POSTCARDS, &c.

BAVARIA.—The 3 pfennig wrapper is now yellow.
Wrapper. 3pf. brown on yellow.

CANADA.—Mr. W. J. Grant has sent us a new two cent envelope, issued June 14th, intended for city delivery letters.

Envelope. 2c. green.

HONG KONG.—The four cent postal card is now on buff. Out May 1st.

Postal Card.

4c. slate on light buff.

SERVIA.—A postal card is issued of similar type to the adhesives now in use.

Postal Card.

5 para blue, buff.

SWITZERLAND.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* states that the ten centime envelope has been discovered with a new watermark, a large 10.

10c. rose, white.

TURKS ISLANDS.—An envelope for international postage has been issued, size 140×80mm.

Envelope. 2½d. ultramarine.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

STANLEY GIBBONS' *Monthly Journal* for June has the following paragraph:—

David Benjamin and Chinese Locals—Our esteemed agent in Shanghai, Mr. David Benjamin, draws our attention to the fact that a number of philatelic papers have, to some extent, held him up to scorn as the originator of many of the local stamps that are considered as so much rubbish now-a-days. In justice to Mr. Benjamin, we should like to point out that he has had nothing whatever to do with the issue of any of these stamps; being in a central position, he has simply acted as buyer for ourselves and other large dealers, and received a broker's commission on his outlays. In fact, for many months past Mr. Benjamin advised us and others to have nothing to do with many of the locals, and he states that he considers that the dealers and collectors, by making a large demand for them, have been chiefly responsible for the numerous issues in the East. In several cases where Mr. Benjamin had a standing order for us for a certain quantity of all new issues, he would not supply the stamps that he considered of a doubtful character, and we do not think he can be

blamed in the slightest for acting as a broker for the purchasers of these stamps. He informs us that he has had to pay full face value for whatever stamps he buys, and that he does not receive a discount of any kind.

It would appear from the above that Mr. David Benjamin was only acting for others, but it is more than probable that the extent of his purchases encouraged the production. We have never had cause to understand that Mr. Benjamin was anything but perfectly straightforward in all his doings, but there is an old proverb which says, "You can't touch pitch without being defiled."—Of all the recent unnecessary rubbish, these are the worst, they have absolutely no leg to stand on, and Shanghai itself requires all the evidence that can be brought forward in its favour to prove that it is any better. It follows, therefore, that all having any connection with these labels have only themselves to blame if they come under suspicion. One of our contemporaries has thrashed out the question of the Nyassaland issues to almost a redundant extent, we expect these treaty port swindles will be the next culprits to be brought under castigation, for they are certainly more calculated to deceive than ever the Nyassaland were and have even less *raison d'être*.

For the guidance of our readers we submit a list of stamps, from which it would be wise to hold aloof.

BOGUS STAMPS—

Brunei.

Chinese Treaty Ports, except Shanghai.

Clapperton Island.

Fez Sefro.

Nyassaland.

Zululand 4d. on Natal.

UNNECESSARILY ISSUED STAMPS.—

Santo Antonio, Portuguese.

Shanghai.

Bussahir.

DOUBTFUL STATUS.—

New British Central Africa.

Borneo and Labuan, \$1.

Madagascar, British Inland Mail.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

ONCE more into the breach dear friends. Ah, these be turbulent times, my masters. As cousin Jonathan says "One has to keep moving round."—No use trying to get a holiday nowadays. Notwithstanding the semi-tropical weather (varied, according to the wont of our English climate, by a few rain-storms and young blizzards thrown in at intervals),—Duty—stern, remorseless duty, drags the scribe back to his task, even when he yearns—yea, even with a great yearn, for the restful lounge and the

skulk that besemeth him who looketh upon labour as a natural enemy. Ah, ah! but a time will come.

There is one of several spots in England, Goblin Coombe, near Cheddar, where the postman never goes. The point nearest to it touched by the postal service is two miles away, and the villagers are obliged to call for their correspondence, as it is estimated that each letter would cost one shilling in portorage if delivered in the usual way.

Few things are impossible to the Post Office. A letter recently posted at St. Martin's-le-Grand was intended for a house-agent in a small Midland town. The sender had forgotten both the name of his correspondent, and the street, and his residence; but having an excellent topographical memory, he supplemented his scanty information by drawing a map in the corner of the envelope and putting a "star" where the letter was to be delivered. As posted, the envelope bore only the name of the town and this sketch. It was, nevertheless, delivered at its correct destination without missing a post.

Philatelists may now anticipate with mingled feelings the issue of stamps for the federated Australian Colonies and the federated South African States.

The following, extracted from Mr. Carl Ludwig's article in *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* is very pertinent:—From 1856, but more largely from 1867 to 1894, the following English Colonies—Bermuda, Gambia, Gibraltar, Heligoland, Labuan, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Helena, Seychelles, Falkland Isles, Tobago, Turk's Island and Virgin Islands,—all belonging, according to Mr. Castle, to the countries of legitimate issues, and with a total of 130,000 inhabitants, issued nearly 500 distinctly different stamps, envelopes and cards.

The different issues of Bolivia, a South-American country, and as such, according to Mr. Castle, belonging to the countries of illegitimate issues, during the same time, were only seventy-four, although Bolivia has 2,300,000, or nearly eighteen times as many inhabitants as the British Colonies specified. "It will thus be seen, etc."—as Mr. Castle would say,—but in this case just the reverse would be true. South Americans would be illegitimate, and English Colonials would be the offenders. Mr. Ludwig's contention is quite true and fair. As we have pointed out before, the most barefaced and vilest swindles in connection with surcharged stamps, have occurred principally in British Colonies, and mostly in the West Indies.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, write us as follows under date July 10th:—

"The authenticity of the Abyssinian stamps is now beyond question. To-day we have received a letter (not registered) from Entotto in Abyssinia, posted on

May 5th, and prepaid with three Abyssinian stamps and one of Djibouti. It is addressed to us in Amharic and in French, and it took over six weeks on the journey from Entotto to Djibouti by camel post. We should be pleased to send the envelope for your inspection if you wish."

Amharic is the language of Amhara, the principal state or district of the kingdom of Abyssinia, and is the language generally spoken all over Abyssinia, although there are dialects differing in the other states (Tigre, Shoa, etc.), to all intents and purposes Amharic is the Abyssinian language. It is exactly the same as saying that English is the language of Great Britain, or German that of Austria, although there are other languages spoken in both countries. It would be incorrect to speak of the Abyssinian language, as it would be to say the "British," the "Austrian," or the "United States" language.

We have seen the envelope in question, and find it is duly stamped as stated. The Abyssinian stamps are obliterated with the Entotto post-mark, and with the Djibouti date stamp 20 Juin 95. The letter was posted on June 5th, and the other postmarks upon the envelope are Obock—21 Juin, 95, Paris (date indistinct) and Ipswich, Jy 10. 95.

Persons were first regularly employed by Government for the conveyance of letters in the reign of Henry I. Edward III. established fixed stations where the letter carriers changed horses, and the first "master of the posts" was appointed by Henry VIII. Under Charles I. the Royal posts were opened to the public. In 1784 the mails were first carried by coach.

A little bird whispers that Brunei and Bussahir will figure among the proscriptions in the next S.S.S. circular. It appears that the Brunei stamps are made by an individual at Talman, to whom the Sultan made over the postal rights—for a "consideration." We condemned these things months ago in Unnecessary Issues.

In France, where marriages are often arranged purely as matters of business, it has long been customary for the possessor of one estate to secure another by "marrying it;" but it is probable that not until lately has it ever occurred to anyone to marry a postage stamp. This, however, seems at last to have occurred to someone, for a French journal recently published the following advertisement:—"Matrimony.—A collector of postage stamps, possessing 12,544 specimens, desires to contract a marriage with a young lady, also a collector, who has the blue Mauritius penny stamp of 1847. No others need apply." The stamp in question is worth nearly £300, and is much sought after by stamp collectors."

A few weeks ago someone sent us the threepenny current issue in the rare orange colour. We had noticed paragraphs in various leading papers about it, pointing out its various and manifold excellences, and when we saw those sent to us we *did* smile. Who would not smile to recognise an old friend after years of severance. Captain Northey sent us our first specimens which we alluded to in our *December, 1891*, issue, in the following terms: "GREAT BRITAIN.—Capt. Northey sends us the threepence printed in a darker shade on paper of a much deeper yellow, almost an orange shade." After all these years our old friend has been discovered again. Well, well! Is this "another addition to our previous knowledge on the subject?"

W.K.—Rouletted. *Miss A. STONE.—Purely bogus. SAMUEL BYE—A gentleman still living in this town used a wheel to separate the penny imperf. stamps. It is absurd to put a big price on such, even when used, you can still get the blocks and a rouletting wheel is only a matter of pence. SEEBECK.—Your doubts are very reasonable. The stamps can hardly be described as unnecessary, although clearly made with a view to profit other than by their *bona-fide* use.

THE IDEAL ALBUM AND CATALOGUE.

BY WILMOT CORFIELD.

MUCH has been written on the subject of the Ideal Album and to Mr. Castle's forcible article on the "Rock Ahead and how to remove it" in the March number of the *London Philatelist*. The following additional suggestions are now offered.

The appointment in London, and in the first place by the London Society, of a permanent central representative committee to decide for the benefit of stamp collectors, those issues which are legitimate and collectable and those that are otherwise; to address all offending governments, &c., with a view to lessening the evil of unnecessary issues in future, and to watch for opportunities to draw attention in the public press and in other influential quarters to the unsatisfactory character of many legitimate issues of the British Empire in view to their replacement by more artistic productions.

The committee so appointed should work upon settled lines laid down at starting, announce its Programme to the world of collectors, adhere to its own principles, lead and not be driven. If all collectors could not follow it in every detail, all should respect it, and in any case it would serve as an accredited adviser, even if a fallible one, to which collectors all the world over could turn for direction and guidance.

The Committee on its appointment should publish the following:—

1st. A complete illustrated Catalogue for General Collectors.

This Catalogue should not be a trade catalogue, and should attempt no valuation of stamps, used or unused. It should record all postal issues of all countries to 31st December, 1895, and re-appear triennially. Types of all issues should be illustrated by the aid of photography.

The stamps should be catalogued in three classes.

(a) Legitimate issues in ordinary type.

(b) Seebeckian and other speculative issues in block type.

(c) Issues whose character is unknown at the time of publication in italic type.

The illustrations of speculative issues should be surcharged in the catalogue with a broad arrow, and the Committee should issue for sale at a nominal cost to all Societies and collectors applying a rubber stamp bearing a design of a broad arrow (with accompanying suitable distinctive ink) with which every collector could brand with the mark of his disapproval all offending specimens in his album.

No catalogue or album offers or will offer for the Bolivia newspaper impostors, for the Mellila frauds, for the Sedang, Nyassaland and Trinidad Principality rubbish; and all speculative issues brought into existence to victimise the unwary collector should be similarly ostracised.

2nd. An ideal Album for General Collectors.

This should be a combination of the plain album with movable leaves and an illustrated catalogue printed on one side only of a page of the same size as the plain leaf to which it would be placed opposite. The leaves of the catalogue would also be movable, with holes punched in them bearing a relativity to the holes in the plain leaves of the album through which the binders pass.

The stamp-bearing page should be like those of the Wilson or Stanley Gibbons Albums for advanced collectors, with a semi-visible network of *quadrille* dotted lines, designed to assist the correct insertion of specimens. The page with the catalogue should be arranged so as to face the stamps themselves (as in the large Lincoln Album) and should be fully illustrated, it should only record a sufficient number of stamps to permit of the provision of space on its opposite plain page for unchronicled varieties, shades, errors, &c., in addition to the stamps catalogued. The catalogue should consist of a page describing say fifty stamps. Each stamp of each country should bear a serial number. To prepare the illustrated page, original stamps (the more the better) should be fixed in varying positions on a blank card—the descriptive matter should be neatly written round them (as in the early Lallier Albums) and not type-set, and each

completed card then photographed and reproduced by process.

All stamps in the block and italic lists of the first catalogue (referred to above), should be rigidly excluded, and the catalogue leaves of the ideal album should also be published with revisions and additions triennially.

A post card album on similar lines would also be popular. A complete catalogued fiscal album is of course an unattainable desire and must ever remain so.

By these means collectors would have gained the following advantages.

(1) A Central Committee whose expressed judgment in things Philatelic would be of the greatest value.

(2) A standard catalogue showing clearly what to collect and what to avoid, with which might also be bound up a series of reliable philatelic maps, a glossary of philatelic terms, a history of philately as a pursuit, the usual historical and geographical notes on the stamp issuing countries, and illustrations of all water-marks.

(3) An album (or rather a series of albums) for General Collectors which would also meet the requirements of many specialists, illustrated, portable, interchangeable, permanent, and with a renewable catalogue of genuine postal emissions only illustrating in the best style *all types* of stamps issued. With the recognised advantages of the plain album with movable leaves plus the catalogued album—an album offering between each paged display of colour a black and white sheet, unconsciously affording a rest to the eye, and continual instruction and guidance to the owner or other peruser of the collection: an album absolutely permanent in which stamps once fixed could remain for generations of lives, and bear their proper relativity to the rest of the collection—the catalogue only requiring triennial replacement, while to add to all these advantages, space would always be available for new issues (of which a catalogue would in course of time appear), varieties, errors, essays, telegraphs, locals, fiscals, cut post cards, bisected stamps, entires, interesting forgeries, and even Seebeckian remainders and non-governmental reprints bearing their broad arrow brand of deserved degradation.

Such a catalogue and album would gradually become the standard compilation of the Philatelic world, all useful suggestions for their improvement should be readily considered by their publishers, their cost need not be prohibitive and their range of purchasers would speedily become universal.—From *The Philatelic World*.

SOCIETY NEWS.

SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS.—This Society is formed:—(a) To discountenance and prevent the dealing in and collecting of postage stamps or other postal matter created wholly or partly for speculative purposes, or unnecessary for legitimate postal uses or requirements. (b) To decide and declare what stamps or other postal matter shall be classed as speculative or unnecessary, as aforesaid. (c) To secure the exclusion from all catalogues, albums, journals, price lists, or other philatelic publications, of all such stamps or other postal matter, as aforesaid. (d) To take such measures as may lead to the prevention of the issue of all such stamps or other postal matter, as aforesaid. (e) To publish and cause to be published from time to time all decisions, proceedings, or other information, in such manner as may secure the widest publicity amongst all persons or Societies interested in stamp collecting throughout the world. (f) To take any measures that may be deemed expedient, desirable, or necessary for the further and better carrying out of the before-mentioned objects, or for any other purpose in the interest of the members of this Society. Secretary: Gordon Smith, 391, Strand, London, W.C.

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.—Mr. J. Edwards, of Montreal, has been appointed Philatelic Advertising and Subscription Agent for the above-named Society. Mr. Edwards should be well suited for the position. He has been our agent in Canada since Sept., 1892, and represents the best of the American philatelic press. Besides this he is already Librarian to the Montreal Stamp Collectors' Club, and should by this time know a little about the English and American philatelic press.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The July packets were very good. Over 100 sheets, valued at nearly £300, were sent out. A few more members could be accepted. Two good references are necessary and, by the rules, no subscription is charged until the end of the year, hence new members have several months free. Secretary: W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Birmingham.

NOTICES.

A NEW paper has appeared in the Columbian Republic. It is published at Barraquilla by Senor G. Gastelbondo, under the title of *Columbia Postal*.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Lim., announce that the new edition of the Priced Catalogue cannot be got

ready before August. We have received a considerable number of orders, and we shall send out as soon as we receive the books from the publishers. We shall no doubt be able to supply our customers more promptly than if ordered direct, unless their order was sent to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons some time ago.

The Railway Supplies Journal for July 3rd devotes a portion of its space to a reference to philately in general and to Mr. Morley and his English collection in particular. Our contemporary states that Mr. Morley's collection is the best extant, and no doubt it is right, for Mr. Morley has a wonderful array of every description of Tax stamps, independent of his postal varieties.

The latest aspirants for the favour of collectors are H. W. Hunt & Co., 27, Great Tower Street, London, E.C. Although a new firm they are rapidly gaining the confidence of collectors, and bid fair to have a good connection ere long. Our readers might do much worse than put themselves in communication with Messrs. Hunt & Co., who will be sure to give satisfaction if tried.

AH SID.

(THE ARTFUL CHINEE).

(With apologies to Mr. Louis Meyer).

Yellow Ah Sid,

A Celestial kid,

With ways that are pensive and vain,

And a freedom from guile,

Saw his way for a while,

To a means of enhancing his gain:

'Twas an excellent plan

This lemon-faced man

Evolved for enticing the *price*,

"Um, Cheena man fly!"

Cried he, winking his eye,

"Me makee stamp—sell um—big price!"

"Hankow, Chefoo, Chinkiang,

Chungking, Wuhu and Ichang!"

Sang clever Ah Sid,

That yellow-skinned kid,

And went for Philately—bang!

He made a smart lot

Of designs on the spot,

Of dragons a-wriggle, did he,

And threw in all he knew

Of pagodas askew,

Did this heathen artistic Chinee:

Small birds with long tails,

And junks with trim sails

He planned with alacrity bland,
And cried, "Me um mash!"
As he raked in the cash,
"Me richee, me grown welly grand!"

"Tientsin, Shanghai, Kewkiang,
Foo-choo, Lin Chih Kwa, Pa Kuang!"
Sang cunning Ah Sid,
As he drew them, he did,
And up into affluence sprang.

* * * * *

So knowing Ah Sid,
The Celestial kid,
Beams childlike and bland all the day,
For his pencil is quaint,
And he dabs on the paint,
In a taking Celestial way;
With tricks that are dark
He'll attach a post-mark
Or surcharge, without blushing a jot,
And he'll chuckle, "Ho, ho,
Me one, two, thing know
Um, Phlatlee, um pay me, um lot!"

"Wuhu, Hongkong, Candarin,
Wufu, Chow Chow, Mandarin!"
Sings busy Ah Sid,
That comical kid,
"All samee, me welly much grin!"

From *The Philatelic World*.

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MESSRS. PUTTICK & SIMPSON, May 29th,
1895.

	£	s.	d.
a Gt. Britain, £5 orange, telegraphically used	2	10	0
b Malta, ½d. buff, imperf., unused	...	2	10
b Mauritius, large fillet, 2d. blue	..	6	0
a New Brunswick, 3d. red, unused	..	3	3
a .. 6d. yellow, unused	..	20	0
a .. 1/- mauve, unused	..	36	0
a used	..	13	0

a Newfoundland, 2d. scarlet-vermilion ..	3	15	0
a " 6d. " ..	7	10	0
b " 1 - carmine-vermilion ..	16	0	0
c Nova Scotia, 1d. brown ..	1	1	0
c " 8½c. green ..	1	0	0
a St. Vincent, 1/- dark blue, unused ..	3	10	0
a " 1 - blue-black, unused ..	1	15	0
a Sierra Leona, 6d. violet, imperf., unused ..	8	0	0
a Tasmania, 1d. red, no wmk., unused ..	2	10	0
a Tuscany, 60 crazie, brick-red ..	8	0	0
b United States, New York P.O., 5c. black ..	1	12	0
a Wurtemberg, 70k. mauve, unused ..	2	17	0

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, June 11th and 12th.

b Afghanistan (1871), 6sh., mauve ..	5	10	0
c British Guiana (1862), 2c. crossed ovals, roulettes cut ..	3	12	6
b Cape of Good Hope, 4d. wood-block, thinned ..	1	18	0
b Ceylon, 8d. imperf. ..	11	10	0
c " 8d. star, perf., thinned ..	2	7	6
a Great Britain, £5 on bluish, " Specimen " ..	1	18	0
b India, 6 annas, long provisional, unused ..	1	6	0
b Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d., good colour, early state, small margins, un. ..	14	0	0
b " 2d. early state, large margins ..	6	5	0
b Nevis, 4d. rose on greyish ..	3	3	0
a New South Wales, Sydney, 1d., plate 1 ..	2	10	0
a & c " 1d., plate 1, pair on piece of orig. ..	2	12	0
a " 2d., plate 1 ..	3	0	0
a " 2d., plate 2 ..	2	17	6
a Trinidad, blue, litho ..	5	10	0
a United States, complete unused set (1875 reprint) ..	16	15	0
c Victoria, 6d. orange, perfs., cut one side ..	6	15	0
c " 6d. dark orange ..	5	0	0
a " 10d. slate, unused ..	4	4	0
a Western Australia, 6d. bronze ..	4	0	0

Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, June 13th and 14th.

b Barbados, 1d. on half of 5/- ..	7	5	0
a Bremen, 7gr. yellow, imperf. on entire ..	5	0	0
b British Columbia, 25c. yellow. perf. 12½, imperf. vertically ..	6	0	0
b Ceylon, 4d. rose, imp., no margins, unused ..	8	10	0
c " 8d. brown, imperf., poor margins ..	5	0	0
c " " good margins, but slightly torn ..	10	5	0
b & c Finland, Errors, 5p. black on buff, used, and 10p. brown on lilac, unused, but torn, Reserve £8 ..	30	0	0
2a1b Gt. Britain, 2d. blue, strip of 3, unused ..	11	0	0
a Mauritius, Greek border, 2d. blue pair, un. ..	13	0	0
a Nevis, 1/- light green, strip of 3, imperf., between unused ..	15	10	0
a New South Wales, Sydney, 1d., plate 1, un. ..	13	0	0
a " 6d. grey, imp., block of 4, un. ..	11	0	0

b New Zealand, 1d. brown, N.Z. wmk., pair ..	32	0	0
a St. Vincent, ½d. on half of 6d., dark green, pair, unused ..	13	0	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co., June 19th, 1895.

b British Honduras, 1d. blue, no wmk. imperf., unused ..	2	0	0
b Canada, ½d. rose, unused ..	1	6	0
c Cape of Good Hope, wood block, 4d. blue ..	1	10	0
a Ceylon, 9d. brown, perf., pair, unused ..	2	16	0
a Great Britain, 3d. rose, spray, plate 18, block of 7, unused ..	1	16	0
a " 4d. sage-gr., pl. 15, pane of 60, un. ..	13	10	0
a " 6d. slate, plate 15, block of 8, un. ..	1	16	0
a " 6d. grey, spray, plate 17, pair, un. ..	1	0	0
a " 1/- green, plate 12, block of 7, un. ..	2	12	0
c India, long service, 2a. lilac and green ..	2	0	0
b Labuan, 2c. green, C.A. sideways ..	2	10	0
a " 6c. orange, ditto ..	2	10	0
c " 12c. carmine, C.A. sideways ..	2	14	0
b Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d., early state, un. ..	17	10	0
b " small fillet, 2d., early state ..	2	2	0
c " another, later ..	1	10	0
a Moldavia, 54 paras, blue on green ..	15	15	0
b Nevis, 4d. orange, 2 copies, each ..	1	0	0
b " " " " unused ..	1	12	0

Mr. Hadlow, June 27th, 1895.

b Great Britain, 2/- red-brown ..	1	6	0
c " 2/- red-brown ..	0	15	0
a " 10d. oct., unused ..	2	12	6
a " £5 orange ..	2	10	0
a British South Africa, £1, unused ..	0	18	0
a " £2, " ..	1	15	0
a " £5, " ..	4	0	0
a " £10, " ..	7	0	0
a India large service on 6s. 8p., unused ..	4	5	0
c Montserrat, 4d. blue C.A., mended ..	2	8	9
a Queensland, 1879, 2d., burelé ..	0	10	0
a Victoria, 1st issue, 1d., unused ..	1	12	0

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THE Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps has issued its second circular, which will be found in another column. While on this subject we might say that our American cousins are highly indignant because someone has suggested that the Columbus issue was unnecessary. Why they should be so we know not, for the fact has been patent ever since they were first thought about, and the United States government set the seal upon this truth by running two sets of stamps at the same time, differing only in size and colour. What is more, the Columbus issue was not only unnecessary for postal purposes, but was a nuisance to the business population of the States in many ways. Our friends across the pond, however, need not get angry, the S.S.S.S. was not organised to deal with simply unnecessary issues, but with those made only for the purpose of getting money without performing postal service.

Some months ago we heard dark rumours about a Mr. Coelho trading as Coelho and Fernando, at 136, Fenchurch Street, E.C., and, upon failing to get a satisfactory answer to our letters, their advertisement was withdrawn from our columns. On the 24th of last month we received fresh complaints about this man and also about Harold Conne & Co., of 12, Grenville Street, W.C., and upon our writing them both letters were returned endorsed "Gone away." Our readers, therefore, must draw their own conclusions.

CHRONICLE.

ARGENTINA.—The 1/2c. is announced in a new shade by the *Timbre Poste*.
 1/2c. slate blue.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. writes us as follows:—"You are wrong in putting the new B.C.A. stamps under the "doubtful" list. The administration of the British Central African Protectorate (or British Nyassaland) has recently been taken over by the British Government, and the new stamps have been sent out by the Crown Agents for the Colonies."

PERAK.—The 2c. is in a new colour.
2c. orange.

PERU.—A celebration issue in honour of the triumph of the Revolution and the nomination of the new President, Dr. Nicolas de Pierola, is rumoured. Another value of the llama series is being used.
5c. (llama) lake.

TONGA.—The old 2d. stamp has been printed in blue and surcharged to fill a temporary want.
1d., 1½d., 2½d. and 7½d. in rose on 2d. blue.

UNITED STATES.—The following stamps are now being issued upon paper watermarked U.S.P.S.

1 cent.	since April 29th, 1895.
2 "	" May 2nd "
4 "	" June 5th "
5 "	" June 11th "
10 "	" June 7th "

All the values of the new postage due stamps are issued. Their values are 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 30c., and 50c.

POSTCARDS, &c.

CEYLON.—This island has issued a reply paid letter card. The inscriptions are similar to the ordinary letter card, but the one bears in addition the legend, THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED FOR THE ANSWER, and the inside one the word REPLY. This is the first instance of any government under British influence issuing this variety of postal stationery.
5c.+5c. black on blue.

CHILI.—The South American republic has followed the example of Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, Japan, &c., and has made an Officially Sealed label. None of these labels, however, are postage stamps in any sense of the word.

NEW ZEALAND.—The letter cards at present issued are as follows:—

1½d.	mauve on various shades of green, buff and yellow,	perf. 10.
1½d.	" pale bluish green, pink,	perf. 11.
1½d.	" greenish cream,	perf. 13.

QUEENSLAND.—A new letter card of the value 2d. is announced which will carry between all the Australasian States, including Fiji and New Zealand.
2d. blue on blue.

ROUMANIA.—The letter card stamp is altered to the new type.

15b. rose on buff.

VICTORIA.—The 1d. letter cards have been surcharged 2d. Towards the end of May this temporary expedient was obviated by the issue of a permanent letter card.

2d. blue on 1d. carmine on grey.

2d. (permanent) carmine on grey.

The wrapper has changed colour.

1d. blue on white.

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

[Commenced August, 1894, back numbers can still be supplied.]

We have received the following circular:—

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS.

Circular No. 2. 391, Strand, London, W.C.

The Society, in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of Philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

4. **BRITISH INLAND MAIL, MADAGASCAR.** Through the courtesy of Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., the Society is enabled to publish the following letter:

BRITISH CONSULATE,

TAMATAVE, 18th May, 1895.

Messrs. WHITFIELD KING & Co.,

IPSWICH, ENGLAND.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo, with cheque enclosed.

In reply, I beg to inform you that the "British Inland Mail" now running between Antananarivo and Vatomandry, a port on the south-east coast of this Island, is not an official postal service at all, but a private speculation undertaken by a syndicate of gentlemen residing at Antananarivo, who, in order to facilitate matters, have arranged this Mail Service, and issued the stamps to which your letter refers.

I may also inform you that the Malagasy Government has no postal service at all, and since the departure of the French from the capital, there has not been any communication to and from the coast, save by special couriers or the private Mail in question.

Under the circumstances, I have not ventured to make the purchase you required. I have, however, kept the cheque in case you should still want the stamps, but I must state that communication between

this and Vatomandry, or any part of Madagascar, is only by sea, and many days and even weeks sometimes elapse before a safe opportunity offers. By the time your reply reaches me I am afraid that the French will be very near Antananarivo, and the "British Inland Mail" will be a thing of the past.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) ANATOLE SAUZIER.

5. BRUNEL. Through the courtesy of Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, the Society is enabled to publish the following letter:

LABUAN, SINGAPORE,

30th March, 1895.

Messrs. WHITFIELD KING & Co.,

IPSWICH, ENGLAND.

DEAR SIR,

Your draft on Singapore for \$101.05 duly to hand, and the stamps shall be sent to you as soon as possible. I have just come back from Brunei, having gone to see the Sultan and Postmaster about your business principally. Let me explain that it was I who suggested to the Sultan that he should issue stamps, and I have arranged the whole thing. He and his Postmaster have no idea of the way to conduct any business. I assure you that the delay in sending the stamps to you is caused by the illness of the Postmaster's wife—at least, one of his wives. In the meantime the Post Office is shut. But I have your money, and I promise to send off the stamps, if it can be done by next mail. I think that in future, you should write to my brother, Mr. R. C. R. [address], and send the money after you have got the stamps. He will send them to you almost immediately, or at any rate he will have them sent to you. But, of course, if you wish to have them direct—that is to say, indirect from Brunei—it is all the same to me, except that there is at least delay in your getting the stamps, and delay in me getting a sale, and on that depends whether or not I lose or gain by the whole venture.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. C. R.

6. CLIPPERTON ISLAND. A set of Stamps bearing this name has lately been distributed (anonymously); among the London Dealers; the specimens are obliterated by a hand stamp, with the name of a firm in San Francisco. Clipperton Island is off the Western Coast, and is a part of the United States; so that even if these stamps are not absolutely illegal and bogus, they are at any rate either speculative or unnecessary, or both. Under these circumstances, Collectors and Dealers are warned to beware of them.

7. EGYPT. Paragraphs in the press have recently appeared stating that a set of stamps will be brought

out in the Autumn, in connection with some fêtes or celebration festivities which will be held in Egypt. Collectors and Dealers are therefore put on their guard against an issue which would appear to be "unnecessary."

8. BUSSAHIR. A set of stamps, bearing this name, has recently been issued. This country appears to be a native state in the Northern part of India, governed by a Rajah, of Rajpoot origin. It is a very mountainous region, having an area of about 3,000 square miles, and peopled by a race not very highly civilized. Whether these stamps have been issued by the native government (which appears unlikely, considering the nature of the country), or not, Collectors and Dealers are advised not to purchase until further information has been obtained.

In respect to paragraph 3 of the previous Circular, issued by the Society, in which it was stated that the newly issued surcharges for NORTH BORNEO AND LABUAN, of 4, 10, 20 and 30 cents on 1 dollar red, "appear to be unnecessary," it was not intended to condemn them. It is considered only right to publish the following letter, so that Collectors and Dealers may use their own discretion in this case.

THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO Co.,

15, LEADENHALL STREET,

LONDON, E.C., 19th June, 1895.

Messrs. WHITFIELD KING & Co.,

IPSWICH.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst., we beg to say that in consequence of the alteration in the primary rates of postage from North Borneo, approved by the Bureau of the International Postage Union, as following on the decline in the value of the dollar, it was deemed advisable, for the economic purposes of the Borneo Post Office, and for the convenience of the public, to have stamps of the denominations mentioned by you, and a surcharged issue was adopted to save the delay and expense of preparing new dies.

We are not philatelists, and the objection raised against the stamps, which arises apparently from a collector's point of view, is not one that we feel called upon to consider.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) BENJ. T. KINDERSLEY.
Secretary.

GORDON SMITH,

Secretary, S.S.S.S.

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,

Secretary to the Special Committee, London Philatelic Society.

25th July, 1895.

With regard to the Bussahir stamps, Major Evans has a funny paragraph in the *Monthly Journal* which we take the liberty to reprint. The design of the stamps shows a representation of a tiger, wild cat or some animal of that tribe. Says Major Evans:— "BUSSAHIR.—It seems evident, from the central object in the design of the labels shown in the accompanying illustrations, that there has been some mistake in translating into English the name of this State—it plainly should be not *Bussahir*, but *Pussy-here*, and this will probably be rectified in the next issue. These stamps were first described in *The A. J. of Ph.*, the Editor of which acknowledges that he has been unable to find this State (perhaps owing to the misspelling of the name) in any atlas or gazetteer. Our researches, like those of Mons. Moens, have been equally unsuccessful, but we should imagine that it might be found somewhere between Catskill and Katmandu. The monogram R. S. is added in a second colour, but what the letters mean is not reported. The design of the frame is different for each value, but we have not thought it necessary to give illustrations of more than two of them, and we are not quite sure that the animal represented is "the harmless *necessary* Cat," but are rather inclined to suppose that it may be of the Unnecessary and Speculative breed!

Adhesives. ½a., slate; R. S. in red.
 1a., red " lilac.
 2a., yellow " green.
 4a., violet " red.
 8a., brown-red; R. S. in lilac.
 12a., green " red.
 1r., olive " "

The Treaty Ports have issued a fresh supply of their non-philatelic labels. Amoy, Chung King, and Kew Kiang are the benefactors. The handful of European residents at these places must have a vast amount of correspondence one with another, for these labels can only be used in the places of issue—even if there, and considering that the European residents all live within a few yards of one another, it says little for their energy, when they cannot walk across the street to deliver a communication *viva voce*. But then the climate of these Eastern lands is very enervating.

BOGUS STAMPS—

Brunei.	Mellila.
Chinese Treaty Ports.	Sedang.
Clipperton Island.	Trinidad Principality.
Fez Sefro.	Wallis and Fortuna Is.
Nyassaland.	Zululand, 4d. on Natal.

UNNECESSARILY ISSUED STAMPS—

Bussahir.	Sebecks (unused).
S. Antonio, Portuguese.	Shanghai.

DOUBTFUL STATUS—

Borneo & Labuan on \$1	Madagascar, Br. In. Mail.
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We have removed British Central Africa from the list of "doubtful," and we believe that the Borneo

and Labuan surcharges are as good as any other stamps from these prolific States, and are quite capable of franking over-sea letters.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE Postman's knock has not resounded so much through our palatial offices during the last few weeks. Indeed, our own tame postman, who appeared in a straw hat—with, of course, the other usual sartorial attributes, stated his emphatic opinion that he was "blowed if it wasn't too 'ot for anything, in fact, the blessed weather makes me so dry inside that I could double up, and if it wasn't for the regulations," &c. Of course, he went away, running the usual risk—and now for our column, made up, I assure you, principally by bits cribbed from other people.

A readable yarn is given in the Record respecting stamps. At an art gallery in New Orleans was a frame containing a lot of stamps—something between 700 and 1,000. These were very roughly mounted on an old bit of cardboard, and did not attract particular attention. The proprietor of the gallery had ticketed the lot for 150dol. Nobody apparently thought it a bargain, and it hung unnoticed until a gentleman from Pennsylvania came along and secured it. He was very doubtful for a time how his purchase would turn out, for many of the stamps were badly damaged, and they were with difficulty removed from the cardboard. Upon giving them a good bath he had the satisfaction to find that many of the stamps had been pasted on the top of others, and that below the surface were most of the good stamps. On submitting them to an expert he was gratified to be told that their value was estimated at 15,000dol.—not a bad profit out of his 150dol speculation.

Two men in Switzerland have been convicted and fined for fraud in that country for changing the colour of certain stamps, and a bill is in course of preparation in Russia to make the sale of forged stamps a criminal offence. I have copied this from a good source, but there is evidently something wanting to sufficiently explain what is intended to be conveyed. I should think there is a law in every country to this effect, but most likely it refers to forging in some way to impose on collectors.

Mr. Clement Cordrey writes us:—"Why could we not have stamp shows carried on in the same way as poultry shows, and have classes for each variety, used and unused, and for the shows to be held at satisfactory dealers' premises, such as Stanley Gibbons', Butler Bros., &c., and for them to be the judges of the different varieties, or any satisfactory Philatelist appointed? I consider this would be a great benefit to

both collectors and dealers, as their stamps would be thoroughly examined as to genuineness, &c., and I think this would do away with a lot of the forgeries, reprints, &c., and a collector or dealer would know what to buy without being taken in with forgeries, &c., as they could buy what they liked at the show, which would certainly be genuine. I mean, to have prizes, and an entrance fee. I now leave it to your readers to consider it over.—C. C."

The above is an eminently sensible suggestion, and is quite practicable. Why more local philatelic shows are not formed is quite incomprehensible. Last year several societies in different parts organized exhibitions, and no doubt others will follow in the coming season, but still they want to be made more general, until every town or district has its periodical philatelic exhibition.

That a little learning is a dangerous thing is a true maxim, and it would seem to be specially true as regards Philately, as was shown in a rather curious manner in Paris only a few days ago. Two suspicious-looking customers entered the shop of a Paris dealer in stamps and offered for sale a large album they had with them. He asked them how much they wanted for it, and after a little hesitation they replied, "Eight shillings." On looking through the collection he found it contained some very rare stamps, and one of which would have been worth many times the price asked for the lot, and he at once concluded that the album had been stolen. He told his assistant to run and fetch a policeman, but the thieves seeing they were trapped stood in front of the door, drew out two long and ugly-looking knives, and threatened to make it unpleasant for the assistant, if he attempted to perform his errand. They were therefore allowed to depart, but had to leave the album behind, and doubtless could have kicked themselves for not knowing better the value of their booty. Perhaps the modern successors of Mr. Fagin will have a philatelic class in their 'Thieves' Academies, in order to prevent such mistakes. The dealer was, however, not half sharp. He should have given the thieves the price they asked and then had them followed till a policeman was found. The album was afterwards discovered to be the property of a dealer whose shop was only half-a-mile away. He valued it at £800.

Under the title of "Trinidad, Limited," the *Figaro* publishes a letter from Baron Hickay, who styles himself "James I. of Trinidad," to the American Secretary of State, in which the Baron asks the United States to place the Island of Trinidad under its protection. This is the little island the recent occupation of which by Great Britain has created so much resentment among Brazilians. The King, or Baron, was originally a Yankee journalist, and had a scheme for

promoting a company to run the island as an independent sovereign State.

It may not be generally known that that comparatively unknown State in Southern Africa—the Congo Free State—contains a population of 40,000,000, but it has only 10 post offices and 12 letter boxes, and the affairs are managed by 12 officials and 14 postmen or letter carriers. In 1886 only 34,000 letters were despatched, while in 1893 the number had risen to 168,000.

H. WEST.—You can have either. P. E.—Thanks, your remarks are flattering. W. SEATON.—You can get the new catalogue direct, but you will have it more quickly from us if your order is not already booked by S. G. & Co.

WHAT SHALL I COLLECT? THE QUESTION OF THE DAY.

By M.E.N.

THE question of Unnecessary Issues seems to get more complicated every day. Of course the people concerned in any issue are perfectly satisfied that their own particular pet is the only one without vice, while all the rest are willing to join the chorus of cacophany to the opposite effect. Take, for instance, the average American. Suppose someone ventured to hint that the Columbus issue was prompted by any than the purest motive. Suppose someone suggested the depreciation of value in the silver dollar as a reason for, say the twenty or thirty or forty variations of the two cent issue during the last week or two. Of course no one would imagine it was so for a moment; yet the two cent stamp printed by the American Bank Note Company was a very different article to the one we get to-day or the one we got yesterday or the new variety we shall receive to-morrow.

Since Uncle Sam took to printing his own two cent stamps—only a few months ago—we have been favoured with shades innumerable, four distinct differences of type—if not more, and the whole, or most of these changes rung upon paper of various descriptions. The same thing has occurred, though to not so marked a degree, in the other values, and altogether the tale of varieties during the last few months would average out somewhere near one a day. Uncle Sam does not do this for profit although, no doubt, it puts money in his pocket—but still it seems rather ungraceful for his citizens to disparage other states who are certainly no worse.

Many intemperate remarks have appeared in the American philatelic press with regard to the issues of Nicaragua, Salvador, and other states who have contracted with the Hamilton Bank Note Co. for their

stamps—yet, it must be admitted in common fairness, that not one of these states has had one-quarter—nay, some not one-twentieth of the number of varieties that the premier republic has indulged in. This sort of argument could be continued all round. France has her army of colonial issues—Portugal her celebration varieties—the English colonies their, in many cases, unnecessary surcharges, Great Britain, herself, her envelope celebrating the postal jubilee, and so on *ad infinitum*.

How can we condemn issues which carry a letter the world over and support those which barely take one across the street? Why should the stamps of Salvador be considered inferior to those of Shanghai? Nobody, I suppose, ever saw a letter brought to England by a stamp of the latter enterprising little town, but many come to this country every day franked with the stamps of Salvador. Again, how can we condemn the SANTO ANTONIO issue and yet support Russian locals, or object to North Borneo surcharges and yet welcome a fresh variety of the United States every day? If we adopt the broad principle that all stamps franking letters at all are equal, then the local stamps of any village community are equal to those of the greatest empire or republic in the world.

In fact, the whole subject bristles with incongruities, and the more you look into it the greater the maze. It requires a philatelic Solomon to point out the proper course to pursue, and he would be a clever man who could frame a scheme of collecting to please one moiety of the philatelic public. I have no intention whatever of attempting the *role* of adviser, but have drawn out a kind of scheme for my own guidance, which I give for the benefit of anyone who likes to examine it.

I have divided all stamps into two categories—collectable and uncollectable—and listed the various classes in each. I am perfectly aware that every single clause is open to argument. I know that each one is merely a general definition which can be narrowed or widened to any extent. I am perfectly anxious that it is crude and, if looked at obliquely, even ridiculous, but give it for what it is worth—not much, certainly, but enough to give a groundwork upon which each may elaborate as he may desire. As a matter of opinion, I consider the stamps under category (a) are the only ones really collectable, with the exception of those issued by a state previous to the year 1880 or to the date when it joined the Union.

COLLECTABLE.

- a. Stamps, used or unused, recognised as paying postage in the Postal Union, and which have no Government limit as to the date of their employment.
- b. Stamps with a date limitation only if used within their period of currency (on original paper preferably).

- c. Unused stamps of a date limited issue, if the control of the stock remains with the Government.
- d. Stamps which pay postage from one part of a Postal Union country to another, if under Government control.

UNCOLLECTABLE.

- a. Stamps which are purely local, or only pay postage from one town to another, or are not under Government control.
- b. Unused stamps of any time limited issue, unless the stock is controlled by Government.
- c. Stamps of a tributary or dependent state, which are current only within the State limits, if the stamps of the dominant state are also used.

By sticking to the above, I do not recognize the stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports, nor most of the Indian States—I leave untouched the unused Seebecks, but I adopt any and every variety which has a real carrying power over the Postal Union, or a definite standing as a Government issue. I cannot exclude the French or Portuguese Colonials by the scheme, but I certainly do so by instinct and in practice, and others can, no doubt, make further limitations which would be equally sagacious.

By following some such scheme as the above, a collector will know what he is doing at any rate. It is absurd and impossible to leave out unnecessarily issued stamps, for then the first representative of any particular value alone would be taken in most countries, but by working on some plan similar to mine, you eliminate the private or semi-public or speculative issues, although you do not touch those unnecessary ones which bear a Government hall-mark. Still, half a loaf is better than no bread, and I consider my scheme fully protects one from those rascals who issue stamps whose only carrying power is to carry their own righteous condemnation.

SOCIETY NEWS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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Quarterly Accounts. The March packet, after circulating to 56 members, was returned on July 9th to the Hon. Sec. Accounts due to members were all paid on July 9th, 10th and 11th. The last account due from any member was received on July 25th.

We are pleased to again inform members that the Society has not yet incurred a bad debt, that it owes nothing, and that nothing is owing to it.

August packet is one of the best ever sent out, and consists of £344 4s. 4½d., contributed by the members themselves, in addition to a packet of about £60 net cash sent over by the Canadian Society. As on previous occasions, the two will be circulated together.

The next meeting will be the "Annual General Business Meeting," on Oct. 3rd, to receive Reports and Accounts, to elect Officers, &c. All subscriptions expire on Oct. 1st

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.—I forgot to send a report last month until too late for publication. Our annual Convention was held at Hubbard House Hotel, Clayton, Jefferson County, New York, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 14th and 15th. Our President, Mr. G. J. Luhn, has issued a special appeal to members to urge them to invite their friends to join. The Secretary will publish a roll of honour each month, which will consist of the names of those who have heeded this request and secured one or more new members. The member securing the greatest number will head the list. Cost of membership is only 1/0½ per annum, and the benefits are many. Write for particulars. The History of the S. of P. is well under way, and will consist of 100 or more pages containing a sketch of S. of P. from its foundation, together with a list of all the officers and members, with numerous portraits and biographies, constitution, bye-laws, etc., etc. It will be published on Oct. 15th. Members' exchange notices will be inserted at two words a ld.; also following each name in the list will be reference letters shewing whether the member desires exchange correspondence, what his or her speciality is, etc., etc. For particulars write (enclosing reply postage) to H. Clark, Res. Vice-Pres. for G. B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The proposal to form an exchange circuit for Philatelic papers is not yet settled. The Postcard circuit has two fresh members. Circuit 11. had a very narrow escape re the Coelho fraud. He joined, giving first-class references and sent one sheet (of little value), but, fortunately, when he bolted no packet had reached him, though one was almost due. Coelho asked to be put down early on the list, and promised to buy largely, but our rules are always strictly adhered to, and these prevented this. The proposal to insure packets and so save the registration fee has fallen through, as the underwriters refuse to insure unless registered. Secretary: H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE FISCAL AND POSTAL EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The balance sheet of the fifth quarter has just been issued. Total gross value of stamps purchased by members during the three months—£76 3s. 5½d. The

packets of both sections are improving steadily. There are vacancies for five members in the Postal section. For rules and particulars apply to A. P. Pearce, 8, Clarendon Place, Citadel Road, Plymouth, Secretary Fiscal Section, or to H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing, Secretary of the Postal Section.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The packets for August showed signs of the holidays. Up to July packets had maintained their excellence, but the last lot sent out were not quite the thing. Still, over a hundred sheets were sent in, but two hundred is quite possible out of the large membership. According to the rules subscription is charged from the half-year after a member joins, so anyone becoming a member now, will have a chance of trying exchange for three months before any subscription accrues. Two references are required, but the *Bazaar* ticket or *Advertiser* reference system will be accepted. Rules, &c., free, from the Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BRITISH PHILATELIC PROTECTION UNION.—The above Society, of which Mr. R. T. Haberstraw is Secretary, has issued its first annual report, which gives the aims and objects of the Society and a list of members, comprising some fifty-one well-known names. The most useful thing, however, about this report is the Black List, consisting of a large number of names, which, according to the report, are "proved and vouched for." The society seems to be doing good work in a quiet and unobtrusive way.

NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—This Society holds its fourth annual meeting at Omaha, Neb., on Sept. 16th. Mr. Brodstone, the Secretary and Treasurer, has courteously sent us a card of invitation, of which, however, we shall be unable to make use, but we trust the meeting will be successful, and tender our thanks for the kind invitation.

NOTICES.

A CHEAP and useful accessory to stamp collecting has been produced by Mr. W. J. Hall, of Liverpool, in the shape of a "Duplicate Stock or Sale Book." The page is about the usual large exercise book size in strong but flexible linen-lined covers, and the ruling of the pages on one side allows space for 800 stamps, on special non-sensitive paper of a good thickness. This is an excellent cheap book for collecting or approval purposes, there being tablets ruled above and below each space for price, description, &c. They may be obtained at 7d. each, post-free, or 6 6 per dozen, from the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Messrs. Hopkins Bros. are about to bring out a very useful book, "The Stamps of the Leeward Islands,"

being a full and exhaustive treatise on these stamps, giving their *actual* present value. The book will be well printed on good paper and bound in an attractive stiff cover, at the popular price of One Shilling. The interest at present displayed in these stamps warrants us in assuming that there will be a large demand for the book, and therefore we ask those wishing for an early copy to send their prepaid order at once to the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

West Indians are all the go now. Messrs. H. W. Hunt & Co., of 27, Great Tower Street, London, E.C., are offering a fine packet of 36 for 2/6, including both used and unused. Get these before the new catalogue comes out.

We have received the 1895 edition of Gebruder Senf's illustrated Postage Stamp Catalogue. The book is quite up to date, has 788 pages, and yet is of convenient size and shape for the pocket. The fact that it is printed in German is a disadvantage in the eyes of those ignorant of the language—yet the descriptions are anything but unintelligible, owing to a profuse parallel glossary of philatelic terms in three languages—German, French and English. The celebrity of previous editions is well known, and there is, therefore, no necessity for us to advise our readers to secure it at once. The sole agents for Great Britain are Messrs. Harry Hilckes & Co., by whose courtesies we have received a copy.

Of all our philatelic exchanges the *Monthly Circular*, published by Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., is the most regular. For twenty-one years this useful periodical has made its punctual appearance, and it is doubtful if any philatelic paper has done more for the good of the cause. Every month there is an original article always conveying useful information to collectors and dealers, and from which we have never been too proud to take beneficial hints. The illustrated list of new issues is "as good as they make 'em," and altogether the stamp circular is well worth many times the amount charged for it—1/- per annum.

The *Philatelic Journal of America*, Messrs. Mekeel's old-established and well-known journal, will henceforth be published only twice a year.—The *Railway Supplies Journal* gives over a column of its July 24th issue, to a description of the business of Mr. S. A. Wood, the well-known Hanley dealer.—The firm of Theodor Buhl and Co. has been organised as a Limited Liability Company, under the title of Buhl & Co., Limited.

Owing to the labour involved, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons will not have the new Catalogue ready until September. Those who desire an early copy must send us the price at once.

We have noticed Messrs. Lambert's packets before, and, as we always like to recommend genuine bargains

to our readers, we are very pleased to be able to say a good word for their new "Record" packet as announced in *The Advertiser*. We have sampled one of these packets, and consider them splendid value. The price is 9d., and the one set of Hungary, from the kreuzer to the florin is worth 2/1, according to Gibbon's catalogue. Besides this there are no less than eleven unused stamps, a nice set of Chilean, including the telegraph postals, and some fifty others, 80 in all. The sellers offer to refund the purchase money if the buyer is not satisfied, but there is no doubt at all of satisfaction.

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ONCE more do we step upon the stage to make our final bow to the audience upon the conclusion of our little play. Yes, the fourth year of our existence is now ended—the fourth volume of the *Philatelic Chronicle* is accomplished and still we can look either forward or backward with satisfaction, for the past showed us how much could be done by straightforward effort and independence, while the future augurs more complete and greater success. We cannot make our valedictory remarks without a tinge of genuine regret. We are addressing for the last time a large number of those whom we have come to look upon as our friends. True, we are not taking a final farewell of all, many—nay, most—will accompany us through another year, but still there are always a few who drop off and are lost sight of. Others fill their place, but still they are not the old names—the old friends. To all those who may not be so closely connected with our paper twelve months hence as they are now we tender our very best thanks—to all who intend to stand by us another year we offer the same, and sincerely hope to give even greater satisfaction in the future than in the past.

The twelve months now expired has been a lively time for philately. Seebecks, blizzards, P.P.A.'s, unnecessary issues, bogus dealers, mutual slangings by the men of light and leading, Chinese locals, S.S.S.S.'s, new catalogues, and other disturbing influences have kept us alive—and, in many cases, kicking. Never mind, all these things tend to show the importance which our science has assumed, and as long as we keep a level head they are powerless for injury. It is not from outside that danger need be appre-

hended. Threatened men live long, but a house divided against itself must fall. We do not intend to say much about our own doings during this period. Our supporters must judge for themselves. We know that both sections of these have found something in the *Chronicle* to encourage their help, for our advertising friends now fill twenty pages of the *Chronicle* and the *Advertiser*, while our subscription list is a good double of its last year's bulk. We will leave others to speak of our merits, if we have any, and take our leave with the expectant hope that all who have encouraged and helped us in the past will continue their support during the next year, and that we shall be found more worthy of their kindness at the end of volume five than we are at this moment.

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We would earnestly ask our subscribers to renew at the very earliest moment. Last year many waited until late in October and ran a risk of missing the first issue owing to the large number of new subscribers upon whom we had not counted. Remittances should be made by Postal Order, payable at Witton Road, Aston, the best alternative for this being halfpenny stamps, but Postal Orders are much safer. Any subscriber wishing to receive the *Advertiser* for the 5th of the month must send an extra sixpence to cover the postage of twelve issues.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA CO.—We have seen some of the stamps of this Company surcharged **BRITISH EAST AFRICA**, but we cannot tell what is the signification of this surcharge.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Having rung the changes in every other direction, we hear that several French colonial stamps are now to be found printed on both sides. Good luck to them.

HAYTI.—During October, 1894, 2c. fiscal stamps were used for postage, owing to a dearth of the regular issue.

HOLLAND.—It is said that some sheets of the 5c. were printed in orange and distributed. We believe the error was discovered in time, and all were called in.

PARAGUAY.—Messrs. Clarke and Co., of Bushey, have sent us the new 5 centavos provisional on 7c. surcharged provisiono and large numeral.

5c. black on 7c. brown.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. B. G. Smith sends us the halfpenny, new type, printed on paper with a *burli* band instead of watermark, and also on thick beer duty paper, perf. 12½. Mr. H. A. Young has sent us the ¾d., 1d. and 2d., with white background, and the 2d. letter card already catalogued.

¾d. green, white background.

1d. vermilion "

2d. blue "

¾d. green, *burli* band across back.

¾d. green, beer duty paper.

SIAM.—Messrs. Clarke send us a new Siamese surcharge. The latest example seems very free from varieties.

10 atts on 24a., purple and blue.

SURINAME.—We hear that two new values have been added to the Unpaid stamps, each value in the three types.

20c., 25c. black and lilac.

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Hollick and Mr. Haberstraw have sent us the new surcharges of this prolific state.

¾d. carmine on 1/- green.

1d. green on 2½d. mauve.

6d. fiscal, surcharged **POSTZEGEL**.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRAZIL.—Some new stationery has been issued.

500r. blue on white wove (envelope).

40r. + 40r. green and blue on buff (postcard).

FIJI.—The following are the new postcards:—

1d. black on white.

1d. + 1d. violet "

1½d. dark green on white.

1½d. + 1½d. carmine "

PORTUGAL.—The following two are now issued with stamp of the current design:—

10r. black on green (postcard).

20 + 20r. lilac on buff "

50r. blue on yellow (letter-card).

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

AN esteemed correspondent in the North has written in suggesting that we establish a column for queries and answers in the *P. C. & A.* To

gild the pill, he says that it need not be any trouble to ourselves—we have simply to print the question in one number and the answer, as sent by a correspondent, in the next. There is just a medium of doubt as to whether that would constitute the whole labour for ourselves, but anything to please! If our readers want this feature and are willing to support it with their own questions and answers, we will gladly put the matter to the test. If we receive sufficient support by our next issue it may be looked upon as settled.

I hear that it is contemplated by the members of the New Zealand Philatelic Society to hold an exhibition of stamps in Wellington on a date to be fixed. From what I have heard of our Wellington friends I believe they own the most valuable lot of collections in the colony, and I have no doubt whatever that if the exhibition comes off it will even excel our own exhibition last year. The worst of these exhibitions is that one only has a chance of seeing those belonging to the town in which they are held. Collectors are very jealous of their collections, and do not like to let them out of their sight. This is very natural, for stamps are so easily removed, and it is not nice, to say the least of it, to lose the run of a stamp worth many pounds.

London auction sales realized £20,000 during last season. The upward tendency in prices has been well maintained.

Of the making of new philatelic papers there is no end, says the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. A writer in *Die Postwertzeichen Kunde* gives the following numbers of stamp journals which have appeared in different languages. In English 7,850; German 4,286; French 1,957; Spanish 430; Italian 251; Dutch 203; Danish and Norwegian 126; Portuguese 112; Swedish 89; Roumanian 27; Greek 5. This gives a total, for fifty years, of 15,336.

A few weeks ago I beheld for the first time a spectacle which is possibly peculiar to Paris—at least I have never heard of the existence of a similar institution in London, though it may exist in Vienna. I had occasion to cross the Champs Elysées one Sunday afternoon, I passed through a compact crowd of people, mostly adults, who were watching with intense amusement the puppet shows, but when I had left the marionettes behind me, I found myself again in a crowd. It was composed chiefly of quiet, respectable-looking men, but there were also some boys, and even young girls in short dresses. They all had the same pre-occupied, business-like air, and it was evident they were engaged in work of some sort, and had not come there merely to enjoy themselves by strolling about under the trees. Some of the men were plainly brokers or dealers in a large way. Each had a big book under his arm, to which he ever and anon referred, and sometimes he would examine "samples"

through a magnifying glass. I peeped over the shoulders of some of these brokers, and found that I had lighted upon the "Stamp Exchange."

I watched several transactions which were conducted with as much method and circumspection as if they had been important commissions on the Bourse. Perhaps there are regular "account days," "ticket days," and "carrying over" on this curious, little market. Perhaps one of these little girls in a short frock was a noted operator—a philatelic Jay Gould,—and had just made a successful "straddle" in "four-penny Capes" and "twopenny Vancouvers." Possibly—as every business has its organ in the present day—there is a journal which gives all the latest quotations of the Stamp Exchange, and informs its readers that "ninepenny blues were dull on a falling market," and advises subscribers to hold on to some particular stock, "which is sure to recover when the bears have finished." Joking apart, however, it is very convenient for the amateur and professional philatelists of Paris to be able to meet together once a week, or perhaps oftener, and sell, purchase, or exchange any stamps they may require. I noticed, too, that some of the dealers gave a good deal of information to youthful applicants who had become possessed of some stamps with which they had hitherto been unacquainted.

Mr. J. K. Tiffany, the *doyen* of American philately, has been again elected to the presidential office in the American Philatelic Association. The only noticeable change in the officers is the selection of Mr. C. W. Kissinger as secretary.

An old gentleman thus narrates an experience he had in London, but I think it must have been a long time ago, for it's seldom such bargains are found in shop windows nowadays: "Having been a collector of old English and foreign stamps for some years, I have studied the art very minutely, have always been on the lookout for any very rare variety, and have visited many dealers in these articles. About a month ago I was looking through an album in a London shop, when my attention was called to a rather faded blue stamp, the name and imprint of which was obliterated by the ordinary post office clerk's stamp. Something in the corner, however, caught my eye, and I asked the dealer how much he wanted for it? "Oh!" he said, "you can have that for 1s. It is a very good old English!" I bought it, and have since sold it for £12. It was an old blue Hawaiian.

P. SOTHEBY.—You will find all the differences listed in Mr. Ewen's new catalogue. STAMP.—No good saying anything, your case is without remedy. PHIL.—Write to Mr. F. R. Ginn. R. T. H.—Thanks, very much, we have returned them. H. A. YOUNG.—Your subscription was not received. Let us know to whom it was paid.

MECHANICAL AIDS FOR THE COLLECTOR.

At the American Philatelic Association Convention Mr. Krauth read a paper on the above subject.

After describing several interesting contrivances he proceeds to describe his own plan for ascertaining the quality of the paper:—

It is simply a little box open at one side, and having within an adjustable hinged mirror. Above it I have an arrangement for holding a small ordinary lens. The box has a glass top, and under it a piece of cardboard with an opening adapted to the size of stamp which we wish to examine. The stamp is laid on top of the glass and the mirror is adjusted with the fingers. The open side of the box is turned toward the source of light, either artificial or natural, the mirror is adjusted until the entire light is reflected upward through the stamp. This is then shielded with the head or, better still, with a little piece of paper, half a cardboard box, or anything which will not interfere with the light coming in below and falling upon the mirror, but will cut off extraneous light at the top. This illuminates the stamp very brilliantly, all the rays of light passing through the paper. You can determine then with the greatest accuracy by means of your magnifier whether the paper is laid or wove and what is the nature of it.

The apparatus is easily made; any druggist's dove-tailed box will do. This part for holding the lens, while I have made it of metal, can be just as well made of wood. To a person that has never tried that method of examining stamps by reflected light through the paper, it will be quite a revelation to see what it shows.

That does not, however, answer to show the watermark. For that purpose I use a ferrotype plate and benzine. Benzine is a dangerous fluid, as we all know. I therefore carry it in what is known as a Warden safety metallic instand. I have soldered upon the the outer cap a piece of fishing-rod ferrule to hold my brush, when it is placed on the table. I remove the safety cap, and you see that there is a little inner cap screwed upon the glass bottle which contains the benzine. I lay the stamp face down upon the ferrotype plate, dip the brush in the benzine and rub the brush over the stamp, and the watermark is instantly brought out. In that way you can detect watermarks without the slightest injury to the stamp. The fugitive or soluble colours of Great Britain and Russia are not injured in the least by the benzine, the only objections to its use being the danger of fire and its abominable smell; but I know of no substitute which is so effective. It does not injure the gum in the least; I use it as freely on stamps with gum as without.

Our stamp having been examined and found to be correct, we will place it in an album, and in order to do this, we must hinge it. The quality of the hinge is a matter of great importance.

In order to apply the hinge without unnecessary handling of the stamp I use this hinge plier. This is a pair of pliers having a small triangular anvil block fastened at the end, affording a sharp edge over which to bend the hinge. This little centre piece is attached on the inside as a stop to keep the sides parallel when you are pressing. The hinge to be used is held in this plier with so much of it projecting as you wish to attach to the stamp. To my mind about 5-64 of an inch is as much as should ever go on the stamp. That is bent over and wetted. I have here a little glass cup, which is sold by all stationers as a stamp moistener. When you buy this it contains a roll of yellow felt. This you throw away and get from a rubber store a piece of solid rubber packing which has a small hole through the centre. In that I have placed a stout piece of brass and have turned on the end of the brass small journal bearings, which fit in the glass, so that the roll revolves freely in the water and the rubber becomes wet. Rubber, being non-absorbent, does not soak up the water as cloth and felt do, but by capillary attraction it holds enough.

Now my hinge is straight in my tweezers, I pass it over the roll and place it on the stamp so that the end of the hinge projects just beyond the teeth of the perforation. That is an important point, because otherwise, when you turn that stamp over to look at it—and a great many friends have a habit of turning over every stamp they lay their hands on, whether they know a watermark from a perforation or not—the perforations ultimately drop off. But when a stamp is hinged this way it will lie perfectly flat and can be turned without injury to anything except the hinge itself,—and when that breaks you can use another.

I have omitted to speak of the method of preparing the stamps for mounting. This is a little press for soaking stamps, which I described in an article last year. I procure a lot of advertising blotters printed in black on white and divide them into two halves. Half of them I put into a basin of water, then lay them alternately with dry blotters and put them all into a press for a moment, so that the moisture is evenly distributed through the whole pile. Put the stamps between these blotters and place them in the press a few minutes. They come out, not soakingly wet, as when thrown in a basin, but with the gum so thoroughly moistened that they come off with a breath. Then they are laid on sheets of paper to dry. I use the advertising *Harper's Weekly* or *Frank Leslie's* or the *Railway Gazette*, which is printed on calendared paper. Those I fold into boxes and lay the stamps in them to dry, with the gummed side up. I pile these boxes up crosswise, like the corncob houses we used to build when we were children; so that on my table without taking up a foot of superficial room, I can build a pile eighteen inches high, which will dry probably 5,000 or 6,000 stamps. I can work all the evening in removing stamps and drying them, and not

have the whole room spread over with newspapers filled with stamps for drying.

I fasten the corners with a pin or a little paste. I fold up each of the four edges of the sheet of paper, making a fold about an inch wide, these folds forming the sides of the tray, then bend the corners, making a little triangular piece and fasten them as I said.

The preservation of duplicates is a matter of much concern to most collectors, and of course the duplicate books that are on the market are well known. Here is the first form that attracted my attention, which is the Bieschburg album. This is made in various sizes up to a large folio, which can be used for the preservation of entire envelopes. This is a smaller pocket size. It consists of little pockets on each page, into which stamps are slipped. An improvement on this has been made and patented by our friend Henry Gremmel, which consists in having these leaves removable at will. They are fastened together by a metallic pin, which can be taken out in case you want to take any of the leaves to the Society to show them.

To prepare the duplicate envelopes which I prefer to use, I have here two jaws of steel with a piece inserted between them with which I can adjust it to suit different thicknesses of paper. I insert the bottom of the envelope and bend it backwards and forward, then do the same with both ends. That gives me a line of demarcation, and forms a little square at the bottom. Then I clip off the two lower corners with scissors, which enables me to fold in the ends and bottom of the envelope, turning the envelope into a wide pocket. Fold the flap over backward, and you have a gummed surface to stick to another envelope if you wish, and so on as far as you please, till you have a sort of accordion pocket, all the compartments of the same size. Any little dirt will shake out of the holes in the corners, and the envelopes will stand upright when you wish to get at the stamps. A piece of tin bent around, with a couple of tacks to keep it from slipping apart, will make just as effective an apparatus as these complicated pieces of steel. Larger envelopes can be used in this way for philatelic clippings.

In handling stamps I find this a convenient apparatus—a pair of spring clips, which opens when you press it and keeps its mouth shut when you wish it to. I wish I had had this with me on the first day—I would like to have exhibited it—(laughter).

Of course, something for lifting stamps is always useful, and I find that an aluminium paper-cutter, such as are distributed for souvenirs, or can be bought for a few cents, is a little light and handy thing to have in the pocket.

In these other Warden safety bottles I have the various chemicals which a philatelist needs—the peroxide of hydrogen, the black and red ink, etc.

Now comes my pet baby, and I think she is very pretty. The envelope scheme for duplicates is all right, but I have a better thing than that. The difficulty

with duplicate books is that when you first start in you apportion out the space as you think you will need it. You come across a lot of stamps which don't fit into your books. You have either got to take out everything you have put in and shove it along, or take another book, dividing the country between two books, or you have got to strike another method. I struck the other method. I went to my stationer and had him cut me bits of manilla cards, I also had him cut me bits of manilla paper and block them, fifty to a block. When I got those home I laid them on the kitchen table and took a chisel—my wife was out—and I cut out those two corners, each with two blows. It cuts clean and sharp, and beyond a little dirt on the floor there is no damage done. I didn't have to clean up the dirt, so I didn't mind it. In the evening when I have nothing else to do, I put this on my table; I take one of the bits of card, hold it level with the the two ends of the cut, and run my paste over it and bend that up so as to form a little pocket. I make thousands of those. The material for making 3,000 of them costs \$1.80. Then I put the pockets in cigar boxes. This box contains material for reconstructing sheets of the 1867, 1 penny red, of England by corner letters. This box contains the same by plate numbers. These boxes contain the single stamps in order of value. I have simply to take one stamp from each pocket. In sorting stamps I have always in my power to add any difference in watermark, tint, or other peculiarity, simply putting the new envelope at the back of the last one.

Now we have another little kink that I think may be worth calling your attention to, and that is called the Wells partition holder. It is a little piece of steel, bent into shape to stick into the bottom and sides of a drawer to hold the partitions in place, so that you may subdivide a drawer in your desk to hold rubber stamps or any thing else. They are made by the Wells Manufacturing Company of Syracuse, N.Y., and the same company furnish pieces of white-wood to fit the holders, which you can cut to suit your wishes in making subdivisions.

I think now I have almost reached the end of my string and my wind, but one thing more I want to show you, and that, unfortunately, I cannot show you in operation. This is a piece of apparatus for enlarging and projecting stamps. Optically it works in the same manner: The stamp to be examined is fastened to the black surface facing downward. An argand gas burner (we have no gas here, so that I cannot light this up) with a condensing lens is placed in a metallic chimney and is supplied with gas by this hose. All the light of the burner is projected on this mirror, which is set in this frame at an angle of 45 degrees. The mirror reflects the light upwards through the lens, which throws the rays upon the stamp, which is placed on this surface directly over the lens. The light which illuminates this stamp is then reflected back downward through the same lens, which would

naturally focus in upon the mirror so that it would be reflected back into the lamp. But the mirror is so placed that the focal point of the returning light corresponds with the centre of the mirror, and at the centre of the mirror I have cut a hole, so that that light, instead of being reflected, goes through the hole in the looking glass and passes through a double lens directly below which spreads the rays and projects an inverted image of the stamp upon this paper on the table beside you. This crude apparatus which I have arranged myself enlarges the stamp many times with perfect clearness. If I want to draw it I can draw it there, or I can throw it upon ground glass and get a correct image for drawing or examination, the image being bright and clear enough to get the fine details of the stamp. I believe that if the apparatus were carefully made by a professed optician it would be a valuable aid in the examination of stamps.

One thing more, no doubt you have much trouble in accurately counting perforations. The ordinary perforation gauge is tolerably accurate, but here is a perforation gauge that is a perforation gauge. I have hunted out here specimens of stamps with good perforations of all gauges from 9½ to 16. I cut the stamps in two, soak them in glue size to soften the paper and then stick them on the bottom of this oblong bevelled-edge block of wood in such a way that the perforation just extends beyond the edge of the block. In using the gauge I place it on a ferrotype plate or a dark surface, where you can see the perforations sharply defined as they project beyond the block. Now I have a stamp here, the perforation of which I wish to ascertain. I place it beside the two at the top, and I see at once that the perforations do not coincide: it is not 11, it is not 11½. Now let us try 12. I put the two together. The moment it strikes it you exclaim, "Why that is an unsevered pair, is it not?" and we know that the proper perforation has been found. There is no mistake about it. The gauge shows more quickly than you can count, and when you strike it, it shows for itself. With one of those gauges I can measure with pleasure 500 stamps in an hour or two, but I would not undertake to measure 500 perforations on a paper gauge in one evening for \$1,000.—*From Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Aug. 15.*

SOCIETY NEWS.

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.—The Annual Convention was held at Denver, Col., U.S.A., and the election of officers found Mr. C. W. Kissinger re-occupying his old post of President. W. H. Barnum, of Cleveland, Ohio, was chosen Secretary, and Mr. Luther W. Mott, Treasurer. Two of our very good friends are also included in the official list—Mr. L. T. Brodstone, who is elected Exchange Superintendent, and Mr. J. Edwards, of Montreal, Advertising and Subscription Agent. Judging by the account sent us

the members must have experienced a fine time in the Queen City. We extend our congratulations to the members and officers of this enterprising society and wish them every success.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—A singular thing occurred with the last packet of Circuit IV. (the Postcard Exchange). The packet was sent to Dublin to a member, who was absent and his house shut up. I wrote to the G.P.O. for the packet to be sent me, and they replied that they would see if it had been delivered. After waiting a fortnight a fresh inquiry evoked the reply that they were still inquiring for the packet and would let me know the result. Since then I have heard nothing more, and the packet was delivered on the member's return home. I conclude the P.O. authorities are *still looking for it*. Being registered there ought to have been no difficulty in tracing it. The June quarterly accounts of Circuit II are coming in very quickly and the greater part are already paid, although bills were only sent out a few days ago. Secretary, H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.—No report of the Annual Convention has not yet reached me. English collectors should remember one of the advantages of membership in this rising society is the exchange correspondence with members in the U.S. and Central and South American countries. Cost of membership is only 1.0½ per annum, and this includes the monthly magazine, *The Collector*. For application forms, etc., write (enclosing stamp for reply) H. Clark, Resident Vice-Pres. for G.B., Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—Excellent packets were sent out for September, especially considering the season. Members are requested to send sheets early as possible for October packet so as to start the season well. Rules, &c., from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE NEW CATALOGUE.

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS have at length issued the 10th edition of their Catalogue and Price List. The cost is 3/6, post-free, and, had S. G. Lim. asked 5/-, they would have got it, yet the book at first sight seems a mean production when compared with those published by the Scott Stamp Co. or by Senf at less than two-thirds the price. The cover is thin flexible linen, and the binding poor. The illustrations are generally blotchy and indistinct, possessing neither the clearness of Scott's nor the fidelity of Senf's. The printing is good and distinct, but the type used is far more trying to the eye than that employed for the other two catalogues. The arrangement of the matter is frequently bewildering, while in Scott every single item is prefaced with the number of its illustration, thus making reference

rapid and easy. All these drawbacks are naturally the result of the new size and form in which the catalogue is issued, but they do not neutralize the incontrovertible fact that the book, as a general catalogue, is the fullest and most valuable ever produced.

It is a necessary adjunct to the collection of every English philatelist, and of course every such person will get one. We are not in a position at this moment to criticise the subject matter of the catalogue. The people responsible for its production are unlikely to have made any serious slips, although even the youngest philatelist among us is not infallible, and so, upon this point we can say nothing except that we saw in one place a notice to the effect that "A number of stamps, both perf. and imperf. and surcharged, have been issued by this company (The Nyassa Company), but as it is doubtful if this was done with the consent of the Portuguese authorities, we do not list them, and shall not do so until their *bona fides* is proved,"—yet, by some subtle course of reasoning the publishers feel justified in listing and pricing the Chinese Treaty Port labels, although they have a prefacing note which advises collectors "to ignore them as much as possible." We cordially agree with the good advice tendered but deprecate the temptation placed in the collector's path by the listing of these things.

Having said this we have no other remark to make upon the quality of the catalogue, and can truthfully say that there is very little, if anything further to find fault with.

The next point is the more mechanical fact of the arrangement. For this we have unstinted praise. The book is divided generally into three parts: Part I., Adhesive Stamps; II., Postcards and Letter-cards; III., Envelopes and Wrappers. Thus a collector of adhesive stamps can consult his catalogue without being hampered with matter which has no interest to him, while the collector of entire is in the same advantageous position. This is certainly a step—nay, a stride—in the right direction. Again the subdivision into varieties of perforation and paper is far more complete than heretofore, although there are still places in which a stamp is described as perforated with no indication of the gauge of perforation, but for all this the variations are listed in a fairly comprehensive and easily understood manner. An extensive foreign money table and an excellent glossary of technical terms in four languages greatly add to the value of the work, and the whole is contained in a volume whose size is convenient for the pocket and weighing under ten ounces.

With regard to the vexed question of prices it is hardly our province to interfere. We must remember that the catalogue is an *versal* property, but the prices are the private opinion of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited. It would be an impertinence on our part to suggest that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons do not know

what they want for their wares, and it remains with collectors themselves to say whether they will buy them at those prices. It is no more our business to comment upon the prices quoted here than it is the business of the publishing firm to discuss those of other catalogues, and so we must leave this point alone, simply stating that, although S. G. Lim. have no doubt been getting the prices quoted for those rarities of which they have the practical monopoly, yet we could have found a dozen dealers last week who would have gladly provided the vast majority of the stamps quoted for half or a quarter the prices named, although what they will want next week goodness only knows, but we do not think they will ask 2/- for the 1882 Venezuela 1 bolivar, vermilion. Still we must sum up the whole question by acknowledging that the compilers and publishers have well accomplished the task they set themselves and have produced a book well worthy of their great reputation, and, with all its drawbacks, the best catalogue ever published at a popular price.

NOTICES.

THE *Postage Stamps of Helioland* is a nineteen page handbook describing the various emissions of this island, for ninety years a British possession and now part of the German empire. The book contains a profuse account of the various issues, their varieties, reprints, forgeries, &c., and a *resumé* of the principal historical and geographical facts connected with the island of the red, white and green. Its author is Dr. G. I. Bryant, and its publisher, Mr. Haberstraw, of Swansea. It can be supplied from the *Philatelic Chronicle* office at 7d. post-free.

Another useful little brochure is *The Stamps of Egypt*, by Mr. W. S. Warburg. The stamps of Egypt with their quaint and uncouth appearance always had a charm for us, and the perusal of this little work has done much to revive our interest. The information given seems new in many particulars and is certainly very full and comprehensive, and we anticipate a ready sale for the book considering its great utility to students of Egyptian stamps and the low price (4d.) at which it can be supplied.

The fourth edition of Mr. Ewen's *Priced Catalogue of English Stamps* is to hand. Those who have seen the previous editions will recognise the importance of the present one, which is enlarged to over 100 pages, and the subject matter treated much more fully and comprehensively. All the adhesive stamps—postal, telegraph, &c., are described, and the various secret marks on the earlier plates are illustrated. The latter portion of the book deals with the postmarks and obliterations of the United Kingdom and the British Post-offices abroad. This is fully illustrated, and is a novel and most interesting departure. The price is

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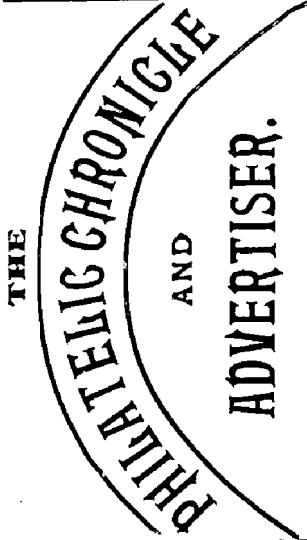
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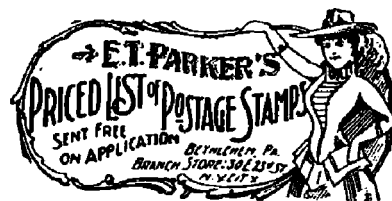
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" " 3 cents	1 3	9 0
" " 5 cents	2 0	15 0
" " 8 cents	2 6	18 0
" " 10 cents	3 0	22 6
" " 1894, 1 cent	0 6	4 0
" " 2 cent	1 0	8 0
" " 3 cent	1 6	12 0
Cashmere, 1/2 anna, black.. ..	0 6	3 9
*Cook Island, 1893, 1 1/2	2 3	16 0
Great Britain, 2/6 and 5/-	2 0	16 0
" " 10/-	10 0	
Greek, 50 lepta, imperf.	1 3	10 0
" " 1 drachma,	1 6	11 6
" " 1 " perf.	1 6	11 6
Hawaii, Provisional 2 cents, purple ..	1 3	10 0
" " 5 " blue	4 0	
" " 10 " brown	7 6	
" " 12 " black	9 0	
" " 18 " rose	13 6	
Holland, 1888, 1 guilder, lilac	5 0	
Holkar, 1st issue, used 1/2-anna ..	1 6	11 0
" " 2nd " " 1/2-anna	0 8	5 0
" " " " 1/2-anna	1 3	9 0
*Johore, 1 cent, lilac and mauve ..	0 8	4 6
" " 3 cents, lilac and rose	1 6	11 6
*Kewkiang, 1/2 cent, two kinds	0 4	2 0
" " 1 cent	0 6	4 0
Montenegro, 1894, 1 nov., blue ..	0 3	1 9
*Niger Coast Protectorate, 1/2d. ..	1 0	7 6
" " 1d.	2 0	15 0
" " 2d.	3 6	27 6
Nepaul, 1 anna, blue	1 6	12 0
*Panama, 1 cent, engraved	0 6	4 0
Portugal, new type, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, ass.	0 2	1 0
" " 75, 80, 100	1 0	7 6
" " 200, blue on blue	2 0	15 0
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" " tiger, 1 cent	0 8	4 6
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*Siam, provl., 1 on 64 atts	0 10	6 0
" " 2 on 64 atts, several var's ..	1 6	11 0
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" " 3 on 32 " rose	2 3	17 6
" " 1 on 12 " lilac	15 0	
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Borneo, old type, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 cents..	13 0
" " 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents	12 0
" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents ..	36 0
*Cochin, 1/2, 1, 2 puttans	4 6
Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200	66 0
Holkar, 1/2, 1, 2 annas, used	6 6
*Japan, Silver Wedding, 2, 5 cents ..	6 0
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Johore, head, 2, 4, 5, 6 cents	10 0
*Liberia, 1880, 1, 2, 6, 12 and 24 cents ..	20 0
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" " official, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents..	21 0
" " 16, 24, 32 cents	36 0
*Labuan, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents	12 0
" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents ..	36 0
Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25	12 0
" " ditto, Jubilee	15 0
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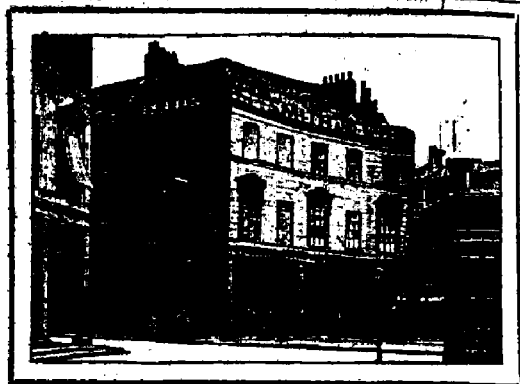
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" 1 " " " ..	0 9	1 0
" 2 " " " ..	2 0	1 3
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" 1 " ..	0 4	1 3
" 2 " ..	0 6	1 6
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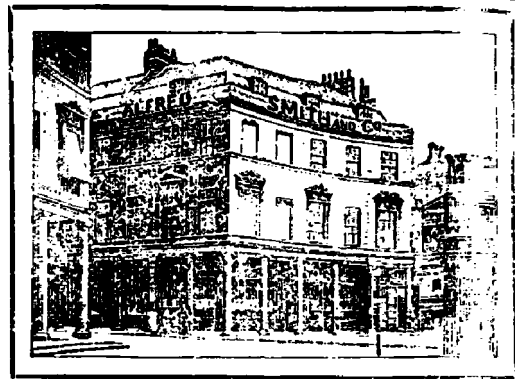
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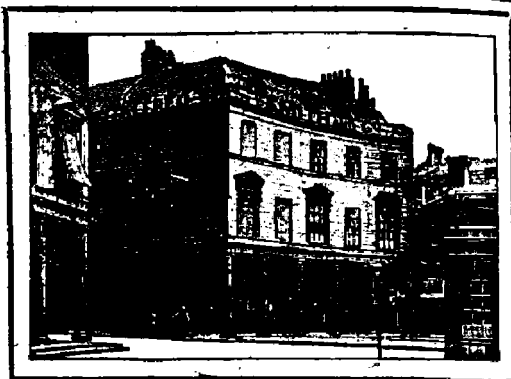
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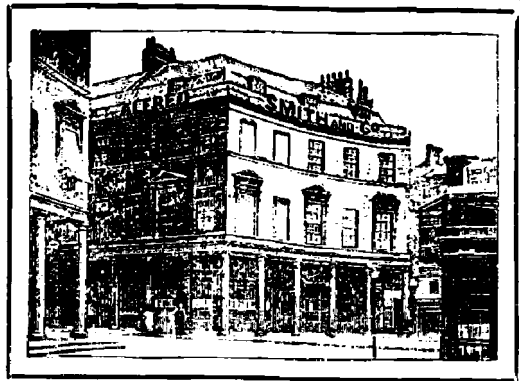
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
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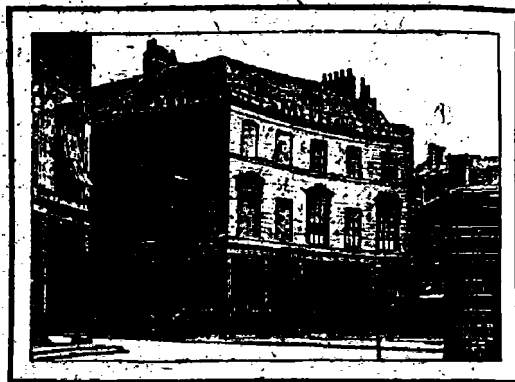
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Pahang, 1895, 1c. green	0	1	24 and 32c.	8	0
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" " " 1d. blue ..	1 6	11 6	* " 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents ..		12 0
*East Africa, 5 annas ..	6 0		" " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents ..		33 0
" " 7 1/2 " ..	9 0		*Brunei, (West Borneo), 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 cents ..		15 0
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" " 10 - ..	10 0		*Cuba, 1894, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4 mills ..		1 9
Hawaii, Provisional 2 cents, purple ..	1 3	10 0	Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 ..		66 0
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" " " 18 " rose ..	13 6		Johore, head, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, used ..		12 0
Hayti, 1, 1, 2, 2 cents, assorted ..	1 0	7 6	*Liberia, 1880, 1, 2, 6, 12 and 24 cents ..		20 0
Holland, 1888, 1 guilder, lilac ..	5 0		" " 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents ..		20 0
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Transvaal, ½d. grey, new type	0	1	Timor, 1894, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100,	7	6
Salvador, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c. and	2	0	150, 200 and 300 reis	7	6
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Liberia, 1895, surch. "O.S." 1, 2 and 5 dollars	42	0	Montenegro, unpaid, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 & 50 nov.	4	0
Stellaland, rev., 6d., 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2 6/5/-, 10/-, £1 & £5	7	6	Liberia, 1894, surch. "O.S." 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 16,	8	0
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Hawaii, 1895, 12c. blue	0	1	Persia, 1894, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10 shahi, 1, 2 and 5 kran	2	0
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Ceylon, 5c. and 5+5c. postcards on white	0	6	Antioquia, 1893, 5c. and 10c.	0	4
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Tonga, 2½d. on 1/-, black on green	3	6	Abyssinia, ½, 1, 1 & 2 guerches, Portrait of King	9	6
Servia, 1895, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 paras & 1 dinar	0	3	" " 4, 8 and 16 " lion	2	0
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French China, 1894, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	2	0	Cuba, 1894, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 mills, rose	13	0
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" " official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1 sucre	4	0	Fernando Po, 1894, 10c. brown violet	4	0
China, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12 & 24 candarins	0	3	French Colonies, unpaid, 1894, 5, 10, 15, 30, 50,	4	0
Sungei Ujong, 1c. on 5c. green	0	4	60c. and 1 fr.	1	0
" " 3c. on 5c. rose	0	2	Gt. Britain, registered envelope, error, old shape	0	6
" " 2c. yellow	2	0	with new stamp	0	3
British East Africa, 1894, 5 and 7½ annas	0	4	Johore, 1894, 3c. on 4c., provisional	4	0
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Transvaal, 1894, 2d., bistre	20	0	Niger Coast, 1894, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d. & 1-	4	0
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Transvaal, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. grey, new type ..	0	1	Timor, 1894, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100,		
Salvador, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c. and			150, 200 and 300 reis ..	7	6
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Somali Coast Protectorate, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25,			24 and 32c. ..	8	0
30, 50 and 75c. ..	3	0	Negri Sembilan, 1894, 5c. tiger ..	0	4
" " 1, 2 and 5 francs ..	10	0	Johore, 1894, 1c. lilac and violet ..	0	2
Hawaii, 1895, 12c. blue ..	1	0	Persia, 1894, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10 shahi, 1, 2 and 5 kran	10	0
Pahang, 1895, 1c. green ..	0	1	" " postcards, 2, 4, 2+2 and 4+4 shahi	2	0
San Marino, 1895, 2c. rose ..	0	1	Congo Free State, 1894, 5, 10, 25, 50c. & 1 franc	3	6
" " 20c. violet ..	0	4	" " " 5 francs ..	7	6
" " 1 lira, blue ..	1	6	Turks Islands, 1894, 5d. olive and carmine ..	0	10
Ceylon, 5c. and 5+5c. postcards on white ..	0	8	Antioquia, 1893, 5c. and 10c. ..	1	0
Paraguay, 1895, 20c. orange ..	0	6	Transvaal, 1894, 1d. postcard, new type ..	0	4
Samoa, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. on 2d. blue on orange ..	0	4	Bechuanaland, 1894, 1/- black & green, on English	1	9
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Transvaal, 1894, 1d. rose ..	0	2	Bolivar, 1891, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c. and 1 peso ..	9	0
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French China, 1894, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	4	0	Cuba, 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 mills, rose ..	0	6
" " 1 and 5 francs ..	8	0	Cyprus, 1894, 9, 18 and 45 piastres ..	13	0
Ecuador, 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1 and 5 sueres	2	0	Falkland Isles, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. on half 1d. ..	2	0
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China, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12 & 24 candarins	4	0	French Colonies, unpaid, 1894, 5, 10, 15, 30, 50,		
Sungei Ujong, 1c. on 5c. green ..	0	3	60c. and 1 fr. ..	4	0
" " 3c. on 5c. rose ..	0	4	Gt. Britain, registered envelope, <i>error</i> , old shape		
" " 2c. yellow ..	0	2	with new stamp ..	1	0
British East Africa, 1894, 5 and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas ..	2	0	Johore, 1894, 3c. on 4c., provisional ..	0	6
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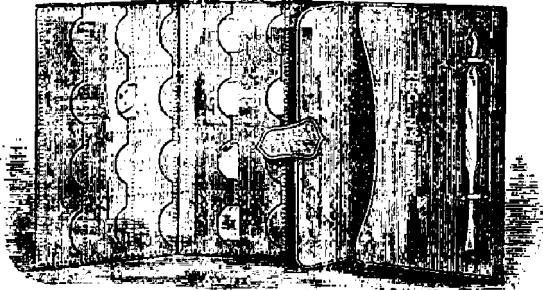
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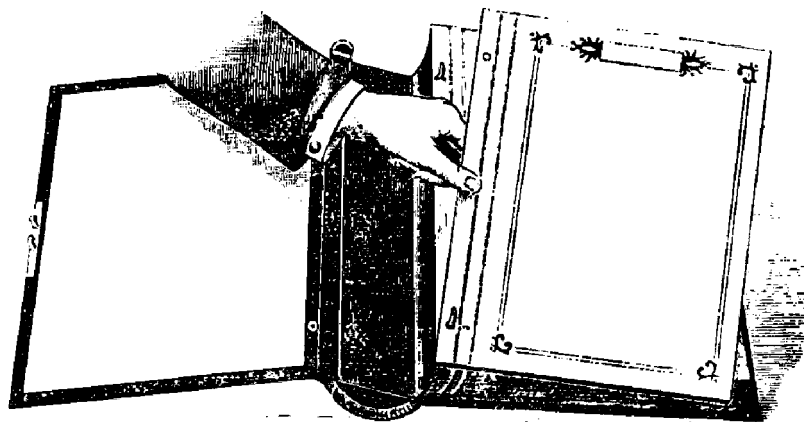
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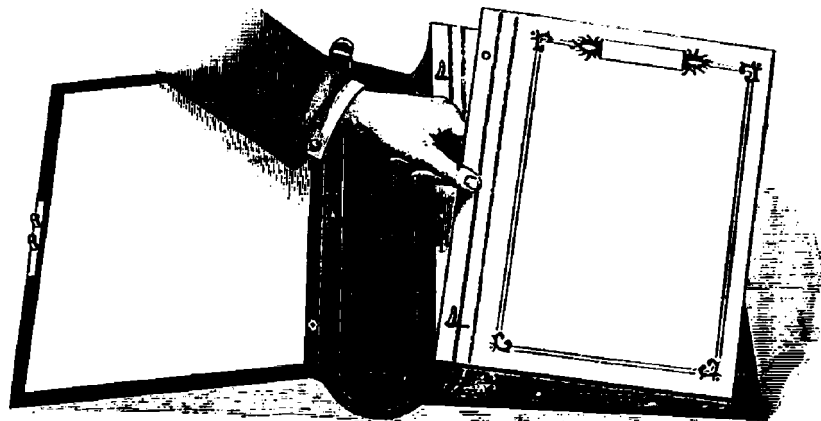
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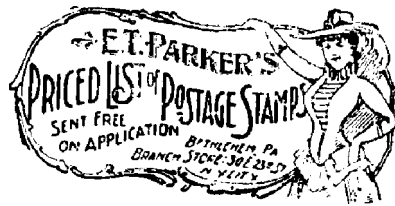
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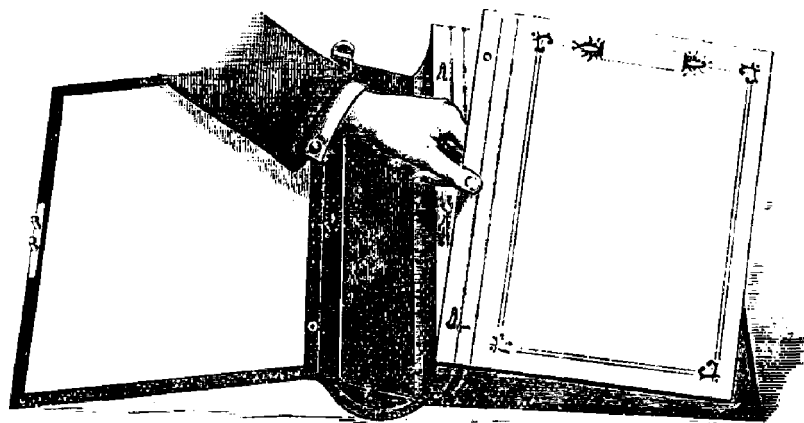
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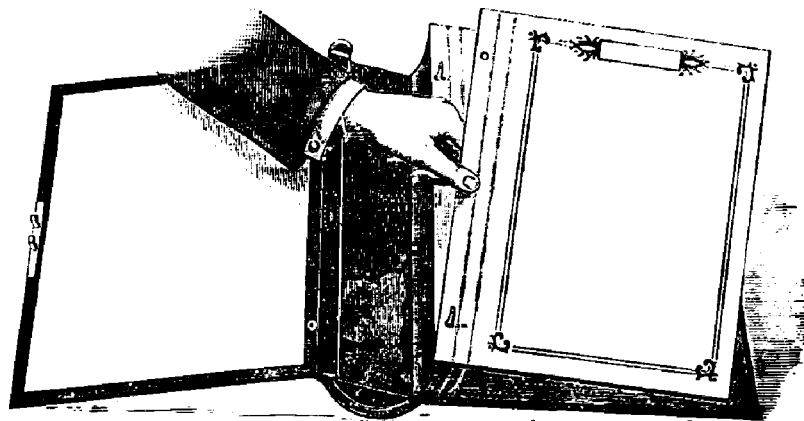
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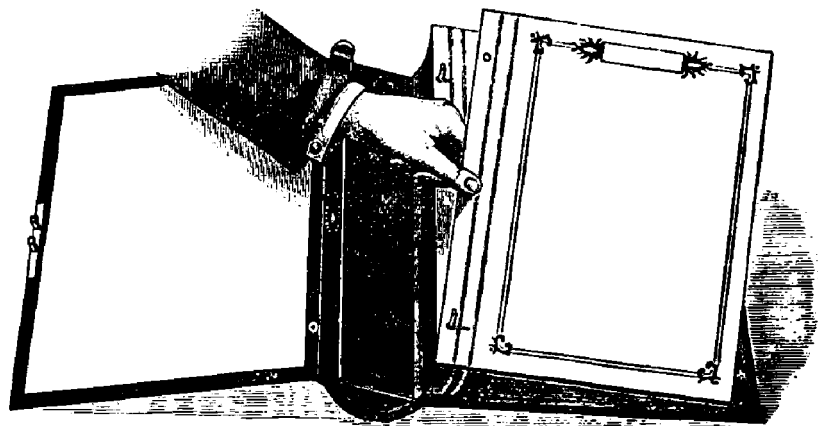
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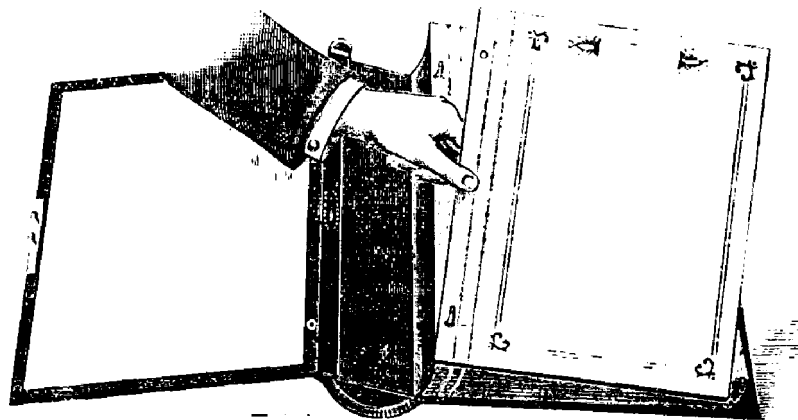
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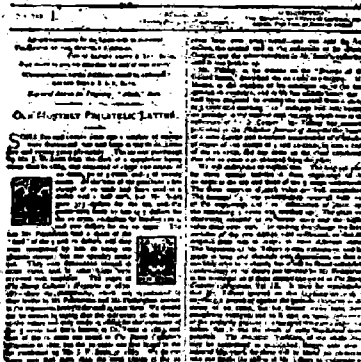
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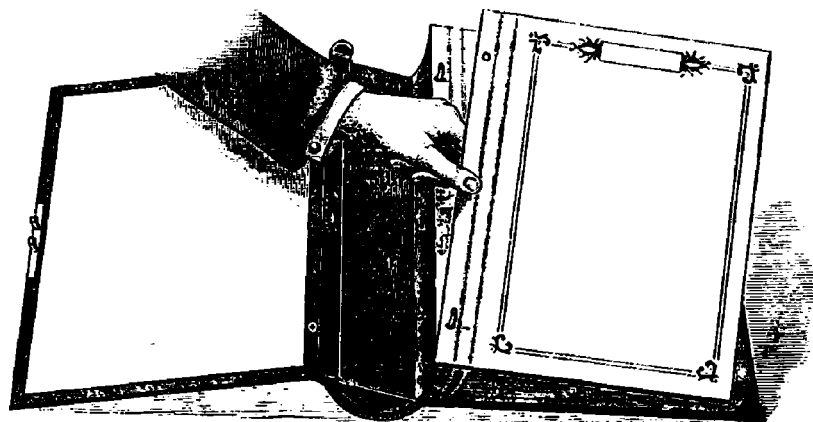
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