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# Mekeel's Drummer.

*This leaflet will be sent FREE, to such of our customers as wish to receive it. Notice.—This is a house organ.*

To keep in touch with our many correspondents, we shall issue this little leaflet as often as we have anything of special interest to say. It will also serve as a bargain list and general price list, always up to date, new lines being added continually. We shall send it entirely *free*.

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The enclosed card is sent to you for your address; if you want to receive our special offers, and **MEKEEL'S DRUMMER**, whenever it is issued, *free of charge*, you have only to fill it up and return to us. We mail this to many thousand names from our books and it will only be to those who respond in this manner that we shall send future issues.

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Anything we have may be sent on approval to responsible parties in any part of the United States.

Our business is not local in any sense; it is a *mail business* and is located in St. Louis because that is the nearest large city with ample mail facilities, to the center of population in this country.

*The mails are safe and sure*—we await your commands.

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"*Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded*," is a motto that is 23 years old. The Mekeel stamp business was established in 1877, and that has always been its motto, supplemented by, "*All stamps sold by us are guaranteed to be genuine*."

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*Doctor Stamp* being asked the best and most economical way to accumulate a stamp collection, gave the following prescription:

- R** 1° The largest variety packet that can be financially assimilated.  
2° A review of Mekeel's 50% discount serial approval books to fill spaces.  
3° Choice selections of the scarcer and better class of stamps by country, such as Mekeel sends to good buyers at *lowest net prices*.

Our president, Mr. Charles H. Mekeel, has recently returned from a six months absence abroad. Such a circumstance has no significance in the conduct of our business, which is organized on a system like a well oiled machine and the presence of any one man is not necessary in its operation.

We mention Mr. Mekeel's trip, which included Gt. Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, in connection with the many desirable purchases he made, and the unequalled condition of our present stock.

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Every now and then we hear of an old collector coming back into the field of collecting again. A western man who was an active collector seven years ago, recently decided to start in again, and asked various dealers to figure on a 10,000 variety packet to start with.

Various estimates from \$4,000.00 to \$1,500.00 were made, his order was placed at about the latter figure, and he will soon have it mounted in his new \$40.00 album.

We will furnish a similar collection mounted in a \$40.00 album in three volumes for \$1,450.00 if any of our readers wish to make an investment of this kind.

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We are working night and day on a new price list of stamps, arranged on the new and original plan adopted in the description of a few countries in this number.

If you send in your name and address on the card sent herewith you will receive it as soon as it is issued.

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Small orders for less than \$1.00 should always be accompanied by a stamped and addressed return envelope. Full address should always be given in every communication to us.



We often hear the words *speculation* and *investment* used in connection with the general trade in stamps for collectors. Most of the speculators are neither collectors or dealers, but belong to a class who have a certain amount of knowledge of stamps that they seek to turn to their own advantage in "buying for a raise." If the *speculators* get burnt sometimes no one need mourn; they are neither stamp lovers nor legitimate dealers and are abundantly able to take care of themselves. There is also a class of genuine collectors, those who love stamps for the pleasure of collecting, and pride of possession, who feel that it is too expensive a luxury, unless the money put into them is in a measure an investment. They feel that a collection that cost considerable should be available as an asset in time of necessity; in other words they want *value* for their money.

*Speculation* in stamps we do not encourage, but the *investment* feature is a commendable one.

There are at this time, in the United States more good solid collectors who are buying really good and desirable stamps than ever before.

This is not for speculation, but because they realize that good *value* is to be had at prevailing prices, and their money is well invested. Times are good, money is plenty and yet there has been no great increase in the prices of scarce stamps. The supply of rare and scarce stamps is diminishing.

For every rare stamp that comes on the market from the sale or breaking up of a collection there are a dozen blank places waiting in the collections of discriminating collectors.

We do not want to see a boom in prices but we are decidedly "*bullish*" in our view of the market, and will back it up to our last penny in the purchase of good stamps, if any of our "bear" friends want to unload. We want the class of collectors who appreciate *condition* and *value* to write us for their better class "wants" and we will do our best to supply them.

But the chap who wants a gold dollar for 50 cents simply because they used to go at that price (50% off) better save his postage and our time.

We sell the largest range of stamps in the world at 50% discount, *but the others* are the ones every body has not got and they are the stamps worth having after all.

On all stamps not in our 50% class we make *net*

prices, and make them fair, *condition* and *value* considered.



The newest things in the office at the time we go to press are the new issue for Chile, 1c. and 2c. values. We illustrate the 2 centavos stamp which is carmine in color, on white wove unwatermarked paper, rouletted. The 1c. is the same type and description; color, green. We understand the work was done by Waterloo and Sons of London, but it is not up to the usual standard of stamp engraving we are accustomed to expect from that concern. Our friend Sr. Beeche, who sent these specimens from Valparaiso, remarked that they were the first copies to leave the country.

We will sell the 1c and 2c, at five cents a set as long as they last, to customers who add this item to other orders from these columns.

The envelope manufacturers who have the contract for making Uncle Sam's stamped envelopes seem to be very careless in their color printing. The 2 cents envelope in its nominal color, is a red that shades on to carmine.

Many varieties of shades exist, the most startling being an *orange*, while a *red brown* has also been reported. A correspondent of ours in New Jersey recently ran across some printed in a *carmine pink*, size No. 5, white paper. These will be supplied to those who are interested in getting these different shades, at \$1.00 each while they last.

#### Illustrations of the Coamo.

We have made fine half tone pictures of the sheet of Coamo—Porto Rico—U. S. Colonial Provisionals, and a pair on original cover that came through the mails on an officer's letter to his wife in California. These illustrations are printed on highly glazed paper and show the stamps perfectly. A short history of the stamps is also given on the leaflet, which will be sent free upon request.

#### HINGES.

Everybody needs them. The best, 10c per 1000.

We illustrate the designs adopted for the new German stamps of higher denomination, 2 marks, 3 marks and 5 marks.



These stamps are an innovation for Germany, and show what a force example is, the shape and idea of a miniature of an oil painting is from the Columbian and Exposition stamps of the United States.

The influence of stamp collecting is felt in every country and in all government circles, and the more carefully selected designs and varied specimens of the engraver's art that are now appearing from every quarter, are the natural result. The popularity of collecting is increasing and we notice a great improvement in the character of the new collectors.

We formerly depended upon the boys for recruits, most of our advanced collectors commenced as boys. Not so now; we could name scores of active business and professional men who have taken up stamp collecting quite recently as a diversion and profitable pastime, many of them having been at-

tracted to our hobby, solely on account of the interesting foreign stamps that have been lately introduced in different parts of the world.

### BEGIN RIGHT.

Our system of business is based on the belief that most people are honest and fair, and appreciate the same kind of treatment.

We like to know who we are dealing with; it is not necessary to get a clean bill of health from your Sunday School teacher or your bank cashier. But it is easy for any intelligent person to establish his credit with us, and receive selections of anything he may want or be entitled to, on approval. Once properly introduced and established, we record on our card index system the standing of the correspondent, and further reference to matters of this kind is unnecessary.

*Begin right.* If you have not an account with us now, open one, and put yourself in shape to be able to get anything you want.

Accounts with minors must be authorized and guaranteed by parent or guardian.

## ABYSSINIA.

(AFRICA.)

A country in the north-eastern part of Africa, south of the Egyptian Soudan. The superior portion of the population is more akin to the Caucasian and the Semitic than to the usual Ethiopian negro.

The emperor (Negus Negusti or King of Kings), is Menelek of Shoa, who claims descent from Menelek, the son of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

The country is about one hundred square miles in area and has about four million population.

Although isolated from the Christian world, that has been the religion of its people since the fourth century.

There is no popular literature, no education. The principal pursuits are war, agriculture, cattle breeding and hunting.

They defeated the Italians in 1896, who tried to exercise a protectorate over the country. The postal system is crude and very primitive, the stamps used were issued in 1894 and supplemented in 1896 by a surcharged series for unpaid letters.

The Austrian (taler) Maria Theresa dollar is the adopted coin. 16 guerche = 1 taler.



## CUBA.

## (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence.

The island is very rich in natural resources.

Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors and are being added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (†).

<b>1855-57 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. On unwatermarked paper.</i>	Net Price each
½ r. p. blue .....	02
1 r. p. green .....	04
2 r. p. red .....	08
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.</i>	
¼ r. p. black .....	06
¼ r. p. black on buff .....	85
¼ r. p. green .....	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon .....	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.</i>	
10c. blue .....	02
20c. green .....	04
40c. rose .....	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac,	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.</i>	
5c. lilac .....	12
10c. blue .....	08
20c. green .....	12
40c. rose .....	20
Above set of four stamps .....	50

<b>1870 Issue.</b> <i>Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.</i>	
10c. green .....	06
20c. brown .....	04
<b>1871 Issue.</b> <i>Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.</i>	
12c. brown lilac .....	16
25c. blue .....	02
50c. green .....	05
1 peseta, brown (†) .....	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> <i>Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.</i>	
12½c. green .....	25
25c. gray lilac .....	04
50c. brown .....	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.</i>	
12½c. brown .....	23
25c. blue .....	02
50c. red purple .....	08
50c. gray .....	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> <i>Arms of Spain, date in label at top.</i>	
12½c. light purple .....	06
25c. blue .....	01
50c. green .....	02
1 peseta, brown .....	20
Above set of four stamps .....	25
<b>1876 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.</i>	
12½c. green .....	06
25c. gray lilac .....	02
50c. blue .....	02
1 peseta, black .....	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.</i>	
12½c. gray .....	08
25c. green .....	02
50c. black .....	02
1 peseta, brown .....	18
<b>1878 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, different colors.</i>	
5c. blue .....	02
12½c. brown .....	06
25c. light green .....	01
50c. dark green .....	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta,	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, different colors.</i>	
5c. black .....	02
25c. blue .....	02
50c. gray .....	02
1 peseta, brown .....	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.</i>	
5c. green .....	02
12½c. lilac .....	05
25c. blue .....	02
50c. brown .....	02
1 peseta, bistre .....	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as above, change of date.</i>	
1c. green .....	03
2c. rose .....	75

5c. blue.....	02
10c. red brown.....	02
20c. brown.....	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. red.....	07
2½c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
10c. bistre.....	03
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (5 different surcharges), 5 stamps,	35
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges), 3 stamps,	75
<b>1884 Issue.</b> Same type as 1882 issue, change of colors.	
2½c. olive.....	03
2½c. violet.....	18
10c. brown.....	16
20c. olive.....	20
<b>1888 Issue.</b> Same type.	
2½c. red brown.....	05
20c. lilac gray.....	23
<b>1890 Issue.</b> Baby head of Infant King.	
1c. brown (†).....	03
2c. slate blue.....	04
2½c. emerald green.....	05
5c. olive green.....	07
20c. dark violet.....	08
<b>1891 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. olive green (†).....	03
2½c. salmon.....	07
5c. emerald green.....	02
10c. claret.....	03
<b>1894 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. violet blue.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2½c. lilac.....	02
20c. brown.....	09
<b>1896 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. lilac brown.....	01
2c. claret.....	02
2½c. rose.....	02
5c. slate blue.....	01
10c. emerald green.....	02
20c. violet.....	09
<b>1898 Issue.</b> Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.	
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., } 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 } pesos.....	11 00
<b>1898-99 Provisionals.</b> Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.	

NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have a few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.

<b>1899 Issue.</b> New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.	
1c. on 1c. yellow green.....	03
2c. on 2c. red.....	04
2½c. on 2c. red.....	05
3c. on 3c. purple.....	05
5c. on 5c. blue.....	09
10c. on 10c. light brown.....	16
<b>1899 Issue (2nd).</b> New and beautiful designs.	
1c. blue.....	02
2c. carmine.....	04
3c. purple.....	05
5c. blue.....	09
10c. brown.....	15
10c. orange (special delivery).....	15

#### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

<b>1888 Issue.</b> Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-impresos" above, value below.	
½m. black.....	02
1m. ".....	04
2m. ".....	05
3m. ".....	05
4m. ".....	05
8m. ".....	05
Set of six stamps.....	20
<b>1890-96 Issues.</b> Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to right, value below.	
½m. red brown.....	02
1m. ".....	02
2m. ".....	03
3m. ".....	05
4m. ".....	09
8m. ".....	14
Set of six stamps.....	33
½m. violet (1892).....	01
1m. ".....	02
2m. ".....	03
3m. ".....	03
4m. ".....	05
½m. rose (1894).....	01
1m. ".....	02
2m. ".....	03
3m. ".....	04
4m. ".....	04
8m. ".....	05
½m. blue green (1896).....	01
1m. ".....	02
2m. ".....	03
3m. ".....	04
4m. ".....	04
8m. ".....	05

#### CUBA PACKET.

A fine packet of 100 varieties of Cuban stamps, a fine lot, issues 1855 to 1900, price \$1.50.

#### CUBA APPROVAL BOOK.

We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, when requested.

# HONDURAS.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, about 43,000 square miles in area, a population of about four hundred thousand people, most of whom are of aboriginal blood.

Rich in mineral wealth but undeveloped to a great extent.

The products are mahogany, fruit, cattle, cotton, sugar, tobacco, coffee, indigo, sarsaparilla, hides, india rubber and hard tropical woods.

Discovered by Columbus 1502; conquered by Spain in 1523-36; was a part of the captaincy of Guatemala; in 1839 it became an independent republic. The executive is vested in a president elected for four years.

Spanish is the common language, and the prevailing religion is Roman Catholic.

The name of the country, Honduras, is literally "depths," the plural of *hondura*, depth, from *hondo*, deep, from the Latin *fundus*, bottom. The name is said to refer to the difficulty the first explorers had in finding an anchorage off the coast.

The old Spanish currency prevailed there until 1878, 8 reales = 1 peso. The peso is now divided into 100 centavos. The peso is of about the same value as the Mexican dollar.

The stamps of this country are comparatively inexpensive and are for that reason very popular.

All in following list are unused except where indicated thus (†).

**1865 Issue.** *Small square stamps with arms in center, unperforated.*

2 reales, black on green.....	03
2 reales, black on pink.....	03

**1877 Provisionals.** *Above stamps surcharged new value.*

### TEGUCIGALPA.

½r. on 2r. black on pink, black surcharge.....	80
½r. on 2r. black on green, red surcharge.....	40
2r. on 2r. black on pink, red surcharge.....	80

NOTE. — The above stamps bearing various surcharges were issued in 1877 for use at Comayagua and Tegucigalpa. We sometimes have other copies in stock and will submit such as we have on approval upon request.

**1878 Issue.** *Portrait of a President to left, engraved and perforated.*

1c. 2c. ½r. 1r. 2r. 4r. 1p., set of seven stamps.....	50
4 reales, bright vermilion (1889).....	10
1 peso, yellow (1889).....	15

**1890 Issue.** *Arms in center, perforated.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1891 Issue.** *Portrait of a General, value 1c. to 1p. smaller in size than the 2, 5 and 10p., which are in two colors.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, set of above eleven values.....	50
2, 5 and 10 pesos, series of three stamps.....	50

**1892 Issue.** *Central figures represent a group of statuary, Columbus' first view of America*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1893 Issue.** *Portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1895 Issue.** *Figure of Justice, with left hand resting on a shield bearing the Arms.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps.....	50
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**1896 Issue.** *A roughly lithographed series, with a full face portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps (†).....	25
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### OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890.** *Stamps same type as regular issue of same date, all printed in pale yellow, surcharged with the word "Official" in red.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1891.** *Same as above, but design type of the regular 1891 issue.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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Any five of the 50c sets may be selected for \$2.25 where cash is sent with the order.

### ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of envelope and wrapper stamps, cut square, issues 1890 to 1895 inclusive.*

38 varieties, envelopes and wrappers 1890 to 1895 complete.....	1 50
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Any of the the above sets will be submitted on approval upon request at the net prices quoted.

### HONDURAS COLLECTION.

The complete collection of 94 different stamps listed above from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, and the officials, will be sent for \$4.00, or with the 38 envelopes and wrappers complete making 132 stamps in all for \$5.50.

### HONDURAS PACKET.

A cheap packet of 20 different varieties of Honduras stamps of several issues from 1865 to 1896 for 25 cents.

# NIGER COAST.

## (AFRICA.)

The first stamps issued for this place were lettered **Oil Rivers**, which, however, was changed soon after to Niger Coast. It was not a colony, but a protectorate, and administered directly by the imperial government of Great Britain through the foreign office.

The Royal Niger Company is a limited company, chartered July 10, 1886, to which considerable political and administrative powers were granted, and which are exercised under the control of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The company maintains forty-two stations where European goods are traded for palm oil, rubber, ivory, gums, hides, etc.

Thirty steamers navigate the Oil Rivers, and afford the principal means for the maintenance of order and security.

This territory has now been divided into North Nigeria and South Nigeria, which have become, we are informed, two regular British colonies.

The first stamps were issued by authority of the foreign office in 1892 and consisted of six values,  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. to 1sh. of regular issue for Great Britain, surcharged in three lines of type "British—Protectorate—Oil Rivers." The  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. was exhausted early and they resorted to surcharging  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. value on the 2 pence and 2½ penny stamps.

As these stamps were charged at face value, a few were surcharged with shilling values to equalize the accounts.

The surcharging was done in a most primitive way, and with such type and ink as was available in this out-of-the-way place.

The provisionals are all very scarce, and were soon followed by the most beautiful series we have, showing the portrait of the Empress Queen.

The prices of all stamps of Niger, will likely advance very materially, and following prices are all low compared with present condition of the market. Unused stamps indicated thus (\*).

**1892 Issue.** *Stamps of Great Britain, surcharged "British—Protectorate—Oil Rivers," in three lines.*

	Net Price each
2p. green and carmine (*)	25
2½. lilac on blue (*)	15
5p. lilac and blue (*)	25
1sh. green (*)	90

Complete series of six stamps, including

the  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. and 1p. in addition to the above four (\*) 1 75

**Provisionals.** *Half of 1p. surcharged in red for use as  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. stamp.*

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. red on lilac	4 00
Pair. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. surcharged in red on 1p. lilac, used	8 00
Pair of above (*) unused	10 00

**1893 Issue.** *Newly engraved series, with portrait of the Queen showing change in the plates, altering "Oil Rivers" to "Niger Coast."*

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. vermilion (*)	30
1p. blue (*)	50
2p. green (*)	1 00
2½p. carmine (*)	50
5p. lilac (*)	1 00
1sh. black (*)	2 00
Complete series of six stamps (*)	4 50

**1894 Issue.** *New issue, similar to last, but properly engraved Niger Coast. Unwater-marked.*

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. green (*)	05
1p. vermilion (*)	05
2p. carmine (*)	75
2½p. pale blue (*)	25
5p. deep violet (*)	20
1sh. black (*)	50

**1894 Provisional Issue.** *The first issue surcharged with new values. (Note.—We follow the order of American catalogue in arranging this list, although these stamps were undoubtedly issued before the two issues that are listed above).*

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2p. green and carmine. Italic surcharge in violet (*)	12 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic surcharge in vermilion (*)	6 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2p. green and carmine, Sans Serif surcharge in violet (*)	20 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2½p. lilac, Sans Serif surcharge in vermilion (*)	17 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2p. green and carmine, Block type surcharge in violet (*)	10 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2½p. lilac, Block type surcharge in vermilion (*)	6 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic Cap surcharge in green (*)	20 00

Persons ordering more than three of the provisionals here priced, will be allowed a special discount of 10 per cent.

**NOTE.**—The above surcharges come in other colors and some are quite rare, an exact list of what exist and what we have in stock will be sent upon request.

The following may also be supplied:—

- 1 shilling and 5 shillings surcharged on the 2 pence, green and carmine.
- 10 shillings on 5 pence, lilac and blue.

Collectors interested in this country, are requested to write for special quotations and selections of what we have in stock.

The provisionals we have on hand of this country are from the duplicates of a very fine collection of

African stamps that we recently purchased, and are not varieties that are usually found in a stamp dealers stock.

**1897 Issue.** Same type as regular 1894 issue, but on paper watermarked Crown C. A.

½p. green (*)	03
1p. vermilion (*)	04
2p. carmine (*)	07
2½p. blue (*)	10

## Popular Stamp Album.

This album is well named. Its popularity is attested by the immense sales. This is the 21st edition, several hundred thousand having been sold of previous editions. It has now been revised and brought up to date throughout, twenty new countries and colonies having been added, together with complete index.



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Over 1,000 Illustrations.



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## PERSIA.

(ASIA.)

The government of Persia is an absolute despotism, ruled by a Shah whose portrait on the stamps of the 1898 issue is familiar to collectors.

We may say that his name is Muzaffer-ed-Din Mirza, and he succeeded his father who was assassinated May 1st, 1896.

The portrait of his father is even more familiar to stamp collectors, because it figured prominently on the stamps from 1876 to the time of his death in 1896.

The arms of the country, a Lion, usually shown with an uplifted saber held in its paw, with a sun in the back ground, shares the honor of position with the portrait of the ruler on the stamps.

The population is about ten millions, the area 630,000 square miles; the religion is Mohammedan, although there are many Armenian Christians. The laws are based on the precepts of the Koran.

The capital is Teheran a city of over 200,000 inhabitants. Like many countries, the name by which it is known to its own people is different from that by which the rest of the world commonly refers to it. It is called by the natives **Iran**.

Stamps were first issued in 1868, and bore the lion as a prominent feature; until 1876 this type prevailed, many of them very badly printed.

After 1876 the designs and printing were very much improved, and examples of the various issues following are offered at very reasonable prices.

The coinage or monetary values are represented by *shahi*, *kran* and *tuman*: 20<sup>0</sup>shahi=1 kran; 10 kran=1 tuman.

The following stamps have been carefully selected and the prices are made as low as possible, most all ranging from 15% to 50%, or even more, below the usual Catalogue.

Unused stamps indicated thus (\*), all others cancelled.

	Net Price each
<b>1879 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Shah, with colored border.</i>	
1k. black, brown border	\$0 25
5k. blue, blue border	10
<b>1880 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
2s. black, yellow border	35
5s. black, green border	08
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Sun in frame. Lithographed.</i>	
5c. purple	30
10c. carmine	30



<i>Same type, engraved.</i>	
5c. purple.....	18
10c. carmine.....	07
25c. green.....	07
5, 10, 25c. set of three.....	30
<b>1882 Issue. Head of Shah.</b>	
5c. green.....	02
5fr. red and black.....	22
10fr. buff, red and black, large stamp.....	28
10fr. same, unused (*).....	40
<b>1885-86 Issue. Values up to 5s. Lion. Values 10s. and above, Head of Shah.</b>	
5s. blue (Lion).....	02
10s. bistre (Head of Shah).....	03
<b>1886 Issue. Surcharged "Officiel" and new value.</b>	
6s. on 5s. green.....	05
18s. on 10s. black and orange.....	12
1t. on 5fr. black and red.....	28
<b>1889 Issue. Values up to 7s. Arms. Values 10s. and above. Head of Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 7, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., complete set of eight (*).....	25
10c. black (*).....	04
1k. orange (*).....	50
2k. rose (*).....	05
5k. green (*).....	07
<b>1891 Issues. Values up to 14s. a Persian design, Values 1k. and upwards, Head of Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., set of seven.....	25
7s. grey (a scarce stamp).....	30
14s. orange (also scarce).....	10
1k. green.....	02
2k. orange.....	05
5k. yellow.....	08
<b>1894 Issue. Values up to 8s. Arms. Values 10s. and upwards, Head of Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 8, 10s., set of five.....	10
1, 2, 5, 8, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., set of eight.....	70
8s. brown.....	03
16s. rose (scarce stamp).....	50
1k. red and yellow.....	03
2k. yellow and blue.....	12
5k. violet and silver.....	50
<b>1897 Issues. Surcharge of stamps of last issue new value, in Persian and Roman.</b>	
5s. on 8s. brown.....	03
1k. on 5k. violet and silver (*).....	35
2k. on 5k. violet and silver (*).....	50
The above set of three.....	85
<b>1898 Issue. Values up to 16s. Arms. (Same type as 1894 issue). Values 1k. and upwards, Head of the new Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12s. 1k. set of eight.....	25
8s. orange.....	07
12s. rose.....	05
16s. green (a scarce value).....	18
1k. blue.....	03
<b>1899 Issue. A lot of the above stamps having been stolen from P. O. Department, a control</b>	

*a mark of an ornamental design was roughly surcharged on the 1898 series.*

1, 2, 5, 10s., 1k. set of five.....	20
2s. pale brown.....	03
10s. light blue.....	05
1k. ultramarine.....	06
<b>1900 Issue. Same types as 1898 issue, in new colors, on greenish paper.</b>	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5s. (*), set of 5.....	20
8s. orange on greenish (*).....	10
10s. blue on greenish.....	03

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## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

### (ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

Having been discovered by Magalhaes in 1521, settlement commencing in 1565.

The group was named after Philip II of Spain.

The chief products are manila hemp, tobacco, sugar, cocoa and rice.

The nominal religion is Roman Catholic.

The sovereignty passed from Spain to the United States when the peace treaty was signed. The form of government that will finally be established by the United States has not been settled. It is now controlled by the military authorities, under a governor. A revolution that was in progress when the

United States acquired the group, led by Aguinaldo, a young half breed, who has great ambition and some education, has caused the government some trouble, but the insurgents have been practically crushed, and little remains to establish peace throughout the group.

Education and practical reforms introduced by the most progressive nation in the world will transform these islands into a wonderful territory, as the natural resources are very great.

The issues of stamps from 1854 to 1879 inclusive are all very desirable and have become very scarce through the demand created for them by the many collectors of United States stamps who have recently added the stamps of these islands to their collections.

Such as we have of these older issues will be submitted upon approval at net prices to our customers upon request.

The following stamps are all unused except where indicated as follows (1).

<b>1880-82 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.</i>	<b>Net Price</b>
2c. carmine.....	02
2½c. brown (1).....	05
2½c. ultramarine.....	08
5c. blue gray.....	07
6½c. green.....	12
10c. pale mauve.....	08
12½c. rose.....	10
20c. bistre.....	25
25c. brown.....	20
<b>1887-89 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as above.</i>	
50m. bistre.....	08
1c. yellow green.....	02
1c. dark green.....	04
<b>1889 Issue.</b> <i>Head of the Baby King of Spain Alphonso XIII, to right.</i>	
2c. carmine.....	03
2½c. ultramarine.....	03
5c. dark blue.....	20
8c. yellow green.....	10
10c. blue green.....	25
12½c. yellow green.....	15
20c. rose.....	20
<b>1891 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
10c. claret.....	08
25c. blue.....	40
<b>1892-93 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
1c. violet.....	20
2c. violet.....	05
2½c. olive gray.....	05
5c. green.....	08
6c. brown-violet.....	08

8c. ultramarine.....	15
15c. red-brown.....	15
20c. gray brown.....	25
<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
2c. dark brown.....	05
6c. vermilion.....	06
8c. red-brown.....	10
12½c. orange.....	20
15c. rose.....	30
20c. violet.....	25
<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
1c. green.....	30
2c. blue.....	02
2c. light brown.....	20
5c. brown.....	15
5c. emerald green.....	10
6c. carmine.....	35
10c. light red-brown.....	10
15c. blue green.....	25
20c. orange.....	20
<b>1898 Issue.</b> <i>Head of the Boy King of Spain to the left, "Filipinas 1898y99" above, value below.</i>	
1m. to 2 pesos, complete series of twenty stamps, unused and fine.....	8 50
1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. orange brown.....	02
3m. orange brown.....	02
5m. orange brown.....	02
1c. black violet (1).....	05
3c. dark brown (1).....	04
8c. grey brown.....	12
15c. slate green.....	25
2 pesos blue.....	2 60
<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>"Philippines" surcharged in black on regular United States stamps.</i>	
1c. yellow green.....	03
2c. red.....	05
3c. purple.....	06
5c. blue.....	09
10c. yellow brown.....	15
<b>HABILITADO SURCHARGES.</b>	
<i>The following stamps were surcharged for provisional use.</i>	
<b>1881-88 Issue.</b>	
10c. on 2½c. ultramarine, black surcharge.....	20
1c. on 2½c. ultramarine, red surcharge.....	10
8c. on 2½c. ultramarine.....	15
2½c. on ¼c. green.....	10
2½c. on 10c. green.....	14
<b>1889 Issue.</b>	
2½c. on 1c. green.....	07
2½c. on 2c. carmine.....	10
2½c. on 5c. blue.....	08
2½c. on 50m. bistre.....	10
2½c. on ¼c. green.....	06
2½c. on 2c. "Telegrafos".....	08
2½c. on 2½c. "....."	08

2½c. on 5c. "Telegrafos".....	08
2½c. on 10c. " ".....	07

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

<b>1886 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</i>	
½c. green.....	02
1m. rose.....	03
2m. blue.....	03
5m. dark brown.....	05
Above set of four stamps.....	10
<b>1890-96 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to left, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</i>	
½c. lilac brown.....	02
1m. " ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
½c. brown (1894).....	01
1m. olive.....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
½c. blue (1896).....	02
1m. blue.....	02
2m. brown.....	02
5m. blue green (1896).....	03

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**PORTO RICO****(WEST INDIES.)**

An island in the West Indies, which has an area of about 5300 square miles and about eight hundred thousand inhabitants. Discovered by Columbus in 1493, was conquered by the Spaniards mainly by Ponce de Leon 1508-20. In 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War it became a possession of the United States of America, and will no doubt become in due course of time a Territory and finally a State of our Union.

The first stamps used exclusively in Porto Rico, were those of Cuba for 1873 to 1876, with the addition of a script surcharge in black.

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

<b>1876 Issue.</b> <i>Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.</i>	<b>Net Price each</b>
25c. violet and black.....	25
50c. blue and black.....	75
1 peseta, black.....	1 75
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	50
1c. green.....	12
2c. lake.....	22
3c. brown.....	40

**1882 Issue.** *Same type without date.*

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	13
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. pale green.....	04
3c. orange.....	07
8c. brown (‡).....	08
80c. olive brown.....	90

**1884 Issue.** *Same as last.*

3c. chocolate.....	08
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**1890 Issue.** *Type of Baby head of King of Spain.*

¼m. black.....	07
2m. violet rose.....	04
2m. violet rose (‡).....	04
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	03
3c. dark blue (‡).....	05

**1890 Issue.** *Same as last.*

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. set of six stamps.....	12
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	03
1c. light green.....	04
2c. lilac rose (‡).....	04
3c. orange red (‡).....	04
5c. yellow green.....	10
5c. blue green.....	10
5c. blue green (‡).....	03
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	15
10c. violet rose.....	15
20c. mauve.....	30
40c. dark blue.....	70

**1893 Commorative Issue.** *A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.*

3c. dark green.....	1 25
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**1894 Issue.** *Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.*

¼, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. lilac brown.....	03
3c. olive.....	06
3c. olive (‡).....	02
4c. slate blue.....	05
20c. rose.....	10
40c. red violet.....	30

**1896 Issue.** *Same as last, new colors.*

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. claret (‡).....	02
1c. claret.....	02
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. ultramarine.....	08
4c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	05
6c. lilac.....	03
8c. rose.....	08
20c. olive.....	10
40c. orange.....	25

**1897 Issue.** *Same type, new colors.*

3c. claret brown.....	03
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**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**

1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	30
4m. " (†).....	25
5m. ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	05
1c. " (†).....	04
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	75
5c. carmine.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03
10c. vermilion.....	12
15c. slate green.....	15
20c. maroon.....	35
40c. violet.....	35
60c. black.....	50
80c. red brown.....	75
1, 2, 3, 4, 5m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2, pesos, the complete series of twenty stamps, all unused	8 50

**1898-99 Provisional Issue. Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged in three lines.****\*\*Habilitado—para—1898 y 99, in red or violet.**

1m. lilac brown.....	03
2m. yellow green.....	03
4m. blue green.....	03
1c. claret.....	03
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. claret brown.....	05
4c. brown.....	04
5c. blue.....	05
6c. lilac.....	12
8c. rose, red surcharge.....	50
8c. rose, violet surcharge.....	20
20c. olive.....	30
40c. salmon.....	50
80c. black.....	1 25

**Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but were made available for postage.**

2c. on 2m. flesh.....	04
2c. dark violet.....	15
2c. red brown.....	25
5c. blue green.....	08
5c. on 1m. violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue.....	03

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2c. red.....	03
2c. red (†).....	02
5c. blue.....	08
8c. puce.....	12
10c. yellow.....	15



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**No. 118** A packet of Persian stamps only, 40 different varieties all from the domain of the Shah. Issues from 1885 to 1899 1c. to 1k. values inclusive. **\$1.00**

**40 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 119** A packet containing only the stamp of Cuba, 100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap and desirable packet. **\$1.50**

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Every stamp in the above packet, as well as all our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals. There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the 1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian lithographed, unused; Guadalajara; 1867, Gothic surcharge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unperforated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are well represented. Of the last mentioned series there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c. rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 posos, also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and 12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete; 1895, 1c. to 50c.; Officials, Port de Mar, Officially Sealed, Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square.

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**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **15c**

**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

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### WHAT IT CONTAINS.

Africa (Portuguese)	Madeira
Alwur	Malta
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Argentine	Monaco
Azores	Montenegro
Baden	Mozambique
Bamra	Nabha
Barbados	<b>Natal</b>
Benin	Netherlands
Bermuda	New Brunswick
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Bolivia	<b>Newfoundland</b>
Bosnia	New South Wales
Brazil	New Zealand
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Br. Honduras	North Borneo
Brunswick	Norway
Bulgaria	Nossi Be
<b>Cameroons</b>	Nowanuggur
Canada	Nyassa
Cape of Good Hope	<b>Obock</b>
Cape Verde	Oceanica (French)
Ceylon	<b>Orange Free State</b>

Charkhari	Panama
Chile	Paraguay
China	Patiala
Colombia	Perak
<b>Congo Free State</b>	Persia
Costa Rica	Peru
<b>Cuba</b>	<b>Philippines</b>
Curacao	Ponto Delgada
Cyprus	<b>Porto Rico</b>
Deccan	Portugal
Danish West Indies	Portuguese India
Dhar	Prussia
Diego Suarez	Queensland
Djibouti	Reunion
Dominican Rep.	Roman States
Dutch Indies	Roumania
Ecuador	Russia
Egypt	St. Lucia
Eritrea	Ste. Marie
Faridkot	St. Pierre
Finland	St. Thomas
French Colonies	St. Vincent
French Congo	Salvador
Funchal	San Marino
Gibraltar	<b>Sarawak</b>
Gold Coast	Saxony
Great Comoro	Selangor
Greece	Senegal
Grenada	Servia
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Guatemala	Shanghai
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Gwalior	Sierra Leone.
<b>Hawaii</b>	Soruth
<b>Hayti</b>	<b>Soudan</b> (Camel)
Holkar	Soudan (French)
Honduras	<b>So. African Rep.</b>
Hong Kong	South Australia
Horta	Straits Settlements
<b>Iceland</b>	Surinam
India	Tasmania
Indo-China	Timor
Ivory Coast	<b>Togoland</b>
Jamaica	Travancore
Japan	Trinidad
Jhalawar	Tunis
Jhind	Turkey
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Jummoo	Venezuela
Labuan	Wadhwan
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Luxemburg	Western Australia
Macao	Zambesi
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No envelopes	No locals
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## THE STAMP BUSINESS.

Probably *ninety-nine per cent* of the stamp business of the world is transacted by correspondence and through the mail. This being true, it may be readily understood why some dealers are prosperous and busy, while some are complaining that trade is dull. The man who finds that he can command the attention of large concerns, organized to do a mail approval business, and receive better selections to inspect at his leisure, than he can find in his local stamp shop, is not slow to avail himself of the better system.

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We are prepared to serve our customers *by mail*, our whole system is based on this arrangement and we are in our own territory as much in New York City as in San Francisco, in New Orleans or St. Paul. We want our readers to understand this and that we are ready to serve them in every way.

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Following are Described Twelve Non-Duplicating Books. Nicely Arranged for Easy Comparison with your Collection.

**50% Discount from Catalogue Prices is allowed on all stamps in this series.**

**Approval Book No. 1** has been designed especially to illustrate our system of carrying on the approval business. The contents of this book have been so selected that there is likely to be something in it suited to the needs of every collector, whether he is a beginner or more advanced.

**Approval Book No. 2** contains stamps from Africa, Angola, Angra, Anjouan, Argentine, Austria, Azores, Baden, Bavaria, Barbados and Belgium.

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We have other books of the scarcer stamps, and books classified by countries marked at lowest net prices, without discount.

These will be found very satisfactory to collectors who have exhausted the 50% discount class.

## IMPORTANT.

**Instructions.** In opening an account with us for the receipt of approval books at regular intervals, the following rules must be agreed to, and the information furnished for our records:

If the party is not known to us, a line from a bank or business house of commercial rating will be necessary. We simply require evidence of good standing to protect ourselves from irresponsible parties.

It is easy for any one who is all right to comply with this rule, and the necessity for it in our business is quite apparent to any fair mind.

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**Postage.** We prepay postage on all selections sent out on approval, and we expect the return postage to be fully prepaid by our correspondents.

All approval books must be returned sealed as first-class matter, and where the selection is sent out registered it is to be returned in the same manner.

**Remittances.** A remittance must be sent with each selection returned. Fractional parts of a dollar may be sent in unused U. S. stamps. Express Money orders may be obtained anywhere and are highly recommended. P. O. Money Orders or Bank Drafts are convenient. Never send coin in an ordinary envelope. Always register currency if remittance is made in that form. Fifteen cents must be added for the cost of collection of private checks drawn on banks outside the principal large cities. Cost of the remittance must in all cases be borne by the sender. Canada silver will not be accepted. Canada currency, 2% discount; Canadian unused postage stamps, 5% discount.

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Substituting or removing stamps not purchased from our books or sheets is *positively prohibited*. Such practices are regarded by us as highly dishonest, and will be dealt with accordingly, even if the stamp exchanged or substituted is of equal value.

To request selections on approval through the U. S. mails with the intent to defraud or fail to settle with the owner is an offense against the laws of the U. S. Government, being severely punished in cases of minors as well as adults.

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*This leaflet will be sent FREE, to such of our customers as wish to receive it. Notice.—This is a house organ.*

We have decided to issue this little leaflet from time to time, that we may keep in touch with our correspondents in all parts of the country. It will serve as a price list, and something new will be added in each issue. All collectors who are known by their remittances to our order department or approval department, will receive it entirely free.

For the convenience of those to whom this number is sent for the first time, an index card is enclosed for their address.

Fill it up and return, with the first order, and the DRUMMER will be sure to be sent regularly.

A monthly stamp paper, devoted entirely to the interests of stamp collectors, has been published every month for 38 years in Brussels, Belgium. That is something for those to consider, who have only recently heard of stamp collecting and are of the impression that it is but a passing fad or fancy.

Stamp collecting is almost as old a pastime as stamps, themselves, and it will last even after stamps have passed away, if they ever do.

The stamp paper referred to above is known as *Le Timbre Poste*; in English, (*The Postage Stamp*), but it is printed entirely in the French language and is of a high literary character. Upon the completion of its 38th volume it will cease publication, as its founder and publisher, Mons. J. B. Moens, is forced to retire on account of his health.

Referring to the possibilities of a 10,000 variety packet or collection of stamps in our last number, will say that we have found it possible to produce such a lot from our stock for \$1,200.00 and this price would include a \$40.00 Edition Album, in three volumes.

A Danvers, Iowa, collector has just bought such a packet and several others are figuring on the same.

The business of the Mekeel company was established in 1877, and during its twenty-three years of business life has contributed many thousands of folios to stamp literature. Its publications have included at different times, quarterly, monthly, weekly and even a daily publication.

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This is a new variety of one of the United States Local stamps. The difference between this and the variety catalogued is the word PAID that appears on the envelope, the other variety being without it. The stamp is lithographed in black on orange wove paper unperforated and was discovered on an original cover. We like to buy rare varieties of U. S. Local stamps and solicit offers.



### "THE HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES,"

By the late John K. Tiffany. Full cloth bound, 320 pages, published by C. H. Mekeel, 1887, with concluding notes by the author added 1894, bringing the work up to date at that time, including the Columbian Issue of U. S. Stamps.

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A country in the north-eastern part of Africa, south of the Egyptian Soudan. The superior portion of the population is more akin to the Caucasian and the Semitic than to the usual Ethiopian negro.

The emperor (Negus Negusti or King of Kings), is Menelek of Shoa who claims descent from Menelek, the son of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

The country is about one hundred thousand square miles in area and has about four million population.

Although isolated from the Christian world, that has been the religion of its people since the fourth century.

There is no popular literature, no education. The principal pursuits are war, agriculture, cattle breeding and hunting.

They defeated the Italians in 1896, who tried to exercise a protectorate over the country. The postal system is crude and very primitive, the stamps used were issued in 1894 and supplemented in 1896 by a surcharged series for unpaid letters.

The Austrian (taler) Maria Theresa dollar is the adopted coin. 16 guerche = 1 taler.

We offer the following stamps of this country: (\*) Indicates unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Portrait of King Menelek looking to the right on lower values. Lion holding flag (arms) on the higher values. All inscriptions in native characters.*

	Net Price Each
1/4g. green (*)	03
1/2g. rose (*)	05
1g. blue	05
Complete series, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps	1 45

**Unpaid 1896 Issue.** *Portrait type with a surcharged inscription in native characters within a scroll.*

1/4g. green (*)	05
1/2g. rose (*)	05
Complete series (*) 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps	2 90

# HONDURAS.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, about 43,000 square miles in area, a population of about four hundred thousand people, most of whom are of aboriginal blood.

Rich in mineral wealth but undeveloped to a great extent.

The products are mahogany, fruit, cattle, cotton, sugar, tobacco, coffee, indigo, sarsaparilla, hides, india rubber and hard tropical woods.

Discovered by Columbus 1502; conquered by Spain in 1523-36; was a part of the captaincy of Guatemala; in 1839 it became an independent republic. The executive is vested in a president elected for four years.

Spanish is the common language, and the prevailing religion is Roman Catholic.

The name of the country, Honduras, is literally "depths," the plural of *hondura*, depth, from *hondo*, deep, from the Latin *tundas*, bottom. The name is said to refer to the difficulty the first explorers had in finding an anchorage off the coast.

The old Spanish currency prevailed there until 1878, 8 reales = 1 peso. The peso is now divided into 100 centavos. The peso is of about the same value as the Mexican dollar.

The stamps of this country are comparatively inexpensive and are for that reason very popular.

All in following list are unused except where indicated thus (†).

**1865 Issue.** *Small square stamps with arms in center, unperforated.*

	Net Price each
2 reales, black on green.....	03
2 reales, black on pink.....	03

**1877 Provisionals.** *Above stamps surcharged new value.*

### TEGUCIGALPA.

½r. on 2r. black on pink, black surcharge.....	80
½r. on 2r. black on green, red surcharge.....	40
2r. on 2r. black on pink, red surcharge.....	80

NOTE.—The above stamps bearing various surcharges were issued in 1877 for use in Comayagua and Tegucigalpa. We some times have other copies in stock and will submit such as we have on approval upon request.

**1878 Issue.** *Portrait of a President to left, engraved and perforated.*

1c. 2c. ½r. 1r. 2r. 4r. 1p., set of seven stamps..	50
4 reales, bright vermilion (1889).....	10
1 peso, yellow (1889).....	15

**1890 Issue.** *Arms in center, perforated.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1891 Issue.** *Portrait of a General, value 1c. to 1p. smaller in size than the 2, 5 and 10p., which are in two colors.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, set of above eleven values.....	50
2, 5 and 10 pesos, series of three stamps.....	50

**1892 Issue.** *Central figures represent a group of statuary, Columbus' first view of America*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1893 Issue.** *Portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1895 Issue.** *Figure of Justice, with left hand resting on a shield bearing the Arms.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps.....	50
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**1896 Issue.** *A roughly lithographed series, with a full face portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps (†).....	25
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### OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890.** *Stamps same type as regular issue of same date, all printed in pale yellow, surcharged with the word "Oficial" in red.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1891.** *Same as above, but design type of the regular 1891 issue.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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Any five of the 50c sets may be selected for \$2.25 where cash is sent with the order.

### ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of envelope and wrapper stamps, cut square, issues 1890 to 1895 inclusive.*

38 varieties, envelopes and wrappers 1890 to 1895 complete.....	1 50
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Any of the the above sets will be submitted on approval upon request at the net prices quoted.

### HONDURAS COLLECTION.

The complete collection of 94 different stamps listed above from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, and the officials, will be sent for \$4.00, or with the 38 envelopes and wrappers complete making 132 stamps in all for \$5.50.

### HONDURAS PACKET.

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# NIGER COAST.

(AFRICA.)

The first stamps issued for this place were lettered **Oil Rivers**, which, however, was changed soon after to Niger Coast. It was not a colony, but a protectorate, and administered directly by the imperial government of Great Britain through the foreign office.

The Royal Niger Company is a limited company, chartered July 10, 1886, to which considerable political and administrative powers were granted, and which are exercised under the control of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The company maintains forty-two stations where European goods are traded for palm oil, rubber, ivory, gums, hides, etc.

Thirty steamers navigate the Oil Rivers, and afford the principal means for the maintenance of order and security.

This territory has now been divided into North Nigeria and South Nigeria, which have become, we are informed, two regular British colonies.

The first stamps were issued by authority of the foreign office in 1892 and consisted of six values, ½p. to 1sh. of regular issue for Great Britain, surcharged in three lines of type "British—Protectorate—Oil Rivers." The ½p. was exhausted early and they resorted to surcharging ½p. value on the 2 pence and 2½ penny stamps.

As these stamps were charged at face value, a few were surcharged with shilling values to equalize the accounts.

The surcharging was done in a most primitive way, and with such type and ink as was available in this out-of-the-way place.

The provisionals are all very scarce, and were soon followed by the most beautiful series we have, showing the portrait of the Empress Queen.

The prices of all stamps of Niger, will likely advance very materially, and following prices are all low compared with present condition of the market. Unused stamps indicated thus (\*).

<b>1892 Issue. Stamps of Great Britain, surcharged "British—Protectorate—Oil Rivers," in three lines.</b>	<b>Net Price each</b>
2p. green and carmine (*)	25
2½. lilac on blue (*)	15
5p. lilac and blue (*)	25
1sh. green (*)	90
Complete series of six stamps, including	

the ½p. and 1p. in addition to the above four (\*)

**Provisionals. Half of 1p. surcharged in red for use as ½p. stamp.**

½p. red on lilac 4 00  
 Pair. ½p. surcharged in red on 1p. lilac, used 8 00  
 Pair of above (\*) unused 10 00

**1893 Issue. Newly engraved series, with portrait of the Queen showing change in the plates, altering "Oil Rivers" to "Niger Coast."**

½p. vermilion (\*) 30  
 1p. blue (\*) 50  
 2p. green (\*) 1 00  
 2½p. carmine (\*) 50  
 5p. lilac (\*) 1 00  
 1sh. black (\*) 2 00  
 Complete series of six stamps (\*) 4 50

**1894 Issue. New issue, similar to last, but properly engraved Niger Coast. Unwater-marked.**

½p. green (\*) 05  
 1p. vermilion (\*) 05  
 2p. carmine (\*) 75  
 2½p. pale blue (\*) 25  
 5p. deep violet (\*) 20  
 1sh. black (\*) 50

**1894 Provisional Issue. The first issue surcharged with new values. (Note.—We follow the order of American catalogue in arranging this list, although these stamps were undoubtedly issued before the two issues that are listed above).**

½p. on 2p. green and carmine. Italic surcharge in violet (\*) 12 50  
 ½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic surcharge in vermilion (\*) 6 00  
 ½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Sans Serif surcharge in violet (\*) 20 00  
 ½p. on 2½p. lilac, Sans Serif surcharge in vermilion (\*) 17 50  
 ½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Block type surcharge in violet (\*) 10 00  
 ½p. on 2½p. lilac, Block type surcharge in vermilion (\*) 6 50  
 ½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic Cap surcharge in green (\*) 20 00

Persons ordering more than three of the provisionals here priced, will be allowed a special discount of 10 per cent.

NOTE.—The above surcharges come in other colors and some are quite rare, an exact list of what exist and what we have in stock will be sent upon request.

The following may also be supplied:—

1 shilling and 5 shillings surcharged on the 2 pence, green and carmine.  
 10 shillings on 5 pence, lilac and blue.

Collectors interested in this country, are requested to write for special quotations and selections of what we have in stock.

The provisionals we have on hand of this country are from the duplicates of a very fine collection of

African stamps that we recently purchased, and are not varieties that are usually found in a stamp dealers stock.

**1897 Issue.** Same type as regular 1894 issue, but on paper watermarked Crown C. A.

½p. green (*).....	03
1p. vermilion (*).....	04
2p. carmine (*).....	07
2½p. blue (*).....	10

## Popular Stamp Album.

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## PERSIA.

(ASIA.)

The government of Persia is an absolute despotism, ruled by a Shah whose portrait on the stamps of the 1896 issue is familiar to collectors.

We may say that his name is Muzaffer-ed-Din Mirza, and he succeeded his father who was assassinated May 1st, 1896.

The portrait of his father is even more familiar to stamp collectors, because it figured prominently on the stamps from 1876 to the time of his death in 1896.

The arms of the country, a Lion, usually shown with an uplifted saber held in its paw, with a sun in the back ground, shares the honor of position with the portrait of the ruler on the stamps.

The population is about ten millions, the area 630,000 square miles; the religion is Mohammedan, although there are many Armenian Christians. The laws are based on the precepts of the Koran.

The capital is Teheran a city of over 200,000 inhabitants. Like many countries, the name by which it is known to its own people is different from that by which the rest of the world commonly refers to it. It is called by the natives Iran.

Stamps were first issued in 1868, and bore the lion as a prominent feature; until 1876 this type prevailed, many of them very badly printed.

After 1876 the designs and printing were very much improved, and examples of the various issues following are offered at very reasonable prices.

The coinage or monetary values are represented by *shahi*, *kran* and *tuman*: 20 shahi=1 kran; 10 kran=1 tuman.

The following stamps have been carefully selected and the prices are made as low as possible, most all ranging from 15% to 50%, or even more, below the usual Catalogue.

Unused stamps indicated thus (\*), all others cancelled.

	Net Price each
<b>1879 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Shah, with colored border.</i>	
1k. black, brown border.....	\$0 25
5k. blue, blue border.....	10
<b>1880 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
2s. black, yellow border.....	35
5s. black, green border.....	08
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Sun in frame. Lithographed.</i>	
5c. purple.....	30
10c. carmine.....	30

<i>Same type, engraved.</i>	
5c. purple.....	18
10c. carmine.....	07
25c. green.....	07
5, 10, 25c. set of three.....	30
<b>1882 Issue. Head of Shah.</b>	
5c. green.....	02
5fr. red and black.....	22
10fr. buff, red and black, large stamp.....	28
10fr. same, unused (*).....	40
<b>1885-86 Issue. Values up to 5s. Lion, Values 10s. and above, Head of Shah.</b>	
5s. blue (Lion).....	02
10s. bistre (Head of Shah).....	03
<b>1886 Issue. Surcharged "Officiel" and new value.</b>	
6s. on 5s. green.....	05
18s. on 10s. black and orange.....	12
1t. on 5fr. black and red.....	28
<b>1889 Issue. Values up to 7s. Arms. Values 10s. and above. Head of Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 7, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., complete set of eight (*).....	25
10c. black (*).....	04
1k. orange (*).....	50
2k. rose (*).....	05
5k. green (*).....	07
<b>1891 Issues. Values up to 14s. a Persian design, Values 1k. and upwards, Head of Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., set of seven.....	25
7s. grey (a scarce stamp).....	30
14s. orange (also scarce).....	10
1k. green.....	02
2k. orange.....	05
5k. yellow.....	08
<b>1894 Issue. Values up to 8s. Arms. Values 10s. and upwards, Head of Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 8, 10s., set of five.....	10
1, 2, 5, 8, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., set of eight.....	70
8s. brown.....	03
16s. rose (scarce stamp).....	50
1k. red and yellow.....	03
2k. yellow and blue.....	12
5k. violet and silver.....	50
<b>1897 Issues. Surcharge of stamps of last issue new value, in Persian and Roman.</b>	
5s. on 8s. brown.....	03
1k. on 5k. violet and silver (*).....	35
2k. on 5k. violet and silver (*).....	50
The above set of three.....	85
<b>1898 Issue. Values up to 16s. Arms. (same type as 1894 issue). Values 1k. and upwards, Head of the new Shah.</b>	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12s. 1k. set of eight.....	25
8s. orange.....	07
12s. rose.....	05
16s. green (a scarce value).....	18
1k. blue.....	03
<b>1899 Issue. A lot of the above stamps having been stolen from P. O. Department, a control</b>	

*mark of an ornamental design was roughly surcharged on the 1898 series.*

1, 2, 5, 10s., 1k. set of five.....	20
2s. pale brown.....	03
10s. light blue.....	05
1k. ultramarine.....	06
<b>1900 Issue. Same types as 1898 issue, in new colors, on greenish paper.</b>	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5s. (*), set of 5.....	20
8s. orange on greenish (*).....	10
10s. blue on greenish.....	03

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## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

### (ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

Having been discovered by Magalhaes in 1521, settlement commencing in 1565.

The group was named after Philip II of Spain.

The chief products are manila hemp, tobacco, sugar, cocoa and rice.

The nominal religion is Roman Catholic.

The sovereignty passed from Spain to the United States when the peace treaty was signed. The form of government that will finally be established by the United States has not been settled. It is now controlled by the military authorities, under a governor. A revolution that was in progress when the



United States acquired the group, led by Aguinaldo, a young half breed, who has great ambition and some education, has caused the government some trouble, but the insurgents have been practically crushed, and little remains to establish peace throughout the group.

Education and practical reforms introduced by the most progressive nation in the world will transform these islands into a wonderful territory, as the natural resources are very great.

The issues of stamps from 1854 to 1879 inclusive are all very desirable and have become very scarce through the demand created for them by the many collectors of United States stamps who have recently added the stamps of these islands to their collections.

Such as we have of these older issues will be submitted upon approval at net prices to our customers upon request.

The following stamps are all unused except where indicated as follows (†).

1880-82 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.	Net Price each
2c. carmine.....	02
2½c. brown (†).....	05
2½c. ultramarine.....	08
5c. blue gray.....	07
6½c. green.....	12
10c. pale mauve.....	08
12½c. rose.....	10
20c. bistre.....	25
25c. brown.....	20
<b>1887-89 Issue. Same type as above.</b>	
50m. bistre.....	08
1c. yellow green.....	02
1c. dark green.....	04
<b>1889 Issue. Head of the Baby King of Spain Alphonso XIII, to right.</b>	
2c. carmine.....	03
2½c. ultramarine.....	03
5c. dark blue.....	20
8c. yellow green.....	10
10c. blue green.....	25
12½c. yellow green.....	15
20c. rose.....	20
<b>1891 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
10c. claret.....	08
25c. blue.....	40
<b>1892-93 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
1c. violet.....	20
2c. violet.....	05
2½c. olive gray.....	05
5c. green.....	08
6c. brown-violet.....	08

8c. ultramarine.....	15
15c. red-brown.....	15
20c. gray brown.....	25
<b>1894 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
2c. dark brown.....	05
6c. vermilion.....	06
8c. red-brown.....	10
12½c. orange.....	20
15c. rose.....	30
20c. violet.....	25
<b>1896 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
1c. green.....	30
2c. blue.....	02
2c. light brown.....	20
5c. brown.....	15
5c. emerald green.....	10
6c. carmine.....	35
10c. light red-brown.....	10
15c. blue green.....	25
20c. orange.....	20
<b>1898 Issue. Head of the Boy King of Spain to the left, "Filipinas 1898y99" above, value below.</b>	
1m. to 2 pesos, complete series of twenty stamps, unused and fine.....	8 50
1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. orange brown.....	02
3m. orange brown.....	02
5m. orange brown.....	02
1c. black violet (†).....	05
3c. dark brown (†).....	04
8c. grey brown.....	12
15c. slate green.....	25
2 pesos blue.....	2 60
<b>1899 Issue. "Philippines" surcharged in black on regular United States stamps.</b>	
1c. yellow green.....	03
2c. red.....	05
3c. purple.....	06
5c. blue.....	09
10c. yellow brown.....	15
<b>HABILITADO SURCHARGES.</b>	
<i>The following stamps were surcharged for provisional use.</i>	
<b>1881-88 Issue.</b>	
10c. on 2½c. ultramarine, black surcharge.....	20
1c. on 2½c. ultramarine, red surcharge.....	10
8c. on 2½c. ultramarine.....	15
2½c. on ½c. green.....	10
2½c. on 10c. green.....	14
<b>1889 Issue.</b>	
2½c. on 1c. green.....	07
2½c. on 2c. carmine.....	10
2½c. on 5c. blue.....	08
2½c. on 50m. bistre.....	10
2½c. on ½c. green.....	06
2½c. on 2c. "Telegrafos".....	08
2½c. on 2½c. "....."	08

2½c. on 5c. "Telegrafos".....	08
2½c. on 10c. " ".....	07

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

<b>1886 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</i>	
½c. green.....	02
1m. rose.....	03
2m. blue.....	03
5m. dark brown.....	05
Above set of four stamps.....	10
<b>1890-96 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to left, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</i>	
½c. lilac brown.....	02
1m. " ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
½c. brown (1894).....	01
1m. olive ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
½c. blue (1896).....	02
1m. blue ".....	02
2m. brown ".....	02
5m. blue green (1896).....	03

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**PORTO RICO.****(WEST INDIES.)**

An island in the West Indies, which has an area of about 5300 square miles and about eight hundred thousand inhabitants. Discovered by Columbus in 1493, was conquered by the Spaniards mainly by Ponce de Leon 1508-20. In 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War it became a possession of the United States of America, and will no doubt become in due course of time a Territory and finally a State of our Union.

The first stamps used exclusively in Porto Rico, were those of Cuba for 1873 to 1876, with the addition of a script surcharge in black.

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

<b>1876 Issue.</b> <i>Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.</i>	<b>Net Price</b>
25c. violet and black.....	<b>each</b> 25

50c. blue and black.....	75
1 peseta, black.....	1 75
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	50
1c. green.....	12
2c. lake.....	22
3c. brown.....	40
<b>1882 Issue.</b> <i>Same type without date.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	13
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. pale green.....	04
3c. orange.....	07
8c. brown (‡).....	08
80c. olive brown.....	90
<b>1884 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
3c. chocolate.....	08
<b>1890 Issue.</b> <i>Type of Baby head of King of Spain.</i>	
½m. black.....	07
2m. violet rose.....	04
2m. violet rose (‡).....	04
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	03
3c. dark blue (‡).....	05
<b>1890 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. set of six stamps.....	12
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	03
1c. light green.....	04
2c. lilac rose (‡).....	04
3c. orange red (‡).....	04
5c. yellow green.....	10
5c. blue green.....	10
5c. blue green (‡).....	03
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	15
10c. violet rose.....	15
20c. mauve.....	30
40c. dark blue.....	70
<b>1893 Commorative Issue.</b> <i>A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.</i>	
3c. dark green.....	1 00
<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. lilac brown.....	03
3c. olive.....	06
3c. olive (‡).....	02
4c. slate blue.....	05
20c. rose.....	10
40c. red violet.....	30
<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, new colors.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. claret (‡).....	02
1c. claret.....	02
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. ultramarine.....	08

4c. brown .....	05
5c. blue.....	05
6c. lilac.....	03
8c. rose.....	08
20c. olive.....	10
40c. orange.....	25
<b>1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.</b>	
3c. claret brown.....	03
<b>1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.</b>	
1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	30
4m. " (†).....	25
5m. ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	05
1c. " (†).....	04
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	75
5c. carmine.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03
10c. vermilion.....	12
15c. slate green.....	15
20c. maroon.....	35
40c. violet.....	35
60c. black.....	50
80c. red brown.....	75
1, 2, 3, 4, 5m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2, pesos, the complete series of twenty stamps, all unused.	8 50
<b>1898-99 Provisional Issue. Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged in three lines.</b>	
<b>**Habilitado—para—1898 y 99, in red or violet.</b>	
1m. lilac brown.....	03
2m. yellow green.....	03
4m. blue green.....	03
1c. claret.....	03
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. claret brown.....	05
4c. brown.....	04
5c. blue.....	05
6c. lilac.....	12
8c. rose, red surcharge.....	50
8c. rose, violet surcharge.....	20
20c. olive.....	30
40c. salmon.....	50
80c. black.....	1 25
<b>Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but were made available for postage.</b>	
2c. on 2m. flesh.....	04
2c. dark violet.....	15
2c. red brown.....	25
5c. blue green.....	08
5c. on 1m. violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue.....	03
<b>Provisional for Coamo. A type set stamp issued by U. S. military authority available for postage to all countries. Unperforated.</b>	
5c black, types I, II, III, IV, each.....	25 00
Complete sheet of ten types.....	200 00

**United States Stamps, surcharged Porto Rico in black.**

1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2c. red (†).....	02
5c. blue.....	08
8c. puce.....	12
10c. yellow.....	15

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200 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 83** There are only 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps in this packet,  
but some are of a much better quality, making it a very cheap and desirable lot. This packet contains Hawaiian Provisional Gov't (2c. envelope), Greece (Olympian Games), Bulgaria (Prince Boris Jubilee), Guatemala, Deccan, Travancore and Nowanuggur (Native Indian States), Portuguese Indies, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 84** A collection of 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps from all four  
corners of the world, including Mexico (1888 20c. and 25c. unused, and 50c of 1884 issue), Paraguay (regular issue and official), Amoy (China), Labuan, Mauritius, Argentine, Japan, Transvaal, Dutch Indies, North Borneo, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 85** Fifty picked stamps from 50c  
different countries, a nice  
lot, catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 86** Fifty different from those 50c  
in packet No. 85; all stamps  
of the better class and catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 87** Fifty different stamps; 50c  
containing none that are in  
packets 85 or 86, and catalogued over \$2.00. One  
who purchases these three packets will have 150 fine  
stamps from all parts of the world, catalogued at  
over \$6.00.

**50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.**

**No. 21** Contains 150 varieties of 60c  
foreign stamps, including  
Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Chile, Nicaragua official,  
Colombia, and Mexico, with a No. 2 cloth bound  
Popular Stamp Album, post free

**150 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—60 CTS.**

**No. 11** Contains 250 different stamps 75c  
including Hayti, Venezuela,  
Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Turkey, Bosnia, India,  
etc. A bargain.

**250 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 111** Contains 300 varieties of 75c  
foreign postage stamps, in-  
cluding stamps from Argentine Republic, Cuba,  
Canada (maple leaf), Chile, Egypt, Japan, Luxem-  
burg, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Porto Rico, etc.

**300 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 22** Contains 250 varieties of 90c  
foreign stamps, including  
Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, South Africa,  
Japan, Egypt, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Liberia,  
Roumania, etc., with a No. 2, cloth bound, Popular  
Album, post free.

**250 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—90 CTS.**

**No. 102** This is a special pack- 98c  
et of 400 varieties made  
up as an inducement for beginners who are about  
starting a collection. It is sold at a price far below  
its actual cost and we require a statement from  
every purchaser that it is for a NEW COLLECTOR.  
Dealers will not be supplied. It includes stamps  
from all parts of the world, among which may be  
mentioned Mexico, 1884, 1 and 2 pesos, used; Tra-  
vancore (India), 3 varieties, used; Paraguay official;  
China, regular issue, 1894; British North Borneo,  
Uruguay, Newfoundland, etc.

1000 die-cut gummed hinges for mounting stamps  
is given free with each of these packets.

**400 VARIETIES AND 1000 HINGES—98c.**

**No. 112** Contains 500 varie- \$1.25  
ties of foreign postage  
stamps from Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil,  
British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope, Cuba, Guate-  
mala, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Porto Rico,  
Western Australia, etc.

**500 VARIETIES—\$1.25.**

**No. 113** This packet is our \$3.00  
leader for 1900. See  
the special announcement on page 20 of this leaflet.  
Contains 800 different postage stamps.

**800 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 114** The best 1000 varie- \$4.75  
ty packet in the world  
is put up by this company, every stamp genuine.  
Full count (1010 to make good measure). The cata-  
logue value is guaranteed to be \$25.00 or over. Sent  
post free anywhere in the world for the price.

There is nothing but *foreign* postage stamps in  
this packet.

We have had hundreds of testimonials like this:

SAM'S VALLEY, ORE., Jan. 3, 1900.

Gentlemen:—I received the 1000 variety packet  
(Dandy) all O. K., and secured 540 varieties for  
my collection of 1500 varieties. Naturally I am  
well pleased with the packet.

Yours respectfully, C. F. CASE.

This packet should not be compared with cheap  
lots of 1000 varieties, put up by some dealers, that in-  
clude much that are *not* regular foreign postage  
stamps.

**1000 VARIETIES—\$4.75.**

**No. 115** This packet is \$20.00  
fully described on  
page 17 of this leaflet; it contains 2000 varieties and  
is a great bargain.

**2000 VARIETIES—\$20.00.**

**No. 116** A big packet of \$100.00  
4000 varieties, a  
regular collection in itself, being stamps from al-  
most every stamp issuing country or colony in the  
world. A great bargain.

**4000 VARIETIES—\$100.00.**

## CLASSIFIED PACKETS.

**No. 24** Contains 25 stamps from 25c  
South American countries,  
Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, Bolivia and other good  
stamps.

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 25** Contains 30 stamps from 25c  
the West Indies. A good  
packet.

**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 26** Contains 25 Central Amer- 25c  
ican stamps, from Costa  
Rica, Nicaragua, old Brazil, Salvador and Honduras.

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**



**No. 50** Contains 30 Oriental stamps, all different, including Egyptian official, Japan, Turkey, Roumania, etc. **25c**

**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 61** Contains 25 varieties from Africa alone, including Egypt, Mauritius, and Gold Coast. **25c**

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 62** Contains 25 varieties from Australia, including all the Australian Colonies. **25c**

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 60** Contains 25 varieties from Asia alone, including Ceylon, Dutch Indies, Portuguese Indies and Shanghai. **25c**

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 8** Contains 50 Oriental postage stamps, including Ceylon, Japan, British North Borneo, India, Turkey, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Roumania, Servia, Greece, Hong Kong, Egypt and Finland. One of our best selling packets. **35c**

**50 VARIETIES—35 CENTS.**

**No. 9** Contains 50 different South American postage stamps, almost all the different countries being represented. **40c**

**50 VARIETIES—40 CENTS.**

**No. 1** Contains 50 different Mexican postage stamps, 1856 to 1900, including varieties of almost all issues. A splendid bargain; worth three times the money. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 117** This packet consists entirely of Porto Rican stamps, 50 different varieties, issues 1882-1899 from ½ m. up to catalogue value of 25c. Habilitados, U. S. surcharges, etc. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 118** A packet of Persian stamps only, 40 different varieties all from the domain of the Shah. Issues from 1885 to 1899 1c. to 1k. values inclusive. **\$1.00**

**40 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 119** A packet containing only the stamp of Cuba, 100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap and desirable packet. **\$1.50**

**100 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 120** All Philippine Island stamps in this packet. 50 different kinds from 1882 to 1899 issues, including Habilitados, a choice and desirable lot. **\$1.50**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 121** A packet containing only the stamps of the Central American Republic of Honduras. It is practically a complete collection being all the regular government issues from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, including the peso values and officials. 94 varieties. **\$4.00**

**94 VARIETIES—\$4.00.**

**No. 48** This packet is a better lot of Mexican postage stamps than can be offered by any other concern. It is a first-class bargain for either collector or dealer. Our unexcelled stock of Mexican stamps and our extended business relations with that country enable us to make this liberal offer. **\$15:00**

Every stamp in the above packet, as well as all our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals. There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the 1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian lithographed, unused; Guadalajara; 1867, Gothic surcharge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unperforated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are well represented. Of the last mentioned series there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c. rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 posos, also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and 12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete; 1895, 1c. to 50c.; Officials, Port de Mar, Officially Sealed, Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square.

**150 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

## MIXED PACKETS.

**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **15c**

**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

**No. 68** The stamps in this packet are about the same as above; it is a mixture superior to that usually sold by dealers as Continentals. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **25c**

**1000 MIXTURE—25 CENTS.**

## EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES OF STAMP COLLECTING.

Many parents have encouraged stamp collecting on account of its many educational advantages; besides cultivating the observation, it familiarizes one with current history and geography in a way that nothing else will do. We have prepared our new price list with this in view, the information given about different countries is in a concise form and has been highly commended by those who believe in the educational advantages of stamp collecting. The method is illustrated by the lists of the few countries included in this number of the DRUMMER.

Our complete price list, ready June 1st, will be sent free to those who request it.

## *A Packet of 2,000 Genuine Foreign Postage Stamps, all different, for \$20.00, post free.*

This is the best packet ever made, for starting a new collection or bringing an old one up to date. It contains stamps from over 175 countries, including the following:

### WHAT IT CONTAINS.

Africa (Portuguese)	Madeira
Alwur	Malta
Angola	Martinique
Angra	Mauritius
Anjouan	Mayotte
Antioquia	Mexico
Argentine	Monaco
Azores	Montenegro
Baden	Mozambique
Bamra	Nabha
Barbados	Natal
Benin	Netherlands
Bermuda	New Brunswick
Bolivar	New Caledonia
Bolivia	Newfoundland
Bosnia	New South Wales
Brazil	New Zealand
Br. Guiana	Nicaragua
Br. Honduras	North Borneo
Brunswick	Norway
Bulgaria	Nossi Be
<b>Cameroons</b>	Nowanuggur
Canada	Nyassa
Cape of Good Hope	<b>Obock</b>
Cape Verde	Oceania (French)
Ceylon	<b>Orange Free State</b>

Charkhari	Panama
Chile	Paraguay
China	Patiala
Colombia	Perak
<b>Congo Free State</b>	Persia
Costa Rica	Peru
<b>Cuba</b>	<b>Philippines</b>
Curacao	Ponto Delgada
Cyprus	<b>Porto Rico</b>
Deccan	Portugal
Danish West Indies	Portuguese India
Dhar	Prussia
Diego Suarez	Queensland
Djibouti	Reunion
Dominican Rep.	Roman States
Dutch Indies	Roumania
Ecuador	Russia
Egypt	St. Lucia
Eritrea	St. Marie
Faridkot	St. Pierre
Finland	St. Thomas
French Colonies	St. Vincent
French Congo	Salvador
Funchal	San Marino
Gibraltar	<b>Sarawak</b>
Gold Coast	Saxony
Great Comoro	Selangor
Greece	Senegal
Grenada	Servia
Guadeloupe	<b>Seychelles</b>
Guatemala	Shanghai
Guinea	Siam
Gwalior	Sierra Leone,
<b>Hawaii</b>	Soruth
<b>Hayti</b>	<b>Soudan</b> (Camel)
Holkar	Soudan (French)
Honduras	<b>So. African Rep.</b>
Hong Kong	South Australia
Horta	Straits Settlements
<b>Iceland</b>	Surinam
India	Tasmania
Indo-China	Timor
Ivory Coast	<b>Togoland</b>
Jamaica	Travancore
Japan	Trinidad
Jhalawar	Tunis
Jhind	Turkey
Johore	Uruguay
Jummoo	Venezuela
Labuan	Wadhwan
Lorenzo Marques	Victoria
Luxemburg	Western Australia
Macao	Zambesi
<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>Zululand</b>

### WHAT IT DOES NOT CONTAIN.

No postal cards	No locals
No counterfeits	No revenues
No reprints	No telegraphs

This marvelous packet, complete as described, guaranteed in every particular, post free and registered, for \$20.00.

## THE STAMP BUSINESS.

Probably *ninety-nine per cent.* of the stamp business of the world is transacted by correspondence and through the mail. This being true, it may be readily understood why some dealers are prosperous and busy, while some are complaining that trade is dull. The man who finds that he can command the attention of large concerns, organized to do a mail approval business, and receive better selections to inspect at his leisure, than he can find in his local stamp shop, is not slow to avail himself

of the better system.

Dealers who deal in a large way can always buy to better advantage and are therefore in a better position to make close prices.

We are prepared to serve our customers *by mail*, our whole system is based on this arrangement and we are in our own territory as much in New York City as in San Francisco, in New Orleans or St. Paul. We want our readers to understand this and that we are ready to serve them in any way.

We have the greatest confidence in the United States mails, and they offer every convenience for prompt and satisfactory dealing.

## EXPLANATION OF OUR APPROVAL DEPARTMENT.

Following are Described Twelve Non-Duplicating Books. Nicely Arranged for Easy Comparison with your Collection.

**50% Discount from Catalogue Prices is allowed on all stamps in this series.**

**Approval Book No. 1** has been designed especially to illustrate our system of carrying on the approval business. The contents of this book have been so selected that there is likely to be something in it suited to the needs of every collector, whether he is a beginner or more advanced.

**Approval Book No. 2** contains stamps from Africa, Angola, Angra, Anjouan, Argentine, Austria, Azores, Baden, Bavaria, Barbados and Belgium.

**Approval Book No. 3** contains stamps from Benin, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia, Brazil, Br. Bechuanaland, Br. East Africa, Br. Guiana, Br. Honduras, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Cape Verde, Ceylon, China, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Congo Free State, Cuba, Curacao and Cyprus.

**Approval Book, No. 4** contains stamps from Danish West Indies, Deccan, Denmark, Diego Suarez, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Dutch Indies, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Finland, France, Fr. Guiana, Fr. India, French Colonies, Funchal, Germany and Gibraltar.

**Approval Book No. 5** contains stamps from Gambia, Great Comoro, Great Britain, Gold Coast, Greece, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guinea, Hayti, Hawaiian Islands, Hanover, Honduras, Hong Kong, Horta, Hungary, India and Indian Native States.

**Approval Book No. 6** contains stamps from Iceland, Indo China, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Johore, Labuan, Lagos, Leeward Islands, Liberia, Lourenco Marques, Luxemburg, Macao, Madeira, Malta, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte and Martinique.

**Approval Book No. 7** contains stamps from Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Mozambique, Natal, Netherlands, New Brunswick, New Caledonia, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, North Borneo, Norway and Nossi Be.

**Approval Book No. 8** contains stamps from Nicaragua, Nyassa, Obock, Oceanica, Orange Free States, Panama, Paraguay, Perak, Persia, Peru, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Portugese Indies and Ponta Delgada.

**Approval Book No. 9** contains stamps from Philippine Islands, Prussia, Queensland, Reunion, Russia, St. Helena, St. Marie de Madagascar, St. Pierre et Miquelon, St. Thomas and Prince Islands, St. Vincent, Salvador, San Marino, Sarawak, Saxony, Selangor, Senegal and Servia.

**Approval Book No. 10** contains stamps from Seychelles, Shanghai, Siam, Sierra Leone, Sirmoor, Soudan, South Australia, South African Republic, Spain, Straits Settlements, Surinam, Sweden and Switzerland.

**Approval Book No. 11** contains stamps from Tasmania, Timor, Tolima, Travancore, Trinidad, Turkey, Turks Islands, Tunis, Two Sicilies, Uruguay, Venezuela, Victoria, West Australia, Wurtemberg, Zambesi and United States.

**Approval Book No. 13** contains stamps of the United States, including regular issue adhesives, cut square envelopes, officials, telegraphs, revenues, etc.

We have other books of the scarcer stamps, and books classified by countries marked at lowest net prices, without discount; *see list, and the instructions on next page.*

These will be found very satisfactory to collectors who have exhausted the 50% discount class.

## Books of Stamps Arranged by Countries.

**Stamps in these Books are Marked at Net Prices, as more Discount could be Allowed on some than others, so that it is Computed on each Stamp and the Net Price Marked under each Specimen.**

**Approval Book No. 14** contains the stamps of Porto Rico, including issues from 1876 to 1900 inclusive. It includes most of the *Habilitados*, the Jubilee stamp and most of the of the 1898-99 regular issue.

**Approval Book No. 15** contains the stamps of the Philippine Islands, including issues from 1882 to 1900 inclusive. a cheap lot with some of the surcharged issues, most all unused.

**Approval Book No. 16** contains the stamps of Cuba, including issues from 1855 to 1900 inclusive. The Spanish issues, the surcharged U. S. stamps and the beautiful new issue for Cuba.

**Approval Book No. 17** contains the stamps of Persia, including issues from 1880 to 1900 inclusive, also some of the surcharged European stamps issued for use in the Levant.

**Approval Book No. 18** contains the stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate of all issues including some of the rare provisionals, also some Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and other British Colonies in Africa. This is a valuable book and should only be asked for by collectors who are prepared to buy the higher priced stamps.

**Approval Book No. 19** contains the stamps of Bulgaria of all issues, also a few of the better Turkish varieties.

Other Approval Books will be announced from time to time.

## IMPORTANT.

**Instructions.** In opening an account with us for the receipt of approval books at regular intervals, the following rules must be agreed to, and the information furnished for our records:

If the party is not known to us, a line from a bank or business house of commercial rating will be necessary. We simply require evidence of good standing to protect ourselves from irresponsible parties.

It is easy for any one who is all right to comply with this rule, and the necessity for it in our business is quite apparent to any fair mind.

**Regarding Minors.** It is necessary in all cases where accounts are opened with those who are not of legal age to have the permission of parent or guardian, as well as references.

**Postage.** We prepay postage on all selections sent out on approval, and we expect the return postage to be fully prepaid by our correspondents.

All approval books must be returned sealed as first-class matter, and where the selection is sent out *registered* it is to be returned in the *same manner*.

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Substituting or removing stamps not purchased from our books or sheets is *positively prohibited*. Such practices are regarded by us as highly dishonest, and will be dealt with accordingly, even if the stamp exchanged or substituted is of equal value.

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We have approval accounts with collectors in every state and territory of this great country, and are always glad to open new accounts.

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We are unable to supply Nos. 1 and 2 of the "DRUMMER," in reply to numerous requests. This little leaflet is issued from time to time, and is sent free of charge to all of our customers, who put themselves on record as wishing to receive it.

It will serve as a price list and at the same time keep us in touch with our correspondents.

Ours is a mail order and approval business and you are as near us, for practical purposes, in the most remote part of the United States as you would be in St. Louis. Our location is about the center of population of the United States, and excellent mail facilities afford us the means of doing a very large business.

We are liberal buyers for cash. We sell to all classes, the beginner, the bargain hunter, and the most advanced collector. We exchange through the best system of exchange ever established. We are *stamp dealers* in every sense of the word and cover every department, and in the stamp line are unlimited.

"Satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded," has been the motto of the Mekeel business since its establishment in 1877, and we have always borne it out. Another equally as prominent guarantee, "All stamps sold by us are warranted and guaranteed to be genuine."

Ordering from a net price list is the most satisfactory way to add to a collection. All of the stamps offered in these pages are in stock and prices are made as low as it is possible for genuine stamps to be sold.

Small orders attended to as cheerfully as large ones, but where the amount is less than \$1.00, a stamped and addressed envelope must be enclosed for the reply.

Hot weather plays pranks with unused stamps. Parties making remittances by that means must take care to protect and prevent them from sticking

together. Express or P. O. Money Orders are the safest, best and most satisfactory form of remittance.

The new colonial stamps issued by Germany are to be of distinctive designs, and not simple surcharges upon the regular stamps of the Empire as the first issues have been.



*Der Philatelist*, the leading stamp paper of Germany and organ of the International Philatelic Union of Dresden, illustrates the 10 pfennig value for Cameroons lettered "Kamerun" and the 2 mark



value for German Southwest Africa lettered "Deutsch-Sudwestafrika." The main feature in the designs of both stamps is a Royal Mail Steamer.



The high values of the new series for the Dominican Republic, more generally known as San Domingo, which was the first part of the Western Hemisphere discovered by Christopher Columbus, have designs suggested by or appropriate to that historical fact.

The 20 centavos stamp represents Toscanelli replying to Columbus.

The 50 centavos stamp shows Las Casas defending the Indians.

The 1 peso stamp represents Columbus in the Junta of Salamanca.

The 2 pesos stamp shows the mausoleum of Christopher Columbus that is in the Cathedral at San Domingo.

### "THE HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES,"

By the late John K. Tiffany. Full cloth bound, 320 pages, published by C. H. Mekeel, 1887, with concluding notes by the author added 1894, bringing the work up to date at that time, including the Columbian Issue of U. S. Stamps.

The above work will soon be out of print; every American collector ought to possess a copy in his library.

The remaining copies will be sold for \$1.50, post free, while they last.

South Africa will certainly yield some rare and interesting provisional stamps, as a result of the war that has been in progress for the past nine months. We have heard of several but we suppose it will be after the war is over before we know all about it and can give a complete list with particulars.

### U. S. NEWSPAPER STAMPS. Issue of 1895.

Complete set from 1c. to \$100.00 inclusive, unused and fine, original gum, never been hinged or mounted, post free, \$7.50.

The set consists of 12 values all on watermarked paper.

	1, 2, 5 and 10c. black.....	} Complete, \$7.50.
	25 and 50c. carmine.....	
\$	2.00 scarlet.....	
	5.00 ultramarine.....	
	10.00 green.....	
	20.00 slate.....	
\$	50.00 carmine.....	
\$	100.00 purple.....	

The foregoing series should grace every collection as their sale at this low price was only made possible by the P. O. Department for the benefit of stamp collectors. Their original face value having been \$187.93.

We believe in novelty in the stamp line and are very glad to know that a new and interesting series for the United States is to be issued for the Buffalo Exposition. Such issues add to the interest of stamp collecting and we consider them a benefit to our hobby. The following description of the designs appeared in a New York daily paper:

"Designs for the special issue of postage stamps contemplated for the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo have been tentatively adopted by the post office department. In the issue are to be included 1-cent, 2-cent, 4-cent, 5-cent, 8-cent and 10-cent stamps, the denominations used for circulars, letters, double-weight letters, foreign mail, registry fee and combined registry and postal fees.

On one stamp will be engraved a picture of an American lake steamer; another will include a picture of some modern, well equipped express train; a third is to depict a bridge over Niagara Falls and the Falls themselves if a suitable picture can be obtained; a fourth will include a view of the canal locks at Sault Sainte Marie. The automobile is to be made a subject of the fifth. All these designs typify artificial aids to commerce. For the sixth stamp the department is somewhat puzzled for a proper development of that idea.

It has been suggested that the colonial desire for pictures of the American flag might be gratified by a reproduction of the national colors on the sixth stamp. If the department can determine whether the flag is or is not an artificial aid to commerce this idea will probably be adopted."

Suggestions of new stamps of special issues also come from abroad. In Greater Britain we hear talk of stamps to be issued for the relief of Soldiers' Widows and Orphans. A stamp paper in India refers to a suggestion of "famine relief" stamps made by some one in that part of the world. The Victorian government has decided to issue special war stamps, and a newspaper in New Zealand says that the Postmaster General of that Colony has accepted designs for penny and two penny stamps. The former bears the Victoria Cross, and across it the words "South Africa—for valour—1900." On the 2-penny stamps is depicted a picket and scouts, scanning the horizon, and in the distance a faint outline of hills which the British have to scale.

The most striking of all recent new issues is the series for French Congo. There are fifteen values.



the lower ones 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c. show a ferocious African tiger creeping through the jungle. The values 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 75c. are tall rectangular



in shape, a typical native with spear being a prominent feature. The 1, 2 and 5fr. values are still larger in size, showing a jungle view in centre sup-



ported by two native warriors. Two tusks of ivory are the bearers of the inscription "Congo Francais" on all the stamps.

Send us an order from the "DRUMMER" whenever you receive it. It is published *free*, but we like to feel that it is a welcome visitor, and there are a lot of things offered in every number that any stamp dealer can use to advantage.

The stamps of the Hawaiian Islands become obsolete on the 15th of the present month. The regular stamps of the United States will be in use after that date, as these islands have become part of the territory of this country. It is needless to say that there has been a very great demand for all the issues of Hawaii and present prices are low compared with what may be expected later.

We give a list of a few Hawaiians we have on hand in fine unused condition, as follows:

Order at once if there are any you need.

**1864-71 Issue.** *Various portraits in oval. "Hawaii" above, value in numerals in four corners.*

	Net Price Each
1c. violet .....	15
5c. dark blue .....	90
18c. dull rose .....	45

**1882 Issue.** Portrait of Princess Likelike, "Hawaii" above, "Akahi Keneta" below.

1c blue .....	06
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**1893 Issue.** *Regular issues of 1864 to 1886 surcharged in three lines "Provisional—Gov't.—1893."*

1c. blue .....	15
1c. green .....	03
2c. rose .....	08
2c. violet .....	05
5c. ultramarine .....	10
6c. green .....	20
10c. red brown .....	25
12c. black .....	30
15c. brown .....	45
25c. purple .....	1 00

**1894-99 Issue.** New designs. Arms on 1c. View of Harbor on 2c. Statue on 5c. Star on 10c. Steamer on 12c. Portrait of Pres. Dole on 25c.

1c. yellow .....	03
2c. brown .....	06
5c. rose .....	09
10c. green .....	18
12c. blue .....	23
25c. blue .....	45
1c. dark green (1899) .....	03

#### ENVELOPE STAMPS.

**1893 Issue.** Fine view of harbor, surcharged "Provisional Government 1893" in two lines, cut with good margins, unused.

1c. green and red .....	18
2c. rose and black .....	18
5c. blue and red .....	18
10c. black and red .....	40
The above four envelopes sent <i>entire</i> and unused .....	1 00

An approval book containing most of above Hawaiian stamps at the net prices noted, together with a few other good stamps, will be sent on approval to our customers upon request. Ask for book No. 21.

The special space writers for newspapers nowadays have to turn out so much copy, that they write about things they are ignorant of with much assurance.

W. E. Curtis, writing from Washington for the *Chicago Record*, commenting on an "endless chain" scheme, discusses some things he knows about, but gets into deeper water when he discusses stamp collecting. He only succeeds in displaying his own ignorance as any intelligent school boy could tell him.

"Spectator," in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, is giving sketches of different types of collectors. "THE BARGAIN HUNTER" was the one in the May number; we cannot refrain from "cribbing" the first paragraphs, which contain pearls of truth happily expressed.

"There is a certain class of stamp collector who prides himself upon forming his collection at bargain rates, and it is safe to say that there is no man who is more consistently deluded or destined for a ruder awakening than he. Let it be distinctly understood that I am not speaking now of the experienced collector who studies the *stamps* as well as the prices. He picks up more real bargains in a quiet way than anybody else, but his profession is not that of "bargain-hunter," and he can recognize a bargain even when the price is above catalogue. I am speaking now of the more youthful collector who has arrived at that stage in his experience when he believes that everything can be had at "half catalogue," and that anything at less than that figure is cheap.

With these notions firmly planted in his confiding soul he becomes a fully qualified receptacle for philatelic rubbish of all kinds. Dealers, large and small, collector-dealers, speculators and "collectors who are disposing of their duplicates" look to him to relieve them of that very heavy class of goods which they are glad to sell at 50 per cent. discount, stamps which in reality show a better margin of profit to the vendor than many for which most collectors are willing to give full catalogue price. The latter generally turn out to be the real bargains, and are appreciated by all but the professional hunter. All students

of stamps, or at any rate of the stamp market, know that many things may be had, are dear at a fourth of catalogue price, and these are the stamps that the "bargain hunter" fattens upon. On the other hand, stamps which are seldom met with and which, when they do turn up, command full catalogue rates or more he has not the pluck to buy, and his collection is in consequence like a Christmas pudding without any plums in it. Perhaps the greatest thing that the professed "bargain-hunter" misses is the confidence of those with whom he deals. The average dealer is always ready to give his advice, and frequently useful tips too, to his regular customers and *bona fide* collectors; but as the gentleman of whom we are speaking is a roving customer and generally knows nothing about the history of stamps and cares less, he gets scant sympathy from those who look upon stamp collecting as a pleasant hobby, apart from values."

Everybody needs hinges, we have the best hinge for ordinary purpose on the market. 1000 for 10c.

Tasmania has completed a new and beautiful series of pictorial stamps. A list of colors and subjects is as follows:

- ½ penny, green, Lake Marion.
- 1 penny, red, Mount Wellington.
- 2 pence, violet, Hobart.
- 2½ pence, indigo, Tasmania's Arch.



- 3 pence, brown, Spring River, Port Davey.
- 4 pence, ochre, Russells Falls.
- 5 pence, ultramarine, Mt. Gould, Lake St. Clair.
- 6 pence, lake, Dilston Falls.

We have a supply on the way that will soon be here and will accept cash orders at 75c. to be delivered upon receipt of stamps we have ordered. Unused and perfect copies are guaranteed.

\* The rubbish that has been published in many of the newspapers of the United States about Cuban stamps, in connection with the defaulter Neely of the Cuban postal service, is ridiculous to the stamp trade, and illustrates the ignorance which prevails so largely among the hack writers of the sensational press of this country.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:**—All previous quotations on the stamps of Niger Coast are hereby cancelled.

## NIGER COAST.

(AFRICA.)

The first stamps issued for this place were lettered **Oil Rivers**, which, however, was changed soon after to Niger Coast. It was not a colony, but a protectorate, and administered directly by the imperial government of Great Britain through the foreign office.

The Royal Niger Company is a limited company, chartered July 10, 1886, to which considerable political and administrative powers were granted, and which are exercised under the control of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The company maintains forty-two stations where European goods are traded for palm oil, rubber, ivory, gums, hides, etc.

Thirty steamers navigate the Oil Rivers, and afford the principal means for the maintenance of order and security.

This territory has now been divided into North Nigeria and South Nigeria, which have become, we are informed, two regular British colonies.

The first stamps were issued by authority of the foreign office in 1892 and consisted of six values, ½p. to 1sh. of regular issue for Great Britain, surcharged in three lines of type "British—Protectorate—Oil Rivers." The ½p. was exhausted early and they resorted to surcharging ½p. value on the 2pence and 2½ penny stamps.

As these stamps were charged at face value, a few were surcharged with shilling values to equalize the accounts.

The surcharging was done in a most primitive way, and with such type and ink as was available in this out-of-the-way place.

The provisionals are all very scarce, and were soon followed by the most beautiful series we have, showing the portrait of the Empress Queen.

The prices of all stamps of Niger, will likely advance very materially, and following prices are all low compared with present condition of the market. Unused stamps indicated thus (\*).

**1892 Issue.** *Stamps of Great Britain, surcharged "British—Protectorate—Oil Rivers," in three lines.*

½p. vermilion.....	10
1p. lilac.....	10
2p. green and carmine (*).....	25
2½. lilac on blue (*).....	15
5p. lilac and blue (*).....	25
1sh. green (*).....	90
Complete series of six stamps, including the ½p. and 1p. in addition to the above four (*).....	1 75

**Provisionals.** *Half of 1p. surcharged in red for use as ½p. stamp.*

½p. red on lilac, (half stamp).....	4 00
Pair. ½p. surcharged in red on 1p. lilac, used	8 00
Pair of above (*) unused.....	10 00

**1893 Issue.** *Newly engraved series, with portrait of the Queen showing change in the plates, altering "Oil Rivers" to "Niger Coast."*

½p. vermilion (*).....	30
1p. blue (*).....	50
2p. green (*).....	1 25
2½p. carmine (*).....	50
5p. lilac (*).....	1 00
1sh. black (*).....	2 00

Complete series of six stamps (\*)..... 4 50

Complete series of six stamps, used on the original cover..... 4 50

**1894 Issue.** *New issue, similar to last, but properly engraved Niger Coast. Unwater-marked.*

½p. green (*).....	06
1p. vermilion (*).....	08
2p. carmine (*).....	1 00
2½p. pale blue (*).....	35
5p. deep violet (*).....	35
1sh. black (*).....	1 00

Complete series of six stamps (\*)..... 2 50

**1894 Provisional Issue.** *The first issue surcharged with new values. (Note.—We follow the order of American catalogue in arranging this list, although these stamps were undoubtedly issued before the two issues that are listed above.)*

½p. on 2p. green and carmine. Italic surcharge in violet (\*)..... 15 00

½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic surcharge in vermilion (\*)..... 6 00

½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Sans Serif surcharge in violet (\*)..... 20 00

½p. on 2½p. lilac, Sans Serif surcharge in blue (\*)..... 20 00

½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Block type surcharge in violet (\*)..... 10 00

½p. on 2½p. lilac, Block type surcharge in vermilion (\*)..... 6 50

½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic Cap surcharge in green (\*)..... 20 00

Persons ordering more than three of the provisionals here priced, will be allowed a special discount of 10 per cent.

**NOTE.**—The above surcharges come in other colors and some are quite rare, an exact list of what exist and what we have in stock will be sent upon request.

The following may also be supplied:—

1 shilling and 5 shillings surcharged on the 2 pence, green and carmine.

10 shillings on 5 pence, lilac and blue.

Collectors interested in this country, are requested to write for special quotations and selections of what we have in stock.

The provisionals we have on hand of this country

are from the duplicates of a very fine collection of African stamps that we recently purchased, and are not varieties that are usually found in a stamp dealer's stock.

**1897 Issue.** Same type as regular 1894 issue, but on paper watermarked Crown C. A.

½p. green (°).....	03
1p. vermilion (°).....	04
2p. carmine (°).....	07
2½p. blue (°).....	10

There are stamps which, at full catalogue, are much cheaper than others in the same catalogue at 65% discount. The collector who has not the experience to judge for himself should trade with a reliable firm and take their advice.

The dealer who claims to supply *all stamps* at a big discount, deceives his customers. He has not got the goods and can't supply them. If he did have them he would be selling dollars for fifty cents, for there are many dealers ready to buy scarce and desirable stamps and take all that are offered at much better prices than some pretend to ask.

We sell as large a line of stamps at 50 per cent discount as any dealer in the world, but we sell many choice stamps that cannot be put in that class. Our *net* classified books of a country will be sent upon request to those who have exhausted our 50% discount series. Our prices are fair and stock large and varied.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

This is now one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada. It formerly had an independent colonial issue of stamps, but the regular issues of Canada are now in use. Area 28,200 square miles, population about 325,000. First colonized by the British in 1761. Following are all unused.

**1860-61 Issue.** An attractive series. *Locomotive on 1c., Queen Victoria on 2, 5 and 10c., mail steamer on 12½c., Prince of Wales on 17c.*

1c. red violet.....	05
2c. orange.....	03
5c. yellow green.....	02
5c. blue green.....	03
10c. vermilion.....	15
12½c. blue.....	25
17c. black.....	10
Series 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c. six stamps.....	58

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

The twelfth largest island in the world, on the east side of the Gulf of St. Lawrence in North America.

It is about 317 miles long and 316 miles broad, containing 42,200 square miles. Population about 200,000. It was discovered by John Cabot in 1497.

The inhabitants are chiefly located on the coast line of the shore and bays, and the greater part are engaged in fishing, for cod in summer, and for seals in winter and spring.

It is a British Colony administered by a Governor appointed by the Crown.

St. Johns, population 32,000, is the capital.

**1863 Issue.** Engraved design with emblems in centre, unperforated.

4p. lake.....	60
6p. lake.....	40
1 sh. lake.....	75

**1880 Issue.** *Prince of Wales in highland costume on 1c. Fish on 2c. Queen in widow's weeds on 3c.*

1c. violet-brown.....	04
2c. yellow-green.....	08
3c. blue.....	20

**1887 Issue.** *Newfoundland dog on ½c. The 1, 2 3c. same as last. Seal on 5c. Fishing schooner on 10c.*

½c. rose red.....	03
1c. green.....	03
2c. orange.....	04
3c. brown.....	10
5c. blue.....	10
10c. black.....	20

**1890 Issue.** Same as last.

½c. black.....	02
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**1897 Issue.** *Jubilee issue, commemorative of four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland. Different design for each value.*

1c. green (Queen Victoria).....	05
2c. claret (Cabot).....	05
3c. ultramarine (Cape Bonavista, the land fall of Cabot).....	06
10c. brown (Fishing boat).....	15

Complete series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 35, 60c., fourteen stamps, a beautiful set..... 3 25

**1897 Provisional Issue.** *New value surcharged on 3c. lilac-gray of 1893.*

1c. on 3c. lilac-gray, Type I.....	35
1c. on 3c. Type II.....	1 40
Pair showing both Types I and II.....	1 75
1c. on 3c. lilac-gray, Type III.....	7 50
Block of four, two type I, one each types	



II and III.....	9 50
<b>1898-99 Issue. Portraits of the British Royal Family.</b>	
½c. olive (Prince Edward of York).....	01
1c. rose (Queen Victoria).....	04
1c. yellow-green (Queen Victoria).....	02
2c. orange (Prince of Wales).....	07
2c. vermilion red (Prince of Wales).....	04
3c. orange (Duchess of York).....	05
5c. dark blue (Duke of York).....	08

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## BULGARIA.

(EUROPE.)

This country is a Principality, under the suzerainty of Turkey.

In its present form, it was created by the Treaty of Berlin, 13th of July, 1878, and is governed by a Prince, elected by the National Assembly or Sorbranie, with a popular legislature and constitutional government.

Eastern Roumelia, now known as South Bulgaria, was incorporated and became an integral portion of

the Principality, and is represented by members in the National Assembly. The union having been proclaimed 18th of September, 1885. On July 7th, 1887, Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg, was nominated and is now recognized as ruler.

The Principality has an area of 38,562 square miles with a population of 3,376,467 (1895) inhabitants, of which nearly three-fourths are followers of the Orthodox Greek Church, and most of the balance are Mohammedans.

Exports are principally cereals (especially wheat), live stock, wine, tobacco, essence of roses, silk timber, cocoons and cheese.

There were issues of stamps similar to those of Turkey for Eastern Roumelia. These were surcharged with the Bulgarian Lion and known as an issue for South Bulgaria in 1885. The regular issue for the Principality having succeeded them.

These three countries really ought to be collected together and so arranged in stamp albums and catalogues. All following are used.

**1882 Issue.** *Lion rampant in oval on white ground, small sized stamps.*

3s. orange.....	01
5s. green.....	01
10s. rose.....	01
15s. violet.....	01
25s. blue.....	01
30s. violet and green.....	03
50s. purple and pink.....	04

**1885-86 Issue.** *Same type, difference in lettering.*

1s. lilac.....	02
1s. lilac (1886).....	01
2s. slate green.....	02
2s. slate green (1886).....	01

**1889 Issue.** *Numeral of value larger and lion smaller, new design, perforated 13.*

1s. violet.....	10
2s. gray.....	02
3s. bistre-brown.....	02
5s. green.....	01
10s. rose.....	10
15s. orange.....	10
25s. blue.....	20
30s. dark brown.....	02
50s. greenish blue.....	02
1l. orange red.....	08

**1892 Issue.** *Same, surcharged new value in black.*

15s. on 30s brown.....	03
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**1893 Issue.** *Same type, but larger perforations, 10½ and 11½, the 10s. being on pelure paper.*

10s. rose.....	01
15s. orange.....	02
25s. pale blue.....	02

<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>Type of 1885 issue, surcharged "01" in large red figures.</i>	
1s. on 2s. slate green .....	01
<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>Special design commemorative of Prince Boris' birthday, 2d of February, 1896.</i>	
1s. green .....	01
5s. blue .....	02
15s. violet .....	03
25s. red .....	04

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

<b>1887 Issue.</b> <i>Numeral of value in circle, perforated 10½ and 11½.</i>	
5s. orange .....	02
25s. lake .....	06
50s. blue .....	25
<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>Same design, surcharged new value in red.</i>	
30s. on 50s. blue, unperforated (*) .....	18
30s. on 50s. blue, perforated (*) .....	12
<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>New design, stamps of smaller size, perforated.</i>	
5s. orange .....	02
10s. violet .....	03
30s. green .....	08

**SOUTH BULGARIA.**

The stamps of Eastern Roumelia were surcharged with the Bulgarian Lion for use in South Bulgaria. All following stamps are unused.

<b>1885 Issue.</b> <i>Surcharged Lion in blue or black.</i>	
<b>I BLACK SURCHARGE.</b>	
5 paras, violet .....	30
10 paras, green .....	25
20 paras, black and rose .....	60
20 paras, carmine .....	30
<b>II BLUE SURCHARGE.</b>	
5 paras, violet .....	10
10 paras, green .....	12
20 paras, black and rose .....	90
20 paras, rose .....	35

*Surcharged Lion in a frame with inscriptions.*

<b>I BLACK SURCHARGE.</b>	
5 paras, violet .....	12
10 paras, green .....	18
20 paras, black and rose .....	35
20 paras, carmine .....	30
<b>II BLUE SURCHARGE.</b>	
5 paras, violet .....	90
10 paras, green .....	90

**BULGARIA PACKET.**

A packet of 35 different Bulgarian stamps, all fine copies 1882-96 issues, post free, 75c.

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The complete set of 14 stamps, according to above list, all fine unused copies, \$5.00.

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Most of the stamps of Bulgaria and South Bulgaria, listed above, are in our Approval Book No.

19, at the same net prices quoted here. This book also contains some of the better Turkish stamps. We also have a very fine specialized stock book of Bulgarian stamps including first issues, errors and all the scarcer varieties that will be sent to advanced collectors when requested.

**OBOCK.**

(AFRICA.)

This is a French Colony on the east coast of Africa, one of the two parts to French Somaliland, which with its dependencies, has an area of about 45,000 square miles, and a population of about 250,000. A very striking series of stamps for this colony shows a group of the natives in counsel and the higher values a camel scene on the desert.

All following are unused.

<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Large stamps with group of natives in centre, on quadrilled paper, unperforated.</i>	
1c. black and red .....	02
4c. brown-violet and orange .....	04
5c. blue-green and brown .....	03
10c. black and green .....	04
15c. blue and vermilion .....	05
Above series of five stamps	15
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. set of thirteen stamps .....	1 35
<i>Triangular stamps with camel in centre.</i>	
2 francs, bronze green .....	1 75
<i>Larger size, in twocolors.</i>	
2 francs, orange and violet .....	70

**SOMALI COAST.**

(AFRICA.)

Djibouti is the name of one of the cities that is also a port to the Protectorate of the Somali Coast on the Gulf of Tadjura on the east coast of Africa. A view of this city is shown in the centre of the stamps, which are very large size. Types of the Somali natives are shown in the border supporting the central picture.

All following are unused.

<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Large stamps with view of city of Djibouti in centre, and natives in border to right and left.</i>	
1c. black and claret .....	02
2c. claret and black .....	02
4c. brown and blue .....	03
Above set of three stamps .....	06
5c. red and blue green .....	03
15c. green and violet .....	05
25c. blue and rose .....	08
Above set of six stamps .....	20
2 francs, rose and gray .....	65
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 75c., 1fr. 2frs. set of twelve stamps .....	1 85

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We have other books of the scarcer stamps, and books classified by countries marked at lowest net prices, without discount; *see following list, and the instructions on next page.*

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**Approval Book No. 19** contains the stamps of Bulgaria of all issues, also a few of the better Turkish varieties.

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## IMPORTANT.

**Instructions.** In opening an account with us for the receipt of approval books at regular intervals, the following rules must be agreed to, and the information furnished for our records:

If the party is not known to us, a line from a bank or business house of commercial rating will be necessary. We simply require evidence of good standing to protect ourselves from irresponsible parties.

It is easy for any one who is all right to comply with this rule, and the necessity for it in our business is quite apparent to any fair mind.

**Regarding Minors.** It is necessary in all cases where accounts are opened with those who are not of legal age to have the permission of parent or guardian, as well as references.

**Postage.** We prepay postage on all selections sent out on approval, and we expect the return postage to be fully prepaid by our correspondents.

All approval books must be returned sealed as first-class matter, and where the selection is sent out *registered* it is to be returned in the *same manner*.

**Remittances.** A remittance must be sent with each selection returned. Fractional parts of a dollar may be sent in unused U. S. stamps. Express Money Orders may be obtained anywhere and are highly recommended. P. O. Money Orders or Bank Drafts are convenient. Never send *coin* in an ordinary envelope. Always register currency if remittance is made in that form. Fifteen cents must be added for the cost of collection of private checks drawn on banks outside the principal large cities. Cost of the remittance must in all cases be borne by the sender. Canada silver will not be accepted. Canada currency 2% discount; Canadian unused postage stamps, 5% discount.

**General Instructions.** Each selection on approval must be returned and settled for before the next one is sent. Selections may be retained 10 days, and in special cases up to three weeks, where a postal card advice is sent upon expiration of the ten days, but under no circumstances longer than three weeks. Parties who retain stamps longer than this time, and have to be reminded by mail, will not be continued as correspondents of this department of our business.

Substituting or removing stamps not purchased from our books or sheets is *positively prohibited*. Such practices are regarded by us as highly dishonest, and will be dealt with accordingly, even if the stamp exchanged or substituted is of equal value.

To request selections on approval through the U. S. mails with the intent to defraud or fail to settle with the owner is an offense against the laws of the U. S. Government, being severely punished in cases of minors as well as adults.

We have approval accounts with collectors in every state and territory of this great country, and are always glad to open new accounts.



## ABYSSINIA.

(AFRICA.)

A country in the north-eastern part of Africa, south of the Egyptian Soudan. The superior portion of the population is more akin to the Caucasian and the Semitic than to the usual Ethiopian negro.

The emperor (Negus Negusti or King of Kings), is Menelek of Shoa who claims descent from Menelek, the son of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

The country is about one hundred thousand square miles in area and has about four million population.

Although isolated from the Christian world, that has been the religion of its people since the fourth century.

There is no popular literature, no education. The principal pursuits are war, agriculture, cattle breeding and hunting.

They defeated the Italians in 1896, who tried to exercise a protectorate over the country. The postal system is crude and very primitive, the stamps used were issued in 1894 and supplemented in 1896 by a surcharged series for unpaid letters.

The Austrian (taler) Maria Theresa dollar is the adopted coin. 16 guerche = 1 taler.

We offer the following stamps of this country: (\*) Indicates unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Portrait of King Menelek looking to the right on lower values. Lion holding flag (arms) on the higher values. All inscriptions in native characters.* Net Price Each

1/4g. green (*)	03
1/2g. rose (*)	05
1g. blue	05

Complete series, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps 1 45

**Unpaid 1896 Issue.** *Portrait type with a surcharged inscription in native characters within a scroll.*

1/4g. green (*)	05
1/2g. rose (*)	05

Complete series (\*) 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps 2 90

## CANADA.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

The Dominion of Canada, one of the most important of British possessions, includes the various provinces formerly known as Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec respectively), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba and the North West Territories.

The stamps of this country are only second in importance and interest to those of the United States in the eyes of American collectors. The following are all unused except where special columns are given for used specimens.

**1868 Issue.** *Large stamp, head of Queen Victoria to right.*

15c. lilac..... 30

**1877 Issue.** *Same as above.*

15c. blue gray..... 50

**1882 Issue.** *Small stamp, type similar to last.*

1/2c. black..... 02

**1897 Issue.** *Jubilee commemorative issue. Portrait of Queen Victoria 1837 in oval at left and portrait 1897 in oval at right.*

1/2c. black..... 20

1c. orange..... 02

2c. green..... 04

3c. bright rose..... 05

5c. deep blue..... 08

6c. rich brown..... 40

8c. violet..... 12

10c. brown violet..... 15

15c. steel blue..... 20

20c. vermilion..... 25

50c. ultramarine..... 60

1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c., series of eight stamps 1 00

Same, and 15, 20, 50c., series of eleven stamps 2 00

50c. ultramarine (1) used..... 30

**1897 Regular Issue.** *Head of Queen Victoria to left, small stamps with maple leaves in*

*four corners.*

1/2c. black..... 02 02

1c. green..... 02 01

2c. purple..... 03 02

3c. carmine red..... 04 01

5c. dark blue..... 07 02

6c. chocolate..... 10 06

8c. orange..... 12 04

10c. brown violet..... 16 12

**1898-99 Issue.** *Same type as last with numerals in two lower corners.*

1/2c. black..... 01 01

1c. gray green..... 02 01

2c. purple..... 03 01

2c. carmine..... 03 01

3c. carmine..... 04 01

5c. blue..... 07 02

6c. brown..... 09 04

8c. orange..... 10 04

10c. brown violet..... 13 07

**1898 Xmas Issue.** *Large stamp showing location of British possessions on map of the world.*

2c. lavender and carmine..... 04 02

2c. sea-green and carmine..... 03 02

There are light and dark shades of the above stamps, a set of the

four, unused..... 12 ---

**1899 Issue.** *The 3c. stamps of 1897 and 1898 surcharged "2 cents" in black.*

2c. on 3c. "maple leaves"..... 06 03

2c. on 3c. "numerals"..... 04 02

UNUSED. USED.

**SPECIAL DELIVERY.**

<b>1898 Issue.</b> <i>Design of lathe work.</i>		
10c. green .....	13	...

**REGISTRATION STAMPS.**

<b>1875-89 Issue.</b> <i>Long stamps with the word "Registered" a prominent feature.</i>		
2c. orange .....	10	02
2c. rose vermilion .....	20	02
5c. green .....		02
8c. blue .....	1 95	

**GOLD COAST.****(AFRICA.)**

The British Colony of this name is on the west coast of Africa, bounded on the west and north by the French Colonies of the Ivory Coast and French Soudan, and on the east by the German Colony of Togoland.

Although it has been over four hundred years since the white man has traded with this coast it has only been of late years that much has been done for the natives.

The slave trade was the great industry until within the last century. Gold, ivory, palm oil and rubber are now the principal exports from this locality. The climate on the West Coast is such that white men cannot live there permanently, and even the negro inhabitants suffer greatly from malarial fever.

The population is estimated at a million and a half, only about two hundred of which are white. The principal town, Accra, has about sixteen thousand inhabitants.

All following are used except those indicated thus (\*) which are unused.

<b>1879 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Queen to left, watermarked C. C. perf. 14.</i>		
1 penny blue (*) .....	35	
<b>1884-91 Issue.</b> <i>Same type, watermarked C. A.</i>		
1 penny rose .....	01	
2 pence grey .....	03	
2½ pence blue and orange .....	03	
4 pence mauve .....	05	
6 pence orange .....	06	
6 pence orange (*) .....	15	
1 shilling violet .....	10	
1 shilling violet (*) .....	35	
2 shillings brown .....	30	
2 shillings brown (*) .....	75	
<b>1889 Issue.</b> <i>Smaller head of Queen to left, lettered Postage and Revenue.</i>		
10 shillings lilac and carmine .....	90	
<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>		
20 shillings, brown and black on red paper ...	1 50	

**JOHORE.****(ASIA.)**

A native state at the southern extremity of the Malay peninsula, under British influence. Controlled with the Straits Settlements from the Government office in Singapore, which island was ceded to the British Government by the Sultan of Johore in 1824. A new Sultan succeeded in 1896.

The Sultans of Johore reign, but the British Resident is an important factor in the matter.

The first stamps issued from 1884 to 1892 were surcharged on the regular issues for Straits Settlements. All the following stamps are unused.

**1892-94 Issue.** *Portrait of the Sultan; stamps printed in two colors.*

	Net Price
3c. lilac and carmine .....	06
1 dollar green and carmine .....	1 90

**Provisional Issue.** *Above stamps surcharged with new value.*

3c. on 4c. purple and black .....	10
3c. on 5c. purple and green .....	20
3c. on 6c. purple and blue .....	20
3c. on 1 dollar green and carmine .....	1 25

**1896-99 Issue.** *Portrait of the new Sultan.*

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 cents; series of six stamps .....	25
1 dollar lilac and green .....	90

**LABUAN.****(ASIA.)**

Labuan is an island of the Malayan Archipelago, situated about six miles off the north-west coast of Borneo. In area it is about 31 square miles and has a population of about six thousand.

The first British settlement there was established in 1848, it was administered as a Colony until January 1st, 1890, when it was transferred from the Colonial Office to the British North Borneo Company, whose territories, together with Sarawak and the native state of Brunei, have been placed under a British Protectorate.

The trade of Labuan consists in an exchange of cloth, rice, crockery, ironware, etc., for the native products, gutta-percha, india rubber, wax, sago, tobacco, etc. The governor is the same as that of British North Borneo, and its postal affairs are in the hands of the same officials.

The silver dollar of the East (same as Mexican) is the prevailing currency.

Stamps were first issued in 1879, an attractive outline design with head of Queen Victoria to left. Surcharging was resorted to for provisional values from 1880 to 1893, in the latter year a lithographed set of the same type as the first issue made its appearance, this was followed by the use of the stamps of the designs North Borneo Co. surcharged "LABUAN." All following stamps are cancelled except where indicated (\*) thus.

	Net Price
<b>1893 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Queen to left. Lithographed.</i>	
2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 40 cents, complete series of seven stamps.....	25
<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Designs of the stamps of North Borneo, surcharged "Labuan."</i>	
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, complete series of nine stamps.....	60
<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>The one dollar stamp of North Borneo surcharged Labuan and new value in black.</i>	
10c. on one dollar red.....	06
4, 10, 20, 30, 40c each on one dollar red, complete series of five stamps (*).....	1 00
<b>1896 Jubilee Issue.</b> <i>The regular series of 1894 surcharged "1846—Jubilee—1896" in three lines.</i>	
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents, complete series of six stamps (*).....	35
<b>1897 Issue.</b> <i>Similar to the issue of 1894, with native inscriptions in frames.</i>	
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, the complete series of nine stamps.....	50
<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>Owing to change in postage rates the values above 3c. of the 1897 issue and the high values of the 1896 issue were surcharged "4 cents" for provisional use.</i>	
4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, the series of six stamps (*).....	1 25
4c. on 25, 50c. and \$1, the series of three stamps (*).....	50

## LABUAN PACKET AND SELECTIONS.

The forty five stamps represented by the seven series described above will be sent for \$4.25, post free. Or they will be sent on approval at the same prices quoted above subject to selection.

## NORTH BORNEO.

(ASIA.)

British North Borneo includes the northern part of the island of Borneo, which, next to Australia and New Guinea, is the largest island in the world. It is 850 miles in length and 600 miles in breadth.

This territory was ceded to a company by the Sultans of Brunei and Sulu in 1877-8 and was subsequently transferred to the British North Borneo Co., to whom a royal charter was granted 1st of November, 1881.

The government is administered by a Governor, similar to a British Colony with modifications to meet native customs and local circumstances.

Stamps were first issued in 1883, and bore the arms on a shield. On the larger stamps the shield is shown with two natives as supporters. Later an attractive series of picture stamps were issued bearing a native warrior on one, a deer, a peacock, a crocodile and various views on others, these are very popular with the young folks and are found on both the series for 1893 and 1897.

The following are cancelled except where indicated thus (\*).

	Net Price
<b>1886 Issue.</b> <i>Arms on a shield, lettered Postage.</i>	
1, 2, 4, 8, 10 cents, series of five stamps (*).....	1 40
<b>1887-90 Issue.</b> <i>Same design, lettered Postage and Revenue.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 cents, series of nine stamps.....	15
<b>1893 Issue.</b> <i>Picture stamps, lettered State of North Borneo.</i>	
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of nine stamps.....	60
<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>The one dollar stamp surcharged new values in black.</i>	
10c. on one dollar red.....	06
20c. on one dollar red.....	09
4, 10, 20, 30, 40c. each on one dollar red, complete series of five stamps (*).....	1 25
<b>1897-98 Issue.</b> <i>The picture stamps with addition of native characters in inscriptions.</i>	
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. series of nine stamps.....	50
<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>The values above 3c. of the 1897 issue and the high values of 1893 issue surcharged "4 cents," for use provisionally on account of change in postage rate.</i>	
4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. series of six stamps (*).....	1 25
4c. on 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollars, set of six stamps (*).....	1 50

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>Regular issue surcharged "Postage Due."</i>	
2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of eight stamps (*).....	1 50

### NORTH BORNEO PACKET.

The fifty-seven stamps described in above list will be sent, post free, for \$7.65, or will be submitted on approval for selection at the net prices quoted above.

## PERSIA.

(ASIA.)

The government of Persia is an absolute despotism, ruled by a Shah whose portrait on the stamps of the 1898 issue is familiar to collectors.

We may say that his name is Muzaffer-ed-Din Mirza, and he succeeded his father who was assassinated May 1st, 1896.

The portrait of his father is even more familiar to stamp collectors, because it figured prominently on the stamps from 1876 to the time of his death in 1896.

The arms of the country, a Lion, usually shown with an uplifted saber held in its paw, with a sun in the back ground, shares the honor of position with the portrait of the ruler on the stamps.

The population is about ten millions, the area 630,000 square miles; the religion is Mohammedan, although there are many Armenian Christians. The laws are based on the precepts of the Koran.

The capital is Teheran a city of over 200,000 inhabitants. Like many countries, the name by which it is known to its own people is different from that by which the rest of the world commonly refers to it. It is called by the natives **Iran**.

Stamps were first issued in 1868, and bore the lion as a prominent feature; until 1876 this type prevailed, many of them very badly printed.

After 1876 the designs and printing were very much improved, and examples of the various issues following are offered at very reasonable prices.

The coinage or monetary values are represented by *shahi*, *kran* and *tuman*: 20 shahi=1 kran; 10 kran=1 tuman.

The following stamps have been carefully selected and the prices are made as low as possible, most all ranging from 15% to 50%, or even more, below the usual Catalogue.

Unused stamps indicated thus (\*), all others cancelled.

	Net Price each
<b>1879 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Shah, with colored border.</i>	
1k. black, brown border.....	\$0 25
5k. blue, blue border.....	10
<b>1880 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
2s. black, yellow border.....	35
5s. black, green border.....	08
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Sun in frame. Lithographed.</i>	
5c. purple.....	30
10c. carmine.....	30

<i>Same type, engraved.</i>	
5c. purple.....	18
10c. carmine.....	07
25c. green.....	07
5, 10, 25c. set of three.....	30
<b>1882 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Shah.</i>	
5c. green.....	02
5fr. red and black.....	22
10fr. buff, red and black, large stamp.....	28
10fr. same, unused (*).....	40
<b>1885-86 Issue.</b> <i>Values up to 5s. Lion, Values 10s. and above, Head of Shah.</i>	
5s. blue (Lion).....	02
10s. bistre (Head of Shah).....	03
<b>1886 Issue.</b> <i>Surcharged "Officiel" and new value.</i>	
6s. on 5s. green.....	05
18s. on 10s. black and orange.....	12
1t. on 5fr. black and red.....	28
<b>1889 Issue.</b> <i>Values up to 7s. Arms. Values 10s. and above. Head of Shah.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 7, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., complete set of eight (*).....	25
10c. black (*).....	04
1k. orange (*).....	50
2k. rose (*).....	05
5k. green (*).....	07
<b>1891 Issues.</b> <i>Values up to 14s. a Persian design, Values 1k. and upwards, Head of Shah.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., set of seven.....	25
7s. grey (a scarce stamp).....	30
14s. orange (also scarce).....	10
1k. green.....	02
2k. orange.....	05
5k. yellow.....	08
<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Values up to 8s. Arms. Values 10s. and upwards, Head of Shah.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 8, 10s., set of five.....	10
1, 2, 5, 8, 10s., 1, 2, 5k., set of eight.....	70
8s. brown.....	03
16s. rose (scarce stamp).....	50
1k. red and yellow.....	03
2k. yellow and blue.....	12
5k. violet and silver.....	50
<b>1897 Issues.</b> <i>Surcharge of stamps of last issue new value, in Persian and Roman.</i>	
5s. on 8s. brown.....	03
1k. on 5k. violet and silver (*).....	35
2k. on 5k. violet and silver (*).....	50
The above set of three.....	85
<b>1898 Issue.</b> <i>Values up to 16s. Arms. (same type as 1894 issue). Values 1k. and upwards, Head of the new Shah.</i>	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12s. 1k. set of eight.....	25
8s. orange.....	07
12s. rose.....	05
16s. green (a scarce value).....	18
1k. blue.....	03
<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>A lot of the above stamps having been stolen from P. O. Department, a control</i>	

mark of an ornamental design was roughly surcharged on the 1898 series.

1, 2, 5, 10s., 1k. set of five.....	20
2s. pale brown.....	03
10s. light blue.....	05
1k. ultramarine.....	06
<b>1900 Issue.</b> Same types as 1898 issue, but printed on greenish paper.	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5s. (*), set of 5.....	20
8s. orange on greenish (*).....	10
10s. blue on greenish.....	03

### PERSIAN PACKET.

A fine packet of 40 different Persian stamps from 1885 to 1899, 1s. to 1k., a choice little collection for \$1.50, post free.

#### APPROVAL.

A Selection of Persian Stamps will be sent on approval upon request, at above net prices. It will include most of the above, and any other varieties we may happen to have in stock.

## LAGOS.

### (AFRICA.)

This is the name of a Colony and Protectorate, formerly one of the great centres of the African slave trade, it is situated on the Bight of Benin, it was permanently occupied by Great Britain in 1861.

Total area about 1,500 square miles with two million inhabitants of which only about two hundred are white. Rubber, palm oil and palm-kernels are the important exports of the colony.

Stamps were first issued in 1874. The following are unused.

**Issue 1885-94.** Profile of Queen Victoria to left in oval, "Lagos" above, "Postage" below, value in straight label below.

½p. green.....	02
1p. rose.....	04
2p. lilac and blue.....	06
2½p. blue.....	08
3p. lilac and brown.....	10
4p. lilac and black.....	12
5p. lilac and green.....	16
6p. lilac and purple.....	18
7½p. lilac and carmine.....	25
10p. lilac and yellow.....	30
1sh. green and black.....	35
Above set of eleven stamps, unused.....	1 50



A new series for Spain is forth coming. The 15c of the annexed type is the first of a complete series. It shows the young King as a cadet.

The stamps of the Orange Free State have been surcharged "V. R. I." and a new value, the series as chronicled by the *London Philatelist* is as follows:

- ½ penny on "Half Penny" orange.
- 1 penny on "Een Penny" violet.
- 2 pence on "Twee Pence" lilac.
- 2½ pence on "Drie Pence" blue.
- 3 pence on "Drie Pence" blue.
- 4 pence on "Vier Pence" blue.
- 6 pence on "Zes Pence" rose.
- 6 pence on "Zes Pence" blue.
- 1 shilling on "Een Shilling" brown.
- 5 shillings on "Vyf Shillings" green.

The second part of the London Philatelic Society's work on the stamps of the British Colonies in Africa has been issued. It includes Gambia, Gold Coast, Griqualand, Lagos, Madagascar, Matabeleland, Mauritius and Natal.

Part III will commence with Niger Coast Protectorate, and contain Orange Free State and Transvaal we presume, so that it will be no less important than the two preceding volumes.

## Sierra Leone.

### (AFRICA.)

The signification of the name of this colony is Lion Mountain, the name of a peninsula on the West Coast of Africa that was ceded to Great Britain in 1787 by the native chiefs, to be used as an asylum for the many destitute negroes then in England; and the great number of liberated negro slaves from America and the West Indies.

The original area has been increased until its extent is about four thousand square miles.

The population is about one hundred and fifty thousand, of which only about two hundred are white.

Education is more advanced than in many other West Coast Colonies. The climate is humid and enervating to whites, and malarial fevers are prevalent, especially at the beginning and end of the rains, which last from May to October.

Freetown, the capital, is the greatest sea port in



West Africa, with a population of over thirty thousand. All following are unused except where indicated thus (‡) which are used.

<b>1861-67 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Queen Victoria to left.</i>	
6 pence, mauve on bluish paper.....	2 00
<b>1883-92 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Queen to left, lettering in labels on white ground, watermarked C. A.</i>	
½p. green.....	03
1p. rose.....	05
1½p. violet.....	08
2½p. blue.....	15
3p. yellow orange.....	15
4p. bistre.....	18
1sh. brown red.....	60
<b>1892 Issue.</b> <i>Same type surcharged new value.</i>	
½p. on 1½p. violet.....	18
<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as 1861 issue.</i>	
6 pence, red violet.....	30
<b>1896-97 Issue.</b> <i>Smaller head of Queen to left, lettered Postage and Revenue.</i>	
1p. lilac and rose.....	04
1½p. lilac and black.....	05
2p. lilac and orange.....	06
2½p. lilac and blue (‡).....	04
3p. lilac and grey.....	10
6p. lilac.....	20
1sh. green and black.....	40

## WHOLESALE FOR DEALERS.

We publish no wholesale list, but recommend the following mixtures:

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Stamps from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, and from these five countries only, well mixed, 50 varieties in each 100. A fine lot for dealers or for collectors as traders. **75c. per 100; \$5.50 per 1000.**

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A mixture that is sure to give satisfaction, composed of good sheet and packet stamps, the kinds that are not found in continental mixtures.

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50,000.....	5 50
100,000.....	10 00

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- 2,000 different foreign postage stamps from all quarters of the globe.
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16,000

To this we add 300 blank approval sheets, with the usual instructions printed at top, and 5,000 best hinges. The whole stock for **\$40.00**, post free in U. S., Canada or Mexico.

## OUR STOCK C.

6000 Stamps \$5 6000 Stamps

This is a stock well suited for a small dealer or one just starting.

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- 1000—10 packets of 100 varieties each.
- 500—South and Central American stamps.
- 500—Stamps from British Colonies.
- 500—Mexico, good assortment.
- 3000—European, cheap varieties for small packets, etc.

100 blank approval sheets and 3000 hinges go with this outfit for **\$5.00** net, post free in U. S., Canada and Mexico.

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The following series of packets is without any question the finest that is put up by any stamp firm in the world.

These packets are all carefully prepared by our own force of experienced assistants, and their character is guaranteed to be superior to any others.

Nothing but the best selected specimens are included, all used stamps are in good condition, being lightly cancelled; there are no reprints among the unused, every stamp being guaranteed genuine.

It has been estimated that the catalogue price of the contents of our packets average from two times to ten times our charge for the packet.

It is certainly the cheapest way to buy stamps, even if you do get many duplicates and varieties you do not need for your collection; these can be exchanged and traded off for other stamps you need, with your collecting friends.

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MIXED PACKETS.—These contain duplicates and are not all different.

### TERMS.

NET, cash with order. Postage free in United States and Canada only.

All previous lists and quotations of packets are hereby cancelled.

## VARIETY PACKETS.

**No. 75** Our best seller, contains 10c  
150 varieties of stamps;  
many countries are represented, such as Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Japan, New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, etc.

150 VARIETIES—10 CENTS.

**No. 12** A good selection of 40 25c  
different stamps, including  
specimens from Cape of Good Hope, South Australia, Russia, India, Queensland, Tasmania, Servia, Roumania, Denmark and Sweden.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 70** This packet consists of 25c  
40 stamps from British  
Colonies only. We name some of them: Cyprus, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Trinidad, Jamaica, Tasmania, Natal, South Australia, New Zealand, New South Wales, Mauritius, British Guiana, etc.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 13** Though this packet bears 25c  
an unlucky number, the  
stamps it contains are all right and please every purchaser. There are 40 different kinds from Finland, Colombia, Bulgaria, Egypt, Turkey, Chile, etc.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 76** An outlay of 200 varieties 25c  
of stamps from various  
parts of the world. Countries like Argentine Republic, Australia, Ceylon, Hungary, Portugal, Porto Rico, New Zealand, Cuba, Mexico, Colombian Republic, Peru, etc.

200 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 83** There are only 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps in this packet,  
but some are of a much better quality, making it a very cheap and desirable lot. This packet contains Hawaiian Provisional Gov't (2c. envelope), Greece (Olympian Games), Bulgaria (Prince Boris Jubilee), Guatemala, Deccan, Travancore and Nowanuggur (Native Indian States), Portuguese Indies, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 84** A collection of 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps from all four  
corners of the world, including Mexico (1888 20c. and 25c. unused, and 50c of 1884 issue), Paraguay (regular issue and official), Amoy (China), Labuan, Mauritius, Argentine, Japan, Transvaal, Dutch Indies, North Borneo, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 85** Fifty picked stamps from 50c  
different countries, a nice  
lot, catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 86** Fifty different from those 50c  
in packet No. 85; all stamps  
of the better class and catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 87** Fifty different stamps; 50c  
containing none that are in  
packets 85 or 86, and catalogued over \$2.00. One  
who purchases these three packets will have 150 fine  
stamps from all parts of the world, catalogued at  
over \$6.00.

**50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.**

**No. 21** Contains 150 varieties of 60c  
foreign stamps, including  
Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Chile, Nicaragua official,  
Colombia, and Mexico, with a No. 2 cloth bound  
Popular Stamp Album, post free

**150 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—60 CTS.**

**No. 11** Contains 250 different stamps 75c  
including Hayti, Venezuela,  
Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Turkey, Bosnia, India,  
etc. A bargain.

**250 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 111** Contains 300 varieties of 75c  
foreign postage stamps, in-  
cluding stamps from Argentine Republic, Cuba,  
Canada (maple leaf), Chile, Egypt, Japan, Luxem-  
burg, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Porto Rico, etc.

**300 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 22** Contains 250 varieties of 90c  
foreign stamps, including  
Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, South Africa,  
Japan, Egypt, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Liberia,  
Roumania, etc., with a No. 2, cloth bound, Popular  
Album, post free.

**250 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—90 CTS.**

**No. 102** This is a special pack- 98c  
et of 400 varieties made  
up as an inducement for beginners who are about  
starting a collection. It is sold at a price far below  
its actual cost and we require a statement from  
every purchaser that it is for a NEW COLLECTOR.  
Dealers will not be supplied. It includes stamps  
from all parts of the world, among which may be  
mentioned Mexico, 1884, 1 and 2 pesos, used; Tra-  
vancore (India), 3 varieties, used; Paraguay official;  
China, regular issue, 1894; British North Borneo,  
Uruguay, Newfoundland, etc.

1000 die-cut gummed hinges for mounting stamps  
is given free with each of these packets.

**400 VARIETIES AND 1000 HINGES—98c.**

**No. 112** Contains 500 varie- \$1.25  
ties of foreign postage  
stamps from Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil,  
British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope, Cuba, Guate-  
mala, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Porto Rico,  
Western Australia, etc.

**500 VARIETIES—\$1.25.**

**No. 113** This packet is our \$3.00  
leader for 1900. It is  
the best packet for a collector who is about starting.  
Contains 800 different postage stamps.

**800 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 114** The best 1000 varie- \$4.75  
ty packet in the world  
is put up by this company, every stamp genuine.  
Full count (1010 to make good measure). The cata-  
logue value is guaranteed to be \$25.00 or over. Sent  
post free anywhere in the world for the price.

There is nothing but foreign postage stamps in  
this packet.

We have had hundreds of testimonials like this:

SAM'S VALLEY, ORE., Jan. 3, 1900.

Gentlemen.—I received the 1000 variety packet  
(Dandy) all O. K., and secured 540 varieties for  
my collection of 1500 varieties. Naturally I am  
well pleased with the packet.

Yours respectfully, C. F. CASE.

This packet should not be compared with cheap  
lots of 1000 varieties, put up by some dealers, that in-  
clude much that are not regular foreign postage  
stamps.

**1000 VARIETIES—\$4.75.**

**No. 115** This packet is \$20.00  
fully described on  
page 17 of this leaflet; it contains 2000 varieties and  
is a great bargain.

**2000 VARIETIES—\$20.00.**

**No. 116** A big packet of \$100.00  
4000 varieties, a  
regular collection in itself, being stamps from al-  
most every stamp issuing country or colony in the  
world. A great bargain.

**4000 VARIETIES—\$100.00.**

## CLASSIFIED PACKETS.

**No. 24** Contains 25 stamps from 25c  
South American countries,  
Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, Bolivia and other good  
stamps.

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 25** Contains 30 stamps from 25c  
the West Indies. A good  
packet.

**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 26** Contains 25 Central Amer- 25c  
ican stamps, from Costa  
Rica, Nicaragua, old Brazil, Salvador and Honduras.

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 50** Contains 30 Oriental stamps, all different, including Egyptian official, Japan, Turkey, Roumania, etc. **25c**

**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 61** Contains 25 varieties from Africa alone, including Egypt, Mauritius, and Gold Coast. **25c**

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 62** Contains 25 varieties from Australia, including all the Australian Colonies. **25c**

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 60** Contains 25 varieties from Asia alone, including Ceylon, Dutch Indies, Portuguese Indies and Shanghai. **25c**

**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 125** This packet contains thirty-three varieties of Cuban postage stamps from 1871 to 1900 including the new issue, a very cheap and satisfactory lot of stamps. **25c**

**33 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 126** Forty varieties of Cuban postage stamps, 1862 to 1900 inclusive. A bargain. **30c**

**40 VARIETIES—30 CENTS.**

**No. 8** Contains 50 Oriental postage stamps, including Ceylon, Japan, British North Borneo, India, Turkey, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Roumania, Servia, Greece, Hong Kong, Egypt and Finland. One of our best selling packets. **35c**

**50 VARIETIES—35 CENTS.**

**No. 9** Contains 50 different South American postage stamps, almost all the different countries being represented. **40c**

**50 VARIETIES—40 CENTS.**

**No. 122** This packet contains only stamps of Bulgaria 35 varieties including stamps of issues 1882 to 1896, regular issues and unpaid letter stamps. **75c**

**35 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 123** All from Central American Republics, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, 100 different varieties, a very cheap lot of stamps, mostly unused. **\$1.00**

**100 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 1** Contains 50 different Mexican postage stamps, 1856 to 1900, including varieties of almost all issues. A splendid bargain; worth three times the money. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 117** This packet consists entirely of Porto Rican stamps, 50 different varieties, issues 1882-1899 from ¼ m. up to catalogue value of 25c. Habilitados, U. S. surcharges, etc. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 118** A packet of Persian stamps only, 40 different varieties all from the domain of the Shah. Issues from 1885 to 1899 1c. to 1k. values inclusive. **\$1.00**

**40 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 120** All Philippine Island stamps in this packet, 50 different kinds from 1882 to 1899 issues, including Habilitados, a choice and desirable lot. **\$1.50**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 119** A packet containing only the stamps of Cuba, 100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap and desirable packet. **\$3.50**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.50.**

**No. 121** A packet containing only the stamps of the Central American Republic of Honduras. It is practically a complete collection being all the regular government issues from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, including the peso values and officials, 94 varieties. **\$4.00**

**94 VARIETIES—\$4.00.**

**No. 48** This packet is a better lot of Mexican postage stamps than can be offered by any other concern. It is a first-class bargain for either collector or dealer. Our unexcelled stock of Mexican stamps and our extended business relations with that country enable us to make this liberal offer. **\$15:00**

Every stamp in the above packet, as well as all our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals. There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the 1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian lithographed, unused; Guadalupe; 1867, Gothic surcharge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unperforated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are well represented. Of the last mentioned series there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c. rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 posos, also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and 12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete; 1895, 1c. to 50c.; Officials, Port de Mar, Officially Sealed, Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square.

**150 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

## MIXED PACKETS.

**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada.

**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

**No. 68** The stamps in this packet are about the same as above; it is a mixture superior to that usually sold by dealers as Continentals. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada.

**1000 MIXTURE—25 CENTS.**

**A Packet of 2,000 Genuine Foreign Postage Stamps, all different, for \$20.00, post free.**

This is the best packet ever made, for starting a new collection or bringing an old one up to date. It contains stamps from over 175 countries, including the following:

### WHAT IT CONTAINS.

Africa (Portuguese)	Madeira
Alwur	Malta
Angola	Martinique
Angra	Mauritius
Anjouan	Mayotte
Antioquia	Mexico
Argentine	Monaco
Azores	Montenegro
Baden	Mozambique
Bamra	Nabha
Barbados	<b>Natal</b>
Benin	Netherlands
Bermuda	New Brunswick
Bolivar	New Caledonia
Bolivia	<b>Newfoundland</b>
Bosnia	New South Wales
Brazil	New Zealand
Br. Guiana	Nicaragua
Br. Honduras	North Borneo
Brunswick	Norway
Bulgaria	Nossi Be
<b>Cameroons</b>	Nowanuggur
Canada	Nyassa
Cape of Good Hope	<b>Obock</b>
Cape Verde	Oceanica (French)
Ceylon	<b>Orange Free State</b>

Charkhari  
Chile.  
China  
Colombia  
**Congo Free State**  
Costa Rica  
**Cuba**  
Curacao  
Cyprus  
Deccan  
Danish West Indies  
Dhar  
Diego Suarez  
Djibouti  
Dominican Rep.  
Dutch Indies  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
Eritrea  
Faridkot  
Finland  
French Colonies  
French Congo  
Funchal  
Gibraltar  
Gold Coast  
Great Comoro  
Greece  
Grenada  
Guadeloupe  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
Gwalior  
**Hawaii**  
**Hayti**  
Holkar  
Honduras  
Hong Kong  
Horta  
**Iceland**  
India  
Indo-China  
Ivory Coast  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Jhalawar  
Jhind  
Johore  
Jummoo  
Labuan  
Lorenzo Marques  
Luxemburg  
Macao  
**Madagascar**

Panama  
Paraguay  
Patiala  
Perak  
Persia  
Peru  
**Philippines**  
Ponto Delgada  
**Porto Rico**  
Portugal  
Portuguese India  
Prussia  
Queensland  
Reunion  
Roman States  
Roumania  
Russia  
St. Lucia  
St. Marie  
St. Pierre  
St. Thomas  
St. Vincent  
Salvador  
San Marino  
**Sarawak**  
Saxony  
Selangor  
Senegal  
Serbia  
**Seychelles**  
Shanghai  
Siam  
Sierra Leone,  
Soruth  
**Soudan** (Camel)  
Soudan (French)  
**So. African Rep.**  
South Australia  
Straits Settlements  
Surinam  
Tasmania  
Timor  
**Togoland**  
Travancore  
Trinidad  
Tunis  
Turkey  
Uruguay  
Venezuela  
Wadhwan  
Victoria  
Western Australia  
Zambesi  
**Zululand**

### WHAT IT DOES NOT CONTAIN.

No postal cards	No locals
No counterfeits	No revenues
No reprints	No telegraphs

This marvelous packet, complete as described, guaranteed in every particular, post free and registered, for \$20.00.



# HONDURAS.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, about 43,000 square miles in area, a population of about four hundred thousand people, most of whom are of aboriginal blood.

Rich in mineral wealth but undeveloped to a great extent.

The products are mahogany, fruit, cattle, cotton, sugar, tobacco, coffee, indigo, sarsaparilla, hides, india rubber and hard tropical woods.

Discovered by Columbus 1502; conquered by Spain in 1523-36; was a part of the captaincy of Guatemala; in 1839 it became an independent republic. The executive is vested in a president elected for four years.

Spanish is the common language, and the prevailing religion is Roman Catholic.

The name of the country, Honduras, is literally "depths," the plural of *hondura*, depth, from *hondo*, deep, from the Latin *fundus*, bottom. The name is said to refer to the difficulty the first explorers had in finding an anchorage off the coast.

The old Spanish currency prevailed there until 1878. 8 reales = 1 peso. The peso is now divided into 100 centavos. The peso is of about the same value as the Mexican dollar.

The stamps of this country are comparatively inexpensive and are for that reason very popular.

All in following list are unused except where indicated thus (†).

**1865 Issue.** *Small square stamps with arms in center, unperforated.*

2 reales, black on green.....	03
2 reales, black on pink.....	03

**1877 Provisionals.** *Above stamps surcharged new value.*

### TEGUCIGALPA.

½r. on 2r. black on pink, black surcharge.....	80
½r. on 2r. black on green, red surcharge.....	40
2r. on 2r. black on pink, red surcharge.....	80

NOTE.—The above stamps bearing various surcharges were issued in 1877 for use in Comayagua and Tegucigalpa. We sometimes have other copies in stock and will submit such as we have on approval upon request.

**1878 Issue.** *Portrait of a President to left, engraved and perforated.*

1c. 2c. ½r. 1r. 2r. 4r. 1p., set of seven stamps..	50
4 reales, bright vermilion (1889).....	10
1 peso, yellow (1889).....	15

**1890 Issue.** *Arms in center, perforated.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1891 Issue.** *Portrait of a General, values 1c. to 1p. smaller in size than the 2, 5 and 10p., which are in two colors.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c, 1 peso, set of above eleven values .....	50
2, 5 and 10 pesos, series of three stamps.....	50

**1892 Issue.** *Central figures represent a group of statuary, Columbus' first view of America*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1893 Issue.** *Portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps .....	50
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**1895 Issue.** *Figure of Justice, with left hand resting on a shield bearing the Arms.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps.....	50
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**1896 Issue.** *A roughly lithographed series, with a full face portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps (†).....	25
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**1898 Issue.** *A locomotive and train, value in large tablet at left. Lithographed.*

1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. 1 peso, set of eight (†) .....	75
20c. orange (†) .....	06
50c. red orange (†) .....	25

### OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890.** *Stamps same type as regular issue of same date, all printed in pale yellow, surcharged with the word "Oficial" in red.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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**1891.** *Same as above, but design type of the regular 1891 issue.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	50
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Any five of the 50c sets may be selected for \$2.25 where cash is sent with the order.

### ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of envelope and wrapper stamps, cut square, issues 1890 to 1895 inclusive.*

38 varieties, envelopes and wrappers 1890 to 1895 complete .....	1 50
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Any of the the above sets will be submitted on approval upon request at the net prices quoted.

### HONDURAS COLLECTION.

The collection of 102 different stamps listed above in sets from 1865 to 1898 inclusive, and the officials, will be sent for \$4.50, or with the 38 envelopes and wrappers complete making 140 stamps in all for \$6.00.

## Popular Stamp Album.

This album is well named. Its popularity is attested by the immense sales. This is the 21st edition, several hundred thousand having been sold of previous editions. It has now been revised and brought up to date throughout, twenty new countries and colonies having been added, together with complete index.



Spaces for Stamps of all Countries.  
Over 1,000 Illustrations.



No. 1—Cloth back, board covers. Space for over 3,000 stamps. The best cheap Album made. Post free, 30c.

No. 2—Bound in full cloth, extra pages for new issues. Will hold about 4,000 stamps. Post free, 50c.

No. 3—Full cloth, gilt lettering, interleaved throughout with blank pages, to accommodate 6,000 stamps. Post free, 75c.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Gentlemen:—

Your No. 3 Popular Stamp Album is the most satisfactory album for the price that is published, and I am familiar with them all. I don't see how you can make an album of its character for 75c.

Yours truly,

H. C. CHASE.

## BLOCKS OF FOUR.

(UNITED STATES.)

We have the following United States stamps, unused, with original gum in mint state in blocks of four.

	Net Price per Block
1855-60, 3c. dull red, type II.....	40
1861, 3c. dull red.....	60
1867, 2c. black, embossing 11x13.....	10 00
1869, 2c. dark brown.....	4 00
1879, 15c. red orange.....	1 50
1882, 1c. ultramarine.....	40
1882, 3c. blue green.....	60
1882, 10c. brown.....	1 20
1883, 4c. blue green.....	45
1887, 2c. green.....	30
1887, 3c. vermilion.....	45
1887, 1c. ultramarine.....	20
1888, 4c. carmine.....	45
1890-93, 1c. ultramarine.....	08
1890-93, 2c. lake.....	2 00
1890-93, 2c. carmine.....	20
1890-93, 3c. purple.....	24
1890-93, 6c. brown red.....	45
1894, 2c. pink, triangle I.....	25
Agriculture Department, 2c. yellow.....	3 75
War Department, 1879, 1c. soft paper.....	20
Newspaper 1865, 5c. blue, white border.....	10 00
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. claret, old type.....	20
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. claret, old type.....	20
Unpaid, 1894, 10c. claret, old type.....	1 00
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. no watermark.....	12
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. no watermark.....	20
Unpaid, 1895, 1c. watermarked.....	10
Unpaid, 1895, 2c. watermarked.....	20
Unpaid, 1895, 3c. watermarked.....	30

The following are fine cancelled copies:

1879, 90c. carmine.....	3 00
1888, 90c. purple.....	3 00
Unpaid 1879, 30c. brown.....	1 50
Unpaid 1879, 50c. brown.....	2 50

Any of above will be sent on approval to regular customers.

Selections of single used or unused U. S. at lowest net prices will be sent on approval to parties who will send lists of what varieties they are open to buy.

We shall publish a net list of U. S. postage and revenues in the DRUMMER at an early date.

## SOME FINE STAMPS.

The following is a list of a few of the very *fine* copies of rare and scarce stamps we have in stock at present.

If you have been looking for one or more of these stamps, and would like to see them on approval we shall be pleased to submit them to responsible parties.

Read our remarks on page 32 of this number in regard to *value* and *condition* in regard to fine stamps.

**Switzerland, Geneva, 1843, (5c+5c) double 10c.,** a superb used copy.

**Eastern Roumelia 1884, 5 piastres brown and pale brown, unused.**

**Bulgaria, 1884, 5s. on 30s. fawn and blue, black surcharged, used copy.**

**Hawaiian Islands, 1860, 1c. black on blue paper (numeral type) unused, 59th Edition No. 17.**

**Roumania, Moldavia, 1858, 54pa. blue on green paper, a superb used copy.**

**Peru, 1858, ½ peso, rose, used.**

**British Guiana, 1850 (circular type) - 12c. dark blue, used.**

**Mauritius, 1858, 1 penny, scarlet, unsevered pair, used.**

**Finland, 1867, 10p. red brown on lilac paper (error) unused.**

**Hanover, 1860, 10g. green, unused.**

**Mecklenburg Schwerin, 1864, 4-¼s red, head on dotted ground, rouletted, unused.**

**St. Lucia, 1885, 1sh. orange and black, unused.**

**Niger Coast Protectorate, 1893, 10 shillings, surcharged on 5 pence, lilac and blue, unused.**

**Coamo (Porto Rico) 1899, 5c. black, complete sheet of ten types, unused.**

**Livonia (Russia) 1862, (2k.) rose and black, unused.**

**Wurtemberg, 1861, 9kr. claret, perf. 13½, unused.**

**Costa Rica, 1882, 2c. surcharged on ½r. blue, black surcharge (59th Catalogue No. 10), unused.**

**Bergedorf, 1861, ½s. violet, unused.**

**British Columbia, 1868, 1 dollar green, perforated 12½ and perforated 14, unused.**

**Baltimore, (Horseman) 1 sent (error) red, used.**

**Saxony, 1880, 3 pf. red, unused.**

**Oldenburg, 1858, Rsg. green, unused.**

**Cape of Good Hope, triangular, woodblocks used.**

Correspondence with collectors who require

stamps of this class is solicited. Those who have no special wants, but who would like to examine selections of rarities on approval may be accommodated.

There are many American collectors who have ample means to buy stamps of the highest class who are now only collectors of ordinary stamps.

The rank and file of general collectors in the United States is far in advance of those of any other country, but we have not reached the high philatelic standards attained in Gt. Britain and France in respect to advanced collectors. But we are progressing and the number of fine collections in the United States is increasing, and the time will come when the finest foreign stamps will not be carried off to Europe for the want of appreciative buyers.

The sale of a large collection does not necessarily either depress the market or reflect any want of confidence on the part of the seller, remarks the editor of the *London Philatelist*, in commenting on a sale that recently occurred in England, where a collection of stamps valued at nearly one hundred and fifty thousand dollars changed hands.

The new issues for the German Colonies will enhance the value of the first issues, some of which have already become rare. We have a few of the following sets of German Colonies surcharged on the stamps of the parent country.

<b>Togoland, 3, 5, 10, 20 pfg. set of four, unused.</b>	25
<b>Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 pfg. set of six unused</b>	60
<b>German East Africa, 1896, 2, 3, 5, 10 pes. set of four, unused</b>	25

A POINTER 

Thousands of American collectors who have heretofore confined their collecting to the stamps of the United States have extended their field to include the so-called U. S. Colonies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands, and Porto Rico. The increased demand will certainly have its effect on the supply of stamps available for collectors. We have compiled a list of stamps of these places that can be supplied at reasonable prices, and strongly advise our customers to fill up all spaces while the stamps may still be obtained at these prices.

A collection of 200 different stamps all from Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico will be sent for \$5.00. It is a genuine bargain for any U. S. collector who wants to make a beginning in this line.

## CUBA.

## (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence.

The island is very rich in natural resources.

Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors and are being added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (†).

	Net Price each
<b>1855-57 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. On un-watermarked paper.</i>	
½ r. p. blue	02
1 r. p. green	04
2 r. p. red	08
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.</i>	
½ r. p. black	06
½ r. p. black on buff	85
½ r. p. green	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.</i>	
10c. blue	02
20c. green	04
40c. rose	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac,	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.</i>	
5c. lilac	12
10c. blue	08
20c. green	12
40c. rose	20
Above set of four stamps	50

<b>1870 Issue.</b> <i>Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.</i>	
10c. green	06
20c. brown	04
<b>1871 Issue.</b> <i>Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.</i>	
12c. brown lilac	16
25c. blue	02
50c. green	05
1 peseta, brown (1)	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> <i>Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.</i>	
12½c. green	25
25c. gray lilac	04
50c. brown	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.</i>	
12½c. brown	23
25c. blue	02
50c. red purple	08
50c. gray	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> <i>Arms of Spain, date in label at top.</i>	
12½c. light purple	06
25c. blue	01
50c. green	02
1 peseta, brown	20
Above set of four stamps	25
<b>1876 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.</i>	
12½c. green	06
25c. gray lilac	02
50c. blue	02
1 peseta, black	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.</i>	
12½c. gray	08
25c. green	02
50c. black	02
<b>1878 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, different colors.</i>	
5c. blue	02
12½c. brown	06
25c. light green	01
50c. dark green	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta,	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, different colors.</i>	
5c. black	02
25c. blue	02
50c. gray	02
1 peseta, brown	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.</i>	
5c. green	02
12½c. lilac	05
25c. blue	02
50c. brown	02
1 peseta, bistre	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as above, change of date.</i>	
1c. green	03
2c. rose	75
5c. blue	02

10c. red brown.....	02
20c. brown.....	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. red.....	07
2½c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
10c. bistre.....	03
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	15
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges), 3 stamps,	75
<b>1884 Issue.</b> Same type as 1882 issue, change of colors.	
2½c. olive.....	03
2½c. violet.....	18
10c. brown.....	16
20c. olive.....	20
<b>1888 Issue.</b> Same type.	
2½c. red brown.....	05
20c. lilac gray.....	23
<b>1890 Issue.</b> Baby head of Infant King.	
1c. brown (1).....	03
2c. slate blue.....	04
2½c. emerald green.....	05
5c. olive green.....	07
20c. dark violet.....	08
<b>1891 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. olive green (1).....	03
5c. emerald green.....	02
10c. claret.....	03
<b>1894 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. violet blue.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2½c. lilac.....	02
20c. brown.....	09
<b>1896 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. lilac brown.....	01
2c. claret.....	02
2½c. rose.....	02
5c. slate blue.....	01
10c. emerald green.....	02
20c. violet.....	09
<b>1898 Issue.</b> Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.	
1, 2, 3, 5m. set of four.....	10
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., } 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 } pesos.....	9 40
<b>1898-99 Provisionals.</b> Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.	

NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.

**1899 Issue.** New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.

1c. on 1c. yellow green.....	03
2c. on 2c. red.....	04
2½c. on 2c. red.....	05
2½c. on 2c. carmine.....	25
3c. on 3c. purple.....	05
5c. on 5c. blue.....	09
10c. on 10c. light brown.....	16
<b>1899 Issue (2nd).</b> New and beautiful designs.	
1c. blue.....	02
2c. carmine.....	04
3c. purple.....	05
5c. blue.....	09
10c. brown.....	15
10c. orange (special delivery).....	15

#### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

**1888 Issue.** Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-Impresos" above, value below.

½m. black.....	02
1m. ".....	04
2m. ".....	05
3m. ".....	05
4m. ".....	05
8m. ".....	05
Set of six stamps.....	20

**1890-96 Issues.** Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to right, value below.

½m. red brown.....	02
1m. ".....	02
2m. ".....	03
3m. ".....	05
4m. ".....	09
8m. ".....	14

Set of six stamps.....

½m. violet (1892).....	33
1m. ".....	01
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	03
4m. ".....	03
8m. ".....	05

Set of six stamps.....

½m. rose (1894).....	18
1m. ".....	01
2m. ".....	01
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	02
8m. ".....	03

Set of six stamps.....

½m. blue green (1896).....	12
1m. ".....	01
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	04
8m. ".....	04
Set of six stamps.....	05
	16

#### CUBA PACKETS.

Forty varieties of Cuban stamps, 1862 to 1899. A bargain, price 30c.

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## CUBA APPROVAL BOOK.

We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, where requested.

NOTICE.—This list has been revised, reductions in prices and additions.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

(ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

Having been discovered by Magalhaes in 1521, settlement commencing in 1565.

The group was named after Philip II of Spain.

The chief products are manila hemp, tobacco, sugar, cocoa and rice.

The nominal religion is Roman Catholic.

The sovereignty passed from Spain to the United States when the peace treaty was signed. The form of government that will finally be established by the United States has not been settled. It is now controlled by the military authorities, under a governor. A revolution that was in progress when the United States acquired the group, led by Aguinaldo a young half breed, who has great ambition and some education, has caused the government some trouble, but the insurgents have been practically crushed, and little remains to establish peace throughout the group.

Education and practical reforms introduced by the most progressive nation in the world will transform these islands into a wonderful territory, as the natural resources are very great.

The issues of stamps from 1854 to 1879 inclusive are all very desirable and have become very scarce through the demand created for them by the many collectors of United States stamps who have recently added the stamps of these islands to their collections.

Such as we have of these older issues will be sub-

mitted upon approval at net prices to our customers upon request.

The following stamps are all unused except where indicated as follows (‡).

	Net Price each
<b>1880-82 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.</b>	
2c. carmine .....	02
2½c. brown (‡) .....	05
2½c. ultramarine .....	08
5c. blue gray .....	07
6½c. green .....	12
10c. pale mauve .....	08
12½c. rose .....	08
20c. bistre .....	20
25c. brown .....	20
<b>1887-89 Issue. Same type as above.</b>	
50m. bistre .....	08
1c. yellow green .....	02
1c. dark green .....	04
<b>1889 Issue. Head of the Baby King of Spain Alphonso XIII, to right.</b>	
2c. carmine .....	02
2½c. ultramarine .....	02
5c. dark blue .....	20
5c. olive .....	13
8c. yellow green .....	10
10c. blue green .....	25
12½c. yellow green .....	15
20c. rose .....	20
<b>1891 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
10c. claret .....	05
25c. blue .....	30
<b>1892-93 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
1c. violet .....	15
2c. violet .....	03
2½c. olive gray .....	03
5c. green .....	05
5c. brown-violet .....	15
6c. brown-violet .....	05
8c. ultramarine .....	15
15c. red-brown .....	15
20c. gray brown .....	25
<b>1894 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
2c. dark brown .....	05
6c. vermilion .....	05
8c. red-brown .....	05
12½c. orange .....	10
15c. rose .....	20
20c. violet .....	15
<b>1896 Issue. Same as last.</b>	
1c. green .....	30
2c. blue .....	02
2c. light brown .....	10
5c. brown .....	15
5c. emerald green .....	10
6c. carmine .....	35
10c. light red-brown .....	05
15c. blue green .....	18
20c. orange .....	15

**1898 Issue.** *Head of the Boy King of Spain to the left, "Filipinas 1898y99" above, value below.*

1m. to 2 pesos, complete series of twenty stamps, unused and fine.....	8 50
1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. orange brown.....	02
3m. orange brown.....	02
4m. orange brown.....	25
5m. orange brown.....	02
1c. black violet (†).....	05
2c. blue green.....	04
3c. dark brown (†).....	04
4c. orange.....	50
15c. slate green.....	25
2 pesos blue.....	2 60

**1899 Issue.** *"Philippines" surcharged in black on regular United States stamps.*

1c. yellow green.....	03
2c. red.....	05
3c. purple.....	06
5c. blue.....	09
10c. yellow brown.....	15
15c. olive.....	25
50c. orange.....	75

#### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

**1899 Issue.** *"Philippines" surcharged in black on the regular postage due stamps of the United States.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 50c. claret, set of five stamps.....	2 00
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#### HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

*The following stamps were surcharged for provisional use.*

<b>1881-88 Issue.</b>	
10c. on 2½c. ultramarine, black surcharge.....	20
1c. on 2½c. ultramarine, red surcharge.....	10
8c. on 2½c. ultramarine.....	15
2½c. on ¼c. green.....	10
2½c. on 10c. green.....	14

**1889 Issue.**

2½c. on 1c. green.....	07
2½c. on 2c. carmine.....	10
2½c. on 5c. blue.....	08
2½c. on 50m. bistre.....	10
2½c. on ¼c. green.....	06
2½c. on 2c. "Telegrafos".....	08
2½c. on 2½c. ".....	08
2½c. on 5c. ".....	08
2½c. on 10c. lilac, "Telegrafos".....	40
2½c. on 10c. green ".....	07
2½c. on 20c. lilac ".....	40
5c. on 20c. lilac ".....	3 00
10c. on 20c. lilac ".....	3 00

#### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

**1886 Issue.** *Head of Alfonso XII of Spain to*

*right, "Filipinas Impresos" above, value below.*

½c. green.....	02
1m. rose.....	03
2m. blue.....	03
5m. dark brown.....	05
Above set of four stamps.....	10
<b>1890-96 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Baby King Alfonso XIII to left, "Filipinas Impresos" above, value below.</i>	
½c. lilac brown.....	02
1m. ".....	02
2m. ".....	02
5m. ".....	02
½c. brown (1894).....	01
1m. olive.....	02
2m. ".....	02
5m. ".....	02
½c. blue (1896).....	02
1m. blue.....	02
2m. brown ".....	02
5m. blue green (1896).....	03

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#### PHILIPPINE APPROVAL BOOK.

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NOTICE.—This list has been revised, some prices reduced and several varieties of the rare Habilitados of 1898-99 issue have been added.

## PORTO RICO. (WEST INDIES.)

An island in the West Indies, which has an area of about 5300 square miles and about eight hundred thousand inhabitants. Discovered by Columbus in 1493, was conquered by the Spaniards mainly by Ponce de Leon 1508-20. In 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War it became a possession of the United States of America, and will no doubt become in due course of time a Territory and finally a State of our Union.

The first stamps used exclusively in Porto Rico, were those of Cuba for 1873 to 1876, with the addition of a script surcharge in black.

All unused, except those indicated thus (†) which are cancelled.

**1876 Issue.** *Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.*

25c. violet and black.....	25
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Net  
Price  
each

50c. blue and black.....	50	4c. brown.....	05
1 peseta, black.....	1 75	5c. blue.....	04
<b>1881 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.</i>		6c. lilac.....	03
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	50	8c. rose.....	05
1c. green.....	12	20c. olive.....	10
2c. lake.....	22	40c. orange.....	25
3c. brown.....	40	<b>1897 Issue.</b> <i>Same type, new colors.</i>	
<b>1882 Issue.</b> <i>Same type without date.</i>		3c. claret brown.....	03
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	13	<b>1898 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.</i>	
6m. chocolate.....	03	1m. orange brown.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	04	2m. ".....	02
1c. pale green.....	04	3m. ".....	02
3c. orange.....	07	4m. ".....	30
8c. brown (†).....	08	4m. " (†).....	25
80c. olive brown.....	90	5m. ".....	02
<b>1884 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>		1c. black violet.....	05
3c. chocolate.....	08	1c. " (†).....	04
<b>1890 Issue.</b> <i>Type of Baby head of King of Spain.</i>		2c. dark blue green.....	02
½m. black.....	07	3c. dark brown.....	02
2m. violet rose.....	04	4c. orange.....	75
2m. violet rose (†).....	04	5c. carmine.....	03
1c. yellow brown (†).....	03	6c. dark blue.....	03
3c. dark blue (†).....	05	10c. vermilion.....	12
<b>1890 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>		15c. slate green.....	15
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. set of six stamps.....	12	20c. maroon.....	35
6m. rose.....	02	40c. violet.....	35
8m. yellow green.....	03	60c. black.....	50
1c. light green.....	04	80c. red brown.....	75
2c. lilac rose (†).....	04	1, 2, 3, 4, 5m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2, pesos, the complete series of twenty stamps, all unused.....	8 50
3c. orange red (†).....	04	<b>1898-99 Provisional Issue.</b> <i>Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged in three lines.</i>	
5c. yellow green.....	10	"Habilitado—para—1898 y 99, in red or violet.	
5c. blue green.....	10	½m. violet.....	50
5c. blue green (†).....	03	1m. lilac brown.....	03
6c. orange.....	02	2m. flesh.....	1 00
8c. brown.....	15	2m. yellow green.....	03
10c. violet rose.....	15	4m. blue green.....	03
20c. mauve.....	30	1c. claret.....	02
40c. dark blue.....	70	2c. red brown.....	02
<b>1893 Commemorative Issue.</b> <i>A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.</i>		3c. dark blue (†).....	1 00
3c. dark green.....	90	3c. claret brown.....	03
<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.</i>		4c. brown.....	04
½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05	5c. blue.....	05
1c. lilac brown.....	03	6c. orange.....	1 00
3c. olive.....	06	6c. lilac.....	08
3c. olive (†).....	02	8c. rose, red surcharge.....	50
4c. slate blue.....	02	8c. rose, violet surcharge.....	12
20c. rose.....	10	20c. olive.....	25
40c. red violet.....	25	40c. red violet.....	3 00
<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last, new colors.</i>		40c. salmon.....	50
½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05	80c. black.....	1 25
1c. claret (†).....	02	<i>Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but were made available for postage.</i>	
1c. claret.....	02	2c. on 2m. flesh.....	03
2c. red brown.....	02	2c. dark violet.....	15
3c. ultramarine.....	08	2c. red brown.....	02
		5c. blue green.....	07
		5c. on ½m. violet.....	25
		5c. on 1m. violet.....	03

5c. on 1m. blue .....	03
<b>Provisional for Coamo.</b> <i>A type set stamp issued by U. S. military authority available for postage to all countries. Unperforated.</i>	
5c black, types I, II, III, IV, each.....	25 00
Complete sheet of ten types.....	200 00
<b>United States Stamps, surcharged Porto Rico in black.</b>	
1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2c. red (1).....	02
5c. blue.....	08
8c. puce.....	12
10c. yellow.....	15
<b>1900 Issue.</b> <i>U. S. stamps surcharged "Puerto Rico" in black.</i>	
1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03
<b>POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.</b>	
<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>U. S. postage due stamps surcharged "Porto Rico."</i>	
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps (1).....	50
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps, unused.....	65

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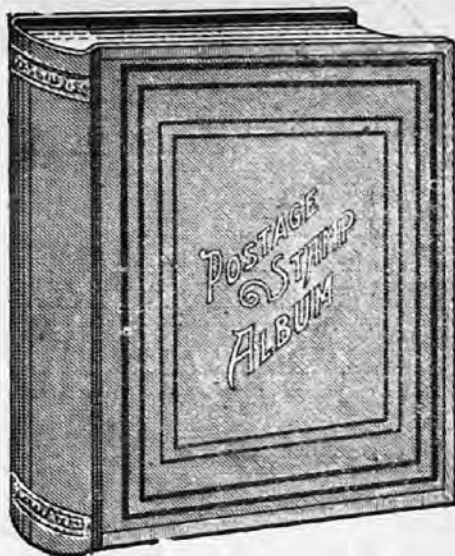
**PORTO RICO APPROVAL BOOK.**

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**PEROXIDE.**

Harry M. Moore writes: I want to tell the readers of the DRUMMER of a discovery I made, although I daresay it is not new to all. In removing some old stamps from a collection made in 1870 that I recently purchased, I noticed that the orange and vermilion stamps of Barbados, Newfoundland, New Zealand and Queensland were de-oxidized and had turned a dark dull color. I bought a small bottle of peroxide of hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) at a drug store and applied it as a wash with a camel hair brush, the result was marvelous. As I gently brushed the stamps the color came back and the dark discoloration disappeared together with a good deal of dirt, and my stamps were beautifully new.

I have tried it as a general cleanser on such stamps as are not injured by the application of water and recommend it to other collectors.



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Mr. M. P. Castle, an Englishman of independent means, living at Brighton has recently sold his collection of unused European stamps which was counted the first of its kind in the world, being as complete and fine as was possible to make it.

Before taking up the stamps of Europe as a specialty, Mr. Castle made a collection of Australian stamps that was a marvel in its way. When he could add nothing further he sold it and took up Europe as a specialty.

Now that he has sold the latter collection, we should not be surprised to hear of his exploiting some new field. The collecting instinct is so strong that one who enjoyed it, seldom abandons it entirely.

Wm. Thorne, the New York collector, who recently sold his general collection for a very substantial sum, is reported to be interested in a new one, beginning with stamps issued in 1900 in foreign countries, and collecting complete those of United States, Cuba, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the other U. S. Colonies or dependencies.

A dozen other names of prominent collectors could be given whose collections have been sold at auction or otherwise during the past ten years, who are now *active* again as collectors. In fact many of them never did sell out all their stamps, but retained their favorite countries.

A general collection when it gets beyond a certain point is sometimes burdensome either physically or financially and the tendency is then to specialize, going on with the countries or divisions most interesting to the collector.

Specializing is not to be encouraged with the beginner or average collector, it should only come as a graduation from the school of a general collection, and only then as a result of natural selection. The general collector is the ideal stamp collector after all, and the pleasures of a general collection supply, in a greater degree, the satisfaction the philatelist finds in his stamps.

What is one man's meat is another's poison, is a saying that is fully realized in the special fields of collecting, but there is somebody for everything.

**SURCHARGE.** The word "surcharge" is used by stamp collectors to indicate an overprint on a stamp. A surcharged stamp is one that has a new value or inscription printed over the original design.

It is often used in case of emergency to produce provisional stamps when for some reason the regular stamps are exhausted.

In case of the stamps of U. S. now used in the Philippine Islands they are "surcharged" with the word "Philippines" in black type.

**PHILATELY** is a word used in connection with stamps in exactly the same sense as Numismatics is in connection with coins.

Philately is derived from two Greek words, "*to love*," and "*that representing a tax*." So it may be equally as fairly applied to the collection of revenue stamps as postage stamps.

A philatelist is one who studies or collects stamps with a scientific interest. A mere accumulator or collector of stamps in the commonest sense could not be considered a philatelist. Many people erroneously form their ideas of philatelists from the class of collectors who know nothing of philately.

The special series of stamps issued by Greece in 1896, commemorative of the famous Olympian Games was most striking and original.

The following are popular and cheap.

Set of five, used, 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20l.	10
Set of nine, unused, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 60l., 1dr	75
2dr. bistre	55
5 dr. green	1 25
10 dr. brown	2 50

The complete series, 12 varieties, unused 4 75



## VALUE AND CONDITION.

The *London Philatelist* in discussing the "Market" says: "Those who really have fine things, whether in stamps or any other form of collecting, very rarely suffer by depressions of value."

It is the "collector who buys from small dealers or 'picks up' inferior copies at" big discounts who must loose on realizing on his collection.

It is a fact that many of our American collectors are so blind to their own interests, that they only buy when they can get "bargains" so called, and consequently many really fine stamps go abroad and are not offered to home collectors by the more experienced dealers, when they break up collections.

There are American collectors who do pay half catalogue prices for inferior copies of stamps that would not bring one-tenth of catalogue in some markets. The market that declines a copy at a tenth would take a fine specimen in superb condition at full catalogue price, or even higher.

The "bargain buyer" gets a fine thing occasionally, but when he does he don't appreciate it. A poor stamp is dear at any price.

Really fine copies of scarce old issues of standard countries and colonies are often too cheap at full catalogue.

The condition crank who has not the appreciation of value that goes with condition is a nuisance and the dealer who bothers with him is foolish.

Value goes with condition, and American collectors need schooling along these lines. Many dealers of experience sell their fine stock abroad where it meets a ready sale, and only sell their ordinary stock in this country at the cut prices to meet popular demand.

We have some American collectors, however,

who have broader views and more experience than the general class to which we have referred.

We hope to see a continued improvement along these lines, and when it develops many choice things which come out of old collections that are broken up, will find resting places in American collections instead of going abroad as they do now.

Probably much less than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent of all the stamps in existence are in what may be termed *fine* in regards to condition.

What is *fine*?

An unused stamp should have the original gum, a clean and perfectly unimpaired surface polish.

A perforated or rouletted stamp should be evenly centered with perfect and regular punctures on the four sides.

A used stamp to be considered *fine*, must be lightly cancelled and have the cancellation so distributed as not to mar the effect of the general design.

Any stamp to be considered fine must have the whole surface of the paper on which it is printed, sound and perfect front and back.

The color must be in the original tone, faded or de-oxidized stamps no matter how nearly perfect can never be considered "fine".

We have some stamps of old issues in really *fine* condition, our scarce stamps are always priced in accordance with condition, and the highest priced are the cheapest, value considered. See the list of some fine stamps on page 24.

We are always glad to hear from advanced collectors who want *fine stamps* and can appreciate value. But the collector that is looking for condition at "cheap John" prices, better save his postage and our time. We pay more ourselves for stamps in that condition than that class of buyers expect to give.

### TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS:—

This leaflet is sent entirely *free* to all our customers, we are now preparing a mailing list (card index in form) from which the future copies of the DRUMMER will be mailed as fast as they appear.

If, after looking over this number, you decide you want to receive the others, show your appreciation by an order, no matter how small, from the offers in these pages.

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This little leaflet is sent entirely free to our customers, it is issued every now and then. Back numbers cannot be supplied, but it will be easy for you to get the future numbers, if you simply request that your name be placed upon the mailing list.

We find that an organ is very useful in our business, enabling us to keep in touch with our customers who are scattered throughout the forty-five states of this country. Our business is in no sense local, the United States is our field, and being a mail order and mail approval business, we carry it on from the city being the nearest the center of population with the best post office facilities.

On the last page we illustrate a curious envelope received through the mail from Beyrouth, Syria, Turkey in Asia.

The address:  
MESSRS. C. H. MEKEEL STAMPS & PUBLISHING CO.

*The Largest Stamps and Publishing  
Concern in the World.*

AMERICA,  
N. Y.

The words "St. Louis, Mo.," were added in red ink by the N. Y. P. O. as indicated by the rubber stamp.

This hardly equals the letter received some time ago from St. Petersburg, Russia, addressed

MONS. MEKEEL,  
U. S. A.

This letter was forwarded to us promptly, but the address was supplied in this case by the Washington post office.

We have received many orders for the scarce varieties of the Habilitado 1898-99 Porto Rico, that we added to our list in the last DRUMMER, we shall soon sell out at this rate. The varieties are those that were almost exhausted for postal use, and none existed in the remainder sold by the government. Those we have were all sold to the public for postage purposes. They are as follows:

(\*) indicates unused. (†) indicates used.

## HABILITADO 1898-1899.

	Net Price
½m. violet (*)	50
2m. flesh (*)	1 00
3c. dark blue (†)	1 00
6c. orange (*)	1 00
8c. rose, red surcharge (*)	50
40c. red violet (*)	3 00

## IMPUESTO De GUERRA.

5c. on ½m. chocolate	25
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As the stamps of the Hawaiian Islands have become obsolete and the stamps of the United States are used in these islands now, there is a great demand for the old issues by collectors of United States stamps.

The following is a list of the cheaper Hawaiian stamps which we always have in stock, we can also supply most of the rarer varieties and would furnish prices and submit specimens on approval upon inquiry. There are likely to be early advances in the prices of all these stamps.

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

**1864-75 Issue.** *Various portraits in ovals, with values below and "Hawaii" above.*

UNUSED. USED.

1c. violet.....	15	...
2c. vermilion.....	30	25
6c. green.....	...	35
18c. dull rose.....	45	...
2c. brown (1875).....	...	06

**1882 Issue.** *Similar to preceding series.*

1c. blue.....	06	...
2c. lilac rose.....	...	18
5c. ultramarine.....	...	05

**1883-86 Issue.** *Similar, change of colors.*

1c. green.....	...	03
2c. rose.....	...	03
2c. rosy vermilion (type of 1864).....	...	25

**1889-91 Issue** *Similar to preceding issues.*

2c. violet.....	...	03
5c. black blue.....	90	...

**1893 Issue.** *Regular issues of 1864 to 1886 surcharged in three lines "Provisional—Gov't.—1893."*

1c. violet.....	18	...
1c. blue.....	15	...
1c. green.....	03	...
2c. brown.....	25	...
2c. rose.....	08	...
2c. violet.....	05	...
5c. ultramarine.....	10	08
6c. green.....	20	...
10c. black.....	30	...
10c. red brown.....	25	...
12c. black.....	30	...
15c. brown.....	45	...
25c. purple.....	1 00	...

**1894-99 Issue.** *New designs, Arms on 1c., View of Harbor on 2c., Statue on 5c., Star on 10c., Steamer on 12c., Pres. Dole on 25c.*

1c. yellow.....	03	03
2c. brown.....	06	03
5c. rose.....	09	03
10c. green.....	18	...
12c. blue.....	23	...
25c. blue.....	45	...
1c. dark green (1899).....	03	...

## ENVELOPE STAMPS.

**1893 Issue.** *Fine view of Harbor, surcharged "Provisional Gov't.—1893" in two lines, cut with large margins,*

1c. green and red.....	18	...
2c. rose and black.....	18	...
5c. blue and red.....	18	...
10c. black and red.....	40	...
Above four envelopes sent entire and unused.....	1 00	...

## APPROVAL BOOK.

Many of the above Hawaiian stamps at the net

prices quoted, are to be found in our Net Approval Book No. 22. The balance of the book is made up with medium class United States stamps. Ask for it!

Some time ago we published some "Suggestions," being a list of rarities and special lines we had on hand suitable for advanced collectors. This gave great satisfaction and enabled our customers to obtain many coveted specimens long sought for elsewhere in vain.

That list included only the high priced stamps, there are many comparatively low priced stamps that are quite scarce and very difficult to find in satisfactory condition. It is now our purpose to give a list of "suggestions," through the columns of the DRUMMER, of such fine copies as we may have on hand. This is entirely for the benefit of our readers, as this is the class of stock that is constantly advancing and those that follow us in this list and secure additions to their collections therefrom will be wise.

Fine unused copies of old issues of European countries are constantly advancing in price and becoming scarcer and scarcer as time passes.

It is often possible on account of the high prices to tempt the extreme rarities from old collections, when it is almost impossible to find satisfactory specimens of the unused stamps medium grade of the old issues.

The following fine unused stamps are on hand, we give an itemized list for the benefit of collectors who may wish to complete these countries.

Order by catalogue number, and the stamps, if unsold, will be sent on approval at lowest prices, value and condition considered.

59th Cat. Number.

Wurtemberg.  
1861.

28	9kr. claret, perforated 13½.
31	3kr. orange, perforated 10.
32	6kr. green, perforated 10.

## 1863.

34	1kr. blue green, perforated 10.
35	1kr. yellow green, perf. 10.
36	3kr. carmine, perforated 10.
37a	6kr. dark blue, perforated 10.
37b	6kr. dark blue, unperforated.
38	9kr. black brown, perf. 10.

- 39 9kr. yellow brown, perf. 10.  
 39a 9kr. red brown, perforated 10.  
 40 18kr. orange, perforated 10.  
 40a 18kr. orange, unperforated.

**1866.**

- 41 1kr. green, rouletted.  
 (°) 1kr. light yellow green, rouletted.  
 42 3kr. rose, rouletted.  
 42a 3kr. carmine, rouletted.  
 43 6kr. blue, rouletted.  
 44a 7kr. dark slate blue, rouletted.  
 46 18kr. orange, rouletted.

**1859-73.**

- 50 7kr. blue.  
 52 14kr. orange.

**1875.**

- 62 2 marks, orange.

## OFFICIAL 1881-82.

- 209 1 mark yellow.

**Austria.****1850.**

- 3 2kr. black, thin paper.  
 4 2kr. black, thick paper.

**1858-59.**

- 9 3kr. black, II.  
 10 3kr. green.  
 11 5kr. red.  
 12 10kr. brown, II.  
 13 15kr. blue, II.

**1861.**

- 16 5kr. red, well centered.

**1863.**

- 22 10kr. blue, perforated 14.  
 23 15kr. brown, perforated 14.

**1867.**

- 31 5kr. rose, type I, perforated 9½.  
 31 5kr. red, type II, perforated 9½.  
 32 10kr. blue, perforated 9½.  
 33 15kr. brown, perforated 9½.  
 34 25kr. lilac, perforated 9½.

**1877.**

- 35 2kr. yellow, perforated 13.  
 36 3kr. green, perforated 13.  
 37 5kr. rose, perforated 13.  
 38 10kr. blue, perforated 13.  
 39 15kr. brown, perforated 13.  
 40 50kr. flesh, perforated 12.

## RE-ISSUE, PERF. 9½.

- (°) 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 bistre, 15 brown, 25kr. set of 7 stamps.

## NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

- 101 1kr. blue, type I, thin paper.  
 101a 1kr. blue, type II, thin paper.  
 (°) 1kr. blue, type II, thick paper.  
 109 1kr. gray.

Stamps indicated thus (°) in place of a number are not properly listed in the 59th Edition Catalogue.

## NEWSPAPER TAX STAMPS.

- 202 2kr. brown.  
 203 2 kr. green on yellowish.  
 P. O. IN LEVANT.

**1867.**

- 1006 25sld. lilac.  
 1007 50sld. flesh.

**Lombardy Venice.****1850.**

- 3 10 centes, black, thin paper.

**1858-59.**

- 7 2 soldi, yellow.  
 10 5 " red.  
 11 10 " brown.  
 12 15 " blue.

**1861.**

- 13 5 soldi, red.  
 14 10 soldi, brown.

**1863.**

- 15 2 soldi, yellow, perforated 14.  
 16 3 soldi, green, perforated 14.

## NEWSPAPER TAX.

- 49 1kr. black, type I.

**Danube Steam Navigation Co.**

- 2a 17s. scarlet, perforated 12.

**Bremen.****1855.**

- 1 3gr. black on blue, horizontally laid, type I.

**1855-60.**

- 2 5gr. black on rose, type II, unperforated.  
 2a 5gr. black on rose, "Marken" pair types I and II, unperforated.  
 3 7gr. black on yellow, unperforated.  
 4 5sgr. green, unperforated.

**1861-63.**

- 5a 2gr. orange.  
 8a 5sgr. yellow green.

**Baden.****1861.**

- 11 3kr. blue.  
 14 9kr. rose.

**1862.**

- 15 1kr. black.  
 17 9kr. brown.

**Bavaria.**

- 2 3kr. blue.  
 3 6kr. dark brown and one lighter shade.

**1850-58.**

- 5 1kr. pink.  
 6 9kr. yellow green.  
 7 12kr. red.  
 8 18kr. yellow.

**1862.**

- 9 1kr. yellow.  
 10 3kr. rose.  
 11 6kr. blue and a darker shade.  
 12 9kr. stone.  
 13 12kr. green.  
 14 18kr. pale red.

**1876.**

- 42 25pf. brown.  
 43 50pf. scarlet.  
 45 2m. orange.

**1888.**

- 58 10pf. carmine, perforated 14½.

**North German Postal Dist.**

- 1 ¼gr. lilac.  
 2 ¾gr. green.  
 3 ½gr. orange.  
 4 1gr. rose.  
 5 2gr. ultramarine.  
 6 5gr. bistre.  
 7 1kr. green.  
 8 2kr. orange.  
 9 3kr. rose.  
 10 7kr. ultramarine.  
 11 18kr. bistre.  
 12 ½s. brown, rouletted.  
 25 10gr. gray.  
 26 30gr. blue.

**German Empire.****1871.**

- 1 ¼gr. violet.  
 2 ¾gr. green.  
 3 ½gr. yellow orange.  
 4 1gr. rose.  
 5 2gr. ultramarine.  
 6 5gr. bistre.  
 7 1kr. green.  
 9 3kr. rose.  
 10 7kr. ultramarine.  
 11 18kr. stone.

**1872.**

- 19 2½gr. brown.  
 25 9kr. brown, two shades.

**1875-77.**

- 33 25pf. brown.  
 34 50pf. gray.  
 35 50pf. slate green.

**1880.**

- 42 56pf. slate green.  
 43 50pf. black green.

**Oldenburg.****1862.**

- 21 ¼g. green, rouletted 11½.  
 22 ½g. orange.  
 23 1g. rose.  
 24 2g. ultramarine.  
 25 3g. stone.

**Portugal.****1855.**

- 7 50r. green.  
 8 100r. lilac.

**1856-57.**

- 9a 5r. dark brown.  
 10 25r. blue, type II.  
 11 25r. rose.

**1862.**

- 12 5r. brown, type I.  
 13 10r. yellow.  
 15a 40r. blue green.  
 16 100r. lilac.

**1866-67.**

- 17 5r. black, type I.  
 18 10r. yellow.  
 19 20r. straw.  
 20 25r. rose.  
 21 50r. blue green:  
 22 80r. orange.  
 23 100r. dark lilac.  
 24 120r. blue.  
 (\*) 240r. violet, unperforated.

**1867-70.**

- 25 5r. black, type I.  
 26 10r. yellow.  
 27 20r. straw.  
 28 25r. rose.  
 31 100r. dark lilac.  
 31a 100r. lilac.  
 32 120r. blue.  
 33 240r. violet.

**1871.**

- 39a 80r. orange.  
 41 120r. blue.  
 42 240r. violet.

**1875.**

- 44 150r. blue.  
 45 300r. violet.

**1879.**

- 48 50r. blue.  
 49 150r. yellow.

**1880.**

- 51 25r. pearl.

**1884.**

- 61 500r. black.  
 62 1000r. black.

**Angola.****1870.**

- 5 40r. blue.  
 6 50r. green.

**Azores.****1868.**

- 1 5r. black.  
 2 10r. orange.  
 3 20r. straw.



- 4 50r. green.  
5 80r. orange.  
6 100r. lilac.

**1868-70.**

- 7 5r. black, carmine surcharge.  
8 10r. orange.  
9 20r. straw.  
10 25r. rose.  
11 50r. green.  
12 80r. orange.  
14 120r. blue.

**1869.**

- 18 25r. rose, small surcharge.

**1871-75.**

- 29 120r. blue.  
30 240r. lilac.

**1875-80.**

- 31 10r. blue green.  
36 150r. yellow.  
37 300r. violet.

**1880.**

- 38 25r. gray.

**1881-82.**

- 41 25r. brown.  
42 50r. blue.

**1882-85.**

- 58 300r. violet.  
59 500r. black.  
60 1000r. black.

**Cape Verde.****1877.**

- 5 40r. blue.  
5a 40r. blue, pair Cape Verde and Mozambique unsevered.

**Guinea.****1879-84.**

- 3 20r. straw, small surcharge.  
9 10r. yellow, large surcharge.

Collectors who want unused stamps, and will check the above list for their "wants" will be supplied at reasonable prices.

Many collectors have a scrap book auxiliary collection, containing entire envelopes bearing odd and unusual stamps, often in interesting combinations of stamps. These covers are preserved complete, showing address and postmarks just as the letter passed through the mails. These make a very interesting collection and one that the uninitiated or casual observer often appreciates more than the ordinary album of the collector.

Stamp dealers whose correspondence reaches into all countries of the world, often get very striking and interesting covers and the demand for them is quite equal to the supply at the present time, and quite an increase has been noticed of late.

The *News and Courier*, an important daily paper of Charleston, S. C., has reprinted from our columns an article on Exposition stamps, giving MEKEEL'S DRUMMER due credit, explaining that we were "a philatelic publication." In concluding the description of the designs adopted for the Buffalo Exposition stamps, it says:

"Why can we not have a special issue of stamps for the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition? As cotton is the most important product of the South one stamp should show a cotton-picking scene; another the interior of a factory. A third should illustrate the past history of the State by a view of the Cathoun monument. A fourth combine the future with the past by a view of the Soldiers' Home on Castle Pinckney, with Fort Sumter for a background. A fifth should show a picture of the first locomotive built for the South Carolina Railroad and by way of contrast a modern railway train. A sixth should illustrate our new West Indian possessions by a view of Moro Castle at Havana. A seventh should show South Carolina's hero of the Spanish war, Victor Blue, the scout, near Santiago, in hiding, and an eighth should give some characteristic scenery in Porto Rico."

At one of the auction sales of stamps held in London last month a stamp of the following description realized £6.15.0 (about \$33.00):

"British Bechuanaaland 1900, Baden Powell's provisionals surcharged "Mafeking Besieged," 1 shilling on 4 pence brown and green, used and very fine."

The new stamps of French Congo have been received and they are of the most striking types of any stamps that have been issued for some time. We illustrated the three types in our last number. The complete series of fifteen varieties from 1c. to 5 francs, unused and in fine condition, will be supplied for \$3.50.

Set of 13 stamps, 1c. to 1 franc.....	\$1 25
2 francs.....	75
5 francs.....	1 65



A set of the small stamps of the tiger type, consisting of the 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c. will be sent post free for 10 cents.

Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister to China, who has probably suffered the fate of all foreigners in Peking, was the Governor of the district of Oil Rivers or Niger Coast in Africa, at the time the hideous but rare surcharged provisional stamps were used in that place in 1893-94.

The Niger Coast was at that time under the British Foreign Office and not under the Colonial Office that has control of the regular colonies.

From the official reports of Sir Claude we know that the number of these provisionals was very limited, and that the *shilling values* were made as an exact offset to the loss resulting from reducing the face value of the 2 penny and 2½ penny stamps to ½ penny.

Speaking of China, which is likely to be the scene of a World's War, we have already noticed a demand for Chinese stamps, particularly those of the Treaty Ports. They are cheap and very curious, making an interesting collection. We have not a large stock of this class, but will send an approval book of what we have upon request.

The idea of a "stamp season" during the year and a dull time in summer is only partially true.

The "boy trade" goes largely by "seasons" and "fevers" raging like marbles, tops and the rest, but the more serious collector, who really loves stamps, has no particular season. He works on his collection whenever it suits his fancy, and he has found the summer a time when he can get better attention from his dealer and often lower prices than the busier season of the year.

We give our best attention to our customers at all times, but in the summer time when, owing to vacation and other reasons, the volume of our correspondence is smaller, we can devote more time to individual matters than in the season when we are constantly rushed. We therefore request our customers to write to us about anything they are interested in and we will try to make it to our mutual advantage.

#### "THE HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES,"

By the late John K. Tiffany. Full cloth bound, 320 pages, published by C. H. Mekeel, 1887, with concluding notes by the author added 1894, bringing the work up to date at that time, including the Columbian Issue of U. S. Stamps. \$1.50 post free.



A superb, lightly cancelled copy of the above stamp, 20 shilling blue, New South Wales 1888, watermarked "20/ N. S. W." in circle, will be sent for \$4.50.

When we talk about the "Science of Philately," as applied to the scientific study and collection of stamps, some of those who know but little about it may smile. To such persons we would like to show the book just issued by Mons. P. Mirabaud and Baron A. de Reuterskiold, bearing the simple title: "*The Postage Stamps of Switzerland.*" It is really a wonderful work and one that places these gentlemen in the ranks of scientists even though their theme was *postage stamps*.

To give even a passing notice the book will require some space, but as very few of our readers will ever see a copy it may be worth while.

Only five hundred copies have been printed and these in three languages; one hundred and fifty being in English, two hundred in French and one hundred and fifty in German. It is a large, handsomely printed volume of about two hundred and sixty pages printed on hand-made vellum paper especially prepared for the work.

The most wonderful part of the book is the illustrating plates. They form as nearly a perfect collection of beautiful Swiss stamps in blocks and plates as can be imagined aside from the real thing.

The authors say in referring to the illustrations: "In dealing with postage stamps, no description can supply the place of the inspection of the object itself. It is impossible to give the reader an idea of what a stamp is like, unless an exact reproduction is placed before him. Hence it was thought necessary to supplement this book with carefully executed plates. Everything has been done to make these illustrations, both in drawing and color, faithful representations of the original stamps.

By means of expensive and complicated pro-

cesses, a satisfactory result has been obtained. At the head of each article devoted to a separate issue of stamps, is placed a plate offering to the eye the same impression as would be conveyed by a page from the album of a choice collection. The very exactness of those reproductions has made it necessary to take great precautions lest the attempts of forgers should be involuntarily abetted. Only the exact number of copies required for the book have been printed from the engraved plates; and, when done with, the plates have been broken up. Further 'to make assurance doubly sure,' a specially prepared paper has been employed which could not possibly be confused with that of the original stamp."

The work is understood to have been published without profit, even though the price was \$30.00. To American subscribers to the work, who have paid express charges and the twenty-five per cent advalorem duty, the book has cost about \$40.00 each.



The above stamp, with a face value of £5 (\$24.35) is one of the largest as well as one of the most interesting stamps. We have a few copies, lightly cancelled with the small telegraphic cancellation of Glasgow that we will sell for \$7.50 each. At this price the stamp is a good investment and will be a desirable addition to any collection that does not possess one.

### QUEENSLAND STAMPS.

As space fillers the revenue stamps (postal fiscals), Scott's catalogue type R. 2, with revenue stamped cancellation are pretty and cheap. A set of the six following stamps:

6 pence, brown.....	} Price, 95c for the six.
1 shilling, green.....	
2 shillings, blue.....	
2sh. 6p. vermilion.....	
5 shillings, fawn.....	
10 shillings, brown.....	

The 1 shilling green alone supplied at 10c each.

A set consisting of the 3p. brown, 4p. light yellow, 6p. yellow green of the last issue, with figures of value in four corners, lightly cancelled for 8c. 2½ pence red, same type unused (a scarce one), 25c.

The following of previous issues may be needed:

5 pence, brown (two figures of value) used.....	05
1 shilling, violet (1882) used.....	03
2 shillings, blue (Litho. 1875-81) pen cancelled.....	50
2 shillings, blue (1886) bank stamp cancellation.....	10
10 shillings, brown (1882-85) pen cancelled.....	50
10 shillings, brown (1886) pen cancelled.....	65

A packet of fifteen different Queensland stamps will be sent post free for 10c.

Upon application, a book of one hundred varieties of Queensland, marked at lowest net prices will be sent on approval to parties who want to fill in some of the cheaper kinds.

### NEW ZEALAND NOTES.

Our friend, Mr. Wilson, in New Zealand, informs us that the new 1½ penny stamp that is to appear shortly in New Zealand is to be the product of the American engravers of our Columbian issue (The American Bank Note Company).

The new ¼ penny green, 1 penny carmine and 2 pence violet of the New Zealand "picture stamps" have come to hand.

Nice used copies of these, lightly cancelled, will be sent for 5c. Make it part of an order amounting to one dollar or over, or enclose stamped and addressed envelope for return.

The series of New Zealand picture stamps issued in 1898 are very hard to get. The first ones, printed in London by Waterlow & Sons, have the small perforations peculiar to that concern.

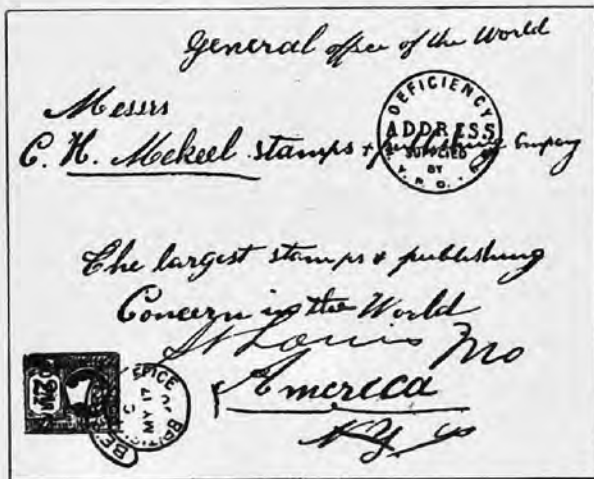
The later ones printed in the colony from the plates sent out are on a softer paper, with ribbed appearance and are perforated 11. The set in this later condition will be very desirable and no doubt bring good prices. We have a few of the 2 shillings stamps, blue-green color on the soft ribbed paper, perforated 11, fine used copies 60c each.

The portrait of Mr. Robert Ehrenbach, one of the most active philatelists in England, is given place of honor in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for June. Mr. Ehrenbach has been a stamp lover for twenty-three years. He commenced with a general collection as we all do, but later specialized in other countries.

Being a natural student, he studied his stamps with a true scientific instinct, and made one of the

He later specialized in Austria, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Russia, Brazil and several other South American States of which the most notable is his collection of Buenos Ayres.

Mr. Ehrenbach has not only collected but studied stamps, and being amply able financially to indulge his hobby, has placed himself in the foremost ranks of philatelists.



REDUCED FACSIMILE OF AN ENVELOPE RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM BEYROUTH, SYRIA, TURKEY IN ASIA, PREPAID BY BRITISH LEVANT STAMP 40 PARAS.

THE DEFICIENCY IN ADDRESS, "ST. LOUIS, MO.," WAS ADDED IN RED INK BY NEW YORK POST OFFICE. THE WRITER THINKING "AMERICA" WAS SUFFICIENT TO REACH THE LARGEST STAMP CONCERN IN THE WORLD.

finest collections of Australian stamps ever got together. Later the stamps of the old German states and unused European Stamps generally.

This collection was famous for its strips and blocks of the old unperforated varieties.

His Germans included such things unused as a block of twelve of the one-thirtieth blue first issue of Oldenburg, a block of nine of the one-third green of same issue, a block of sixteen of the one kreuzer black of Bavaria, while among the used stamps was a reconstructed sheet of the three pfennig red Saxony.

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Issue of 1895.

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1, 2, 5 and 10c. black.....	} Complete, \$7.50.
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\$ 50.00 carmine.....	
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The annual dinner of the London Philatelic Society was recently held at Cafe Monico in London. The annual report of the society was published in the June number of the *London Philatelist*, and a list of members given.

In proposing the loyal toasts at the dinner, Mr. M. P. Castle, the Vice-President, called attention to the continued interest displayed in the Society by the President, His Royal Highness the Duke of York. An uncle of this Prince and son of Queen Victoria, is the Honorary President of the Society.

This latter nobleman, whose present title is H. R. H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, etc., may have been known to our readers as a collector and student of stamps as the Duke of Edinburgh, for it was over that name we published his portrait some years ago in a "Stamp Collector's Souvenir" that we issued.

The list of members presents the names of about three hundred of the most prominent collectors in the world. The list is most interesting, we quote a few names simply to show the variety of titles and professions represented among the membership.

Major J. G. Adamson.

Dr. W. H. Allchin.

Mrs. A. C. Baynes.

Rev. W. Bell.

Lieut.-Col. St. L. Burrows.

M. P. Castle, J. P.

Sir Jas. R. Andrew Clark, Bart.

Capt. M. W. K. Connolly.

Surgeon E. Cooper, R. N.

The Earl of Crawford, K. T.

Surgeon-Major A. W. Haviland.

J. E. Heginbottom, B. A.

Sir H. Jeringham, K. C. M. G.

Lieut. B. Oxehfond.

Prince Doria Pamphilj.

Miss Feyl de Pfeil.

Judge Philbrick, Q. C.

The Earl of Ranfarly.

Baron A. de Reuterskiold.

Prince Boris Shakoffscoi.

Consul E. F. Weber.

Baron de Worms.

The names of many other members on the list do not reveal their station, the society is as thoroughly representative as that of any scientific organization in the world, and the values of the philatelic treasures of its members would probably have to be reckoned in millions of pounds sterling.

Buy of stamp dealers of standing and reputation, and take advice. There is a mushroom class of petty dealers who are coming and going, who advertise themselves out of proportion to their importance, and whose principal fault is their own ignorance. Many of these intend to be honest enough, but they handle rubbish and bad stamps often through ignorance. Who is the sufferer? The collector who is looking for bargains, and buys from a dealer who has no standing or reputation to sustain. A wise collector will place his trade with the first-class well established concerns who make the trade in stamps a regular business.

The business of the Mekeel Co. was established in 1877, twenty-three years ago, during that time the



cash sales of stamps have reached considerably over one million dollars in good American money. Our motto has always been "satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded." A customer has only to return what he finds unsatisfactory and his money will be cheerfully returned. Our guarantees are permanent and without time limitations.

We sell stamps to make a profit over cost, our prices follow the market, we are among the heaviest cash buyers in the trade and we sell as we buy, high or low, not forgetting what we are in business for.

### GOOD STAMPS.

Compare the following list of stamps with your collection and let us know which ones we may submit on approval.

They are not the common class by any means; we will make prices as low as the scarcity and condition will justify. To avoid disappointment we mention prices of the Hawaiians as these have advanced since the last catalogue was issued.

**Brazil**, 1843, 90reis, very fine scarcely showing any cancellation.

- 1844, slanting numerals, 90reis, uncanceled
- 1850, 300reis, uncanceled
- 1850, 600reis, uncanceled
- 1861, 280reis, red, uncanceled
- 1861, 430reis, yellow, uncanceled

#### **Brunswick.**

- 1853, 1s. g. black on yellow, unused
- 1863, 1s. g. yellow, rouletted, unused

#### **Hamburg.**

- 1859-64, 2sch. red, unused
- 1859-64, 2½sch. green, unused
- 1859-64, 3sch. blue, unused
- 1859-64, 9sch. yellow, unused

#### **Hanover.**

- 1851, 30th. salmon, unused
- 1856, 3pf. rose, black network, unused
- 1856, 10th. yellow, small network, unused
- 1856, 30th. rose, large network, unused
- 1856, 1½th. blue, large network, unused
- 1859-64, 3pf. green, no network, unused
- 1859-64, ½gr. black, unperforated, unused
- 1859-64, 3gr. brown, unperforated, "
- 1859-64, 10gr. green, unperforated, "

#### **Hawaii.**

- 1853, 13c. dark red on thick white paper, unused.....\$15 00

### NUMERALS.

1859-65, 1c. light blue on greyish white, good margins, uncanceled.....	20 00
1859-65, 2c. dark blue on greyish white, large margins, black bar cancellation, a rare stamp.....	25 00
1859-65, 1c. black on blue grey, unused, with good margins, a very rare stamp. (No. 17 in 59th Edition Catalogue.).....	
1859-65, 2c. black on white, good used copy, red bar cancellation.....	10 00
1859-65, 2c. black on white, good margins, slightly damaged but nothing gone, fine blue postmark cancellation.....	8 00
1859-65, 5c. blue on bluish, good margins, unused.....	7 50
1859-65, 1c. black on laid, unused.....	5 00
1859-65, 2c. black on laid, unused.....	5 00
1859-65, 1c. blue on wove, unused.....	5 00

#### **Schleswig Holstein.**

- 1850, 1s. blue, unused
- 1850, 2s. rose, unused

#### **Lubeck.**

- 1859, 2s. rose, unused

#### **Obock.**

- 1894, 10fr. red and lilac, unused
- 1894, 25fr. brown and blue, unused
- 1895, 50fr. lilac and green, unused

#### **Bahamas.**

- 1884-90, 5sh. olive green, unused
- 1884-90, 1£ brown, unused

#### **Dutch Indies.**

- 1892-97, 2gld. 50c. red brown and blue, unused

#### **India.**

- 1895, 2 rupees brown and rose, unused
- 1895, 3 rupees green and brown, unused
- 1895, 5 rupees purple and blue, unused

#### **Rhodesia.**

- 1896, 2sh. blue and green, unused
- 1896, 2sh. 6p. brown and purple, unused
- 1896, 3sh. brown and blue, unused
- 1896, 4sh. red and blue, unused
- 1896, 5sh. red and green, unused
- 1896, 10sh. slate and carmine, unused

#### **Argentina.**

- 1862, 10c. green, unused
- 1862, 15c. blue, unused
- 1862, 15c. blue, used
- 1864, 5c. carmine, used, unperf., watermarked
- 1864, 10c. green, used, unperforated, watermarked
- 1864, 15c. blue, used, unperforated, watermarked

#### **Cordova.**

- 1859, 10c. black, laid, unused.

#### **Buenos Ayres.**

- 1858, 1 (in) pesos, light brown, used
- 1858, 2 (dos) pesos, blue, used
- 1858, 4 (cuatro) pesos, brown, used

**Natal.**

1860, 3p. blue, star, unsevered pair, unused

**Mauritius.**

1878-80, 13c. slate, unused.

**New South Wales.**

1888-89, 20sh. blue, watermarked 20, used

**United States.**

1847, 10c. black, used

**Labuan.**

1880-82, 6c. orange, C. C. upright, unused

**Grenada.**

1875-81, 2½p. claret, unused (small star)

**Sicily.**

1859, 5gr. vermilion, unused

1859, 10gr. blue black, unused

1859, 20gr. violet, unused

1859, 50gr. brown red, unused

**Norway.**

1856-57, 3sh. lilac, unused

1856-57, 4sh. blue, unused

1856-57, 8sh. dull lake, unused

1863-66, 2sh. yellow, unused

1863-66, 4sh. blue, unused

1863-66, 8sh. rose, unused

1867-68, 3sh. mauve, unused

1867-68, 8sh. carmine, unused

**Antigua.**

1882-85, 4p. blue, C. A. unused

**British Columbia.**

1868, 10c. rose pink, perf. 14, unused

1868, 50c. violet, " "

1868, 1d. green, " "

1868, 5c. bright red, perf. 12½ " "

**Western Australia.**

1882, 1p. ochre yellow, perf. 12, unused

1885, 4p. carmine, " 14 "

**Ceylon.**

1861, 1sh. violet, star, perf. unused

1863, 6p. brown, no watermark, " "

1864-67, 2 p. yellow, C. C. " "

1864-67, 5p. yellow green, C. C. " "

1864-67, 8p. red brown, C. C. " "

1864-67, 9p. dark brown, C. C. " "

**Trinidad.**

1863, 4p. purple, C. C. perf. 12½, unused

1863, 6p. emerald green, C. C. perf. 12½, unused

1863, 1sh. red lilac, C. C. perf. 12½, unused

1878, 1sh. orange yellow, C. C. perf. 14, unused

1882, 4p. grey, C. A. unused

**Germany.***Thurn and Taxis—Southern.*

1852, 3kr. on bluish, unused

1852, 6kr. on rose, " "

1852, 9kr. on yellow, unused.

1859, 3kr. blue, " "

1859, 6kr. rose, " "

1859, 9kr. yellow, " "

**Netherlands.**

1852, 5c. blue, unused

1852, 10c. lake red, " "

1852, 15c. orange " "

1864, 5c. blue, " "

1864, 10c. lake red, " "

1864, 15c. orange, " "

1867, 15c. red brown, " "

1867, 25c. purple, " "

1867, 50c. gold, " "

**Sweden.**

1858, 9ore, lilac, unused

**Tonga.**

1897, 2sh. blue and black, unused

1897, 3sh. 6p. violet, " "

1897, 5sh. red and black, " "

**St. Christopher.**

1887, 1p. on ½p. green, unused

**Guatemala.**

1872, 4r. mauve, used

**Newfoundland.**

1857, 1p. violet, unused

1863, 5p. reddish brown, unused

1863, 6½p. lake, unused

1863, 8p. lake, " "

1863, 1sh. lake, " "

1876, 3c. blue, rouletted, unused

1876, 5c. " " "

**St. Lucia.**

1883-85, 4p. yellow and black, used

1883-85, 1sh. orange and black, unused

1892, half of 6p. surcharged ½d. unused

**Canada.**

Registered 8c. blue, unused

**Prince Edward Island.**

1864, 6p. green, unused

Any or all of the above stamps will be sent on approval at *right prices*, to any responsible party.

Correspondence solicited from first-class collectors.

The writer of the "London Letter" to the *Weekly* in advising collectors about the study of stamp values in connection with collecting, says:

"First of all acquaint yourself with catalogue prices as an elementary guide to value, and then observe carefully the abundance or rarity of a stamp in dealers' stocks apart from the price, and after a time you will have accumulated sufficient evidence to tell you that some stamps are dear at half catalogue

and others cheap at double catalogue. It is in this way that fine collections have been made, and made with much profit. Find out for yourself what is rare, and rely on your own judgment."

This is good advice, collectors must learn by observation and experience that some stamps are cheaper at double catalogue prices than others are at half. The stamp catalogues are only of comparative value to the collector and must be supplemented by experience.

The work of the London Philatelic Society, on some of the British Colonies in Africa, which we announced last month, contains some interesting information about the stamps of Madagascar. And particularly in regard to two issues which have not been generally catalogued up to this time, but which were, it is stated, issued by competent authority.



The series of the first type above was issued January 1895, consisting of seven typeset varieties, and was provisional in its character. The series of second type was issued March 1895, and consisted of six values.

The post was suppressed when the French troops entered Antananarivo, at the end of September 1895. We chronicled these stamps at the time and received specimens on letters through the mails at the time they were in use.

We have in stock some stamps of both issues that will be sent on approval upon request.

To encourage summer business, we offered a special premium to all purchasers of our famous 2,000 variety collection of foreign stamps for \$20.00 during the month of July.

The sales have been large and the purchasers have appreciated our liberal offer. We now take

pleasure in announcing that we have concluded to continue the offer through the month of August.

The premium consists of \$15.00 catalogue value of United States, Hawaii and Porto Rico stamps, none cataloguing less than 50 cents each. This lot is given *entirely free* to all purchasers of the \$20.00 collection, consisting of 2,000 genuine foreign postage stamps from nearly 200 different stamp issuing countries and colonies.

This collection is carefully prepared and we recommend it as *good value* for the money, as many can testify.

VINRLAND, N. J.

Gentlemen:

The 2,000 variety packet I have purchased of you gives satisfaction and is better value for the money than I have ever received from a dealer before.

Yours truly,  
R. M. WESTON.

A collector who will buy this lot, use what he can for his own collection, can often sell the balance for nearly as much as it cost.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Gentlemen:

I added 833 varieties to my collection which now numbers 8672 and sold the rest of the packet for \$14.00. I am very much pleased with my purchase.

Yours truly,  
WM. A. F. WELLS.

This collection of 2,000 stamps is one that many collectors can buy to advantage, who ordinarily never consider packets and lots.

This season we made up one thousand special packets of 800 varieties each as *leaders*, to start new collectors. If you have a friend who wants to start a collection, one of these packets is just what he needs. It is made for missionary purposes and not for profit. Read our guarantee:

Every packet **full count**, because we put in 810 to make up for any stamp that may be defective.

Over **100 different stamp issuing countries or colonies** represented in each packet.

The catalogue value of each packet is **over \$20.00** by Scott's 59th Edition Catalogue.

Every stamp guaranteed genuine. No reprints.

These 800 variety collections have given good satisfaction and each is a genuine bargain.

No. 1.

KANE, PA., June 16, 1900.

Gentlemen:

Enclose find Money Order for \$3.00 for which send me the 800 varieties of postage stamps advertised.

HARRY STEELE.

**No. 2.**

KANE, PA., June 25, 1900.

Gentlemen:

I received the packet and am very much pleased with same. I got over 300 stamps that I did not have to add to my collection of 2,000 varieties \* \* \*

HARRY STEELE.

When the thousand packets have been disposed of this offer will be withdrawn, as we could not duplicate the lot at present prices.

**UNITED STATES ENVELOPES.**

We have a *bargain* in U. S. Envelopes. The following *entire, unused* United States Envelopes will be sold at the price of *cut copies*.

Scott's 59th Edition Catalogue prices are for ordinary cut square specimens. We will sell the following small lot at the prices given in that catalogue, which is far below the value of nice, unused *entire* envelopes.

Send a list of what you can use and we may make a special offer for a lot.

Bartel's Numbers	Scott's Numbers	
25	1309	1853
51	1331	1861
82	1333	1861
122	1362	1864
123	1364	1864
125	1363	1864
126	1365	1864
130	1355	1864
132	1357	1864
133	1358	1864
135	1360	1864
136	1361	1864
193	1368	1870
194	1369	1870
203	1369	1870
204	1380	1870
208	1381	1870
211	1371	1870
263	1403	1874
326	1455	1874
328	1419	1874
337	1420	1874
338	1448	1875
339	1408	1874
346	1408	1874
352	1408	1874
355	1408	1874
356	1437	1874
365	1411	1874
369	1411	1874
379	1413	1874
452	1471	1874
557	1411	1879
601	1408	1882
606	1415	1882
627	1489	1883
892	1411	1886
		10c. on buff, die 4.
		6c. on white.
		6c. on buff.
		3c. brown on white.
		3c. brown on buff.
		6c. purple on white.
		6c. purple on buff.
		9c. orange.
		12c. red brown.
		18c. red.
		30c. green.
		40c. rose.
		3c. green on white.
		3c. green on cream.
		6c. carmine on white.
		6c. carmine on amber.
		7c. ver. on amber.
		10c. brown on white.
		2c. br. die B2 on white.
		3c. gr. on cream, die B.
		5c. bl. on white, die A.
		5c. bl. on white, die B.
		5c. bl. on amber, die B.
		6c. carmine on white.
		6c. carmine on white.
		6c. carmine on white.
		6c. carmine on amber.
		10c. br. on white, die B.
		10c. br. on white, die B.
		15c. orange on white.
		5c. bl. die A. on bl.
		10c. brown on white, die B.
		6c. carmine on white.
		30c. black on white.
		Oct. 2c. red on blue.
		10c. brown on white, die B.

Bartel's Numbers	Scott's Numbers	
907	1510	1884
1014	1565	1887
1020	1571	1887
1021	1565	1887
1025	1571	1887
1026	1565	1887
1030	1578	1887
1031	1553	1887
1032	1560	1887
1705	1816	1873
1715	1819	1873
1716	1819	1873
1762	1849	1875
1797	1948	1875
1808	1849	1875
1809	1849	1875
1833	1843	1875
2001	1334	1861
		July 2c. on white.
		30c. on oriental buff.
		30c. chocolate on buff.
		30c. on oriental buff.
		30c. on blue.
		30c. chocolate on orien. buff.
		90c. purple on manila.
		90c. purple on white.
		90c. purple on amber.
		War. 3c. dark red on white.
		War. 12c. dark red on white.
		War. 12c. dark red on white.
		War. 6c. red on amber.
		War. 3c. on amber.
		War. 6c. on amber.
		War. 6c. on amber.
		War. 12c. on white.
		3c. on blue.

The following are a few good stamps to include in your order:

**UNITED STATES STAMPS.**

90c. orange 1890, unused, o. g.	\$1 15
50c. slate blue 1893, unused, o. g.	60
\$3 00 green, 1893, unused, o. g.	3 25
1 00 black, 1894, unwatermarked, unused, o. g.	1 15
50c. green, 1899, Trans-Mississippi.	60
1 00 black, " " " " " "	1 15
2 00 brown, " " " " " "	2 30
Unpaid 1879, 30c. brown, lightly cancelled	35
" " " " " " " " " "	50
50c. green 1899, Trans-Mississippi, lightly cancelled	35
90c. carmine 1870, without embossing, full gum, bright color, well centered, a daisy	9 00
\$5 00 green 1894, fine well centered, lightly cancelled copy	3 00

**BARGAINS.**

(Only one of each.)

Montserrat, 4 pence blue, C. A., a fair unused copy	\$20 00
Nova Scotia, 1851, 1 penny, red brown, uncancelled copy without margins, fine dark color	4 00
Br. Honduras, 1882, 6p. rose, C. C., perf. 14, a really fine unused copy	15 00
Br. Honduras, 1872, 1sh. green, C. C., perf. 14, a little thin on top, unused and well centered	3 75
Newfoundland, 1867, 5c. black, seal, a very good unused copy	3 50
Baltimore Carrier, red horseman, 1 sent, error, used	20 00
U. S. Newspaper, 1879, \$48.00 on soft paper, unused, well centered, no gum	17 50

An accumulated mixture of 139,209 U. S. 1c stamps of the type of the 1870 issue were recently sorted with the following result:

Cata. No.	
25, 134, 1870,	1c. embossed.
500, 145,	" 1c. without embossing.
824, 156, 1873,	1c. dark ultramarine.
4,500, 156a,	" 1c. ultramarine.
25, 156b,	" 1c. grey blue.
8,500, 182, 1879,	1c. ultramarine.
9,835, 182a,	" 1c. blue.
27,500, 206, 1882,	1c. grey blue.
47,500, 206a,	" 1c. ultramarine.

The set of nine varieties, all good used copies nicely mounted and marked for identification will be sent for 85c. Seven varieties, all but numbers 134 and 156b, will be sent duly marked for identification, 25c.

A circular from the Post Office Department in Mexico, announces that the series of stamps of the types issued in 1895 are to be continued as available for postage until December 31st, 1900. It had been stated that these stamps would cease to be received for postage early in this year, but the inability of contractors, located in London, to supply the new issue fast enough has been the cause of the change in the plans.

### SCARCE, BUT NOT HIGH.

We have on hand one of each of the following stamps, first come, first served.

- Antigua**, 1885, 1 penny, blue, with a genuine postal cancellation. The long stamp, you remember.
- British Honduras**, 1884-87, 6p. yellow, fine postally used copy.
- Canada**, 1857, ½p. pink, unperforated, a lightly cancelled copy.
- Monserrat**, 2½ pence brown, C. A., a superb unused copy.
- Niger Coast**, 1894 Provisional, 1 shilling violet surcharge on the 2 pence, green and carmine, lightly cancelled.

### "THE HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES,"

By the late John K. Tiffany. Full cloth bound, 320 pages, published by C. H. Mekeel, 1887, with concluding notes by the author added 1894, bringing the work up to date at that time, including the Columbian Issue of U. S. Stamps. \$1.50 post free.

### DO YOU HAPPEN TO NEED!

(Numbers according to 59th Edition Catalogue.)

Afghanistan	.....	unused,	5, 17, 18.
Bavaria	.....	"	14a.
Brazil	.....	"	44, 46, 47, 52.
British Honduras	..	"	7, 10, 11.
Ceylon	.....	"	23, 41.
Congo Free State	.....	used,	13.
Costa Rica	.....	unused,	10.
Dutch Indies	.....	used,	(Jan. 16, '47, gld 6.50) No. 49.
Gabon	.....	unused,	1, 2, 4, 5.
Gibraltar	.....	used,	5.
Great Britain	.....	"	72.
Greece	.....	unused,	1, 7, 34.
Guadeloupe	.....	"	1a, 2b.
Guatemala	.....	"	22a.
Hamburg	.....	"	4, 11, 21.
Hanover	.....	used,	26.
Heligoland	.....	"	4, 11.
Hong Kong	.....	unused,	18, 29, used 104.
Malta	.....	"	14.
Mauritius	.....	"	21, 38, 41.
Nevis	.....	used,	7.
New South Wales	..	"	10d.
New Zealand	.....	"	6, 12a.
Nova Scotia	.....	"	4, 5.
Oldenburg	.....	"	14.
Parma	.....	"	9, (superb used pair.)
Shanghai	.....	unused,	1b, 3, 4, 6, 9a, 12, 13a, 16, 22, 37, 38a, 41, 64, 65, 66, 70, 72, 85, 87, 88, 89.
St. Lucia	.....	unused,	23.
St. Pierre et Miquelon	.....	"	8, used 9.
Tahiti	.....	used,	1, 2, 4a, 4c; unused 3c, 4, 4a
Tasmania	.....	"	1.
Trinidad	.....	unused,	73.
Uruguay	.....	"	20, 28.
Virgin Islands	..	used,	1.
Wurtemberg	.....	"	6, 44.

Compare this with your want list and let us know what you can use, and we will submit on approval with prices that we believe will be satisfactory for good copies.

Above list contains a good many stamps that it is hard to find when you want them.

**Hinges.**—Everybody needs hinges. We sell the best, 10c. per 1000.



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## Porto Rico.

If you have not secured the following varieties of the Provisional Stamps, you had better do so.

(\*) indicates unused. (‡) indicates used.

### HABILITADO 1898-1899.

	Net Price
½m. violet (*).....	50
2m. flesh (*).....	1 00
3c. dark blue (‡).....	1 00
6c. orange (*).....	1 00
8c. rose, red surcharge (*).....	50
40c. red violet (*).....	3 00

### IMPUESTO De GUERRA.

5c. on ½m. chocolate (\*)..... 25

**Hinges.**—Everybody uses hinges. We have the best, 1000 for 10c. post free.

## BLOCKS OF FOUR.

(UNITED STATES.)

We have the following United States stamps, unused, with original gum in mint state in blocks of four.

	Net Price per Block
1855-60, 3c. dull red, type II.....	40
1861, 3c. dull red.....	60
1867, 2c. black, embossing 11x13.....	10 00
1869, 2c. dark brown.....	4 00
1879, 15c. red orange.....	1 50
1882, 1c. ultramarine.....	40
1882, 3c. blue green.....	60
1882, 10c. brown.....	1 20
1883, 4c. blue green.....	45
1887, 2c. green.....	30
1887, 3c. vermilion.....	45
1887, 1c. ultramarine.....	20
1888, 4c. carmine.....	45
1890-93, 1c. ultramarine.....	08
1890-93, 2c. lake.....	2 00
1890-93, 2c. carmine.....	20
1890-93, 3c. purple.....	24
1890-93, 6c. brown red.....	45
1894, 2c. pink, triangle I.....	25
Agriculture Department, 2c. yellow.....	3 75
War Department, 1879, 1c. soft paper.....	20
Newspaper 1865, 5c. blue, white border.....	10 00
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. claret, old type.....	20
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. claret, old type.....	20
Unpaid, 1894, 10c. claret, old type.....	1 00
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. no watermark.....	12
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. no watermark.....	20
Unpaid, 1895, 1c. watermarked.....	10
Unpaid, 1895, 2c. watermarked.....	20
Unpaid, 1895, 3c. watermarked.....	30

The following are fine cancelled copies:

1879, 90c. carmine.....	3 00
1888, 90c. purple.....	3 00
Unpaid 1879, 30c. brown.....	1 50
Unpaid 1879, 50c. brown.....	2 50

Any of above will be sent on approval to regular customers.

Selections of single used or unused U. S. at lowest net prices will be sent on approval to parties who will send lists of what varieties they are open to buy.

We have commenced a *net list* of U. S. postage and revenues in this number.

## STAMP VALUES.

One of the British stamp papers is publishing a "Collectors' Guide to Values" in its columns. The stamps are priced in four conditions:

- 1st. Unused, mint.
- 2d. Unused, average copy.
- 3d. Used, very fine.
- 4th. Used, average copy.

We notice that the unused *mint* copies are valued from 20% to 50% more than the average unused copies, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % more being the average.

The higher grade stamps must not only be *mint*, but if they are perforated, they must be evenly centered and perfectly separated.

About the same relative difference is noticed between the price of fine used copies and price of average used copies.

From a survey of prices quoted on British Colonials it would appear that the American 59th Edition Catalogue is not too high for *fine* copies, but average used or unused copies are valued lower than American catalogue in many cases.

The 96c. bistre of Br. Guiana 1876, is priced in 59th Edition \$25.00 unused; \$15.00 used.

The Collectors' Guide gives it \$21.25 unused mint; \$15.00 average unused copy; \$12.50 fine used copy; \$8.25 average used copy.

The 2c. "ship and brig" stamps of British Guiana, 1889 issue, which are priced \$1.00 each, unused or used, in 59th Edition Catalogue, are valued in the Collectors' Guide, \$1.00 for mint; 68c. for average unused copies; 90c. for fine used copies; 62c. for average used copies.

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We price our stamps as near as possible at their actual value, based upon our experience and that of our correspondents in all parts of the world. We allow as large a discount as possible from 59th Edition Catalogue, where any discount is possible. There are cases where no discount can be allowed or even catalogue observed and we do not hesitate to ask what a stamp is worth in such a case. We are confident that collectors who are willing to depend on an experienced and reputable dealer for values, will do better in the long run than those who try to dictate an iron-clad discount. The latter class only get the stamps that are the easiest to obtain, the really scarce ones go elsewhere.

## UNITED STATES.

The following list of United States postage stamps, quotes specimens unused and in *fine* as well as *ordinary* condition used.

## GENERAL ISSUE.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1847.			
5c. brown (Franklin) .....	...	\$ 50	\$ 35
10c. black (Washington) .....	...	2 50	2 00

## 1851-56.

*Type I.* Has a curved line outside the labels with "U. S. Postage" and "One Cent." The scrolls below the lower label are turned under, forming little balls.

*Type II.* Same as I, but the scrolls are not turned under.

*Type III.* Same as II, but the curved lines outside the labels are broken in the center.

1c. blue (Franklin) type I.....	\$50 00	\$20 00	\$15 00
1c. blue, type II.....	2 00	20	12
1c. blue, type III.....	35 00	8 00	5 00
3c. red (Washington).....	1 50	3	1
5c. brown (Jefferson).....	.....	12 50	7 50
5c. red-brown.....	40 00	10 00	6 50
10c. green (Washington).....	1 00	50	35
12c. black (Washington).....	20 00	1 25	85

## 1855-60.

Same, Perf. 15.

*Type I.* There are projections on all four sides.

*Type II.* The projections at top and bottom are partially cut away.

*Type III.* The projections at top and bottom are entirely cut away.

1c. blue, type I.....	\$12 00	\$4 00	\$2 50
1c. blue, type II.....	8 00	80	50
1c. blue, type III.....	40	10	6
3c. red.....	8	2	1
3c. red (with outer line).....	10 00	20	10
5c. brick-red, type I.....	70 00	9 00	5 00
5c. red-brown, type I.....	20 00	4 50	3 00
5c. brown, type I.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
5c. brown, type II.....	6 00	2 00	1 00
4c. orange-brown, type III.....	4 00	2 00	1 50
10c. green.....	2 00	30	18
12c. black.....	2 00	60	40
24c. lilac.....	5 00	3 00	2 00
30c. orange.....	9 00	5 00	3 00
90c. blue.....	15 00	25 00	17 50

## 1861.

1c. blue.....	\$ 0 25	\$ 0 03	\$ 0 02
3c. pink.....	.....	5 00	2 50
3c. rose.....	10	1	1
5c. buff.....	40 00	5 00	3 50
10c. yellow-green.....	1 40	8	5
12c. black.....	1 50	25	15
24c. red-lilac.....	10 00	80	50
30c. orange.....	4 00	30	20
90c. blue.....	12 00	2 00	1 50

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1862-6.</b>			
2c. black (Jackson).....	\$ 0 30	\$ 0 03	\$ 0 02
5c. red-brown.....	15 00	2 50	1 50
5c. brick-red.....		10 00	5 00
5c. brown.....	3 00	20	15
5c. black-brown.....	8 00	35	25
15c. black (Lincoln).....	4 00	35	25
24c. lilac.....	3 00	30	20

**1867.** Wove Paper.  
*Same, with embossing covering entire back of stamp.*

3c. rose.....		12 00	8 00
Embossing measuring 13x16mm.			
3c. rose.....	15 00	5 00	3 00
Embossing measuring 12x14mm.			
2c. black.....	30 00	5 00	3 50
3c. rose.....	15 00	1 75	1 00
Embossing measuring 11x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	4 00	80	50
2c. black.....	2 00	15	10
3c. rose.....	3 50	3	2
10c. green.....	4 00	50	30
12c. black.....	4 00	30	20
15c. black.....	20 00	3 00	2 75
Embossing measuring 9x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	3 00	50	30
2c. black.....	1 00	8	4
3c. red.....	75	2	1
5c. brown.....	10 00	2 50	1 75
5c. black-brown.....		4 00	
10c. yellow-green.....	4 00	40	25
12c. black.....	4 00	40	25
15c. black.....	8 00	80	50
24c. gray-lilac.....	12 00	3 75	3 00
30c. orange.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
90c. blue.....	35 00	10 00	8 00

**1869.**

1c. buff (Franklin).....	1 00	45	25
2c. brown (Horseman).....	80	8	5
3c. blue (Locomotive).....	50	2	1
6c. blue (Washington).....	3 00	40	30
10c. yellow (Coat of Arms).....	5 00	55	35
12c. green (Steamship).....	3 00	35	22
15c. brown and blue (Landing of Columbus).....	10 00	2 00	1 30
15c. brown and blue (Picture framed).....	5 00	1 00	65
24c. green and purple (Declaration of Independence).....	10 00	3 75	2 20
30c. blue and carmine (Coat of Arms).....	12 00	1 75	1 15
90c. black and carmine (Lincoln).....	35 00	14 00	8 00

**1870-71.** Printed by National Bank Note Company.  
*Head to left in oval.*

Embossing measuring 8½ to 9 and 10½ to 11½mm.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin).....	\$ 4 00	\$ 0 35	\$ 0 20

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
2c. red-brown (Jackson).....	\$ 4 00	\$ 8	\$ 5
3c. green (Washington).....	1 75	2	1
6c. carmine (Lincoln).....	12 00	2 00	1 25
7c. vermilion (Stanton).....	12 00	2 00	1 25
10c. brown (Jefferson).....	30 00	7 50	
15c. orange (Webster).....	15 00	4 50	
90c. carmine (Perry).....	20 00	4 50	3 00

**1870-71.** Without Embossing.

1c. ultramarine.....	2 00	10	5
2c. red-brown.....	1 00	2	1
3c. green.....	1 50	2	1
6c. carmine.....	2 50	10	8
7c. vermilion.....	4 00	40	25
10c. brown.....	5 00	10	5
10c. yellow-brown.....	5 00	10	5
12c. dull violet.....	6 00	30	20
15c. bright orange.....	4 00	30	20
24c. purple.....	10 00	1 15	90
30c. black.....	10 00	20	15
90c. carmine.....	12 00	1 00	75

**1873.** Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.

1c. ultramarine.....	90	3	2
2c. brown.....	1 00	3	2
2c. bark brown.....	1 00	3	2
3c. green.....	40	1	1
6c. dull pink.....	1 00	4	3
7c. orange-vermilion.....	4 50	40	25
10c. brown.....	3 00	5	2
12c. blackish violet.....	7 50	30	20
15c. yellow-orange.....	7 50	50	20
30c. gray-black.....	5 00	40	20
90c. rose-carmine.....	5 00	1 00	90

**1875.**

2c. vermilion.....	80	3	2
5c. blue (Taylor).....	1 50	8	5

*Printed by the American Bank Note Co.*

**1879.** Soft Porous Paper.

1c. blue.....	80	4	2
2c. vermilion.....	20	1	1
3c. green.....	30	1	1
5c. blue.....	80	3	2
6c. pink.....	1 20	3	2
10c. yellow-brown (National Plate).....	2 00	5	3
10c. brown (Continental Plate).....	2 00	3	2
15c. red-orange.....	40	12	8
33c. full black.....	1 60	6	4
90c. carmine.....	5 50	70	50

**1882.**

5c. brown (Garfield), type I.....	40	2	1
1c. gray-blue, re-engraved.....	8	1	
3c. green, re-engraved.....	12	1	
6c. rose, re-engraved.....	1 50	6	3
10c. brown, re-engraved.....	20	1	
10c. black-brown, re-engraved.....	5 00	20	10

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used		Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1883.</b>				8c. puce	9	2	...
2c. orange-brown (Washington)	6	1	...	10c. dark green	12	1	...
4c. blue green (Jackson)	10	2	1	15c. dark blue	17	3	...
<b>1887.</b>				50c. orange	55	8	4
2c. green	6	1	...	\$1 black	1 10	30	20
3c. vermilion	10	8	4	\$2 sapphire	2 20	1 50	...
				\$5 dark green	5 50	1 50	...
				<b>1898.</b>			
				Omaha Series.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	5	1	...	1c. green	2	1	...
<b>1888.</b>				2c. copper-red	3	1	...
Same as 1872-83 issue.				4c. orange	6	3	...
4c. carmine	10	2	1	5c. blue	7	4	...
5c. indigo, type I	40	2	...	8c. violet-brown	12	5	4
30c. orange-brown	55	25	18	10c. gray-violet	15	5	4
90c. purple	1 75	90	75	50c. sage-green	65	35	25
<b>1890-93.</b>				\$1 black	1 25	85	...
New design, stamps smaller.				\$2 orange-brown	2 50	2 00	...
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	2	1	...	<b>1898-99.</b>			
2c. lake (Washington)	40	4	3	Same as 1895 series.			
2c. carmine	5	1	...	1c. green	1	1	...
3c. purple (Jackson)	6	2	2	4c. lilac-brown	5	2	...
4c. dark brown (Lincoln)	8	1	...	6c. lilac-brown	7	2	...
5c. chocolate (Grant)	9	1	...	10c. yellow-brown	12	2	...
5c. yellow-brown	10	1	...	15c. olive	17	5	...
6c. brown-red (Garfield)	10	3	2				
8c. lilac (Sherman)	12	2	...				
10c. green (Webster)	15	1	...				
15c. indigo (Clay)	22	5	3				
30c. black (Jefferson)	40	6	4				
90c. orange (Perry)	1 25	40	30				
<b>1893.</b>							
Columbian Issue.							
1c. deep blue	2	1	...				
2c. violet	3	1	...				
3c. green	6	4	2				
4c. ultramarine	7	2	1				
5c. chocolate	8	3	2				
6c. purple	10	5	3				
8c. magenta	12	3	2				
10c. black-brown	16	3	2				
15c. dark green	20	16	10				
30c. orange-brown	45	25	15				
50c. slate-blue	65	45	30				
\$1 salmon	2 25	2 00	...				
\$2 brown-red	2 50	1 50	...				
\$3 yellow-green	3 00	...	...				
\$4 crimson-lake	4 00	...	...				
\$5 black	5 00	...	...				
<b>1891.</b>							
Same as 1890-3 issue, with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles.							
1c. pale ultramarine	8	2	...				
<b>1895.</b>							
Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S. repeated in horizontal rows. All values are found imperforate.							
1c. blue	2	1	...				
2c. carmine, triangle III	3	1	...				
3c. purple	5	1	...				
4c. dark brown	5	1	...				
5c. chocolate	6	1	...				
6c. dark brown	7	2	...				

## OFFICIAL STAMPS.

All, except Post Office, same Designs as General Issues, with name of Department above.

**1873.** Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard paper. Perf.

## AGRICULTURE.

1c. yellow	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$1 50
2c. "	75	70	50
3c. "	25	20	15
6c. "	50	50	25
10c. "	4 50	4 00	3 00
12c. "	6 00	5 50	3 00
15c. "	2 75	2 50	1 50
24c. "	4 00	3 00	2 00
30c. "	4 00	3 25	2 50

## EXECUTIVE.

1c. carmine	7 00	7 00	4 00
2c. "	7 00	7 00	4 00
3c. "	4 00	4 00	3 00
6c. "	13 00	13 00	8 00
10c. "	9 00	9 00	6 00

## INTERIOR.

1c. vermilion	20	20	15
2c. "	7	6	4
3c. "	20	7	5
6c. "	40	4	3
10c. "	40	40	25
12c. "	40	35	20
15c. "	60	40	25
24c. "	75	50	35
30c. "	75	60	35
90c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25

## JUSTICE.

1c. purple	1 25	1 00	80
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	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
2c. purple	\$2 50	\$2 50	\$1 70
3c. "	1 50	60	30
6c. "	1 75	75	60
10c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
12c. "	2 50	1 75	1 00
15c. "	6 00	4 00	3 00
24c. "	15 00	13 00	7 50
30c. "	18 00	15 00	10 00
90c. "	25 00	25 00	15 00
3c. bluish purple	1 50	1 00	75
6c. bluish purple	3 00	2 00	...
<b>NAVY.</b>			
1c. ultramarine	90	90	65
2c. "	40	40	20
3c. "	30	15	10
6c. "	40	35	20
7c. "	12 00	8 00	5 00
10c. "	2 00	1 50	1 00
12c. "	1 25	1 00	80
15c. "	2 25	2 00	1 25
24c. "	5 00	3 50	1 50
30c. "	4 00	2 00	1 50
90c. "	12 00	8 00	5 50
<b>POST OFFICE.</b>			
<i>Figure of value in Oval. White Paper.</i>			
1c. black	30	30	20
2c. "	20	20	12
3c. "	5	1	...
6c. "	18	10	8
10c. "	1 35	1 35	1 00
12c. "	75	65	40
15c. "	80	75	60
24c. "	80	75	60
30c. "	80	75	50
90c. "	2 00	1 75	1 00
<b>STATE.</b>			
1c. dark green	2 00	1 75	1 25
2c. "	4 00	3 75	3 00
3c. "	2 00	2 00	1 00
6c. "	1 50	1 50	1 00
7c. "	2 50	2 25	1 50
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
12c. "	3 00	2 75	2 00
15c. "	3 50	3 00	2 00
24c. "	7 50	7 00	4 00
30c. "	6 00	5 50	3 50
90c. "	12 00	10 00	7 00
3c. bright green	60	60	40
6c. "	60	60	40
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
2d. black and green	20 00	20 00	15 00
<b>TREASURY.</b>			
1c. brown	1 00	12	10
2c. "	25	10	6
3c. "	10	3	2
6c. "	20	7	5
7c. "	2 00	1 25	1 00
10c. "	40	18	10

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
12c. brown	40	15	7
15c. "	30	20	12
24c. "	10 00	3 50	2 00
30c. "	40	20	12
90c. "	1 75	55	40
<b>WAR.</b>			
1c. rose-red	40	5	3
2c. "	40	6	4
3c. "	...	2	...
6c. "	...	4	...
7c. "	2 00	2 00	1 25
10c. "	75	25	15
12c. "	75	25	15
15c. "	20	18	10
24c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	40	40	25
90c. "	75	75	50

1879.

*Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper. Perf.*

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
1c. vermilion	1 00	1 00	...
2c. "	6	2	...
3c. "	4	2	...
6c. "	6	4	...
10c. "	1 05	75	50
12c. "	2 00	1 50	75
15c. "	...	...	...
24c. "	...	...	...
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
3c. bluish-purple	50	50	...
6c. bluish-purple	1 25	1 00	...
<b>TREASURY.</b>			
3c. brown	8	2	...
6c. "	15	8	5
10c. "	40	20	10
30c. "	2 00	75	...
90c. "	4 00	75	40
<b>WAR.</b>			
1c. rose-red	3	3	2
2c. "	3	3	...
3c. "	2	2	...
6c. "	3	3	...
10c. "	20	20	15
12c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	18	15	10

*For delivery of Carriers.*

**OFFICIAL ISSUE.**

1851.

blue, rose (Franklin) reprint	25	...	...
1c. blue (Eagle)	50	1 00	...

**SPECIAL DELIVERY.**

1885-94.

10c. blue	25	10	6
10c. blue ("at any office")	20	5	3
10c. orange	15	5	3
10c. blue	15	3	2



	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1895.</b>			
<i>Same Watermarked U. S. P. S.</i>			
10c. blue.....	12	2	...
<b>NEWSPAPER STAMPS,</b>			
Colored Border.			
5c. dark blue (Washington).....	14 00	...	...
10c. blue-green (Franklin).....	4 00	...	...
25c. carmine-red (Lincoln).....	4 00	...	...
White Border. Ordinary Paper.			
5c. dark blue.....	1 75	...	...
<b>1875.</b>			
<i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard Paper.</i>			
<b>INDIAN.</b>			
<b>1875.</b>			
2c. black.....	35	35	20
3c. ".....	50	40	...
4c. ".....	50	50	20
6c. ".....	1 75	75	...
8c. ".....	1 75	...	...
9c. ".....	9 00	...	...
10c. ".....	75	75	...
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
12c. rose.....	1 75	1 00	...
24c. ".....	1 50	1 20	...
36c. ".....	1 75	2 00	...
48c. ".....	8 00	...	...
70c. ".....	6 00	...	...

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## MIXTURES.

Many collectors have bought our mixtures with great satisfaction, using the duplicates for trading purposes among their friends. The following mixtures are at the lowest wholesale prices and are recommended to collectors or dealers.

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25,000.....	3 00
50,000.....	5 50
100,000.....	10 00

Express or postage extra.

### CHEAP MIXTURES.

	Per 100.
Bulgaria, 10 kinds, mixed.....	30c
Cuba, 32 kinds, mixed.....	50c
Porto Rico, 12 kinds, mixed.....	68c
Russia, 10 kinds, mixed.....	15c

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We referred in our last number to the membership of the London Philatelic Society and the wide range of human interests from which its membership is drawn. Stamp collectors who are officers in the Army and Navy, professional and scientific men in every department of the world's interests, Barons, Earls, Lords, Dukes and even Princes have identified themselves with that society. While many thousands of the same class are interested in stamps and collect without having relations with any stamp organization.

Since the previous notice was written the Honorary President of the Philatelic Society has died. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was the second son of Queen Victoria, and as Duke of Edinburgh was perhaps better known as a stamp collector to our readers. The Duke was a man of many parts, besides being a lover of stamps and a philatelist of ability, he could command a fleet or lead an orchestra. He was a sailor and a lover of the sea, like his nephew, the Duke of York, who is also a stamp collector. He loved music, and as a violinist, few could equal this royal stamp collector. As Duke of Edinburgh in 1890 he personally opened the London Philatelic Exhibition of that year. "The Duke is dead; long live the Duke," says the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of London. "The same paper tells us that the new ruler of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the youthful prince hitherto known as the Duke of Albany, is also interested in stamps.

It is not to Great Britain alone that we look for prominent persons who are stamp collectors, al-

though we must confess that the fact that the Duke of York, who will one day be King of England, is actively interested in our most fascinating and attractive pursuit or hobby, puts that country very much to the front among stamp collectors.

The gallant Major Chas. A. Coolidge of the 9th Infantry U. S. Army, who led the fight at Tein Tsin, China, is a stamp collector and has been one of our valued correspondents for many years.

We must not forget the ladies when referring to the devotees of the stamp album, because we have many earnest collectors who are wives, mothers, maids, and sweethearts. We can deal with the names of people who are in a measure public characters, but the real strength of the army of stamp collectors are private people of all classes who collect stamps for the pleasure it gives them.

A correspondent recently informed us that he had bought stamps from us for over twenty years and wrote for a selection for his son who was not born when his father opened his first approval account with the Mekeel concern. This was particularly interesting because he had preserved a letter and price list issued by C. H. Mekeel in 1880 (the first was issued in 1877). During the twenty-three and a half years continued business of C. H. Mekeel, business relations of more or less importance have been had with over one hundred and twenty thousand collectors in America. These names are preserved in an up-to-date card index, which is a store house of philatelic and personal information.



	Net Price.
3c. dark blue, used .....	35
3c. claret brown .....	08
4c. brown .....	08
5c. yellow green .....	12
5c. light blue .....	08
6c. lilac .....	08
6c. orange .....	45
8c. rose .....	1 75
20c. olive gray .....	20
40c. salmon .....	45
40c. red violet .....	5 00
80c. black .....	1 25

*Surcharge in violet.*

8c. rose .....	15
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*Double surcharge, red and violet.*

8c. rose .....	5 00
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Above are all unused except the 3c. dark blue which is used. The best copy in the stock will be furnished, and as there are very few of some we advise early orders.

'Regular issues surcharged "IMPUESTO DE GUERRA" and new value.

*Surcharged in color.*

2c. on 2m. flesh, violet surcharge .....	50 04
5c. on 1/2m. chocolate, red surcharge .....	18
5c. on 1m. violet, violet surcharge .....	03
5c. on 1m. blue, red surcharge .....	50
5c. blue-green, violet surcharge .....	07

Our stamps were all obtained before the remainders were sold by the Porto Rico government and include varieties that do not exist, among the remainders.

Changes in prices in the new English Catalogue of Philippine stamps are noted as follows:

Amer. Cata. No.	Price Amer. Cata.	Price British Cata.
30 1872, 16c. blue, used or unused .....	\$2 50	\$4 40
30 " 16c. ultramarine, unused .....		6 25
33 " 1p. 25 bistre, unused .....	2 00	2 50
33 " 1p. 25 chestnut, unused .....		4 62
26 1874, 62c. rose, unused .....	1 00	2 50
45 1878, 0.0625 grey, unused .....	2 00	5 00
45a " 0.0625 lilac, unused .....	2 00	5 00
47 " 50m. lilac, unused .....	1 50	2 50
53 1879, 200m. violet rase, unused .....	2 50	5 00
77 1889, 20c. rose .....	25	87
109 1897, 40c. violet, unused .....	75	1 00
110 " 80c. lake, unused .....	1 40	
117 1898, 2c. blue green, unused .....	05	10
120 " 5c. carmine, unused .....	12	25

Many of the stamps of the regular issues 1870 to 1879 inclusive are worth very much more either

used or unused than the quotations in the new English Catalogue.

The large remainders of Philippine stamps that were sold last year have scarcely affected the prices in general because comparatively few varieties. existed in great quantity.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

For collectors who wish to fill in the issues of 1889 to 1896 inclusive, the Baby Head Series, we annex the following net prices:

American Cata. No.		Our Net Price.
70 1889, 2c. carmine .....		\$0 02
71 " 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c. ultramarine .....		02
72 " 5c. dark blue .....		20
78 " 5c. olive .....		12
74 " 8c. yellow green .....		10
75 " 10c. blue green .....		25
76 " 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c. yellow green .....		15
77 " 25c. salmon rose .....		20
78 1891, 10c. claret .....		05
81 1891, 25c. blue .....		30
82 1892-93, 1c. brown-violet .....		15
83 " 2c. violet .....		02
84 " 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c. olive gray .....		05
85 " 5c. green .....		06
86 " 5c. brown-violet .....		15
87 " 6c. brown-violet .....		05
88 " 8c. ultramarine .....		15
90 " 15c. red-brown .....		15
91 " 20c. gray-brown .....		25
93 1894, 2c. dark brown .....		05
94 " 6c. vermilion .....		05
95 " 8c. lilac-brown .....		05
96 " 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c. flesh .....		10
97 " 15c. rose .....		20
98 " 20c. violet .....		15
99 1896, 1c. green .....		30
100 " 2c. blue .....		02
101 " 2c. light brown .....		06
102 " 5c. brown .....		15
103 " 5c. emerald green .....		10
104 " 6c. carmine .....		35
105 " This stamp does not exist.		
106 " 10c. cinnamon .....		05
107 " 15c. blue green .....		18
108 " 20c. orange .....		15

The above series of 34 stamps, and 12 of the newspaper stamps, all type of the Baby Head, a total of 48 stamps, selected copies will be sent for \$4.00.

One of the features of Gibbon's Catalogue that we have quoted, is the illustrations of United States

stamps. Many collectors would like this catalogue for the convenience of examining the illustrations of the various issues of U. S. stamps that are not to be found in catalogues published in this country.

The catalogue (PART II. STANLEY GIBBON'S—FOREIGN COUNTRIES) will be sent post free at the publisher's price (56c) to such of our readers as desire a copy.

Mr. T. H. Hinton, of Chelsea, England, has brought out the second edition of a very useful little work, "*Hints on Stamp Collecting; an A. B. C. on Philately and Handy Philatelic Guide for Beginners.*" The title pretty well describes the contents and to this may be added, "*Stamps that puzzle collectors, illustrated and described.*"

It makes a neat book of 116 pages, clean type, printed on good paper.

The first chapter deals with "The Album, and Mounting Stamps in it."

The second chapter deals with the technical terms connected with stamps. It describes the different methods of printing, engraving and lithographing, introduced in their manufacture. The different kinds of papers, watermarks, gums, grilles and all terms applied to various kinds of stamps.

The third chapter discusses the general classes of stamps, and what to collect. It explains the difference between regular issues, provisionals, locals, private and governmental, commemorative issues, remainders, reprints, essays, specimens, etc.

The fourth chapter is full of illustrations of stamps that puzzle collectors, with brief descriptions for their guidance in classification.

The fifth chapter explains and translates inscriptions and surcharges found on various stamps not readily understood by English speaking collectors, also coinage tables.

The book is one that many beginners and even some of the older collectors would appreciate.

For the convenience of customers we shall undertake to supply such as are wanted. Price, including duty on importation and postage, is only 50c. Orders will be booked at once and filled when the first shipment arrives.

Probably the most famous work on the stamps of the United States was written by the late John K.

Tiffany and published in French by the great philatelic authority, J. B. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium. In 1887 Mr. Tiffany re-wrote the book, which was published by C. H. Mekeel. In 1894, a few years before the death of the author, concluding notes were written bringing the work up to 1894, including the Columbian issue.

This book has become a classic, and should be in every collector's library.

"*The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States,*" full cloth binding, 320 pages, post free, \$1.50.

Every time we mail sample copies or new printed matter about stamps to any of our old names, we receive many letters from collectors who have had a lack of interest and return for recreation to their old hobby. The DRUMMERS we mail this Fall will no doubt revive many old memories, and we hope to hear from some of our old friends.

The stamp dealer has many very funny experiences, and has to deal with many very singular people.

One who handles the mail of a big stamp concern could write a very amusing and interesting account of some of the correspondents with whom tact, diplomacy and patience must be exercised. The stamp dealer like many others, finds the least profitable customers are often the most exacting and troublesome. But uniform courtesy and kind consideration is often shown to many whose patronage is more trouble than it is worth.

The "close buyer" who is still telling what he can get at auctions and of some remote dealer, is one who always wants stamps that it is no trouble to sell anywhere.

The buyer who screws for the lowest price and is usually most particular about condition; two things that do not belong together. A "condition crank" is only tolerable when he has sense enough to know what condition is worth.

The meanest customer is the one who ties up your stock with unnecessary delays. Time is money, particularly to the stamp dealer. Every large dealer knows what it is to have many thousands of dollars worth of his stock lying idle at various times during the year, simply from thoughtless lack of consideration on the part of customers to whom he cannot express his real feelings.



On the other hand we know of no business where one is brought into the friendly business relations with such a superior class of pleasant people, as a front rank stamp dealer enjoys.

It takes all kinds to make a world. We are not kicking.



One would hardly suppose that a man who would accumulate a stamp collection that he could sell for nearly five thousand dollars would be so—what shall we say—economical (?) as to use pieces of ordinary gummed advertising labels, instead of stamp hinges that were properly prepared. Yet that is a fact.

Poor economy, because the damage to stamps in that collection when it was remounted for auction was a hundred times more than the cost of the hinges it would have required.

The hard paper of which stamp hinges are usually made, renders it possible to remove them with comparative ease and little danger of damage to the stamp.

The ordinary paper used and the adhesive properties possessed by gummed labels make them very bad for stamps.



As an illustration of the difference in value between an "average unused copy" and an unused stamp "mint," that is finest possible condition, we quote the "Collectors' Guide to Values in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:"

The 4-pence and 8-pence unperforated first issue Ceplon are valued at \$150.00 each, as average unused copies, and at \$400.00 each as fine, mint condition.

The difference is significant, and while the same percentage of difference might not apply in all cases of unused old issues, the difference between *average unused* and *fine* is always a substantial one.



Mention has been made in the stamp papers at various times of certain Philippine Insurgent stamps, although nothing very definite has developed with regard to them. Mr. Frederic C. Schenkel, the agent of the purchasers of the Philippine remainders bought of the U. S. Government at Manila, was asked for an opinion with regard to these

stamps. We extract the following from his reply:

"The Aguinaldo stamps are all right. The Filipino Government established at Malolos from August, 1898 to March, 1899, was in possession of the railway, Manila to Dagupan, and entertained postal relations with several parts of the Island of Luzon, and I myself received letters from the province regarding stamps. I have bought my stamps directly from the Filipino Government when Aguinaldo was at Tarlac. You may remember that the Spanish Government sent a commission to Tarlac in order to arrange the liberation (release) of the Spanish prisoners. A member of that commission, Mr. Enrique de Marceida, brought the stamps from the post-office at Tarlac."



A letter from one of the U. S. soldier boys in the Philippines published in the *News*, of Attica, N. Y., contains an interesting reference to the insurgent postage stamps.

The letter was written February 1st, by Charles Sinclair to his home folks and gives an account of the doings and adventures of la U. S. cavalry man.

The following is an extract:

"Enclosed you will find a sheet of insurrection postage stamps, captured at Indang.

The general gave me about 5,000 sheets of them to burn up, saving only one sheet to send in with his report. I burnt all except three sheets. We destroyed the press and plates from which they were printed."



There is very little doubt but that the stamps of the Provisional Government of the "Philippine Republic," so-called, will be recognized, because they have done postal, telegraph and fiscal service, and are none the less interesting because issued by the insurgent party.

Mr. J. M. Andreini, of New York City, who is a careful reader of the foreign philatelic press, especially those in the Latin languages, was asked for information and replied:

"About Aguinaldo Stamps. A friend sent me two of them that were purchased by him at Hong Kong, and I have seen a few others here purchased from Spain, all unused. A member of the Philippine Republican Government told me last year, when I was abroad, that postage stamps such as are described in Philatelic Papers were only used in the interior of the islands."

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**Approval Book No. 15** contains the stamps of the Philippine Islands, including issues from 1882 to 1900 inclusive, a cheap lot with some of the surcharged issues, most all unused.

**Approval Book No. 16** contains the stamps of Cuba, including issues from 1855 to 1900 inclusive. The Spanish issues, the surcharged U. S. stamps and the beautiful new issue for Cuba.

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**Approval Book No. 18** contains the stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate of all issues including some of the rare provisionals, also some Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and other British Colonies in Africa. This is a valuable book and should only be asked for by collectors who are prepared to buy the higher priced stamps.

**Approval Book No. 19** contains the stamps of Bulgaria of all issues, also a few of the better Turkish varieties.

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**Approval Book No. 21** contains only stamps of British North America, Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, etc.

**Approval Book No. 22** contains a number of Hawaiian Islands stamps, and is filled out with some medium class United States stamps, both used and unused.

**Approval Book No. 23** contains Turkish and other Oriental stamps, it includes newspaper and other surcharged stamps hard to find.

**Approval Book No. 24** contains stamps of Hayti and other West Indies other than Cuba and Porto Rico.

**Approval Book No. 25** contains British African stamps of a cheaper class than those in book No. 18, Niger, British Bechuanaland, Rhodesia, etc.

**Approval Book No. 26**, contains unused only stamps in mint condition including old German, Straits Settlements, Native States, Pahang, Perak, Johore, Selangor, etc.

**Approval Book No. 27**, contains new issues other than No. 20, they include the new Switzerland, Postal Union Commemorative, French Congo and others.

Other Approval Books will be announced from time to time.

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If the party is not known to us, a line from a bank or business house of commercial rating will be necessary. We simply require evidence of good standing to protect ourselves from irresponsible parties.

It is easy for any one who is all right to comply with this rule, and the necessity for it in our business is quite apparent to any fair mind.

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Substituting or removing stamps not purchased from our books or sheets is *positively prohibited*. Such practices are regarded by us as highly dishonest, and will be dealt with accordingly, even if the stamp exchanged or substituted is of equal value.

To request selections on approval through the U. S. mails with the intent to defraud or fail to settle with the owner is an offense against the laws of the U. S. Government, being severely punished in cases of minors as well as adults.

We have approval accounts with collectors in every state and territory of this great country, and are always glad to open new accounts.

There is a better demand for really good stamps now, than there has been for a number of years. Cheap stamps, such as exist in quantities, are becoming cheaper, due to commercial competition and activity, but the old issues — really scarce stamps, are in no wise equal to the demand.

There is no better or surer investment than really good stamps.

Don't buy what you cannot afford. If you *cannot* afford the luxury of a high-priced collection of stamps, there is still pleasure to be obtained from those that are within the reach of anyone.

If you *can* afford to own rare and scarce stamps, and have a collector's love and interest in them, you are foolish not to indulge it, for there is no other pursuit or hobby that offers such a rational field for both enjoyment and pleasure.

Mr. Geo. D. Mekeel, the Vice-President and General Office Manager of this company, is seeking relief from hay fever in the northern wilds of the Michigan lake region. He will be home before long and expects a very active stamp season this autumn. The interest in stamps has never been so great during the summer as it was this year. Our regular office force had to be increased, while it has been usual heretofore to shorten the hours or resort to laying off in relays.

Consult page 15 for description of our 2,000 variety collection.

Our correspondent, Mr. A. O. Cooper, who is on the Royal Mail Steamer Empress of China, sent us a copy of the new Hong Kong 2c. green. He said that the copy he sent us was one of the first to come over, and that no other changes in color had occurred in the set up to August 8th.

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1 00 black, 1894, unwatermarked, unused, o. g.	1 15
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1 00 black,	1 15
2 00 brown, " " " "	2 30
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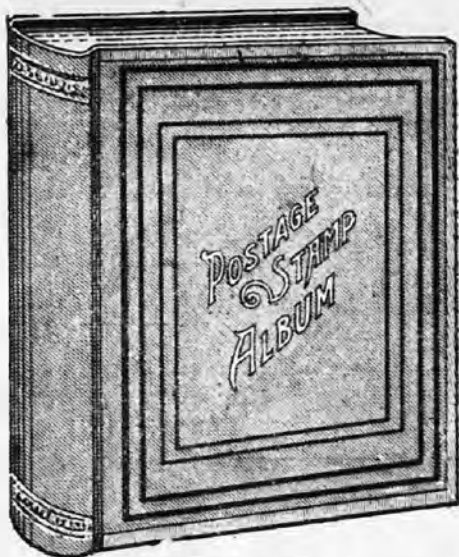
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1887, 3c. vermilion	40
1887, 1c. ultramarine	20
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1890-93, 1c. ultramarine	08
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1890-93, 2c. carmine	20
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## MIXED PACKETS.

**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada.

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Bolivia	<b>Newfoundland</b>
Bosnia	New South Wales
Brazil	New Zealand
Br. Guiana	Nicaragua
Br. Honduras	North Borneo
Brunswick	Norway
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<b>Cameroons</b>	Nowanuggur
Canada	Nyassa
Cape of Good Hope	<b>Obock</b>
Cape Verde	Oceanica (French)
Ceylon	<b>Orange Free State</b>

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Timor  
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OCTOBER 27th, 1900.



COL. CHAS. A. COOLIDGE,

An American Stamp Collector Who has Distinguished Himself in China.

The portrait that we give above is from a good photograph of the gallant Colonel Charles A. Coolidge, who will be remembered as an ardent stamp collector while he was stationed as Captain of the 7th Infantry at Fort Logan, Colo., and other western military stations.

Colonel Coolidge is now in command of the 9th U. S. Infantry in China. It was his regiment that were distinguished for their valor at Tien Tsin, where the late Col. Emerson H. Liscum was killed July 13th. Col. Coolidge immediately succeeded to the command, and is an officer highly esteemed by his men and in military circles.

Col. Coolidge had been a regular correspondent of this company nearly twenty years, having taken a great interest in philatelic literature, as well as a lover of stamps.



The above are illustrations of two stamps recently issued in Victoria, which are known as the "War Fund" stamps. Their origin is due to the patriotic sympathetic feeling for the Mother Country in the South African war.

While the stamps have a denomination of 1 penny and 2 pence respectively, they are sold at 1 shilling and 2 shillings each, the surplus over their postal value being devoted to the war fund.

The design on the 1 penny stamp is that of the famous Victoria Cross, which is given for deeds of valor on the field. The design on the 2 pence stamp represents members of the Victoria contingent that went from Australia to take part in the South African war. The designs are attractive, and the character of the stamps interesting.

A new series of U. S. revenue stamps to appear at an early date, is among the Washington news of the daily press. They are to be printed in an ink that will not stand acid, designed as a check to those who have cleaned stamps to defraud the government of its revenue.

It is also reported that the set will all be of one color, the value distinguished by a large numeral of a different color.

A wedding stamp was recently issued in Japan to celebrate the occasion of the marriage of the Imperial Crown Prince.



By receiving a small surcharge in native characters indicating stamps for special use in "Corea" and "China," so we have three varieties of the 3 sen carmine. The three sent for 10c.

Brazil issued a set of four stamps this year commemorative of the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of that country by Pedro Alvarez Cabral in 1500.



The inscription, "E. U. do Brazil" stands for the United States of Brazil. The Southern Cross is a prominent feature of the stamp we illustrate.

The four stamps are all of different types, 100, 200, 500 and 700 reis. The four stamps, unused, will be sent for 40c.

### Cubiertas of Colombia.

The insured letter stamps of COLOMBIA, called "cubiertas," are large in size and good space fillers.

We have secured a cheap lot and will sell at the following low prices while they last:

#### All Good Postally Used Copies.

	Catalogue Price	Our Price
1887-90, 50c. rose.....	\$0 25	\$) 10
1887-90, 10c. blue.....	20	10
1887-90, 30c. blue.....	25	10
1887-90, 40c. blue.....	35	15
1887-90, 50c. blue.....	35	20
1887-90, 60c. blue.....	50	20
1887-90, 70c. blue.....	75	25
1887-90, 80c. blue.....	60	25
1887-90, 1p. blue.....	60	15
1890, 10c. black on rose.....	20	08
1890, 20c. black on yellow.....	15	08
1890, 40c. black on blue.....	30	13
1890, 50c. black on green.....	30	13
1890, 1p. vermilion.....	25	10
1892-93, 10c. black on rose.....	20	07
1892-93, 20c. black on yellow.....	15	07

The following is unused.

Tolima, 1888, 50c. blue.....	50	25
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Collectors who buy from \$5.00 to \$20.00 worth or more at a time should send for our selections of choice stamps at 25 per cent discount. Ask for Class B. The stamps are choice copies of fine old issues, used or unused copies of more recent issues, many

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The following entire unused United States envelopes, fine and in perfect condition:

#### LARGE OFFICIAL SIZE.

1864, 18c. red.....	\$1 75
1864, 24c. blue.....	1 50
1864, 30c. green.....	1 75
1864, 40c. rose.....	1 75

Collectors of entire U. S. envelopes who are not very far advanced may get a good lot to select from on approval from us at half of Bartels' catalogue prices.

We want applications from collectors who need entire unused U. S. envelopes.

The day of the cut square is passing, and the only way to collect envelopes, is entire.

The provisional stamps issued during the Civil war, 1899-1900, although inscribed Republica Colombia, and recognized in the international mails, are



catalogued by Gibbons under the heading of *Carlagena*, a city of that country, and included in the catalogue among the stamps of the Departments, most of which represent interior postage. The stamps are very crude in their appearance, and poorly printed. We quote the following:

#### FIRST TYPE.

5 centavos, pale red on buff.....	\$0 40
10 centavos, blue on buff.....	50
5 centavos, maroon on green, pin perf.....	40
10 centavos, red on rose, pin perf.....	50

#### SECOND TYPE.

5 centavos, vermilion.....	25
The above set of five stamps.....	\$1 75

A new value, 22 centavos, for Peru, has appeared.



quite different in style than anything we have had from there recently, as it bears a portrait.

We give our customers the benefit of a *snaf*. The following is a small line purchased by us very cheap, and offered at correspondingly low rates. It won't last long

**Colombian Republic.**

*All Unused, Fine, o. g.*

Cat. Nos.		Cat. Price	Our Net Price
56	50c. yellow green.....	\$1 00	\$0 35
63	25c. black on blue.....	1 00	35
74	10c. bistre brown.....	20	08
75	20c. blue.....	35	12
108	20c. black.....	35	15
131	10c. orange.....	18	08
137	1 peso claret.....	2 00	75
152	10c. bistre brown on rose.....	15	07
153	20c. brown on blue.....	25	12
158	5c. orange brown on buff.....	08	05
164	10c. brown on lilac rose.....	12	06
414	Registered, 10c. yellow brown on light buff.....	15	07

The above 12 stamps, all fine copies, original gum, cataloguing \$5.83, having an actual face value, silver, of \$2.90, will be sent post free for \$1.75.



The ourang-outang comes into prominence on the new 4c. stamps for Labuan and Borneo.



Cape of Good Hope stamps surcharged Z. A. R., and value are illustrated as having been used by the Boers, their authenticity has not yet been verified.



The above are the designs for the new issue for Korea. The issue that now becomes obsolete has been in use since 1895 and consists of four values: 5, 10, 25 and 50 pons. Anticipating the new issue we have obtained a number of sets of the 1895 issue unused, which we offer at 18c. per set.



The above series for Crete recently issued make a very attractive set of stamps. The portrait on the 10 l. is of Prince George of Crete.

**U. S. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

**Issue of 1895.**

Complete set from 1c. to \$100.00 inclusive, unused and fine, original gum, never been hinged or mounted, post free, \$5.00.

The set consists of 12 values all on watermarked paper.

1, 2, 5 and 10c. black.....	} Complete. \$5.00.
25 and 50c. carmine.....	
2.00 scarlet.....	
5.00 ultramarine.....	
10.00 green.....	
20.00 slate.....	
50.00 carmine.....	
\$100.00 purple.....	

The foregoing series should grace every collection as their sale at this low price was only made possible by the P. O. Department for the benefit of stamp collectors. Their original face value having been \$187.93.

We only have a few sets and we are offering them at the same price (\$5.00 per set) as they were supplied by the Government.

All remainders have now been called in and destroyed, so that no more are to be had of the P. O. Department.



Victor Emmanuel III., Italy's new King, is a collector, being a devoted student of numismatics and his collection of coins is said to be a very fine one.

Philately and numismatics are twin sisters with stamps rather the best of it. In this connection Major Evans, in the *Monthly Journal*, of London, England, deals with stamps, coins and medals in his leading editorial in the September number, which we quote:

"We have no intention of enlarging upon the old, and to our mind foolish, theme that, in order to excuse our collection of stamps, it is necessary to show that they have some affinity with other things which other people collect. Stamps are recognized nowadays as being quite good enough to be collected on their own account, and the philatelist need not pen an *Apologia pro Vita Sua*. But it appears to us that although philatelists have no occasion to trouble themselves about the kind of relationship that exists between stamps on the one hand and coins or medals on the other, it would be well that the designers of stamps should not disregard this so entirely as they have done of late years. \* \* \* Now stamps, so far as their object and use is concerned, are more closely connected with coins than with medals; but a design that is suitable for a medal would probably be equally suitable for a coin, and such a design would certainly not be unfitted for a stamp. In earlier days this fact was fully recognised; the head that has always figured upon the stamps of this country (Great Britain) is not unlike that of the earlier coins of the reign, and, as a rule, the simpler the surroundings of that head the more satisfactory has been the design in the eyes of philatelists.

In many other countries the same principle was carried out. The national arms, a profile of the reigning monarch, a numeral denoting the value, some device in short that figured or might suitably figure upon the coinage of the country, was considered equally suitable as a central device for the stamps. Few more simple and artistic designs than that adopted for the first issue of France itself have ever been used for postage stamps. The centre of this is a coin design pure and simple, with a frame added to hold the necessary inscriptions. Compare such a design as this with that of one of the extraordinary pictorial labels that are now so much in vogue, and surely any unprejudiced person can see that the one is eminently fitted for the purpose of denoting a species of national paper money, while the other denotes nothing in particular."

### Paris Philatelic Exhibition.

The Paris Philatelic Exhibition was held from August 28th to September 9th, 1900, and has been pronounced a philatelic success, but probably a financial failure.

Following are a list of the Exhibits and Awards:

#### CLASS I.

##### Collection of French Stamps.

###### Division I. Unused.

M. Haro	Gold Medal.
W. Grunewald	Silver Medal.
M. H. Lombard	
M. Tandeau	Bronze Medal.
M. Vial	

Mr. M. H. Lombard is an American collector, resident of Massachusetts.

###### Division II. French Stamps, Used.

Henry de Martin	Gold Medal.
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##### Division III. Collection of Unique Specimens, Pairs, Blocks, or Varieties,

###### Used or Unused.

W. Grunewald	Gold Medal.
M. Lombard	Silver
Henri Cantel-Bey	Bronze

##### Division IV. Curiosities of France.

MM. Grignard and Le Bihan, *Bronze Medals.*

##### Division V. General Collection of French and Colonies.

Le Comte de Belenet	Gold Medal.
Henri Cantel-Bey	Silver
M. Quinet	Bronze

#### CLASS II.

##### Collections of French Colonials.

M. Paul Mirabaud	Gold Medal.
M. de Rochefontaine	Silver
M. Tandeau	"
M. Devoitine	Bronze
M. L. Gruat	"
Captaine Noel	"

#### CLASS III.

##### Collection of a Country or Group of Countries of Europe.

Paul Mirabaud....."Le Grand Prix."

#### SWITZERLAND.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, speaking with a knowledge of the majority of the greatest collections of the world, including even the great one of Ferrary, is of the opinion that this exhibit is the *finest example of a specialised collection in the whole world.*

Not speaking of the monetary value of the collection, great as that is, but of a combination of perfect condition, philatelic study, and of completeness in every way, even to the obliterations.

Th. J. Zanfresco.....Gold Medal.

For a fine and well-arranged collection of the stamps of Roumania.

Th. Gunther.....Gold Medal.

For a collection of Greece.

M. A. Merkl.....Silver Medal (Greece).

Dr. Yersin....." (Swiss).

M. Leon Brabandt, *Bronze Medal* (Europe).

##### The Same Section. For Dealers Only.

Rudoif Friedl.....Gold Medal (Austria).

M. Galvez Jimenez.....Silver Medal

(Spain and Colonies).

M. Giwelb.....Silver Medal

(Russia and Finland).

Tomas Monclus.....Silver Medal (Spain).

Isaac Blanco.....Bronze Medal (Spain, etc.).

##### Section B. Same Class.

Joseph Hupfeld.....Gold Medal

(with the congratulations of the Jury).

#### GERMANY AND ITS STATES.

This exhibit was certainly one of the most noteworthy of the whole exhibition.

J. J. Lindau.....Gold Medal.

#### GERMANY AND ITS STATES.

Herr Lindau shows a very fine and practically complete collection of the German stamps, mostly in single pieces, mint unused condition.

S. Freudenstein.....Bronze Medal.

##### Section B. II.

Martin Schroeder.....Gold Medal (Bergedorf).

Paul Mirabaud.....Silver

#### PRUSSIA, OLDENBURG, AND WURTEMBERG.

G. B. Duerst.....Silver Medal.

#### ROUMANIA.

Max Bosche.....Bronze Medal (Brunswick).

Dr. Paul Kloss

#### SAXONY.

##### Same Section. Dealers.

P. Kosack.....Silver Medal.

Carl Schauff....." (Thurn and Taxis).

##### Section C.

Jhr. Ph. van Kinschot.....Gold Medal.

J. N. Marsden.....Silver

## PORTUGAL AND COLONIES.

J. Satdtsboonen.....*Bronze Medal.***Section D.**Paul Mirabaud.....*Silver Medal.*  
A fine collection of Belgium.J. C. Kuck.....*Silver Medal.*

For a really beautiful collection of Luxemburg, both stamps and post cards practically complete in every variety.

J. Laurie.....*Bronze Medal (Belgium).***Section E.**Adolf Chelius.....*Gold Medal.*

For a fine collection of the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine. Herr Chelius has for many years collected the postmarks on these stamps, and has got together a marvelous lot, showing in a most interesting way—by the dated postmarks—the gradual advance of the German army on Paris.

F. Weiter.....*Bronze Medal (Alsace).***Division II. Section A.**Paul Mirabaud.....*Gold Medal.*

## MAURITIUS.

Van den Bergh.....*Silver Medal.*

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

A. Fortin.....*Silver Medal.*

For Cape of Good Hope.

**Section B.**W. D. Beckton.....*Gold Medal.*

(Straits Settlements).

Paul Mirabaud.....*Gold Medal (Trinidad).*C. Stewart-Wilson.....*Silver* " (India).

A. Fortin....." " (Ceylon).

**Section C.**Paul Mirabaud.....*Silver Medal (St. Vincent).*J. L. van Dieten.....*Bronze Medal*

(Turks Islands).

**Section D.**J. C. North.....*Silver Medal (Cyprus).*A. Acavalos.....*Bronze* " ( " ).**Section E.**G. F. H. Gibson.....*Silver Medal (Gibraltar).*

J. L. van Dieten....." " (Virgin Isles).

A. Schœller.....*Bronze* " ( " ).**Division III. Section A.**Van den Burgh.....*Gold Medal*

(Philippine Islands).

M. Stadlbauer.....*Bronze Medal (Philippines).*Galvez-Jimenez.....*Silver* " (for dealers).**Section B.**Henri Cantel-Bey.....*Gold Medal*

(Egypt, Suez, and Soudan).

W. D. Beckton.....*Silver Medal (Egypt).***Section C.**W. D. Beckton.....*Bronze Medal (Orange River).*

J. C. Kuck....." " (Congo).

**Division IV. Section A.**Robert Ehrenbach.....*Gold Medal.*

## BUENOS AYRES AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

Paul Mirabaud.....*Silver Medal.*

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

E. T. Roberts.....*Silver Medal (Brazil).***Same Section. Dealers.**W. T. Wilson.....*Gold Medal*

(Mexico).

**Section B.**John Luff.....*Gold Medal.*

For his fine specialised collection of the United States.

Le Comte de Belenet.....*Bronze Medal.***Section C.**J. H. Abbott.....*Silver Medal (Hayti).*

A. Holland....." " ( " ).

Van den Bergh.....*Bronze Medal*

(Cuba—Porto Rico).

**Dealers Section.**H. Griebert.....*Gold Medal.*

## URUGUAY.

M. Galvez.....*Bronze Medal (Spain).*

Tomas Monclus....." " (Cuba, etc.).

**Division V. Section A. For Collectors only a little advanced.**D. H. de Heer.....*Silver Medal*

(Spain, France, etc.).

**Section B.**D. H. de Heer.....*Bronze Medal*

(Newfoundland, Straits, etc.).

**Section E.**D. H. de Heer.....*Bronze Medal*

(Argentine, etc.).

## CLASS IV.

**75 to 100 Rare Stamps.**M. Schlesinger.....*Silver Medal.*

Amongst others Tuscany, 3 lire, very fine; Naples, Arms; Geneva, 10c.; Vaud, 4c.; Moldavia, 27, 54, and 108 p., all square; Lagos, 2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s. of the first set; Spain, 2 ris. of 1851-52-53, and other good stamps.

E. Malet.....*Bronze Medal.*

Amongst others Spain, 1865, a strip of three of the 12c. used, the middle stamp having the frame inverted; Vaud, 4c., etc., etc.

**Division II.**A. C. W. Roodenburg.....*Silver Medal.*

M. H. Lombard....." " "

W. Moser....." " "

**Division III.**William Moser.....*Gold Medal.*

(An American Collector).

Included in this very pretty exhibit were some of the rarest and most interesting of the United States Postmaster stamps, Carriers, and Locals.

Of the Postmasters' stamps a superb copy of the *Annapolis*, 5 cents, deep blue on pale blue, used, and on entire letter. In catalogues this stamp is only given in red, but this specimen of Mr. Moser's is undoubtedly genuine and probably unique.

## CLASS V.

**General Collection. Division II.**Le Comte de Belenet.....*Bronze Medal.***Division III.**L. Gilis.....*Bronze Medal.***Division IV.**J. N. Marsden.....*Silver Medal.*

## CLASS VI.

**Envelopes.**C. P. L. van Kinschott.....*Silver Medal.*D. Stadlbauer.....*Bronze* " "

## CLASS VII.

**Post Cards.**A. Schœller.....*Gold Medal.*C. P. L. van Kinschott.....*Silver* " "

P. Mezamat....." " "

D. Stadlbauer.....*Bronze* " "

## CLASS VII b.

**General Collection of Enclires.**M. Picard.....*Bronze Medal.*

## CLASS VIII.

**Fiscal Stamps. Division I.**W. Morley.....*Gold Medal.*M. Rousselle.....*Bronze* " "

A. Schœller....." " "

**Division II.**Le Comte de Belenet.....*Silver Medal.*A. Schœller.....*Bronze* " "

Division III.

- C. E. Hoffmann.....*Silver Medal*,  
 A. P. Pearce .....*Bronze* "  
 M. Gilbert..... " "

CLASS IX.

Telegraph Stamps.

- M. O'Callaghan.....*Silver Medal*,  
 W. Morley.....*Bronze* "

There were about seven more classes for Philatelic Literature, Manufacturers of Stamps, Special Arrangements of Stamps, and for Societies, but want of space will not permit.

We would, however, specially mention that the gold medal with the congratulations of the Jury was awarded to M. Paul Mirabaud for his grand work on *The Stamps of Switzerland*, undoubtedly the finest philatelic work that has yet been produced.

It is such a list as the above, that gives one an idea of the world-wide interest in stamp collecting. The gentlemen who exhibited at Paris represent many nationalities.

At the opening ceremony of the Exhibition M. Albert Coyette, the secretary, was most happy in the selection of his remarks as quoted by Mr. Chas. J. Phillips, whose list of awards we have followed:

He told us of the charms and interest to be found in the study of postage stamps, which have their place well defined in the great Exhibition which closes the nineteenth century. He chaffed its detractors in an amiable way, and met their unkind jokes with the warm convictions and the sincerity evinced by collectors. "Stamp collecting," said he, "was born on the same day as the postage stamp. Its history is bound up with that of the latter as the history of the stamp is itself connected with history; and what is more interesting than studying these little bits of paper, which have done so much for civilization and for the development of commerce?" In a few true, happy, and typical phrases the orator enumerated all the advantages of Philately, which develops orderly habits in the young, invites them to learn foreign languages, to study colonial geography, awakens their curiosity, prepares them to act on their own account, and gives them the desire to travel.

The development of the interest in stamp collecting in Australia has resulted in a new stamp paper being started. We have before us the first number of *The Australian Journal of Philately*. A very creditable journal to be published monthly in Sydney, New South Wales.

The likelihood that the Australian colonies will be federated, leads to the prediction that a general issue for the Australian Commonwealth will succeed all the various colonial issues. This will have a tendency to further increase the popularity of these stamps.

The Argentine Republic has a stamp society and a monthly organ, more than we can claim for the United States. The July number of the *Revista* gives a portrait and biographical sketch of Sir Rodolfo Laas, one of its editors and a prominent philatelist of Buenos Aires.

Read the last page of the DRUMMER, and buy an 800 packet, give what you don't need, to start a new collector.



THE LATE  
 DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA.

A Royal Stamp Collector.—The Honorary President of the Philatelic Society, London.

Through the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, better known as the Duke of Edinburgh, who was the second son of Queen Victoria, and the most popular in England of all the Queen's children, philately has lost one of her prominent devotees. The Duke was an ardent collector and found the true satisfaction of a real philatelist in his stamp collection.

We have referred to him before in these columns as the Honorary President of the Philatelic Society of London. He was jovial and of easy manners, a musician and a lover of music.

He went to sea at fourteen, and by genuine merit rose in the British navy to be the admiral in command of the Mediterranean squadron. The English, seven years ago, were very sorry to have him go to Germany to take the throne of the little duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which had come his way by virtue of a chain of family relationships that it is not necessary here to recall. He was almost fifty-six years old at the time of his death. His wife was a daughter of the Emperor Alexander II., of Russia. It will be remembered that at the time he chose to accept the throne of a German principality, and took the oath of loyalty to the constitution of the German Empire in the presence of Emperor William, there was a great deal of discussion in England as to his status there. His son and heir, Prince Alfred, died early last year; and the Queen's next son, the Duke of Connaught, who became the heir presumptive, preferred England for himself and his children, and resigned in favor of the young Duke of Albany, who, being recognized as the heir, went to Coburg to receive a German education only a few months ago. This young gentleman, now just sixteen years of age, is the son of the late Prince Leopold, of England, Duke of Albany, Queen Victoria's fourth son, who died in March, 1884. The new Duke, Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg, is also a stamp collector and the possessor of a well advanced collection.

A congress of stamp men meets in Germany every year. Frankfurt-am-Main was the place of meeting for 1900. Mr. M. P. Castle, editor of the *London Philatelist*, attended and gives an interesting sketch of the meeting in the August number of his journal. He concludes with the following:

"The social aspect of the Philatelisten Tag is undoubtedly the main factor herein—it is difficult to induce a couple of hundred people to settle down to serious discussion on a summer holiday—and in the successful and pleasurable reunion of all classes of stamp people the ample vindication of the German Philatelic Congress is to be found."

The "MAFEKING BESIEGED" stamps have given our British collecting friends a lot to talk and read about, but after all they are only a species of War



relics. They possess a certain interest, but that they should rank with regular issues is questionable. The American collectors who will have to get along without them need not feel *very badly*.

The jumping of Orange Free State and Transvaal into full-fledged British colonies means a great deal to the value of the stamps. Thousands of British collectors confine their collecting to the stamps of the British Empire. Under old conditions they did not include these two lots of stamps, now they all want them, so that the tremendous advance in price was by no means strange, and we believe even the latest quotations will see a further advance.

Switzerland, the home of the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union, has issued a series of three stamps of a special design in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Postal Union.

Our illustration makes a description unnecessary.



the significance of the design will be readily understood by our readers.

The set consists of 5c. green, 10c. carmine, 25c. blue. Fine unused copies of the three stamps will be sent for 12c.

A German stamp paper, the *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*, recently published an illustration of an entire envelope used in Worcester, Cape of Good Hope, December 12, 1860. The postage fee, 4 pence, was paid by a triangular 1 penny stamp and half of a triangular 6 pence stamp.

In our humble opinion the catalogue that lists inverted surcharges, double surcharges and varieties of surcharge that consist of omitted periods and such nonsense, is likely to disgust the average collector.

An English catalogue gives a list of twenty-seven such varieties as we refer to above, as a supplement to the list of twelve regular surcharged Orange Free State set of V. R. I. stamps. It is all very nice for



the advanced collector who wants these things, to know that they exist, but for ninety-nine out of every hundred collectors, in America at least, they are a spectacle of disgust, and are out of place in a catalogue of ordinary purposes.

The following varieties of the V. R. I. surcharge on the stamps of Orange Free State are on hand and will be supplied at the following *net prices*:

½ penny.....	\$ 04
1 penny.....	08
2 pence.....	14
3 pence.....	20
6 pence.....	35
1 shilling.....	65
Set of six for.....	\$1 40

These stamps are becoming obsolete, to be succeeded by the Cape of Good Hope stamps, or a new series.

The introduction of these features of an advanced collectors' catalogue, into the American publication for general collectors, has had a bad effect upon many collectors who have followed the old or more rational system of forming a collection.

All efforts at abridged catalogues in the past, have been too radical, a happy medium is what is wanted and like other "long felt wants" is quite likely to come in time.



The Baden-Powell stamps of Mafeking can be regarded only as *locals* at best. Curious relics of this interesting personality of the South African war.



We referred in a recent number to the membership of the London Philatelic Society and the wide range of human interests from which its membership is drawn. Stamp collectors who are officers in the Army and Navy, professional and scientific men in every department of the world's interests—Barons, Earls, Lords, Dukes and even Princes have identified themselves with that society.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* is publishing a series of articles with portraits of well-known philatelists. The September number gives a portrait of Major Edw. B. Evans.



MAJOR EDW. B. EVANS, R. A.

It will be remembered that Major Evans was the author of the first comprehensive catalogue for advanced collectors published in this country. In 1886, 1887, and 1888 the *Philatelic Catalogue* was published by this company in our monthly journal. The Major was at that time in Bermuda, attached to the British Royal Artillery.

He is a chess player of some note and now resides in England, being well known as the editor of the *Monthly Journal* of London.

### PORTO RICO.

Regular issues of 1890-96 surcharged "HABILITADO—PARA—1898y1899," in three lines. The following unused stamps will be sent on receipt of price:

Surcharge in red.		Net Price.
½m. violet.....		\$0 25
1m. lilac brown.....		03
2m. yellow green.....		02
2m. flesh.....		50
4m. blue green.....		02
1c. claret.....		03
2c. red-brown.....		04
3c. dark blue, used.....		35
3c. claret brown.....		08
4c. brown.....		08
5c. yellow green.....		12
5c. light blue.....		08
6c. lilac.....		08
6c. orange.....		45
8c. rose.....		1 75
20c. olive gray.....		20
40c. salmon.....		45
40c. red violet.....		5 00
80c. black.....		1 25
Surcharge in violet.		
8c. rose.....		15

Fill up your sets while it is possible to get all the varieties.

The following is a portrait of Mr. T. K. Tapling, the wealthy carpet manufacturer, and member of the British Parliament, who left his famous stamp collection to the British Museum.



T. K. TAPLING.

Mr. Tapling was an earnest philatelist and made one of the finest collections of stamps that has ever been accumulated.

It has been arranged for exhibition by Mr. E. D.



E. D. BACON.

Bacon, one of the best known philatelists connected with the Philatelic Society of London.

MEKEEL'S DRUMMER does not profess to be entitled to the classification of *stamp literature*, although we are pleased to find that some of our readers give us a hearty welcome.

This is a "drummer" pure and simple and is intended to "drum" up business. *Send us an order.* If you do this our mission is accomplished, and what ever we add to your fund of information or to your amusement is our return.

The field of stamp collecting is a broad one, no one need be ashamed of his interest in stamps, there are peers of any man who lives, among stamp collectors.

We are glad to know that many men of wealth in this country are increasing their collections less grudgingly, and we hope America may thus have some of the greatest collections in existence after awhile. Europe is ahead of us in this respect at the present time.

Following are a few of the pleasant words that have come to us—with orders—sometimes:

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 1, 1900.

GENTLEMEN—I have just received the *Drummer* for September 20th, and I have gained more real information from it than I gather from the several phi-



satelic journals for which I am a subscriber. I attended an exhibition a few days ago with my 8-year old grandson which was free, and I asked the little fellow how he liked it, and he said: "Why, it is the best show I ever saw for nothing." And so with the *Drummer*. It is better than some journals we are obliged to pay for. It is something that every collector of stamps should have. I suppose I ordered it because it was free, like many others, but I appreciate it in no small degree.

JAMES M. PORTER.

Many thanks for the copy of your *Drummer*, which I do so much enjoy, and shall be glad to receive regularly.

MISS A. M. A. WOOLSEY.

Having seen a copy of your *Drummer* in the hands of another party, and finding it such an instructive little book, I would like to have it sent to me regularly.

JNO. HOWE.

I like your *Drummer* very much, and want to have it sent to me regularly as it is issued.

BEACH BARRETT.

I am much obliged for the *Drummer*, as I find a good many interesting notes in it. I shall be glad to receive a copy of it every time it is printed.

D. A. NIDEVER.

I should like to see more of the *Drummer*, found it clever and interesting.

MRS. CLARA E. HARTIGAN.

I think your *Drummer* is immense.

MRS. C. H. BANKS.

I thank you very much for sending me the *Drummer*. It is a very nice paper.

KIRKLAND TAYLOR.

I am much obliged for the *Drummer* and like it immensely.

H. F. POWELL.

Your publication, the *Drummer*, is very interesting as well as valuable, and have found several new ideas not known before.

F. H. RITTENHOUSE.

We send our series of 50% approval books to collectors whose purchases may be as small as 50c., but the better books of the net and 25% class, should only be requested by collectors who have a serious purpose and expect to buy.

The host of little dealers who are sending sheets of stamps broadcast have got lots of boys who only expect to spend a few cents in the habit of asking for approval selections. We cannot afford postage or clerk hire to handle that class of business, but we prepare packets and lists of single stamps and sets for small buyers, and their orders will be given the most careful attention. Stamped and addressed return envelope must accompany all orders for less than \$1.00. "Great oaks from little acorns grow." We want the boy's trade, but don't go in for our approval selections unless you have money to spend.

It is not to Great Britain alone that we look for prominent persons who are stamp collectors, although we must confess that the fact that the Duke of York, who will one day be King of England, is actively interested in our most fascinating and attractive pursuit or hobby, puts that country very much to the front among stamp collectors.

## Answers to Queries.

We will answer such questions in this column as are likely to be of interest to the general reader.

Questions requiring direct replies should be accompanied by a stamped addressed return envelope.

FRED W. AYRE, St. John's, Newfoundland.—I have an Orange Free State Een Shilling surcharged with the letters TF. Will you inform me what the surcharge stands for?

Stamps of Orange Free State surcharged TF were designed for use as telegraph stamps; some with this surcharge were used for postage during a scarcity of stamps. When such stamps have had undoubted postal use they are interesting varieties and entitled to a place in a collection of postage stamps. Gibbons' lists twelve such varieties.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

For collectors who wish to fill in the issues of 1889 to 1896 inclusive, the Baby Head Series, we annex the following net prices:

American Cata. No.		Our Net Price.
70	1889, 2c. carmine.....	\$0 02
71	" 2½c. ultramarine.....	02
72	" 5c. dark blue.....	20
73	" 5c. olive.....	12
74	" 8c. yellow green.....	10
75	" 10c. blue green.....	25
76	" 12½c. yellow green.....	15
77	" 20c. salmon rose.....	20
78	1891, 10c. claret.....	05
81	1881, 25c. blue.....	30
82	1892-93, 1c. brown violet.....	15
83	" 2c. violet.....	02
84	" 2½c. olive gray.....	04
85	" 5c. green.....	06
86	" 5c. brown violet.....	15
87	" 6c. brown violet.....	05
88	" 8c. ultramarine.....	15
90	" 15c. red brown.....	15
91	" 20c. gray brown.....	25
93	1894, 2c. dark brown.....	05
94	" 6c. vermilion.....	05
95	" 8c. lilac brown.....	05
96	" 12½c. flesh.....	10
97	" 15c. rose.....	20
98	" 20c. violet.....	15
99	1896, 1c. green.....	30
100	" 2c. blue.....	02
101	" 2c. light brown.....	06
103	" 5c. emerald green.....	10
104	" 6c. carmine.....	35
105	" This stamp does not exist.	
106	" 10c. cinnamon.....	05
107	" 15c. blue green.....	18
108	" 20c. orange.....	15

The above series of 33 stamps, and 12 of the newspaper stamps, all type of the Baby Head, a total of 45 stamps, selected copies will be sent for \$3.85.

We must not forget the ladies when referring to the devotees of the stamp album, because we have many earnest collectors who are wives, mothers, maids, and sweethearts. We can deal with the names of people who are in a measure public characters, but the real strength of the army of stamp collectors are private people of all classes who collect stamps for the pleasure it gives them.

## PRICES OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Prices have been attached to this list for specimens in three conditions. First column *unused*. Second column for *fine* copies in used condition. Third for ordinary used copies. This last class are in no wise defective, are fully up to the average of used stamps.

While all stamps are usually in stock, it is best for parties ordering to send a supplementary list.

The following prices are *strictly net for cash only*.

Send a stamped and addressed return envelope with orders less than \$1.00.

### Postage Stamps.

#### GENERAL ISSUE.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1847.</b>			
5c. brown (Franklin) .....	\$ 50	\$ 35	\$ 25
10c. black (Washington) .....	2 50	2 00	

#### 1851-56.

*Type I. Has a curved line outside the labels with "U. S. Postage" and "One Cent." The scrolls below the lower label are turned under, forming little balls.*

*Type II. Same as I, but the scrolls are not turned under.*

*Type III. Same as II, but the curved lines outside the labels are broken in the center.*

1c. blue (Franklin) type I.....	50 00	20 00	15 00
1c. blue, type II.....	2 00	20	12
1c. blue, type III.....	35 00	8 00	5 00
3c. red (Washington).....	1 50	2	1
5c. brown (Jefferson).....		10 00	7 50
5c. red-brown.....	40 00	10 00	6 50
10c. green (Washington).....	10 00	50	35
12c. black (Washington).....	18 00	1 25	85

#### 1855-60. Same, Perf. 15.

*Type I. There are projections on all four sides.*

*Type II. The projections at top and bottom are partially cut away.*

*Type III. The projections at top and bottom are entirely cut away.*

1c. blue, type I.....	12 00	4 00	2 50
1c. blue, type II.....	8 00	80	50
1c. blue, type III.....	40	10	6
3c. red.....	8	2	1
3c. red (with outer line).....	10 00	20	10
5c. brick-red, type I.....	70 00	9 00	5 00
5c. red-brown, type I.....	20 00	4 50	3 00
5c. brown, type I.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
5c. brown, type II.....	6 00	2 00	1 00
4c. orange-brown, type III.....	4 00	2 00	1 50
10c. green.....	2 00	30	18
12c. black.....	2 00	60	40
24c. lilac.....	5 00	3 00	2 00
30c. orange.....	9 00	5 00	3 00
90c. blue.....	18 00	25 00	17 50

#### 1861. Perf. 12.

1c. blue.....	0 25	0 03	0 02
3c. pink.....		5 00	2 50
3c. rose.....	10	1	1
5c. buff.....	40 00	5 00	3 50
10c. yellow-green.....	1 40	10	8
12c. black.....	1 50	30	20
24c. red-lilac.....	10 00	80	50
30c. orange.....	4 00	40	30
90c. blue.....	13 50	2 50	2 00

#### 1862-6.

2c. black (Jackson).....	0 30	03	02
5c. red-brown.....	15 00	2 50	1 50
5c. brick-red.....		10 00	5 00
5c. brown.....	3 00	30	20
5c. black-brown.....	8 00	40	30
15c. black (Lincoln).....	4 00	40	30
24c. lilac.....	5 00	30	20

#### 1867.

*Same, with embossing covering entire back of stamp.*

3c. rose.....	12 00	8 00	
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	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
Embossing measuring 13x16mm.			
3c. rose.....	\$15 00	\$5 00	\$3 00

Embossing measuring 12x14mm.			
2c. black.....	30 00	5 00	3 50
3c. rose.....	15 00	1 75	1 00

Embossing measuring 11x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	4 00	80	50
2c. black.....	2 00	15	10
3c. rose.....	3 50	3	2
10c. green.....	4 00	50	30
12c. black.....	4 00	30	20
15c. black.....	20 00	3 00	2 75

Embossing measuring 9x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	3 00	50	30
2c. black.....	1 00	8	4
3c. red.....	75	2	4
5c. brown.....	10 00	2 50	1 75
5c. black-brown.....		4 00	
10c. yellow-green.....	4 00	40	30
12c. black.....	4 00	40	30
15c. black.....	8 00	80	50
24c. gray-lilac.....	12 00	3 75	3 00
30c. orange.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
90c. blue.....	35 00	10 00	8 00

#### 1869.

1c. buff (Franklin).....	1 00	45	30
2c. brown (Horseman).....	80	8	6
3c. blue (Locomotive).....	50	2	1
6c. blue (Washington).....	3 00	40	30
10c. yellow (Coat of Arms).....	5 00	55	35
12c. green (Steamship).....	3 00	35	25
15c. brown and blue (Landing of Columbus).....	10 00	2 00	1 50
15c. brown and blue (Picture framed).....	5 00	1 00	75
24c. green and purple (Declaration of Independence).....	10 00	3 75	2 50
30c. blue and carmine (Coat of Arms).....	12 00	1 75	1 25
90c. black and carmine (Lincoln).....	35 00	14 00	8 50

#### 1870-71.

*Printed by National Bank Note Company. Head to left in oval.*

Embossing measuring 8½ to 9 and 10½ to 11½mm.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin).....	4 00	0 35	0 25
2c. red-brown (Jackson).....	4 00	8	5
3c. green (Washington).....	1 75	2	1
6c. carmine (Lincoln).....	12 00	2 50	1 25
7c. vermilion (Stanton).....	12 00	2 50	1 25
10c. brown (Jefferson).....	30 00	8 50	6 00
15c. orange (Webster).....	15 00	5 50	4 00
90c. carmine (Perry).....	20 00	5 50	3 00

#### 1870-71.

Without Embossing.

1c. ultramarine.....	2 00	10	5
2c. red-brown.....	1 00	2	1
3c. green.....	1 50	2	1
6c. carmine.....	2 50	10	8
7c. vermilion.....	4 00	40	30
10c. brown.....	5 00	10	5
10c. yellow-brown.....	5 00	10	5
12c. dull violet.....	6 00	30	20
15c. bright orange.....	4 00	30	20
24c. purple.....	10 00	1 25	90
30c. black.....	10 00	20	15
90c. carmine.....	12 00	1 00	75

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b> <i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.</i>			
1c. ultramarine	\$ 90	\$ 3	\$ 2
2c. brown	1 00	3	2
2c. bark brown	1 00	3	2
3c. green	40	1	1
3c. dull pink	1 00	4	3
7c. orange-vermilion	4 50	40	25
10c. brown	2 50	5	2
12c. blackish violet	7 50	30	20
15c. yellow-orange	7 50	50	20
30c. gray-black	5 00	40	20
90c. rose-carmine	5 00	1 00	90
<b>1875.</b>			
2c. vermilion	80	3	2
5c. blue (Taylor)	1 50	8	5
<i>Printed by the American Bank Note Co.</i>			
<b>1879.</b> Soft Porous Paper.			
1c. blue	80	4	2
2c. vermilion	20	1	1
3c. green	25	1	1
5c. blue	80	3	2
6c. pink	1 20	3	2
10c. yellow-brown (National Plate)	2 00	5	3
10c. brown (Continental Plate)	2 00	3	2
15c. red-orange	40	12	8
30c. full black	1 60	6	4
90c. carmine	5 50	70	50
<b>1882.</b>			
5c. brown (Garfield)	40	2	1
1c. gray-blue, re-engraved	8	1	...
3c. green, re-engraved	12	1	...
6c. rose, re-engraved	1 50	6	3
10c. brown, re-engraved	20	1	...
10c. black-brown, re-engraved	5 00	20	11
<b>1883.</b>			
2c. red-brown (Washington)	6	1	...
4c. blue green (Jackson)	10	2	1
<b>1887.</b>			
2c. green	6	1	...
3c. vermilion	10	8	4
New Design.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	5	1	...
<b>1888.</b> Same as 1872-83 issue.			
4c. carmine	10	2	1
5c. indigo	40	2	...
30c. orange-brown	55	25	18
90c. purple	1 75	75	60
<b>1890-93.</b> New design, stamps smaller.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	2	1	...
2c. lake (Washington)	40	4	3
2c. carmine	5	1	...
3c. purple (Jackson)	6	2	2
4c. dark brown (Lincoln)	8	1	...
5c. chocolate (Grant)	9	1	...
5c. yellow-brown	10	1	...
6c. brown-red (Garfield)	10	3	2
8c. lilac (Sherman)	12	2	...
10c. green (Webster)	15	1	...
15c. indigo (Clay)	22	5	3
30c. black (Jefferson)	40	6	4
90c. orange (Perry)	1 15	40	30
<b>1893.</b> Columbian Issue.			
1c. deep blue	2	1	...
2c. violet	3	1	...
3c. green	6	4	2
4c. ultramarine	7	2	1
5c. chocolate	8	3	2
6c. purple	10	5	4
8c. magenta	12	3	2
10c. black-brown	16	3	2
15c. dark green	20	16	14
30c. orange-brown	45	25	20
50c. slate-blue	60	45	40
\$1 salmon	2 25	2 00	...
\$2 brown-red	2 00	1 50	...
\$3 yellow-green	3 00	...	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
\$4 crimson-lake	\$ 4 00	...	...
\$5 black	5 00	...	...
<b>1894.</b> Same as 1890-3 issue, with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles.			
1c. pale ultramarine	8	2	...
<b>1895.</b> Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S. repeated in horizontal rows. All values are found imperforate.			
1c. blue	2	1	...
2c. carmine, triangle III	3	1	...
3c. purple	5	1	...
4c. dark brown	5	1	...
5c. chocolate	6	1	...
6c. dark brown	7	2	...
8c. puce	9	2	...
10c. dark green	12	1	...
15c. dark blue	17	3	...
50c. orange	55	10	7
\$1 black	1 10	30	20
\$2 sapphire	2 20	1 50	...
\$5 dark green	5 50	1 50	...
<b>1898.</b> Omaha Series.			
1c. green	2	1	...
2c. copper-red	3	1	...
4c. orange	6	3	...
5c. blue	7	4	...
8c. violet-brown	12	5	4
10c. gray-violet	15	5	4
50c. sage-green	60	35	25
\$1 black	1 15	85	...
\$2 orange-brown	2 30	2 00	...
<b>1898-09.</b> Same as 1895 series.			
1c. green	1	1	...
4c. lilac-brown	5	2	...
6c. lilac-brown	7	2	...
10c. yellow-brown	12	2	...
15c. olive	17	3	...

**Official Stamps.**

All, except Post Office, same Designs as General Issues, with name of Department above.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b> <i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard paper. Perf.</i>			
AGRICULTURE.			
1c. yellow	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$1 50
2c. "	75	70	50
3c. "	25	20	15
6c. "	50	50	25
10c. "	4 50	4 00	3 00
12c. "	6 00	5 50	3 00
15c. "	2 75	2 50	1 50
24c. "	4 00	3 00	2 00
30c. "	4 00	3 25	2 50
EXECUTIVE.			
1c. carmine	7 00	7 00	4 00
2c. "	7 00	7 00	4 00
3c. "	4 00	4 00	3 00
6c. "	13 00	13 00	8 00
10c. "	9 00	9 00	6 00
INTERIOR.			
1c. vermilion	20	20	15
2c. "	7	6	4
3c. "	20	7	5
6c. "	40	4	3
10c. "	40	40	25
12c. "	40	35	20
15c. "	60	40	25
24c. "	75	50	35
30c. "	75	60	35
90c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
JUSTICE.			
1c. purple	1 25	1 00	80
2c. purple	2 50	\$2 50	\$1 70
3c. "	1 50	60	30

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
6c. purple	1 75	75	60
10c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
12c. "	2 50	1 75	1 00
15c. "	6 00	4 00	3 00
24c. "	15 00	13 00	7 50
30c. "	18 00	15 00	10 00
90c. "	25 00	25 00	15 00
3c. bluish purple	1 50	1 00	75
6c. bluish purple	3 00	2 00	...

NAVY.

1c. ultramarine	90	90	65
2c. "	40	40	20
3c. "	30	15	10
6c. "	40	35	20
7c. "	12 00	8 00	5 00
10c. "	2 00	1 50	1 00
12c. "	1 25	1 00	80
15c. "	2 25	2 00	1 25
24c. "	5 00	3 50	1 50
30c. "	4 00	2 00	1 50
90c. "	12 00	8 00	5 50

POST OFFICE.

Figure of value in Oval. White Paper.

1c. black	30	30	20
2c. "	20	20	12
3c. "	5	1	...
6c. "	18	10	8
10c. "	1 35	1 35	1 00
12c. "	75	65	40
15c. "	80	75	60
24c. "	80	75	60
30c. "	80	75	50
90c. "	2 00	1 75	1 00

STATE.

1c. dark green	2 00	1 75	1 25
2c. "	4 00	3 75	3 00
3c. "	2 00	2 00	1 00
6c. "	1 50	1 50	1 00
7c. "	2 50	2 25	1 50
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
12c. "	3 00	2 75	2 00
15c. "	3 50	3 00	2 00
24c. "	7 50	7 00	4 00
30c. "	6 00	5 50	3 25
90c. "	11 00	10 00	7 50
3c. bright green	60	60	40
6c. "	60	60	40
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
\$2.00 black and green	20 00	20 00	15 00

TREASURY.

1c. brown	1 00	12	10
2c. "	25	10	6
3c. "	10	3	2
6c. "	20	7	5
7c. "	2 00	1 25	1 00
10c. "	40	18	10
12c. "	40	15	7
15c. "	30	20	12
24c. "	10 00	3 50	2 00
30c. "	40	20	12
90c. "	1 75	55	40

WAR.

1c. rose-red	40	5	3
2c. "	40	6	4
3c. "	...	2	...
6c. "	...	4	...
7c. "	2 00	2 00	1 25
10c. "	75	25	15
12c. "	75	25	15
15c. "	20	18	10
24c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	40	40	25
90c. "	75	75	50

1879. Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

INTERIOR.

1c. vermilion	1 00	1 00	...
2c. "	6	2	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
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INTERIOR.

3c. vermilion	4	2	...
6c. "	6	4	...
10c. "	1 05	75	50
12c. "	2 00	1 50	75

JUSTICE.

3c. bluish purple	50	50	...
6c. bluish purple	1 25	1 00	...

TREASURY.

3c. brown	8	2	...
6c. "	15	8	5
10c. "	40	20	10
30c. "	2 00	75	50
90c. "	4 00	75	40

WAR.

1c. rose-red	3	3	2
2c. "	3	3	...
3c. "	2	2	...
6c. "	3	3	...
10c. "	20	20	15
12c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	18	16	10

Carrier Stamps.

1851. blue on rose (Franklin) reprint	25	...	...
1c. blue (Eagle)	50	1 50	1 00

Special Delivery Stamps.

1885-94. 10c. blue	18	10	6
10c. blue ("at any office")	18	5	3
10c. orange	13	5	3

1895.

Watermarked U. S. P. S.

10c. blue	12	2	...
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Newspaper Stamps.

1865. Colored Border. 5c. dark blue (Washington)	12 50	...	...
10c. blue-green (Franklin)	3 75	...	...
25c. carmine-red (Lincoln)	3 75	...	...

White Border.

5c. dark blue	1 75	...	...
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1875.

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard Paper.

INDIAN.

1875. 2c. black	35	35	20
3c. "	50	40	...
4c. "	50	50	20
6c. "	1 75	75	...
8c. "	1 75	...	...
9c. "	8 75	...	...
10c. "	75	75	...

JUSTICE.

12c. rose	1 75	1 00	...
24c. "	1 50	1 20	...
36c. "	1 75	2 00	...
48c. "	8 00	...	...
60c. "	6 00	...	...

1879.

Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

	Unused		
2c. black	20	...	...
3c. "	40	...	...
4c. "	30	...	...
6c. "	75	...	...
8c. "	75	...	...
10c. "	25	...	...
12c. red	1 50	...	...
24c. "	1 50	...	...
36c. "	1 50	...	...



	Unused	Used
48c. red	4 00	...
60c. "	3 00	...
72c. "	7 00	...
84c. "	8 00	...
96c. "	7 00	...
51 92 brown	4 00	3 00
3 00 vermilion	5 00	4 00
6 00 blue	7 00	6 00

1885. *Same as above.*

1c. black	15	...
12c. carmine	60	...
24c. "	60	...
36c. "	1 00	...
48c. "	1 50	...
60c. "	1 50	...
72c. "	3 00	...
84c. "	3 00	...
96c. "	2 75	...

1895. *Similar designs to preceding but smaller in size. Watermarked U. S. P. S.*

1c. black	04	...
2c. "	08	...
5c. "	12	...
10c. "	20	...
25c. carmine	50	...
50c. "	1 00	...
52 00 scarlet	1 00	...

Above together with \$5.00 blue, \$10.00 green, \$20.00 slate, \$50.00 carmine and \$100.00 purple as sold by U. S. Government—\$5.00 net.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

1879. *Figure of Value in Oval. Printed by the American Bank Note Co.*

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. yellow-brown	25	10	5
2c. "	25	10	5
3c. "	35	8	5
5c. "	60	30	20
10c. "	80	20	15
1c. brown	8	4	2
2c. "	10	6	3
3c. "	15	10	5
5c. "	20	10	7
10c. "	35	10	5
30c. "	60	40	30
50c. "	4 00	60	30

1889.

1c. red-brown	10	3	2
2c. "	8	2	1
3c. "	1 50	60	...
5c. "	30	10	8
10c. "	50	5	4
30c. "	60	60	40
50c. "	2 00	1 25	75

1891-93.

1c. bright claret	4	3	1
2c. "	4	2	1
3c. "	10	5	3
5c. "	10	8	5
10c. "	20	5	3
30c. "	60	40	30
50c. "	1 00	75	50

1894. *Figure of value in lozenge shaped frame.*

1c. deep claret	3	...	...
2c. "	5	...	...
30c. "	...	35	25

1895. *Same. Watermarked U. S. P. S.*

1c. deep claret	2	1	...
2c. "	4	1	...
3c. "	6	4	...
5c. "	10	4	...
10c. "	15	3	...
30c. "	50	30	20
50c. "	80	50	25

**Revenue Stamps.**

DOCUMENTARY.

*First issue. Head of Washington in oval. Various borders.*

	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
1c. Express red	50	25	03
1c. Playing Cards red	10 00	1 50	1 75
1c. Proprietary red	7 00	75	03
1c. Telegraph red	6 00	...	08
2c. Bank Check blue	03	05	01
2c. Bank Check orange	...	...	01
2c. Certificate blue	10	...	40
2c. Certificate orange	...	...	30
2c. Express blue	13	50	02
2c. Express orange	...	...	04
2c. Playing Cards blue	4 00	...	15
2c. Playing Cards orange	...	...	30
2c. Proprietary blue	4 00	1 00	04
2c. Proprietary orange	...	...	70
2c. U. S. I. R. orange	...	...	01
3c. Foreign Exchange green	...	...	04
3c. Playing Cards green	...	...	4 50
3c. Proprietary green	...	...	06
3c. Telegraph green	75	15	18
4c. Inland Exchange brown	...	...	03
4c. Playing Cards violet	...	...	6 50
4c. Proprietary violet	...	1 50	10
5c. Agreement red	...	...	02
5c. Certificate red	15	10	01
5c. Express red	25	10	04
5c. Foreign Exchange red	...	...	03
5c. Inland Exchange red	10	6	01
5c. Playing Cards red	...	...	60
5c. Proprietary red	...	...	70
6c. Inland Exchange orange	...	...	10
6c. Proprietary orange	...	...	45 00
10c. Bill of Lading blue	50	1 75	03
10c. Certificate blue	2 50	1 00	01
10c. Contract blue	...	70	01
10c. Foreign Exchange blue	...	...	35
10c. Inland Exchange blue	3 00	10	01
10c. Power of Attorney blue	...	30	01
10c. Proprietary	...	...	90
15c. Foreign Exch. brown	...	...	35
15c. Inland Exchange brown	70	15	02
20c. Foreign Exchange red	75	...	60
20c. Inland Exchange red	15	07	01
25c. Bond red	3 00	30	01
25c. Certificate red	25	10	01
25c. Entry of Goods red	12	70	06
25c. Insurance red	08	15	01
25c. Life Insurance red	70	1 00	15
25c. Power of Attorney red	15	1 70	02
25c. Protest red	55	1 70	18
25c. Warehouse Rec. red	70	70	40
30c. Foreign Exchange lilac	75	...	1 00
30c. Inland Exchange lilac	40	50	04
40c. Inland Exchange brown	4 00	20	04
50c. Conveyance blue	1 00	15	01
50c. Entry of Goods blue	...	1 25	01
50c. Foreign Exchange blue	80	50	30
50c. Lease blue	80	3 00	25
50c. Life Insurance blue	1 75	3 00	03
50c. Mortgage blue	80	70	02
50c. Original Process blue	20	...	01
50c. Passage Ticket blue	3 00	1 75	10
50c. Prob. of Will blue	1 30	3 00	50
50c. Surety Bond blue	4 00	50	04
60c. Inland-Exchange orange	85	60	08
70c. Foreign Exchange green	2 50	60	06
\$1 00 Conveyance red	20	...	10
1 00 Entry of Goods red	50	...	03
1 00 Foreign Exchange red	50	...	01
1 00 Inland Exchange red	10	3 00	01
1 00 Lease red	1 30	...	05
1 00 Life Insurance red	2 00	...	10
1 00 Manifest red	1 00	...	40
1 00 Mortgage red	70	...	2 00
1 00 Passage Ticket red	6 00	...	4 50
1 00 Power of Attorney red	65	...	04
1 00 Probate of Will red	1 00	...	90
1 30 Foreign Exch. orange	...	...	60
1 50 Inland Exchange blue	20	...	10
1 60 Foreign Exch. green	7 00	...	1 25
1 90 Foreign Exch. mauve	...	...	70
2 00 Conveyance red	1 50	10 00	08



	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
2 00	Mortgage red	1 50	10
2 00	Probate of Will red	...	65
2 50	Inland Exchange violet	...	06
3 00	Charter Party green	80	08
3 00	Manifest green	1 00	08
3 50	Inland Exchange blue	30 00	1 00
5 00	Charter Party red	2 00	10
5 00	Conveyance red	1 00	10
5 00	Manifest red	2 00	1 75
5 00	Mortgage red	2 00	50
5 00	Probate of Will red	7 50	50
10 00	Charter Party green	6 00	70
10 00	Conveyance green	2 75	1 30
10 00	Mortgage green	3 30	75
10 00	Probate of Will green	11 00	70
15 00	Mortgage blue	18 00	5 00
20 00	Conveyance orange	1 35	1 00
20 00	Probate of Will orange	50 00	25 00
25 00	Mortgage red	20 00	3 00
50 00	U. S. I. R. green	6 00	2 00
200 00	U. S. I. R. green and red	30 00	14 00

Second Issue. Head of Washington in oval; small rectangle. Perforated.

1c. blue and black	\$ 50
2c. " "	02
3c. " "	20
4c. " "	40
5c. " "	06
6c. " "	1 50
10c. " "	02
15c. " "	25
20c. " "	10

Head of Washington in circle. Same shape as same values of first issue.

25c. blue and black	01
30c. " "	50
40c. " "	40
50c. " "	02
60c. " "	50
70c. " "	45
\$ 1 00 " "	18
1 30 " "	4 00
1 50 " "	20
1 60 " "	10 00
1 90 " "	2 50
2 00 " "	40
2 50 " "	20
3 00 " "	1 00
3 50 " "	3 50
5 00 " "	50
10 00 " "	2 00
20 00 " "	12 00
25 00 " "	15 00
50 00 " "	8 00
200 00 blue, black and red	100 00

Third Issue. Same as previous issues. Perforated.

1c. black and claret	\$ 1 00
2c. " orange	01
4c. " brown	70
5c. " orange	04
6c. " orange	70
15c. " brown	25
30c. " orange	20
40c. " brown	50
60c. " orange	50
70c. " green	40
\$1 00 black and green	05
2 00 " vermilion	35
2 50 " claret	35
3 00 " green	1 00
5 00 " vermilion	50
10 00 " green	2 00
20 00 " orange	12 00

Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange	2 50
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Fourth Issue. Perforated.

2c. black and orange (green)	01
Inverted Medallion.	
2c. black and orange (green)	3 00

Fifth Issue. Profile of Liberty.

	Silk.	Wmk.	Reul.
2c. blue	01	01	18

Sixth Issue. Playing Cards. Rouletted.

Inscribed, "On Hand, Aug. 1894."			
2c. lake			06
Inscribed, "Act of Aug. 1894."			
2c. ultramarine			10
Wmk'd U. S. I. R.			
2c. ultramarine			04

1898. Postage Stamps of 1895 issue surcharged.

1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in small sans serif capitals	10	10
1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in large Roman capitals	03	01
a, surcharge inverted	1 50	1 50
2c. carmine, blue surcharge	04	01
a, surcharge inverted	25	20

Periodical Stamps, surcharged: Int. Rev. \$5.00 Documentary.

a Surcharged from bottom to top.		
b Surcharged from top to bottom.		
\$5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (a)	7 00	3 00
5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (b)	7 00	...

Wmk'd U. S. I. R., rouletted 5%.

1/2c. orange (battleship)	10	05
1/2c. gray-brown	01	01
1c. pale blue	02	01
2c. rose	03	01
3c. dark ultramarine	04	02
4c. pale rose	05	02
5c. lilac	06	01
10c. dark brown	...	01
25c. purple-brown	...	02
50c. slate-violet	...	03
\$ 1 00 yellow-green (Commerce)	...	02
3 00 brown-lilac	...	12
5 00 red	...	20
10 00 black	...	1 00
40c. lilac	...	05
80c. bistre	...	12

Proprietary Stamps.

1871-75. Head of Washington in oval. Perf.

	Violet p	Green p
1c. black and green	05	05
2c. " "	05	05
3c. " "	25	25
4c. " "	08	08
5c. " "	2 00	3 00
6c. " "	85	85
10c. " "	5 00	1 25
50c. " "	15 00	20 00
\$1 00 " "	75 00	100 00
5 00 " "	from \$200 to	325 00

according to condition.

1878 Issue.

	Silk	Wmk.	Reul.
1c. green	03	02	1 00
2c. brown	03	02	3 30
3c. orange	04	06	2 00
4c. red	...	03	3 50
4c. red-brown	05	05	3 00
5c. black	2 00	1 50	35 00
6c. blue	70	40	4 00
6c. violet	...	1 00	7 00
10c. blue	...	10 00	7 00

1898 Issue. Roul.

	New	Used
1/2c. yellow-green (battle ship)	01	01
1/2c. pale-brown	01	01
3/8c. deep orange	02	01
3/8c. deep ultramarine	02	01
1 c. dark green	02	02
1 1/2c. dark purple	03	02
1 1/2c. brown-violet	08	08
2 c. violet-brown	03	01
2 1/2c. lake	04	03
4 c. purple	05	05
5 c. chestnut-brown	06	05
1 3/4c. light blue	03	03
3 3/4c. slate	05	05

The prices on the list of United States postage and revenue stamps that precede this page are all below the current quotations and are very cheap. *Net cash* in all cases, whether to collectors or dealers. Where \$50.00 or upwards is purchased at one time some concession will be allowed but it will depend altogether upon the list wanted and same must be submitted with the inquiry.

**U. S. Private Proprietary Stamps.**

We do not stock private proprietary match and medicine stamps of either the old or new issues. Such as are on hand, we will supply at 25% discount from current catalogue quotations.

We often buy collections containing these stamps and when we have lots to justify we will submit selections on approval upon request.

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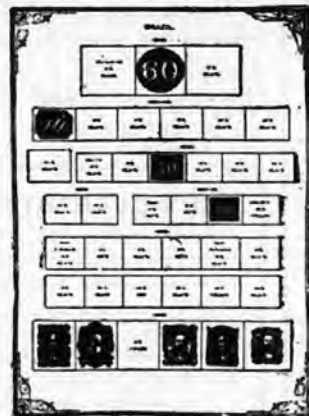
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Our last number contained our *net* prices on all United States postage and revenue stamps.

In the present number we give our *net* prices on all stamps we carry in stock of the new U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico.

We hope our readers will preserve these lists as they are our only price lists.

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The Oil River Protectorate surcharges of the Niger Coast have brought increasingly high prices at the London auction sales. Prices in sales of September 18th and 20th are uniformly above catalogue.

The surcharges in Sans Serif type show the greatest advance. For instance the  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. in violet on 2 p. Scott's No. 28 priced \$8.50, sold in pair for £6 (\$30). Nos. 31 and 32  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. in Sans Serif type on the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  p. catalogued \$12.00, also brought (£6) \$30.00 per pair. These were bought by dealers to sell again at an advance.

The Niger's are among the rarest of all British Colonial provisionals, very few of them are priced at all in Gibbons' last catalogue, and the prices in Scott's were evidently copied from Gibbons' old catalogue and are not any indication of their present value.

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Send us 58 cents and we will book your order for the new complete catalogue (60th Edition), it will be ready soon. All orders booked in advance will be shipped out the day of issue.

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It is said that the collection of Mr. Paul Mirabaud, which went so far towards making the recent Paris Philatelic Exhibition a success, ranks as one of the six finest collections in the world.

Mr. Mirabaud was associated with Baron A. de Reutherskiöld in the production of the greatest stamp book ever published, *The Postage Stamps of Switzerland*. The following observations from the preface of that book about stamp collecting may be interesting:

## On the Subject of Stamp Collecting.

A few years after the appearance of the first stamps, there were persons who found a pleasure in collecting and classifying these many-coloured labels; and the occupation proved so attractive that it was not long before this kind of collecting came much into vogue.

Not only is a feeling of curiosity gratified by the inspection of such varied subjects as are presented by the stamps of different countries; not only is an artistic interest awakened in us by a gallery of these little pictures, drawn, generally, by the best artists; but the study of postage stamps is connected with a thousand other studies; it demands very varied knowledge; and those who have had no experience in the subject, cannot well imagine how much is to be learnt by handling and arranging these scraps of paper.

Competent writers have often defended stamp collecting against unjust attacks, and shown that there is nothing puerile about it, as is too generally thought.

A younger sister of Numismatics, Philately presents numerous points of resemblance to that science. Although less durable than coins, owing to their fragility and the comparative worthlessness of the substance of which they are made, postage stamps resemble coins in most other respects. Like them, they teach us the history of each nation by revealing to us, through the changes in the effigies or legends they bear, the succession of the different Sovereigns, and the political vicissitudes of all the states of the globe. As Dr. Legrand aptly remarks, they even sometimes retain the trace of events which are too fugitive to allow time to be spent in recording them in bronze or silver; and one may see that in certain countries pretenders to power have printed postage stamps before they have been able to assume authority and coin money.

There is no reason why the Philatelist should not be something of a philosopher while pursuing his study. The mere inspection of a postage stamp often suffices to indicate the character of a people or a government. Thus, a more or less advanced state



of civilization will be shown by a greater or less degree of perfection in the artistic work. Republics are easily recognised by their symbolic devices, or by portraits of their great men; and monarchies by effigies of their sovereigns, or by the arms of reigning families. It can even sometimes be surmised by these latter badges what is the extent of the royal power in a country. Where monarchies are constitutional, a reproduction of the features of the king or queen is generally displayed on the stamps, as in Great Britain, Belgium, and Spain; while with nations which have preserved absolute power, or have remained more deeply attached to monarchical institutions, there is a repugnance to subjecting the august effigy of the sovereign to be marred and smudged in the postoffice, as is seen in Russia and different German states. It was on this account that the late King of Naples would only allow his portrait to appear on stamps on condition that the obliterating mark should not deface his features.

Geography, like history, is closely bound up with the study of postage stamps, necessitating the acquisition of much information upon the subject which would otherwise be neglected. The smallest countries have their place marked in the collector's album; and there are certain colonies, and certain little republics, whose position, whose name even, the collector would be ignorant of, if he did not see with his own eyes the stamps they have issued.

Moreover, not only must the stamp collector know the geographical position of the different nations; he must also familiarise himself with their institutions and learn somewhat of their languages; he must master their mode of reckoning, and learn their monetary system and their weights and measures.

Where countries use the European languages, it is not very difficult to read and understand the inscriptions upon their stamps, but it is not the same when we come to Eastern lands. The alphabets themselves require serious study; and those for whom the stamps of Asia have no secrets may be regarded as really learned men.

Nor will it suffice that the Philatelist be equipped with a knowledge of history, geography and languages. To these must be added heraldry, if he would find his way through the maze of devices which enter into the composition of the armorial bearings with which stamps are so frequently adorned. He must also possess some technical information about the raw materials employed in making stamps and the way they are used. The collector must be able to guard carefully against the imitations which are offered to him; and this he can only do by gaining an exact knowledge of the elements which go to make up a genuine stamp.

To this end, an examination of the design and inscriptions is not sufficient. He must also be able to distinguish between the different kinds of engraving and printing.

He will know, for instance, that in copper-plate engraving where the drawings are traced by incisions made on a sheet of metal by an engraver, or by aqua-fortis, the ink that has sunk into the hollows is deposited in relief on the paper, heavy pressure having been applied to this paper by means of a roller; and he will not confuse the result thus obtained with

that produced by relief engraving. In the latter method, the parts only of the plate on which the engraving is made are spared by the engraver, and thus they alone remain in relief. These reliefs, charged with greasy ink, are conveyed to the paper, all the other parts of the plate being hollowed out. The result is that, when pressure is applied, the portions of the paper destined to remain a white, penetrate into the hollows and form, on the reverse side, a sort of embossing.

Lastly, he will recognise the effects of lithographic printing. In this case, the subject having been drawn upon a special stone with a pencil or lithographic ink, and fixed by means of an acid, there is no relief, and the design, which is reproduced on the paper, gives it a somewhat glossy appearance, resulting from the pressure between the smooth surfaces of the stone and the roller.

As postage stamps vary in different countries, their history is necessarily made up of a series of monographs devoted to each nation. The official texts relative to the issues made by a government, and which constitute, so to speak, the civil status of each stamp; the detailed description of the design with its motto; the particulars concerning the artists commissioned to produce the different types of stamps; the mode of manufacture chosen for carrying out the artists' designs; the paper on which the stamps have been printed; the colors that have been applied to them, such are the principal divisions of the plan that may be traced for such a monograph, to which should be added the examination of certain accessory points, such as the re-impressions that may have been executed, or the obliterations that have been employed at the post-office to cancel the stamps.

And it was from the introduction to such a work on the stamps of Switzerland that we have taken the above essay on "Stamp Collecting." It is worthy of consideration, and shows that stamp collecting may be adopted as an educator, a hobby or as a means of recreation even by men of the highest intellectual attainments.

#### ----- Confederate Envelopes.

It has been known for years that the Confederate postmasters sold envelopes bearing various indications of prepayment in lieu of stamps, at times when stamps were unobtainable during the Civil War 1861-1863.

The same impressions, signifying payment, were often applied to letters after they were mailed, they are found on folded letters and envelopes that were not sold. These "Hand Stamped" envelopes have been collected by some who recognized their interesting character for years. They have gradually been worked into the Scott catalogue with the regular Confederate postmasters' stamps. We think it is time to separate the lists, the envelopes have a certain interest of their own but they will not appeal to one collector in a thousand that the adhesive stamps interest. Then, too, the list is only started, many more exist that are as justly entitled to classification as the particular ones given in that catalogue.

The following is one that but recently came to our notice:



## An Interesting Confederate.



The above envelope was issued by the Nashville postmaster as a 10 cents stamped envelope, improvised from the regular postmark with the word PAID and "10" added in place of the date, struck in blue on an ordinary buff envelope.

The one we have seen was curiously enough apparently not used from Nashville at all, but was posted in N. C. to another point in the same state, and the stamped impression was covered by two regular Confederate postage stamps.

At that period envelopes were very scarce and very often made to do service two or three times, by erasing or turning inside out. If this envelope had been used from Nashville the address had been removed, and the second time it was used Confederate stamps covered the Nashville stamp. Or, it may have been bought in Nashville and not used at the time. Later, when the owner needed an envelope he was in a place where Confederate stamps were available and the Nashville was not. The Nashville stamp is slightly larger than the adhesive stamps and that is the way it came to be discovered. The whole thing is an interesting postal relic of those times.

## High Value Victoria Stamps.

Collectors who are desirous of obtaining a complete set of the current issues of Victoria  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. to £100, lightly cancelled, may do so by sending us \$32.50 immediately. We shall have to send to Victoria for them, but can guarantee good specimens. The stamps are furnished through an official source and the cash must be sent in advance.

To obtain lightly cancelled copies of the £10, £25, £50 and £100 stamps as well as all the others will be hailed with delight by those who want to see those unsightly album spaces filled in Victoria.

Only orders that are paid in advance will be accepted. In accepting same we guarantee to deliver the stamps or refund the money.

The set may be furnished unused with the word "Specimen," or lightly postmarked without the word as preferred.

## Stamps Active in Australia.

The Sydney Philatelic Club showed their enterprise and enthusiasm by giving an exhibition last September in the Y. M. C. A. hall at Sydney, New South Wales.

It was given under the patronage of the Governor, Earl Beauchamp, and Sir Frederick Darley, the

Lieut. Governor of the Colony, and there were twenty-five exhibitors. The Sydney stamp society has sixty-seven members, of which six are ladies. It has been organized ten years.

## British East Africa.

Mr. John N. Luff has an article on "The Stamps of the British East Africa and Zanzibar Protectorates" in the October number of the *American Journal of Philately*. In commenting on the stamps of British India surcharged "British—East—Africa" in three lines in black, he says:

"On the 2, 3, and 5 rupees the surcharge is larger than on the lower values. These denominations are also known with the smaller surcharges but are not believed to have been issued for postal purposes. I have not learned why, or at what date, the stamps with the smaller surcharges were made."

The 59th edition catalogue and the advance sheets of the 60th edition, are incomplete, in that these varieties are omitted from both of them.

The Gibbons' catalogue says, "The 2, 3, and 5r. are surcharged in larger type than the lower values, but they are also known with the smaller surcharge; but these last were—as far as we know—not issued for postal purposes."

The facts in regard to these stamps could easily be established. The stamps were undoubtedly "issued for postal purposes," if their sale at face value by proper authority, and their availability for postage would constitute such a thing. As to whether they were cornered, or bought up, or even instigated by interested parties, is another question. If any of these reasons should eliminate them from the catalogues, there are lots of other stamps that should go with them, that now hold places of honor.

The stamps in question were issued, bought up and sent to London for sale, the covers that carried them to London from Africa were prepaid by the identical varieties that were inside, and we have seen same and know that they passed the post.

The dealer who handled the stamps did not publish a catalogue, and did not accept the offer of the dealer who did, and this he states is the reason they are not listed, and the only one.

It is a fact that all our so-called standard catalogues are simply trade lists, and standard in no sense. The publishers may recognize what suits them, and ignore what it is their interest to treat in that fashion.

This is a short-sighted policy, but many instances could be cited in the catalogues of our own country and of Europe. Speed the day of a true Standard Stamp Catalogue.

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# PRICES OF STAMPS OF UNITED STATES COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

Many collectors who have heretofore confined their collections to the issues of the United States, have widened the scope of their collecting so as to include CUBA, GUAM, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and PORTO RICO, consequently many of the stamps of these places have become very scarce. We give a list of those that we can supply readily.

The scarce kinds are most always in stock and can be furnished at market value.

## CUBA.

### (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.



ISABELLA

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence. The island is very



ALPHONSO

rich in natural resources. Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.



BABY KING

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors, and are being



BOY KING

added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (‡).

	Net Price each
<b>1855-57 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. On unwatermarked paper.	
½ r. p. blue.....	02
1 r. p. green.....	04
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.	
¼ r. p. black.....	06
¼ r. p. black on buff.....	85
½ r. p. green.....	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon.....	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.	
10c. blue.....	02
20c. green.....	04
40c. rose.....	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac,	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.	
5c. lilac.....	12
10c. blue.....	08
20c. green.....	12
40c. rose.....	20
Above set of four stamps.....	50
<b>1870 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.	
10c. green.....	06
20c. brown.....	04

<b>1871 Issue.</b> Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.	Net Price each
12c. brown lilac.....	19
25c. blue.....	02
50c. green.....	05
1 peseta, brown (‡).....	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.	
12½c. green.....	25
25c. gray lilac.....	04
50c. brown.....	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.	
12½c. brown.....	23
25c. blue.....	02
50c. red purple.....	08
50c. gray.....	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> Arms of Spain, date in label at top.	
12½c. light purple.....	06
25c. blue.....	01
50c. green.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	20
Above set of four stamps.....	25
<b>1876 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.	
12½c. green.....	06
25c. gray lilac.....	02
50c. blue.....	02
1 peseta, black.....	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.	
12½c. gray.....	08
25c. green.....	02
50c. black.....	02
<b>1878 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. blue.....	02
12½c. brown.....	06
25c. light green.....	01
50c. dark green.....	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta,	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. black.....	02
25c. blue.....	02
50c. gray.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.	
5c. green.....	02
12½c. lilac.....	05
25c. blue.....	02
50c. brown.....	02
1 peseta, bistre.....	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> Same type as above, change of date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. rose.....	75
5c. blue.....	02
10c. red brown.....	02
20c. brown.....	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green.....	05
2c. red.....	07
2½c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
10c. bistre.....	03
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	15
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges), 3 stamps,	75

1884 Issue. Same type as 1882 issue, change of colors.	Net Price each
2½c. olive	03
2½c. violet	18
10c. brown	16
20c. olive	20
<b>1888 Issue. Same type.</b>	
2½c. red brown	05
20c. lilac gray	23
<b>1890 Issue. Baby head of Infant King.</b>	
1c. brown (1)	03
2c. slate blue	04
2½c. emerald green	05
5c. olive green	07
20c. dark violet	08
<b>1891 Issue. Same type as above.</b>	
1c. olive green (1)	03
5c. emerald green	02
10c. claret	03
10c. claret (2)	06
<b>1894 Issue. Same type as above.</b>	
1c. violet blue	02
2c. red	03
2½c. lilac	02
20c. brown	09

<b>1896 Issue. Same type as above.</b>	
1c. lilac brown	01
2c. claret	02
2½c. rose	02
5c. slate blue	01
10c. emerald green	02
10c. emerald green (1)	04
20c. violet	11

<b>1898 Issue. Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.</b>	
1, 2, 3, 5m. set of four	10
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos	9 40

**1898-99 Provisionals.** Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.

NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have a few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.

<b>1899 Issue. New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.</b>	
1c. on 1c. yellow green	03
2c. on 2c. red	04
2½c. on 2c. red	05
2½c. on 2c. carmine	25
3c. on 3c. purple	05
5c. on 5c. blue	09
10c. on 10c. light brown	16

<b>1899 Issue (2nd). New and beautiful designs.</b>	
1c. green	02
2c. carmine	04
3c. purple	05
5c. blue	09
10c. brown	15
10c. orange (special delivery)	15

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

<b>1899 Issue. Surcharged on U. S. unpaid letter stamps.</b>	
1, 2, 5, 10c. claret, set of four	75

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

<b>1888 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-Impresos" above, value below.</b>	
½m. black	02
1m. "	04
3m. "	05
<b>1890-96 Issue. Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to right, value below.</b>	
½m. red brown	02
1m. "	02
2m. "	03

	Net Price each
3m. red brown	05
4m. " "	09
8m. " "	14
Set of six stamps	33
½m. violet (1892)	01
1m. " "	02
2m. " "	03
3m. " "	03
4m. " "	05
8m. " "	05
Set of six stamps	18
½m. rose (1894)	01
1m. " "	01
2m. " "	02
3m. " "	02
4m. " "	03
8m. " "	03
Set of six stamps	12
½m. blue green (1896)	01
1m. " "	02
2m. " "	02
3m. " "	04
4m. " "	04
8m. " "	05
Set of six stamps	16

**CUBA PACKETS.**

Forty varieties of Cuban stamps, 1862 to 1899. A bargain, price 30c. Ask for Packet No. 126.

A fine packet of 100 varieties of Cuban stamps, a fine lot, issues 1855 to 1899, price \$3.50. Packet No. 119.

**CUBA APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, when requested. Ask for book No. 16.

We can usually supply a number of the varieties of Cuban stamps not listed above. Buyers may see anything we have on approval, at net prices, upon request.

**GUAM.**

**(OCEANICA.)**

The largest of the Ladrones group of Islands in the Pacific Ocean. The northernmost Australasian group, numbering about twenty.

Guam is also known as Guahan or Guajan, is ninety miles in circumference and has a population of about 5,000. After the Spanish-American war this island was taken by the United States as a naval station. The capital, San Ignacio de Agana, is the headquarters of the Naval Governor.

United States stamps bearing the word "GUAM" surcharged in black are used.

The following stamps are unused copies:

1899 Issue. Current stamps of the United States surcharged "Guam" in black.	Net Price each
1c. green and black	\$ 04
2c. carmine and black	05
3c. purple " "	15
4c. brown " "	10
5c. blue " "	15
6c. maroon " "	25
8c. brown purple " "	1 00
10c. pale brown " "	25
15c. olive green " "	35
50c. orange and " "	1 00
1 00 black	2 00

**FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY.**

10c. blue, surcharged in red	40
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## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

(OCEANICA.)

A group of islands in the north Pacific ocean also known as the Sandwich Islands.

First a native monarchy, later a provisional government, then a republic, is now a territory of the United States annexed in 1899.

The regular stamps of the United States are now current in the islands.

The following stamps are all obsolete, are likely to increase materially in value.

We price such as we have both used and unused.

**1864-75 Issue.** *Various portraits in ovals, with values below and "Hawaii" above.*

	UNUSED.	USED.
1c. violet .....	18	...
2c. vermilion .....	30	25
6c. green .....	40	35
18c. dull rose .....	50	...

**1882 Issue.** *Similar to preceding series.*

1c. blue .....	08	18
2c. lilac rose .....	50	18
5c. ultramarine .....	...	05

**1883-86 Issue.** *Similar, change of colors.*

2c. rose .....	...	03
10c. red brown .....	...	10
10c. vermilion .....	90	...

**1889-91 Issue.** *Similar to preceding issues.*

2c. violet .....	08	03
5c. black blue .....	90	...

**1893 Issue.** *Regular issues of 1864 to 1886 surcharged in three lines "Provisional—Gov't.—1893."*

1c. violet .....	18	...
1c. blue .....	18	...
1c. green .....	03	...
2c. brown .....	25	...
2c. rose .....	10	08
2c. violet .....	05	...
5c. black blue .....	25	...
5c. ultramarine .....	10	08
6c. green .....	25	...
10c. black .....	30	...
10c. vermilion .....	35	...
10c. red brown .....	25	...
12c. black .....	30	...
15c. brown .....	55	...
25c. purple .....	95	...

**1894 Issue.** *New designs, Arms on 1c., View of Harbor on 2c., Statue on 5c., Star on 10c., Steamer on 12c., Pres. Dole on 25c.*

1c. yellow .....	03	03
2c. brown .....	06	03
5c. rose .....	09	03
10c. green .....	18	12
25c. blue .....	45	...

**1899 Issue.** *Same designs, change of colors.*

1c. dark green .....	03	03
2c. carmine rose .....	04	03
5c. dark blue .....	09	03

## ENVELOPE STAMPS.

**1893 Issue.** *Fine view of Harbor, surcharged "Provisional Gov't.—1893" in two lines, cut with large margins.*

1c. green and red .....	18	...
2c. rose and black .....	18	...
5c. blue and red .....	18	...
10c. black and red .....	40	...
Above four envelopes sent entire and unused .....	1 00	...

## HAWAIIAN PACKET.

A choice packet of 20 Hawaiian stamps, including both used and unused, but all different. Price \$1.25. Packet No. 135.

## HAWAIIAN APPROVAL BOOKS.

A book containing most of the varieties priced in above list at the net prices quoted will be sent on approval upon request of responsible parties who are likely to buy liberally. (This is too scarce a book to send to petty buyers.) Ask for book No. 22.

Varieties of the rarer Hawaiian Island stamps are often in stock. Selections of varieties other than those priced above will be submitted on approval at net prices to buyers, upon request.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

(ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

Having been discovered by Magalhaes in 1521, settlement commencing in 1565.

The group was named after Philip II of Spain.

The chief products are manila hemp, tobacco, sugar, cocoa and rice.

The nominal religion is Roman Catholic.

The sovereignty passed from Spain to the United States when the peace treaty was signed. The form of government that will finally be established by the United States has not been settled. It is now controlled by the military authorities, under a governor. A revolution that was in progress when the United States acquired the group, led by Aguinaldo, a young half breed, who has great ambition and some education, has caused the government some trouble, but the insurgents have been practically crushed, and little remains to establish peace throughout the group.

Education and practical reforms introduced by the most progressive nation in the world will transform these islands into a wonderful territory, as the natural resources are very great.

The issues of stamps from 1854 to 1879 inclusive are all very desirable and have become very scarce through the demand created for them by the many collectors of United States stamps who have recently added the stamps of these islands to their collections.

Such as we have of these older issues will be submitted upon approval at net prices to our customers upon request.

The following stamps are all unused except where indicated as follows (‡), these being cancelled:

<b>1870 Issue.</b> <i>Female head of Liberty, full face, inscribed "Correos" above, value below.</i>	Net Price each
10c. green .....	50
40c. rose (‡) .....	1 50



<b>1872 Issue.</b> <i>Portrait of Amadeus to right, inscribed "Correos" above, "Filipinas" below, value at sides.</i>	<b>Net Price each</b>
12c. rose (†)	45
25c. gray lilac	60
62c. lilac	1 15

<b>1874 Issue.</b> <i>Seated female figure, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.</i>	
12c. gray lilac (†)	30
25c. blue	30
62c. rose (†)	35
1 p. 25c. brown (†)	2 75

<b>1875-76 Issue.</b> <i>Profile of Alphonso to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.</i>	
12c. lilac (†)	20
25c. green (†)	20

<b>1877 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
10c. blue	35

<b>1878 Issue.</b> <i>Same.</i>	
25m. black (†)	08

<b>1880-82 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.</i>	
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ALPHONSO

2c. carmine	02
2½c. brown (†)	05
2½c. ultramarine	08
5c. blue gray	07
6½c. green	12
10c. pale mauve	08
12½c. rose	08
20c. bistre	20
25c. brown	20

<b>1887-89 Issue.</b> <i>Same type as above.</i>	
50m. bistre	08
1c. yellow green	02
1c. dark green	04



BABY KING

<b>1889 Issue.</b> <i>Head of the Baby King of Spain, Alphonso XIII, to right.</i>	
2c. carmine	02
2½c. ultramarine	02
5c. dark blue	20
5c. olive	13
8c. yellow green	10
10c. blue green	25
12½c. yellow green	15
20c. rose	20

<b>1891 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
10c. claret	05
25c. blue	30

<b>1892-93 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
1c. violet	15
2c. violet	03
2½c. olive gray	03
5c. green	05
5c. brown-violet	15
6c. brown-violet	05
8c. ultramarine	15
15c. red-brown	15
20c. gray brown	25

<b>1894 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	
2c. dark brown	05
6c. vermilion	05
8c. red-brown	05
12½c. orange	10
15c. rose	20
20c. violet	15

<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>Same as last.</i>	<b>Net Price each</b>
1c. green	30
2c. blue	02
2c. light brown	10
5c. emerald green	10
6c. carmine	35
10c. light red-brown	05
15c. blue green	18
20c. orange	15

<b>1898 Issue.</b> <i>Head of the Boy King of Spain to the left, "Filipinas 1898y99" above, value below.</i>	
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BOY KING

1m. to 2 pesos, complete series of twenty stamps, unused and fine	7 50
1m. orange brown	02
2m. orange brown	02
3m. orange brown	02
4m. orange brown	25
5m. orange brown	02
1c. black violet (†)	05
2c. blue green	04
3c. dark brown (†)	04
4c. orange	50
15c. slate green	25

<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>"Philippines" surcharged in black on regular United States stamps.</i>	
1c. yellow green	03
2c. red	05
3c. purple	06
5c. blue	09
10c. yellow brown	15
15c. olive	25
50c. orange	75

**POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.**

<b>1899 Issue.</b> <i>"Philippines" surcharged in black on the regular postage due stamps of the United States.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10, 50c. claret, set of five stamps	2 00

**HABILITADO SURCHARGES.**

The following stamps were surcharged for provisional use.

<b>1868-74 Issue.</b>	
6½c. green, rose	40

<b>1881-88 Issue.</b>	
10c. on 2½c. ultramarine, black surcharge	20
1c. on 2½c. ultramarine, red surcharge	10
8c. on 2½c. ultramarine	15
2½c. on ½c. green	10
2½c. on 10c. green	14

<b>1889 Issue.</b>	
2½c. on 1c. green	07
2½c. on 2c. carmine	10
2½c. on 5c. blue	08
2½c. on 50m. bistre	10
2½c. on ½c. green	06
2½c. on 2c. "Telegrafos"	08
2½c. on 2½c. "	08
2½c. on 5c. "	08
2½c. on 10c. green "Telegrafos"	07
2½c. on 20c. lilac	40
5c. on 20c. lilac	2 50
10c. on 20c. lilac	2 50

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

<b>1886 Issue.</b> <i>Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, "Filipinas Impresos" above, value below.</i>	
½c. green	02
1m. rose	03



	Net Price each
2m. blue.....	03
5m. dark brown.....	05
Above set of four stamps.....	10
<b>1890-96 Issue. Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to left, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</b>	
½c. lilac brown.....	02
1m. " ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
¼c. brown (1894).....	01
1m. olive ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
¼c. blue (1896).....	02
1m. blue ".....	02
2m. brown ".....	02
5m. blue green (1896).....	03

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A fine packet of 50 varieties including old and new issues, provisionals, etc., price \$1.50. Packet No. 120.

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Rarer Philippine stamps at net prices will be submitted to buyers on approval upon request.

## PORTO RICO.

### (WEST INDIES.)

An island in the West Indies, which has an area of about 5300 square miles and about eight hundred thousand inhabitants. Discovered by Columbus in 1493, was conquered by the Spaniards mainly by Ponce de Leon 1508-20. In 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War it became a possession of the United States of America, and will no doubt become in due course of time a Territory and finally a State of our Union.

The first stamps used exclusively in Porto Rico, were those of Cuba for 1873 to 1876, with the addition of a script surcharge in black.

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

<b>1876 Issue. Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.</b>	
25c. violet and black.....	25
50c. blue and black.....	50
1 peseta, black.....	95

**1881 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.**



ALPHONSO

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	50
1c. green.....	12
2c. lake.....	22
3c. brown.....	40
<b>1882 Issue. Same type without date.</b>	
½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	13
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. pale green.....	04
3c. orange.....	07
8c. brown (‡).....	08
80c. olive brown.....	90

**1884 Issue. Same as last.**

3c. chocolate.....	05
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**1890 Issue. Type of Baby head of King of Spain.**



BABY KING

½m. black.....	05
2m. violet rose.....	01
2m. violet rose (‡).....	01
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	03
3c. dark blue (‡).....	05

**1891 Issue. Same as last.**

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. set of six stamps.....	12
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	03
1c. light green.....	04
2c. lilac rose (‡).....	01
3c. orange red (‡).....	01
5c. yellow green.....	10
5c. blue green.....	10
5c. blue green (‡).....	03
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	15
10c. violet rose.....	15
20c. mauve.....	30
40c. dark blue.....	70

**1893 Commemorative Issue. A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.**



3c. dark green.....	75
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**1894 Issue. Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.**

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. lilac brown.....	03
3c. olive.....	06
3c. olive (‡).....	02
4c. slate blue.....	05
20c. rose.....	10
40c. red violet.....	25

**1896 Issue. Same as last, new colors.**

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. claret (‡).....	02
1c. claret.....	02
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. ultramarine.....	15
4c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
6c. lilac.....	03
8c. rose.....	05
20c. olive.....	10
40c. orange.....	25

**1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.**

3c. claret brown.....	03
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**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**



BOY KING

1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	30
4m. " (‡).....	25
5m. ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	05
1c. " (‡).....	04
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	60
5c. carmine.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03

	Net Price each
8c. gray brown.....	07
10c. vermilion.....	10
15c. slate green.....	15
20c. maroon.....	20
40c. violet.....	25
60c. black.....	40
80c. red brown.....	50
1, 2, 3, 4, 5m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos, the complete series of twenty stamps, all unused.....	6 00
<b>1898-99 Provisional Issue. Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged in three lines. "Habilitado—para—1898 y 99, in red or violet.</b>	
½m. violet.....	25
1m. lilac brown.....	03
2m. flesh.....	50
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	02
1c. claret.....	03
2c. red brown.....	04
3c. dark blue (†).....	35
3c. claret brown.....	08
4c. brown.....	08
5c. blue.....	08
5c. yellow green.....	12
6c. orange.....	45
6c. lilac.....	08
8c. rose, red surcharge.....	1 75
8c. rose, violet surcharge.....	15
20c. olive.....	20
40c. red violet.....	5 00
40c. salmon.....	45
80c. black.....	1 25
<i>Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Im- puesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but were made available for postage.</i>	
2c. on 2m. flesh.....	03
2c. dark violet.....	15
2c. red brown.....	25
5c. blue green.....	07
5c. on ½m. chocolate.....	18
5c. on 1m. violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue, red surcharge.....	50

**Provisional for Coamo. A  
type set stamp issued by U. S.  
military authority available  
for postage to all countries.  
Unperforated.**



5c. black, types I, II, III, IV, each.....	25 00
Complete sheet of ten types.....	200 00
<b>United States Stamps, surcharged Porto Rico in black.</b>	
1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2c. red (†).....	02
5c. blue.....	08
8c. puce.....	12
10c. brown.....	15
<b>1900 Issue. U. S. stamps surcharged "Puerto Rico" in black.</b>	
1c. yellow green.....	03
2c. red.....	03

**POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.**

<b>1899 Issue. U. S. postage due stamps sur- charged "Porto Rico."</b>	
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps (†).....	50
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps, unused.....	65

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issues; price, \$1.00. Ask for Packet No. 117.

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above stamps, priced at the above net prices, which  
will be sent on approval upon request to corres-  
pondents, from which they may make selections.  
Ask for book No. 14.

Selections of the rarer Porto Rico varieties, at net  
prices, will be sent to buyers upon request.

**U. S. DEPENDENCIES.**

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A packet containing 100 different stamps including  
only stamps of Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands,  
Philippine Islands and Porto Rico. Price \$3.00.  
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cies mentioned above, 225 different varieties, \$7.50.  
Packet No. 137.

**SETS.**

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**CUBA.**

**REGULAR ISSUES.**

	Number in Set	Price per Set
1855-64, ¼, ½, 1, 1r.....	5	22
1866, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	4	1 25
1868, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	4	50
1870-71, 10, 12, 20, 25, 50c.....	5	30
1873, 12¼, 25, 50c.....	3	30
1874, 12¼, 25, 50c.....	3	27
1875, 12¼, 25, 50c, 1 p.....	4	25
1876, 12¼, 25, 50c, 1 p.....	4	28
1877, 12¼, 25, 50c.....	3	11
1878, 5, 12½, 25, 50c, 1 p.....	5	1 00
1879, 5, 25, 50c, 1 p.....	4	35
1880, 5, 12½, 25, 50c, 1 p.....	5	35
1881, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.....	5	90
1882, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10c.....	5	20
1883, 5c. different surcharges.....	4	15
1883, 10c. " ".....	4	40
1883, 20c. " ".....	3	75
1884, 2½, 2½, 10, 20c.....	4	55
1888, 2½, 20c.....	2	25
1890, 2, 2½, 5, 20c.....	4	22
1891-94, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.....	6	20
1896, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.....	6	16
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 5m.....	4	10
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.....	20	9 40
1899, On U. S. I, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10c.....	6	4
1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. and Sp'l Del. 10c.....	6	50

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

1899, 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	4	75
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**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

1890, ¼, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	30
1892, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	15
1894, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	12
1896, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	15

**GUAM.**

ALL UNUSED.

1899, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c. on U. S.....	6	65
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**HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.**

ALL UNUSED.

1864-75, 1, 2, 6, 18c.....	1	30
1893, Prov. Gov't 1c. (3 var.) 2c. (3 var.) 5c. (2 var.) 6c., 10c. (3 var.) 12c., 15c., 25c.....	5	4 00
1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.....	5	80
1899, 1, 2, 5c.....	3	12

## ENVELOPE STAMPS.

	Number in Set	Price per Set
1893, 1, 2, 5, 10c. Prov. Gov't.....	4	60
1893, same entire.....	4	1 00

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

## REGULAR ISSUES.

1880-89, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6½, 10, 12½, 20, 25c. 50m.....	10	90
1889, 2, 2½, 5, 8, 10, 12½, 20c.....	7	75
1891-93, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25c.....	10	1 10
1894, 2, 6, 8, 12½, 15, 20c.....	6	55
1896, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20c.....	7	1 00
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m.....	5	30
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.....	20	7 50
1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. on U. S.....	5	35
1899, Same and 15c. 50c. on U. S.....	7	1 30

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1899, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c.....	5	2 00
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## HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

1881-88, 1, 8, 2½ on ½, 2½ on 10, 10c.....	5	65
1889, 2½ on ½, 1, 2, 5c. 50m.....	5	40
1889, 2½ on 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c. Telegrafos	5	70

## NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

1886, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.....	4	10
1890, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.....	4	08
1894, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.....	4	07
1896, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.....	4	09

## PORTO RICO.

## REGULAR ISSUES.

1881, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6m.....	6	50
1882, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. 1, 3c.....	8	20
1890, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m.....	6	12
1890, 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40c.....	7	1 35
1894, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 3, 4, 20, 40c.....	9	50
1896, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20, 40c.	12	60
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m.....	5	35
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c.....	13	2 40
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.....	20	6 00
1899, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. on U. S.....	5	40

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1899, 1, 2, 10c.....	3	65
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## HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

1898-99, 2, 4m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c.....	8	35
1898-99, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20, 40c.	13	1 25
1898-99, ½m. to 80c. including rare varieties, 2m. flesh, 3c. blue, used, 6c. orange, 8c. red surcharge, 40c. red violet, and 80c. black.....	20	10 00

## IMPUESTO DE GUERRA.

1898-99, 2c. to 5c. including 5c. on ½m. 5c. on 1m. blue, red surcharge, and 2c. red brown.....	7	1 00
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## Answers to Queries.

We will answer such questions in this column as are likely to be of interest to the general reader.

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H. A. P., Portsmouth.—Do you consider a damaged stamp as entirely worthless? Is it better to leave the space in my album empty than put in a damaged stamp?

Commercially, a damaged stamp is practically worthless. Wise collectors do not buy damaged stamps no matter how cheap, as they are likely to prove a poor investment. Philatelically a damaged stamp is by no means worthless, and where it is possessed by one who has not a good copy, it is often prized, particularly if a rarity. A collector should never be satisfied with a damaged copy if he can afford a good one, but where a collector has a damaged copy of a good stamp it is excusable to put it in his album if its presence there adds to his pleasure; if not, why leave it out. Be governed by your own impulses, don't be a sheep.

H. O. P., New York City.—"What are the varieties of the 1853 5c. Hawaiian Island stamp?"

This stamp was printed in a plate of twenty, and there are slight differences in each of the twenty types. The two prominent varieties may be thus described: The sheet consists of five horizontal rows of four stamps. The second stamp on the top row has traces of an intersecting line that has been but partially removed running vertically through the words "Honolulu" and "Hawaiian Is." This line divides the label containing the value at bottom. This forms a small rectangle in the lower left hand corner that does not exist in any of the other stamps. The third stamp on the second row, the seventh stamp in the sheet counting from the upper left hand corner, has an extra dash below the period following "Hawaiian Is." These are the two varieties usually sought for in the stamps and they are rare, being only one of each to eighteen of the others.

FRED W. AYRE, St. John's, Newfoundland.—I have an Orange Free State Een Shilling surcharged with the letters TF. Will you inform me what the surcharge stands for?

Stamps of Orange Free State surcharged TF were designed for use as telegraph stamps; some with this surcharge were used for postage during a scarcity of stamps. When such stamps have had undoubted postal use they are interesting varieties and entitled to a place in a collection of postage stamps. Gibbons' lists twelve such varieties.

## About Our 800 Variety Packet.

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J. H. JOST.

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Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands  
and Porto Rico, 100 all different and mostly unused.  
**100 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 119** A packet containing **\$3.50**  
only the stamps of Cuba,  
100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap  
and desirable packet.  
**100 VARIETIES—\$3.50.**

**No. 137** Contains only stamps **\$3.85**  
of the Baby King type  
of the Philippine Islands. It is a choice run of all  
varieties 1c. to 25c. issued 1889 to 1896, 45 different  
varieties, all unused.  
**45 VARIETIES—\$3.85.**

**No. 121** A packet containing **\$4.00**  
only the stamps of the  
Central American Republic of Honduras. It is  
practically a complete collection, being all the regular  
government issues from 1865 to 1896 inclusive,  
including the peso values and officials, 94 varieties.  
**94 VARIETIES—\$4.00.**

**No. 138** Stamps of only the **\$7.50**  
U. S. Dependencies,  
Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands  
and Porto Rico, 225 all different and mostly unused.  
A Bargain.  
**225 VARIETIES—\$7.50.**

**No. 48** This packet is a bet- **\$15.00**  
ter lot of Mexican  
postage stamps than can be offered by any other  
concern. It is a first-class bargain for either col-  
lector or dealer. Our unexcelled stock of Mexican  
stamps and our extended business relations with  
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our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals.  
There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the  
stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the  
1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian litho-  
graphed, unused; Guadalajara; 1867, Gothic sur-  
charge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unper-  
forated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are  
well represented. Of the last mentioned series  
there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue,  
2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c.  
rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 pesos,  
also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and  
12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of  
pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete;  
1895, 1c. to 50c.; new issue 1900; Officials (scarce, red  
surcharge), Port de Mar. Officially Sealed, Envelopes  
and Wrappers, cut square.

**150 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

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**MIXED PACKETS.**  
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**No. 69** This packet is a general **15c**  
mixture of everything cheap  
as of course would have to be the case from the ex-  
ceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and  
many good stamps will be found among them. The  
stamps are principally European. This packet can  
only be sent in the United States and Canada.  
**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

**No. 68** The stamps in this pack- **25c**  
et are about the same as  
above; it is a mixture superior to that usually sold  
by dealers as Continentals. This packet can only  
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**1000 MIXTURE—25 CENTS.**

**No. 134** This packet con- **\$1.06**  
tains the "Boss Mix-  
ture," 1,000 stamps from all parts of the world, well  
mixed and sure to give satisfaction.  
**1,000 MIXTURE—\$1.06.**

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undertake to make them satisfactory.

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changing. Everything we sell is guaranteed to be  
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anteed or money refunded." But there must be  
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exceptions every stamp in the package was in per-  
fect condition and a picked specimen."  
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Brazil  
Br. Guiana  
Br. Honduras  
Brunswick  
Bulgaria  
Cameroons  
Canada  
Cape of Good Hope  
Cape Verde  
Ceylon  
Charkhari  
Chile  
China  
Colombia  
Congo Free State  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Curacao  
Cyprus  
Deccan  
Danish West Indies  
Dhar  
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Dominican Rep.  
Dutch Indies

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Egypt  
Eritrea  
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Finland  
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Gibraltar  
Gold Coast  
Great Comoro  
Greece  
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Guadeloupe  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
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Sarawak  
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Seychelles  
Shanghai  
Siam  
Soruth  
Sierra Leone  
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So. African Rep.  
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Yours truly,  
R. M. WESTON.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Your packet arrived O. K. and is entirely satisfactory. Accept my thanks for same.

Yours truly,  
H. H. RITTENHOUSE.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

I bought your 2,000 Variety Packet to sell again. It priced up to \$62.75 on sheets and I made packets of the rest for the school boys. I find it better than buying at wholesale.

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We greet our readers this time in Holiday attire, and hope we have succeeded in finding something interesting to say both by way of information and business announcements.

Our name is a clear indication of our mission. We are *drumming* for business; if you send an order of any kind we shall come again.

We hope every recipient of this paper will read the article on the subject of Stamp Collecting, on pages twenty-two and twenty-three of this number.

It is a profitable and happy pastime, one that wise parents are quick to appreciate and encourage when its advantages are properly understood.

PHILATELY is the name applied to the study of stamps as NUMISMATICS is applied to coins.

Its use has never become general, but for the information of those to whom it is a new word we give the definition of it and its companions just as they are given in the Century Dictionary (\*).

PHILATELIC (fil-a-tel-ik) *a.* [philatel-y+ic]. Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat-e-list) *n.* [philatel-y+ist]. A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELY (fi-lat-e-li) *n.* [F. *philatelie*] intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, *i. e.* of stamps, absurdly formed (by M. Herpin, a stamp collector, in "*Le Collectionneur*" in 1865) Greek *philos*, loving (prop. *philein* love), +*ateles* free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) *a-priv.* +*telos* tax, duty.

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of making such collections.

An important daily paper in Winnipeg, Canada, the *Manitoba Morning Free Press*, publishes from time to time column or more of "Notes on Stamp Collecting," which is evidence of the increasing public interest in stamps.

The design of the new 10c. U. S. stamp of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition series has been selected. It is an ocean steamer with two funnels going to the left and represents the subject assigned to this stamp. "Fast Ocean Transportation."

The issue of this new series will stimulate collecting very much among young people, at least that was the result of the Columbian and Trans-Mississippi series.

The new issue of the U. S. revenue stamps, \$1.00 to \$50.00, printed in gray with value surcharged in large numerals, have been prepared and delivered to the Treasury Dep't by the Washington Bureau of Engraving. All values of this new series will be issued to the public very soon, some have already appeared.

The \$1.00 of old type was printed in carmine instead of green, and the color of the \$3.00 stamp changed to red-brown. Comparatively few of these values were issued in the changed colors, before the new issue took place.

A new design is being prepared at the Bureau of Engraving for a \$1.00 Revenue Stamp especially for Porto Rico. This is likely to be followed by a series of other denominations.

The sale at auction in New York of the collection of Mr. J. S. Dionian occurred November 20th to the 23d. The catalogue value of the collection was about \$24,000.00, it realized \$13,100.00 or about 55 per cent. This for an entire collection including the undesirable as well as desirable stamps is a very high average. It shows the healthy tone of the business and should be an encouragement to collectors who wish to feel that there is a stability of values in good stamps.

There is not a collection of jewelry in the world that would realize 55 per cent of its retail price at a public auction. Not that catalogue quotations represent retail values, but the comparison is in favor of stamps even if they did.

Scarce stamps well selected as to condition, are as sure an investment as to value, as gems of any other class. People who can afford to own them, need not hesitate on that account.

Fortunately all the pleasure of collecting stamps is not confined to the luxury of owning rarities. The pleasure of the collector of moderate means is a real one and he can enjoy his stamps none the less because he never hopes to enjoy the unattainable.

Extravagance, the prevailing American vice, is to be discouraged, we do not like to see people spend money for stamps that should be properly applied elsewhere.

*If you cannot afford it, don't do it.*

But if you *can* afford a collection and have the interest, there is no reason why you should not have as good a collection as your purse will buy. The *value* is there and the *pleasure* also. But a real stamp collector does not need to be told the latter. The object of these lines is to lead the collector who *can* afford the collection to see that there is no reason why he should not indulge his "hobby."

If the regular readers of our DRUMMER find some things in this number that they have seen before they will understand that it is an edition that is sent to a large number of collectors who heretofore have not received the paper.

\*Above definitions were written by Mr. C. H. Mekeel for the Century Dictionary about ten years ago upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, the editor-in-chief of that work.

### ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

The stamps of the Orange Free State surcharged V. R. I. by Lord Roberts after the Free State was taken over by the British as a colony.

<i>Fine unused copies.</i>		Net Price
½ penny, orange	.....	\$ 0 03
1 penny, violet	.....	06
2 pence, violet	.....	12
2½ p. on 3 pence, blue, <i>rare</i>	.....	4 75
3 pence, blue	.....	18
4 pence, blue	.....	60
6 pence, blue	.....	35
6 pence, carmine, <i>very rare</i>	.....	9 75
1 shilling, brown	.....	65
SET.—½, 1, 2, 3, 6p. and 1sh., set of six	.....	1 25
Surcharged on stamps of CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.		
½ p. green	.....	\$0 03
2½ p. blue	.....	12

Tutuila, the one of the Samoan Islands now under the Stars and Stripes, may have a surcharged set of United States stamps issued for it.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden has the matter under consideration.

*The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* of London, Eng., has asked many prominent British philatelists what they think of "Mafekings" and the answers they publish show that all are not of one mind.

A few comments by American collectors will not be uninteresting from our own correspondence:

"I consider the whole brood (Mafekings) patriotic English fakes."

HAMLIN RUSSELL, of New Jersey.

"I think the whole Mafeking business is a fraud, and do not want any of them."

DR. W. J. GASCOYNE, of Maryland.

"I do not collect these stamps, as I consider them merely curiosities not legally authorized."

SAM SCHLENKER, of Texas.

"I have always regarded them as being entirely unnecessary, and more or less in the nature of fakes."

WM. RALMOND BAIRD, of New York.

From the paper above quoted we take the following which seems to explain it all—

Mr. R. EHRENBACH said: "I consider them decidedly an unnecessary issue, especially the locals, and hardly think they would have been issued had not the P. O. Service in Mafeking numbered philatelists in their ranks."

Needless to say American collectors will conclude that they can do very well without them.

No less a personage than Sir E. J. Poynter, President of the Royal Academy, has been designated as the artist to design the "Imperial Penny Postage" stamp of New Zealand. We shall await the result with interest.

Our correspondent, Mr. A. O. Cooper, sent us from Hong Kong one of the new Registry Envelopes which comes in five sizes—stamp square 10c. lilac. He also announces that there are five new envelopes, the stamps being of the same design as the current adhesives. We presume they are all of white and heavy paper, although he sent us a sample of only the 1c. They are:

- 1c. yellow, small envelope.
- 2c. green, square envelope.
- 4c. red, square envelope.
- 5c. mauve, square envelope.
- 10c. blue, square envelope.

### VAAL RIVER COLONY.

The stamps of the South African Republic were also surcharged V. R. I. by the British Military authorities.

The following fine unused copies are offered:

	Net Price
½ penny, green	..... \$0 03
1 penny, rose and green	..... 06
2 pence, brown and green	..... 12
2½ pence, blue and green	..... 15
3 pence, violet and green	..... 18
4 pence, olive and green	..... 20
6 pence, violet and green	..... 30
1 shilling, bistre and green	..... 65
2sh. 6 pence, heliotrope and green	..... 1 25
SET.—½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6p. 1sh. set of eight	..... 1 25

### A NEW APPROVAL BOOK.

We have a new book of better class stamps, including none that are in our non-duplicating series, all priced by 60th Edition Catalogue, on which 50% discount is allowed. It includes some Cubans (that are not in any of our other books) some good Persian, British Colonials, Tunis, French Levant and good stamps for a general collector.

Ask for Approval Book No. 42.

Full particulars about our approval department and a description of all our regular books will be found on pages 31 and 32 of this number.

### A PACKET CORRECTION.

On pages 20 and 38, packet No. 136 containing stamps of the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico is described as containing 100 varieties, as a matter of fact it contains 150 different stamps of these places and is only \$3.00 post free.



The above are illustrations of two stamps recently issued in Victoria, which are known as the "War Fund" stamps. Their origin is due to the patriotic sympathetic feeling for the Mother Country in the South African war.

While the stamps have a denomination of 1 penny and 2 pence respectively, they are sold at 1 shilling and 2 shillings each, the surplus over their postal value being devoted to the war fund.

The design on the 1 penny stamp is that of the famous Victoria Cross, which is given for deeds of valor on the field. The design on the 2 pence stamp represents members of the Victoria contingent that went from Australia to take part in the South African war. The designs are attractive, and the character of the stamps interesting.

## NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE.

No more important change has been made in the new 60th Edition Catalogue than the revised classification of the stamps of the provisional issue of the (Niger Rivers) Niger Coast Protectorate of 1894.

Time has proved that these stamps rank highest among the British Colonial provisionals as rarities.

The following is an extract from the above catalogue showing numbers and prices.

Type A. 21—Italic.  
Type A. 22—Sans Serif.  
Type A. 23—Block.  
Type A. 24—Small Italic Caps.

Number	Type		Unused	Used
VIOLET SURCHARGE.				
22	A. 21	½p. on 2 pence	\$12 50	\$10 00
23	A. 22	½p. on 2 pence	20 00	.....
24	A. 23	½p. on 2 pence	10 00	.....
25	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	10 00	.....
26	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
27		1sh. on 2 pence	20 00	12 50
28		5sh. on 2 pence	.....	.....
29		20sh. on 1 shilling	.....	.....
VERMILION SURCHARGE.				
30	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	6 00	.....
31	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	17 50	.....
32	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	6 50	5 00
33	A. 24	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
34		1sh. on 2 pence	30 00	.....
35		10sh. on 5 pence	.....	.....
36		A. surcharge inverted 20sh. on 1 shilling	.....	.....
CARMINE SURCHARGE.				
37	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	15 00	.....
BLUE SURCHARGE.				
38	A. 22	½p. on 2 pence	.....	25 00
39	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
40	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	20 00	.....
41	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	20 00	.....
GREEN SURCHARGE.				
42	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	15 00	.....
43	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	17 50	.....
44	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	10 00	.....
45	A. 24	½p. on 2½ pence	20 00	15 00
BLACK SURCHARGE.				
46	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
47		1sh. on 2 pence	.....	.....
48		A. surcharged vertically 20sh. on 1 shilling	.....	.....

Where the prices are not quoted spaces are left blank.

On page 28 of this number our *net* prices are quoted on certain varieties of the above rare stamps that we have on hand at the present time.

A new set of stamps for the Dominican Republic, the shape of the U. S. Columbian series has been issued. The central design is a map of the island on which the Dominican Republic and Hayti are situated. This study in geography is issued in the following denominations, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c and 1 peso.

The set of the four lowest denominations sent post free for 10 cents.

There are a large number of collectors who are going in for *special* stamps, such as pictorial, commemorative, jubilee and special issues of other kinds.

Particularly such as have appropriate and distinctive designs, illustrative of some historical or geographical subject.

Hundreds of new collectors are started by these special issues and we expect that the new issue of the U. S. for the Pan-American Exposition will prove no exception to the rule.

We note by the daily press that the issue of certain special stamps in Peru the other day was the subject of cable dispatches to newspapers of the whole world.

## ENTIRE U. S. ENVELOPES.

Collectors of entire U. S. envelopes who are not very far advanced may get a good lot to select from on approval from us at half of Bartels' catalogue prices.

We want applications from collectors who need entire unused U. S. envelopes.

The day of the *cut square* is passing, and the only way to collect envelopes, is *entire*.

## WHAT IS "FINE"?

Probably much less than 33½ per cent of all the stamps in existence are what may be termed *fine* in regard to condition.

What is *fine*?

An unused stamp should have the original gum, a clean and perfectly unimpaired surface polish.

A perforated or rouletted stamp should be evenly centered with perfect and regular punctures on the four sides.

A used stamp to be considered *fine*, must be lightly cancelled and have the cancellation so distributed as not to mar the effect of the general design.

Any stamp to be considered *fine* must have the whole surface of the paper on which it is printed, sound and perfect front and back.

The color must be in the original tone, faded or de-oxidized stamps no matter how nearly perfect can never be considered "fine."

## A POSTAL CURIOSITY.

The following is a reduced facsimile of an envelope recently received from Beyrouth, Syria, Turkey in Asia, prepaid by British Levant stamp 40 paras.

The deficiency in address, "St. Louis, Mo.," was added in red ink by New York post-office.

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*St. Louis Mo*

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**AGUINALDO STAMPS.**

Frederic C. Schenkel, the agent of the purchasers of the Philippine remainders bought of the U. S. Government at Manila, wrote:

"The Aguinaldo stamps are all right. The Filipino Government established at Malolos from August 1898 to March 1899, was in possession of the railway, Manila to Dagupan, and entertained postal relations with several parts of the Island of Luzon, and I myself received letters from the province regarding stamps. I have bought my stamps directly from the Filipino Government when Aguinaldo was at Tarlac. You may remember that the Spanish Government sent a commission to Tarlac in order to arrange the liberation (release) of the Spanish prisoners. A member of that commission, Mr. Enrique de Marcaida, brought the stamps from the post-office at Tarlac."

The following extract from a letter from one of the U. S. soldier boys in the Philippines, published in the *News*, of Attica, N. Y., contains an interesting reference to the insurgent postage stamps:

"Enclosed you will find a sheet of insurrection postage stamps, captured at Indang.

The general gave me about 5,000 sheets of them to burn up, saving only one sheet to send in with his report. I burnt all except three sheets. We destroyed the press and plates from which they were printed." CHAS. SINCLAIR, U. S. Cavalry.

There is very little doubt but that the stamps of the Provisional Government of the "Philippine Republic," so-called, will be recognized, because they have done postal, telegraph and fiscal service, and are none the less interesting because issued by the insurgent party.

Mr. J. M. Andreini, of New York City, who is a careful reader of the foreign philatelic press, especially those in the Latin languages, was asked for information and replied:

"About Aguinaldo Stamps. A friend sent me two of them that were purchased by him at Hong Kong, and I have seen a few others here purchased from Spain, all unused. A member of the Philippine Republican Government told me last year when I was abroad, that postage stamps such as are described in Philatelic Papers were only used in the interior of the islands."



From information received from reliable sources it is evident that the Revolutionary Government in the Philippines have issued postage, telegraph and revenue stamps for the legitimate purposes for which such stamps are intended. At the earnest solicitation of some of our customers we have obtained some of these stamps direct from a responsible party in Manila and offer the following for what they are. Lithographed postage stamps issued by



Aguinaldo. They have a certain historical as well as philatelic interest.

- 1 milesima, black, Newspaper Stamp, perf.
- 1 milesima, black, Newspaper Stamp, unperf.
- 2 cents, red, Postage Stamp, perf.
- 2 cents, red, Postage and Telegraph, perf.
- 8 cents, green, Registered Letter, perf.

The above set of 5 stamps \$3.00, post free.

The following are for Telegraph or Revenue purposes and will be sought by collectors who include these branches.

- 2 cents, violet, Telegraph Stamp.
- 50 cents, blue, Telegraph Stamp.
- 10 cents, brown, Revenue, receipt stamp, (No value), brown, Revenue, "Transportation of Cattle."

The above set of 4 stamps \$2.00, post free.

The following varieties are not included in the lists of stamps of the same countries, on the preceding pages, having come into stock only recently. The prices quoted are *net*, and quite reasonable. See if you need any of them.

**CUBA.**

Cata. No.			
3	1855, 2 r. p. carmine on blue, watermark loops, postmarked		\$0 75
11	1856, 2 r. p. orange red, rough yellowish paper, watermarked lines, used		98
14	1857, 2 r. p. red, postmarked		16
34	1868, 40c. rose, postmarked		30
38	1869, 40c. dark lilac, postmarked		30

**HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.**

79	1894, 25c. blue, used		25
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**PORTO RICO.**

86	1890, 10c. rose, unused		40
87	1890, 20c. orange red, unused		80

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

194	1897, 8c. on 5c. green, red surcharge		25
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I am much obliged for the *Drummer* and like it immensely. H. F. POWELL.

Your publication, the *Drummer*, is very interesting as well as valuable, and have found several new ideas not known before. F. H. RITTENHOUSE.

**U. S. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

Issue of 1895.

Complete set from 1c. to \$100.00 inclusive, unused and fine, original gum, never been hinged or mounted, post free, \$5.00.

The set consists of 12 values all on watermarked paper.

1, 2, 5 and 10c. black	} Complete, \$5.00.
25 and 50c. carmine	
\$ 2.00 scarlet	
\$ 5.00 ultramarine	
\$ 10.00 green	
\$ 20.00 slate	
\$ 50.00 carmine	
\$100.00 purple	

The foregoing series should grace every collection as their sale at this low price was only made possible by the P. O. Department for the benefit of stamp collectors. Their original face value having been \$187.93.

We only have a few sets and we are offering them at the same price (\$5.00 per set) as they were supplied by the Government.

All remainders have now been called in and destroyed, so that no more are to be had of the P. O. Department.



A correspondent recently informed us that he had bought stamps from us for over twenty years, and wrote for a selection for his son who was not born when his father opened his first approval account with the Mekeel concern. This was particularly interesting because he had preserved a letter and price list issued by C. H. Mekeel in 1880 (the first was issued in 1877). During the twenty-three and a half years continued business of C. H. Mekeel, business relations of more or less importance were sustained with over one hundred and twenty thousand collectors in America. These names are preserved in an up-to-date card index, which is a store house of philatelic and personal information.

The cash business of the Mekeel concern has long since passed the million dollar mark, and every book and account has been preserved since the establishment of the business.

Many thousands, yes millions of copies of stamp literature have been issued by this concern.

In 1881 C. H. Mekeel commenced with the *Stamp Collector's Bureau*; in 1885 the *Philatelic Journal of America* was started and published monthly through fourteen volumes. A few years later *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was established, and this paper now published by I. A. Mekeel has supplanted most of the stamp monthlies.

One year, *The Daily Stamp Item* testified to the stamp activity of the period.

Just now MEKEEL'S DRUMMER answers the purpose of keeping ourselves in touch with the thousands of correspondents who favor us with their occasional orders.

Don't buy what you cannot afford. If you cannot afford the luxury of a high-priced collection of stamps, there is still pleasure to be obtained from those that are within your reach.

If you can afford to own rare and scarce stamps, and have a collector's love and interest in them, you are foolish not to indulge it, for there is no other pursuit or hobby that offers such a rational field for both enjoyment and pleasure.

Probably the most famous work on the stamps of the United States was written by the late John K. Tiffany and published in French by the great philatelic authority, J. B. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium. In 1887 Mr. Tiffany re-wrote the book, which was published by C. H. Mekeel. In 1894, a few years before the death of the author, concluding notes were written bringing the work up to 1894, including the Columbian issue.

This book has become a classic, and should be in every collector's library.

"*The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States*," full cloth binding, 320 pages, post free, \$1.50.

Every time we mail sample copies or new printed matter about stamps to any of our old names, we receive many letters from collectors who renew their interest and return for recreation to their old hobby. The DRUMMERS we mail this Fall will no doubt revive many old memories, and we hope to hear from some of our friends.

Buy of stamp dealers of standing and reputation, and take advice. There is a mushroom class of petty dealers who are coming and going, who advertise themselves out of proportion to their importance, and whose principal fault is their own ignorance. Many of these intend to be honest enough, but they handle rubbish and bad stamps often through ignorance. Who is the sufferer? The collector looking for bargains, buying from a dealer who has no standing or reputation to sustain. A wise collector will place his trade with the first-class well established concerns who make the trade in stamps a regular business.

Ours is a mail order and approval business and you are as near us, for practical purposes, in the most remote part of the United States as you would be in St. Louis. Our location is about the center of population of the United States, and excellent mail facilities afford us the means of doing a very large business.

We are liberal buyers for cash. We sell to all classes, the beginner, the bargain hunter, and the most advanced collector. We exchange through the best system of exchange ever established. We are stamp dealers in every sense of the word and cover every department, and in the stamp line are unlimited.

"Satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded," has been the motto of the Mekeel business since its establishment in 1877, and we have always borne it out. Another equally as prominent guarantee, "All stamps sold by us are warranted and guaranteed to be genuine."

Ordering from a net price list is the most satisfactory way to add to a collection. All of the stamps offered in these pages are in stock and prices are made as low as it is possible for genuine stamps to be sold.

Small orders attended to as cheerfully as large ones, but where the amount is less than \$1.00, a stamped and addressed envelope must be enclosed for the reply.

## 800 DIFFERENT POSTAGE STAMPS.

A good packet to start with is the lot of 800 genuine postage stamps that we sell for \$3.00. About 100 different stamp-issuing countries or colonies represented. We put in 810 stamps to insure full count. The catalogue value is over \$20.00. Every stamp is guaranteed to be genuine.

Buy this packet, pick out what you can use and give the balance away—start a new collector. It will give pleasure to a friend, and every new collector enhances the value of your own collection.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Gentlemen:—Your packet of 800 varieties for \$3.00 was very good indeed and the best value I have yet received from a dealer in my 11 years experience.

R. F. ROBINSON.

GREAT FORKS, N. D.

Gentlemen:—Your packet of 800 varieties was quite satisfactory. \* \* \* What pleased me was the exceptionally nice condition of the stamps.

Very sincerely yours,

A. T. GESNER.

Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The above are the designs for the new issue for Corea. The issue that now becomes obsolete has been in use since 1895 and consists of four values: 5, 10, 25 and 50 poons. Anticipating the new issue we have obtained a number of sets of the 1895 issue unused, which we offer at 18c. per set.

The development of the interest in stamp collecting in Australia has resulted in a new stamp paper being started. We have before us the first number of *The Australian Journal of Philately*. A very creditable journal to be published monthly in Sydney, New South Wales.

A wedding stamp was recently issued in Japan to celebrate the occasion of the marriage of the Imperial Crown Prince.



By receiving a small surcharge in native characters indicating stamps for special use in "Corea" and "China," so we have three varieties of the 3 sen carmine. The three sent for 10c.

Brazil issued a set of four stamps this year commemorative of the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of that country by Pedro Alvarez Cabral in 1500.



The inscription, "E. U. do Brazil" stands for the United States of Brazil. The Southern Cross is a prominent feature of the stamp we illustrate.

The four stamps are all of different types, 100, 200, 500 and 700 reis. The four stamps, unused, will be sent for 40c.

### STAMP HINGES.

Everybody needs stamp hinges, we handle the best, 10c. per 1,000 post free.



THE LATE  
DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA.

A Royal Stamp Collector.—The Honorary President of the Philatelic Society, London.

Through the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, better known as the Duke of Edinburgh, who was the second son of Queen Victoria, and the most popular in England of all the Queen's children, philately has lost one of her prominent devotees. The Duke was an ardent collector and found the true satisfaction of a real philatelist in his stamp collection.

We have referred to him before in these columns as the Honorary President of the Philatelic Society of London. He was jovial and of easy manners, a musician and a lover of music.

He went to sea at fourteen, and by genuine merit rose in the British navy to be the admiral in command of the Mediterranean squadron. The English, seven years ago, were very sorry to have him go to Germany to take the throne of the little duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which had come his way by virtue of a chain of family relationships that it is not necessary here to recall. He was almost fifty-six years old at the time of his death. His wife was a daughter of the Emperor Alexander II., of Russia. It will be remembered that at the time he chose to accept the throne of a German principality, and took the oath of loyalty to the constitution of the German Empire in the presence of Emperor William, there was a great deal of discussion in England as to his status there. His son and heir, Prince Alfred, died early last year; and the Queen's next son, the Duke of Connaught, who became the heir presumptive, preferred England for himself and his children, and resigned in favor of the young Duke of Albany, who, being recognized as the heir, went to Coburg to receive a German education only a few months ago. This young gentleman, now just sixteen years of age, is the son of the late Prince Leopold, of England, Duke of Albany, Queen Victoria's fourth son, who died in March, 1884. The new Duke, Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg, is also a stamp collector and the possessor of a well advanced collection.

# PRICES OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Prices have been attached to this list for specimens in three conditions. First column *unused*. Second column for *fine* copies in used condition. Third for ordinary used copies. This last class are in no wise defective, are fully up to the average of used stamps.

While all stamps are usually in stock, it is best for parties ordering to send a supplementary list.

The following prices are *strictly net for cash only*.

Send a stamped and addressed return envelope with orders less than \$1.00.

## Postage Stamps.

### GENERAL ISSUE.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1847.			
5c. brown (Franklin)	5 50	5 35	
10c. black (Washington)	2 50	2 00	

1851-56. *Type I. Has a curved line outside the labels with "U. S. Postage" and "One Cent." The scrolls below the lower label are turned under, forming little balls.*

*Type II. Same as I, but the scrolls are not turned under.*

*Type III. Same as II, but the curved lines outside the labels are broken in the center.*

1c. blue (Franklin) type I	50 00	20 00	15 00
1c. blue, type II	2 00	20	12
1c. blue, type III	35 00	8 00	5 00
3c. red (Washington)	1 50	2	1
5c. brown (Jefferson)		10 00	7 50
5c. red-brown	40 00	10 00	6 50
10c. green (Washington)	10 00	50	35
12c. black (Washington)	18 00	1 25	85

1855-60. Same, Perf. 15.

*Type I. There are projections on all four sides.*

*Type II. The projections at top and bottom are partially cut away.*

*Type III. The projections at top and bottom are entirely cut away.*

1c. blue, type I	12 00	4 00	2 50
1c. blue, type II	8 00	80	50
1c. blue, type III	40	10	6
3c. red	8	2	1
3c. red (with outer line)	10 00	20	10
5c. brick-red, type I	70 00	9 00	5 00
5c. red-brown, type I	20 00	4 50	3 00
5c. brown, type I	12 00	2 50	1 75
5c. brown, type II	6 00	2 00	1 00
4c. orange-brown, type III	4 00	2 00	1 50
10c. green	2 00	30	18
12c. black	2 00	60	40
24c. lilac	5 00	3 00	2 00
30c. orange	9 00	5 00	3 00
90c. blue	18 00	25 00	17 50

1861. Perf. 12.

1c. blue	0 25	0 03	0 02
3c. pink		5 00	2 50
3c. rose	10	1	1
5c. buff	40 00	5 00	3 50
10c. yellow-green	1 40	10	8
12c. black	1 50	30	20
24c. red-lilac	10 00	80	50
30c. orange	4 00	40	30
90c. blue	13 50	2 50	2 00

1862-6.

2c. black (Jackson)	0 33	03	02
5c. red-brown	15 00	2 50	1 50
5c. brick-red		10 00	5 00
5c. brown	3 00	30	20
5c. black-brown	8 03	40	30
15c. black (Lincoln)	4 00	40	30
24c. lilac	3 00	30	20

1867. *Same, with embossing covering entire back of stamp.*

3c. rose		12 00	8 00
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	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
Embossing measuring 13x16mm.			
3c. rose	\$15 00	\$5 00	\$3 00

Embossing measuring 12x14mm.			
2c. black	30 00	5 00	3 50
3c. rose	15 00	1 75	1 00

Embossing measuring 11x13mm.			
1c. blue	4 00	80	50
2c. black	2 00	15	10
3c. rose	3 50	3	2
10c. green	4 00	50	30
12c. black	4 00	30	20
15c. black	20 00	3 00	2 75

Embossing measuring 9x13mm.			
1c. blue	3 00	50	30
2c. black	1 00	8	4
3c. red	75	2	4
5c. brown	10 00	2 50	1 75
5c. black-brown		4 00	
10c. yellow-green	4 00	40	30
12c. black	4 00	40	30
15c. black	8 00	80	50
24c. gray-lilac	12 00	3 75	3 00
30c. orange	12 00	2 50	1 75
90c. blue	35 00	10 00	8 00

1869.

1c. buff (Franklin)	1 00	45	30
2c. brown (Horseman)	80	8	6
3c. blue (Locomotive)	50	2	1
6c. blue (Washington)	3 00	40	30
10c. yellow (Coat of Arms)	5 00	55	35
12c. green (Steamship)	3 00	35	25
15c. brown and blue (Landing of Columbus)	10 00	2 00	1 50
15c. brown and blue (Picture framed)	5 00	1 00	75
24c. green and purple (Declaration of Independence)	10 00	3 75	2 50
30c. blue and carmine (Coat of Arms)	12 00	1 75	1 25
90c. black and carmine (Lincoln)	35 00	14 00	8 50

1870-71.

*Printed by National Bank Note Company. Head to left in oval.*

Embossing measuring 8½ to 9 and 10½ to 11½mm.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	4 00	0 35	0 25
2c. red-brown (Jackson)	4 00	8	5
3c. green (Washington)	1 75	2	1
6c. carmine (Lincoln)	12 00	2 50	1 25
7c. vermilion (Stanton)	12 00	2 50	1 25
10c. brown (Jefferson)	30 00	8 50	6 00
15c. orange (Webster)	15 00	5 50	4 00
90c. carmine (Perry)	20 00	5 50	3 00

1870-71.

Without Embossing.

1c. ultramarine	2 00	10	5
2c. red-brown	1 00	2	1
3c. green	1 50	2	1
6c. carmine	2 50	10	8
7c. vermilion	4 00	40	30
10c. brown	5 00	10	5
10c. yellow-brown	5 00	10	5
12c. dull violet	6 00	30	20
15c. bright orange	4 00	30	20
24c. purple	10 00	1 25	90
30c. black	10 00	20	15
90c. carmine	12 00	1 00	75

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b> <i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.</i>			
1c. ultramarine	\$ 90	\$ 3	\$ 2
2c. brown	1 00	3	2
2c. bark brown	1 00	3	2
3c. green	40	1	1
6c. dull pink	1 00	4	3
7c. orange-vermilion	4 50	40	25
10c. brown	2 50	5	2
12c. blackish violet	7 50	30	20
15c. yellow-orange	7 50	50	20
30c. gray-black	5 00	40	20
90c. rose-carmine	5 00	1 00	90
<b>1875.</b>			
2c. vermilion	80	3	2
5c. blue (Taylor)	1 50	8	5
<i>Printed by the American Bank Note Co.</i>			
<b>1879.</b> Soft Porous Paper.			
1c. blue	80	4	2
2c. vermilion	20	1	1
3c. green	25	1	1
5c. blue	80	3	2
6c. pink	1 20	3	2
10c. yellow-brown (National Plate)	2 00	5	3
10c. brown (Continental Plate)	2 00	3	2
15c. red-orange	40	12	8
30c. full black	1 60	6	4
90c. carmine	5 50	70	50
<b>1882.</b>			
5c. brown (Garfield)	40	2	1
1c. gray-blue, re-engraved	8	1	1
3c. green, re-engraved	12	1	1
6c. rose, re-engraved	1 50	6	3
10c. brown, re-engraved	20	1	1
10c. black-brown, re-engraved	5 00	20	11
<b>1883.</b>			
2c. red-brown (Washington)	6	1	1
4c. blue green (Jackson)	10	2	1
<b>1887.</b>			
2c. green	6	1	1
3c. vermilion	10	8	4
<i>New Design.</i>			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	5	1	1
<b>1888.</b> Same as 1872-83 issue.			
4c. carmine	10	2	1
5c. indigo	40	2	1
30c. orange-brown	55	25	18
90c. purple	1 75	75	60
<b>1890-93.</b> New design, stamps smaller.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	2	1	1
2c. lake (Washington)	40	4	3
2c. carmine	5	1	1
3c. purple (Jackson)	6	2	2
4c. dark brown (Lincoln)	8	1	1
5c. chocolate (Grant)	9	1	1
5c. yellow-brown	10	1	1
6c. brown-red (Garfield)	10	3	2
8c. lilac (Sherman)	12	2	2
10c. green (Webster)	15	1	1
15c. indigo (Clay)	22	5	3
30c. black (Jefferson)	40	6	4
90c. orange (Perry)	1 15	40	30
<b>1893.</b> Columbian Issue.			
1c. deep blue	2	1	1
2c. violet	3	1	1
3c. green	6	4	2
4c. ultramarine	7	2	1
5c. chocolate	8	3	2
6c. purple	10	5	4
8c. magenta	12	3	2
10c. black-brown	16	3	2
15c. dark green	20	16	14
30c. orange-brown	45	25	20
50c. slate-blue	60	45	40
\$1 salmon	2 25	2 00	1 50
\$2 brown-red	2 00	1 50	1 00
\$3 yellow-green	3 00	2 00	1 50

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
\$4 crimson-lake	\$ 4 00	...	...
\$5 black	5 00	...	...
<b>1894.</b> Same as 1890-3 issue, with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles.			
1c. pale ultramarine	8	2	...
<b>1895.</b> Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S. repeated in horizontal rows. All values are found imperforate.			
1c. blue	2	1	...
2c. carmine, triangle III	3	1	...
3c. purple	5	1	...
4c. dark brown	5	1	...
5c. chocolate	6	1	...
6c. dark brown	7	2	...
8c. puce	9	2	...
10c. dark green	12	1	...
15c. dark blue	17	3	...
50c. orange	55	10	7
\$1 black	1 10	30	20
\$2 sapphire	2 20	1 50	...
\$5 dark green	5 50	1 50	...
<b>1898.</b> Omaha Series.			
1c. green	2	1	...
2c. copper-red	3	1	...
4c. orange	6	3	...
5c. blue	7	4	...
8c. violet-brown	12	5	4
10c. gray-violet	15	5	4
50c. sage-green	60	35	25
\$1 black	1 15	85	...
\$2 orange-brown	2 30	2 00	...
<b>1898-99.</b> Same as 1895 series.			
1c. green	1	1	...
4c. lilac-brown	5	2	...
6c. lilac-brown	7	2	...
10c. yellow-brown	12	2	...
15c. olive	17	3	...

**Official Stamps.**

All, except Post Office, same Designs as General Issues, with name of Department above.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b> <i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard paper. Perf.</i>			
<b>AGRICULTURE.</b>			
1c. yellow	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$1 50
2c. "	75	70	50
3c. "	25	20	15
6c. "	50	50	25
10c. "	4 50	4 00	3 00
12c. "	6 00	5 50	3 00
15c. "	2 75	2 50	1 50
24c. "	4 00	3 00	2 00
30c. "	4 00	3 25	2 50
<b>EXECUTIVE.</b>			
1c. carmine	7 00	7 00	4 00
2c. "	7 00	7 00	4 00
3c. "	4 00	4 00	3 00
6c. "	13 00	13 00	8 00
10c. "	9 00	9 00	6 00
<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
1c. vermilion	20	20	15
2c. "	7	6	4
3c. "	20	7	5
6c. "	40	4	3
10c. "	40	40	25
12c. "	40	35	20
15c. "	60	40	25
24c. "	75	50	35
30c. "	75	60	35
90c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
1c. purple	1 25	1 00	80
2c. purple	2 50	\$2 50	\$1 70
3c. "	1 50	60	30



	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
6c. purple	1 75	75	60
10c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
12c. "	2 50	1 75	1 00
15c. "	6 00	4 00	3 00
24c. "	15 00	13 00	7 50
30c. "	18 00	15 00	10 00
40c. "	25 00	25 00	15 00
3c. bluish purple	1 50	1 00	75
6c. bluish purple	3 00	2 00	...

NAVY.

1c. ultramarine	90	90	65
2c. "	40	40	20
3c. "	30	15	10
6c. "	40	35	20
7c. "	12 00	8 00	5 00
10c. "	2 00	1 50	1 00
12c. "	1 25	1 00	80
15c. "	2 25	2 00	1 25
24c. "	5 00	3 50	1 50
30c. "	4 00	2 00	1 50
40c. "	12 00	8 00	5 50

POST OFFICE.

Figure of value in Oval. White Paper.

1c. black	30	30	20
2c. "	20	20	12
3c. "	5	1	...
6c. "	18	10	8
10c. "	1 35	1 35	1 00
12c. "	75	65	40
15c. "	80	75	60
24c. "	80	75	60
30c. "	80	75	50
40c. "	2 00	1 75	1 00

STATE.

1c. dark green	2 70	1 75	1 25
2c. "	4 00	3 75	3 00
3c. "	2 00	2 00	1 00
6c. "	1 50	1 50	1 00
7c. "	2 50	2 25	1 50
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
12c. "	3 00	2 75	2 00
15c. "	3 50	3 00	2 00
24c. "	7 50	7 00	4 00
30c. "	6 00	5 50	3 25
40c. "	11 00	10 00	7 50
3c. bright green	60	60	40
6c. "	60	60	40
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
\$2.00 black and green	20 00	20 00	15 00

TREASURY.

1c. brown	1 00	12	10
2c. "	25	10	6
3c. "	10	3	2
6c. "	20	7	5
7c. "	2 00	1 25	1 00
10c. "	40	18	10
12c. "	40	15	7
15c. "	30	20	12
24c. "	10 00	3 50	2 00
30c. "	40	20	12
40c. "	1 75	55	40

WAR.

1c. rose-red	40	5	3
2c. "	40	6	4
3c. "	...	2	...
6c. "	...	4	...
7c. "	2 00	2 00	1 25
10c. "	75	25	15
12c. "	75	25	15
15c. "	20	18	10
24c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	40	40	25
40c. "	75	75	50

1879. Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

INTERIOR.

1c. vermilion	1 00	1 00	...
2c. "	6	2	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
INTERIOR.			
3c. vermilion	4	2	...
6c. "	6	4	...
10c. "	1 05	75	50
12c. "	2 00	1 50	75

JUSTICE.

3c. bluish purple	50	50	...
6c. bluish purple	1 25	1 00	...

TREASURY.

3c. brown	8	2	...
6c. "	15	8	5
10c. "	40	20	10
30c. "	2 00	75	...
40c. "	4 00	75	40

WAR.

1c. rose-red	3	3	2
2c. "	3	3	...
3c. "	2	2	...
6c. "	3	3	...
10c. "	20	20	15
12c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	18	15	10

Carrier Stamps.

1851.	...	...	...
blue on rose (Franklin) reprint	25	...	...
1c. blue (Eagle)	50	1 50	1 00

Special Delivery Stamps.

1885-94.	...	...	...
10c. blue	18	10	6
10c. blue ("at any office")	18	5	3
10c. orange	13	5	3

1895.	...	...	...
Watermarked U. S. P. S.			
10c. blue	12	2	...

Newspaper Stamps.

1865.	...	...	...
Colored Border.			
5c. dark blue (Washington)	12 50	...	...
10c. blue-green (Franklin)	3 75	...	...
25c. carmine-red (Lincoln)	3 75	...	...
White Border.			
5c. dark blue	1 75	...	...

1875. Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard Paper.

INDIAN.

1875.	...	...	...
2c. black	35	35	20
3c. "	50	40	...
4c. "	50	50	20
6c. "	1 75	75	...
8c. "	1 75	...	...
9c. "	8 75	...	...
10c. "	75	75	...

JUSTICE.

12c. rose	1 75	1 00	...
24c. "	1 50	1 20	...
36c. "	1 75	2 00	...
48c. "	3 00	...	...
60c. "	6 00	...	...

1879. Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
2c. black	40	40	...
3c. "	40	40	...
4c. "	30	30	...
6c. "	75	75	...
8c. "	75	75	...
10c. "	25	25	...
12c. red	1 50	1 50	...
24c. "	1 50	1 50	...
36c. "	1 50	1 50	...



	Unused	Used
48c. red	4 00	...
10c. "	3 00	...
72c. "	7 00	...
84c. "	8 00	...
96c. "	7 00	...
\$1 92 brown	4 00	3 00
3 00 vermilion	5 00	4 00
6 00 blue	7 00	6 00

**1885.** Same as above.

1c. black	15	...
12c. carmine	60	...
24c. "	60	...
36c. "	1 00	...
48c. "	1 50	...
60c. "	1 50	...
72c. "	3 00	...
84c. "	3 00	...
96c. "	2 75	...

**1895.** Similar designs to preceding but smaller in size. Watermarked U. S. P. S.

1c. black	04	...
2c. "	08	...
5c. "	12	...
10c. "	20	...
25c. carmine	50	...
50c. "	1 00	...
\$2 00 scarlet	1 00	...

Above together with \$5.00 blue, \$10.00 green, \$20.00 slate, \$50.00 carmine and \$100.00 purple as sold by U. S. Government—\$5.00 net.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

**1879.** Figure of Value in Oval. Printed by the American Bank Note Co.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. yellow-brown	25	10	5
2c. "	25	10	5
3c. "	35	8	5
5c. "	60	30	20
10c. "	80	20	15
1c. brown	8	4	2
2c. "	10	6	3
3c. "	15	10	5
5c. "	20	10	7
10c. "	35	10	5
30c. "	60	40	30
50c. "	4 00	60	30

**1889.**

1c. red-brown	10	3	2
2c. "	8	2	1
3c. "	1 50	60	...
5c. "	30	10	8
10c. "	50	5	4
30c. "	60	60	40
50c. "	2 00	1 25	75

**1891-93.**

1c. bright claret	4	3	1
2c. "	4	2	1
3c. "	10	5	3
5c. "	10	8	5
10c. "	20	5	3
30c. "	60	40	30
50c. "	1 00	75	50

**1894.** Figure of value in lozenge shaped frame.

1c. deep claret	3	...	...
2c. "	5	...	...
30c. "	35	25	...

**1895.** Same. Watermarked U. S. P. S.

1c. deep claret	2	1	...
2c. "	4	1	...
3c. "	6	4	...
5c. "	10	4	...
10c. "	15	3	...
30c. "	50	30	20
50c. "	80	50	25

**Revenue Stamps.**

DOCUMENTARY.

First issue. Head of Washington in oval. Various borders.

	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
1c. Express red	50	25	03
1c. Playing Cards red	10 00	1 50	1 75
1c. Proprietary red	7 00	75	00
1c. Telegraph red	6 00	...	08
2c. Bank Check blue	03	05	01
2c. Bank Check orange	...	...	40
2c. Certificate blue	10	...	01
2c. Certificate orange	...	...	30
2c. Express blue	13	50	02
2c. Express orange	...	...	04
2c. Playing Cards blue	4 00	...	15
2c. Playing Cards orange	...	...	30
2c. Proprietary blue	4 00	1 00	04
2c. Proprietary orange	...	...	70
2c. U. S. I. R. orange	...	...	01
3c. Foreign Exchange green	...	...	04
3c. Playing Cards green	...	...	4 50
3c. Proprietary green	...	...	06
3c. Telegraph green	75	15	18
4c. Inland Exchange brown	...	...	03
4c. Playing Cards violet	...	...	6 50
4c. Proprietary violet	...	1 50	10
5c. Agreement red	...	...	02
5c. Certificate red	15	10	01
5c. Express red	25	10	04
5c. Foreign Exchange red	...	...	03
5c. Inland Exchange red	10	6	01
5c. Playing Cards red	...	...	60
5c. Proprietary red	...	...	70
6c. Inland Exchange orange	...	...	10
6c. Proprietary orange	...	...	45 00
10c. Bill of Lading blue	50	1 75	03
10c. Certificate blue	2 50	1 00	01
10c. Contract blue	...	70	01
10c. Foreign Exchange blue	...	...	35
10c. Inland Exchange blue	3 00	10	01
10c. Power of Attorney blue	...	30	01
10c. Proprietary	...	...	90
15c. Foreign Exch. brown	...	...	35
15c. Inland Exchange brown	70	15	02
20c. Foreign Exchange red	75	...	60
20c. Inland Exchange red	15	07	01
25c. Bond red	3 00	30	01
25c. Certificate red	25	10	01
25c. Entry of Goods red	12	70	06
25c. Insurance red	08	15	01
25c. Life Insurance red	70	1 00	15
25c. Power of Attorney red	15	1 70	02
25c. Protest red	55	1 70	18
25c. Warehouse Rec. red	70	70	40
30c. Foreign Exchange lilac	75	...	1 00
30c. Inland Exchange lilac	40	50	04
40c. Inland Exchange brown	4 00	20	04
50c. Conveyance blue	1 00	15	01
50c. Entry of Goods blue	...	1 25	01
50c. Foreign Exchange blue	80	50	30
50c. Lease blue	80	3 00	25
50c. Life Insurance blue	1 75	3 00	03
50c. Mortgage blue	80	70	02
50c. Original Process blue	20	...	01
50c. Passage Ticket blue	3 00	1 75	10
50c. Prob. of Will blue	1 30	3 00	50
50c. Surety Bond blue	4 00	50	04
60c. Inland Exchange orange	85	60	08
70c. Foreign Exchange green	2 50	60	05
\$1 00 Conveyance red	20	...	10
1 00 Entry of Goods red	50	...	01
1 00 Foreign Exchange red	50	...	01
1 00 Inland Exchange red	10	3 00	01
1 00 Lease red	1 30	...	05
1 00 Life Insurance red	2 00	...	10
1 00 Manifest red	1 00	...	38
1 00 Mortgage red	70	...	2 00
1 00 Passage Ticket red	6 00	...	4 50
1 00 Power of Attorney red	65	...	04
1 00 Probate of Will red	1 00	...	00
1 30 Foreign Exch. orange	...	...	00
1 50 Inland Exchange blue	20	...	10
1 60 Foreign Exch. green	7 00	...	1 25
1 90 Foreign Exch. mauve	...	...	70
2 00 Conveyance red	1 50	10 00	08

Imperf. Part Perf.

2 00	Mortgage red	1 50	10
2 00	Probate of Will red	...	65
2 50	Inland Exchange violet	...	06
3 00	Charter Party green	80	08
3 00	Manifest green	1 00	08
3 50	Inland Exchange blue	30 00	1 00
5 00	Charter Party red	2 00	10
5 00	Conveyance red	1 00	10
5 00	Manifest red	2 00	1 75
5 00	Mortgage red	2 00	50
5 00	Probate of Will red	7 50	50
10 00	Charter Party green	6 00	70
10 00	Conveyance green	2 75	1 30
10 00	Mortgage green	3 30	75
10 00	Probate of Will green	11 00	70
15 00	Mortgage blue	18 00	5 00
20 00	Conveyance orange	1 35	1 00
20 00	Probate of Will orange	50 00	25 00
25 00	Mortgage red	20 00	3 00
50 00	U. S. I. R. green	6 00	2 00
200 00	U. S. I. R. green and red	30 00	14 00

Second Issue. Head of Washington in oval; small rectangle. Perforated.

1c. blue and black	\$ 50
2c. "	02
3c. "	20
4c. "	40
5c. "	06
6c. "	1 50
10c. "	02
15c. "	25
20c. "	10

Head of Washington in circle. Same shape as same values of first issue.

25c. blue and black	01
30c. "	50
40c. "	40
50c. "	02
60c. "	50
70c. "	45
\$ 1 00	18
1 30	4 00
1 50	20
1 60	10 00
1 90	2 50
2 00	40
2 50	20
3 00	1 00
3 50	3 50
5 00	50
10 00	2 00
20 00	12 00
25 00	15 00
50 00	8 00
200 00	blue, black and red 100 00

Third Issue. Same as previous issues. Perforated.

1c. black and claret	\$ 1 00
2c. " orange	01
4c. " brown	70
5c. " orange	04
6c. " orange	70
15c. " brown	25
30c. " orange	20
40c. " brown	50
60c. " orange	50
70c. " green	40
\$1 00	black and green 05
2 00	vermillion 35
2 50	claret 35
3 00	green 1 00
5 00	vermillion 50
10 00	green 2 00
20 00	orange 12 00

Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange	2 50
Fourth Issue. Perforated.	
2c. black and orange (green)	01
Inverted Medallion.	
2c. black and orange (green)	3 00

Fifth Issue. Profile of Liberty.

2c. blue	Silk 01	Wmk. 01	Roul. 18
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Sixth Issue. Playing Cards. Rouletted.

2c. lake	Inscribed, "On Hand, Aug. 1894."	06
2c. ultramarine	Inscribed, "Act of Aug. 1894."	10
2c. ultramarine	Wmk'd U. S. I. R.	04

1898. New Used

Postage Stamps of 1895 issue surcharged.

1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in small sans serif capitals	10	10
1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in large Roman capitals	03	01
a, surcharge inverted	1 50	1 50
2c. carmine, blue surcharge	04	01
a, surcharge inverted	25	20

Periodical Stamps, surcharged: Int. Rev. \$5.00 Documentary.

a Surcharged from bottom to top.		
b Surcharged from top to bottom.		
\$5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (a)	7 00	3 00
5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (b)	7 00	...

Wmk'd U. S. I. R., rouletted 5%.

1/2c. orange (battleship)	10	05
1/2c. gray-brown	01	01
1c. pale blue	02	01
2c. rose	03	01
3c. dark ultramarine	04	02
4c. pale rose	05	02
5c. lilac	06	01
10c. dark brown	...	01
25c. purple-brown	...	02
50c. slate-violet	...	03
\$ 1 00 yellow-green (Commerce)	...	02
3 00 brown-lilac	...	12
5 00 red	...	20
10 00 black	...	1 00
40c. lilac	...	05
80c. bistre	...	12

Proprietary Stamps.

1871-75. Head of Washington in oval. Perf.

	Violet p	Green p
1c. black and green	05	05
2c. "	05	05
3c. "	25	25
4c. "	08	08
5c. "	2 00	3 00
6c. "	85	85
10c. "	5 00	1 25
50c. "	15 00	20 00
\$1 00	75 00	100 00
5 00	from \$200 to 325 00	

according to condition.

1878 Issue.

1c. green	Silk 03	Wmk. 02	Roul. 1 00
2c. brown	03	02	3 30
3c. orange	04	06	2 00
4c. red	...	08	3 50
4c. red-brown	05	05	3 00
5c. black	2 00	1 50	35 00
6c. blue	70	40	4 00
6c. violet	...	1 00	7 00
10c. blue	...	10 00	7 00

1898 Issue. Roul.

1/2c. yellow-green (battle ship)	New 01	Used 01
1/2c. pale-brown	01	01
3/8c. deep orange	02	01
4/8c. deep ultramarine	02	01
1 c. dark green	02	02
1 1/2c. dark purple	03	02
1 1/2c. brown-violet	08	08
2 c. violet-brown	03	03
2 1/2c. lake	04	03
4 c. purple	05	05
5 c. chestnut-brown	06	05
1 1/2c. light blue	03	03
3 1/2c. slate	05	05

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# PRICES OF STAMPS OF UNITED STATES COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

Many collectors who have heretofore confined their collections to the issues of the United States, have widened the scope of their collecting so as to include CUBA, GUAM, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and PORTO RICO, consequently many of the stamps of these places have become very scarce. We give a list of those that we can supply readily.

The scarce kinds are most always in stock and can be furnished at market value.

## CUBA.

### (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.



ISABELLA

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence. The island is very



ALPHONSO

rich in natural resources. Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.



BABY KING

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors, and are being



BOY KING

added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (†).

<b>1855-57 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. On unwatermarked paper.	<b>Net Price each</b>
1/4 r. p. blue.....	02
1 r. p. green.....	04
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.	
1/4 r. p. black.....	06
1/4 r. p. black on buff.....	85
1/4 r. p. green.....	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon.....	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.	
10c. blue.....	02
20c. green.....	04
40c. rose.....	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac.	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.	
5c. lilac.....	12
10c. blue.....	08
20c. green.....	12
40c. rose.....	20
Above set of four stamps.....	50
<b>1870 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.	
10c. green.....	06
20c. brown.....	04

<b>1871 Issue.</b> Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.	<b>Net Price each</b>
12c. brown lilac.....	19
25c. blue.....	02
50c. green.....	05
1 peseta, brown (†).....	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.	
12 1/2 c. green.....	25
25c. gray lilac.....	04
50c. brown.....	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.	
12 1/2 c. brown.....	23
25c. blue.....	02
50c. red purple.....	08
50c. gray.....	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> Arms of Spain, date in label at top.	
12 1/2 c. light purple.....	06
25c. blue.....	01
50c. green.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	20
Above set of four stamps.....	25
<b>1876 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.	
12 1/2 c. green.....	06
25c. gray lilac.....	02
50c. blue.....	02
1 peseta, black.....	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.	
12 1/2 c. gray.....	08
25c. green.....	02
50c. black.....	02
<b>1878 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. blue.....	02
12 1/2 c. brown.....	06
25c. light green.....	06
50c. dark green.....	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta.	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. black.....	02
25c. blue.....	02
50c. gray.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.	
5c. green.....	02
12 1/2 c. lilac.....	05
25c. blue.....	02
50c. brown.....	02
1 peseta, bistre.....	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> Same type as above, change of date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. rose.....	75
5c. blue.....	02
10c. red brown.....	02
20c. brown.....	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. red.....	07
2 1/2 c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
10c. bistre.....	03
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (4 different surcharges). 4 stamps.	15
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges). 4 stamps.	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges). 3 stamps.	75



Issue	Description	Net Price each
<b>1884 Issue.</b>	<i>Same type as 1882 issue, change of colors.</i>	
	2½c. olive	03
	2½c. violet	18
	10c. brown	16
	20c. olive	20
<b>1888 Issue.</b>	<i>Same type.</i>	
	2½c. red brown	05
	20c. lilac gray	23
<b>1890 Issue.</b>	<i>Baby head of Infant King.</i>	
	1c. brown (‡)	03
	2c. slate blue	04
	2½c. emerald green	05
	5c. olive green	07
	20c. dark violet	08
<b>1891 Issue.</b>	<i>Same type as above.</i>	
	1c. olive green (‡)	03
	5c. emerald green	02
	10c. claret	03
	10c. claret (‡)	06
<b>1894 Issue.</b>	<i>Same type as above.</i>	
	1c. violet blue	02
	2c. red	03
	2½c. lilac	02
	20c. brown	09
<b>1896 Issue.</b>	<i>Same type as above.</i>	
	1c. lilac brown	01
	2c. claret	02
	2½c. rose	02
	5c. slate blue	01
	10c. emerald green	02
	10c. emerald green (‡)	04
	20c. violet	11
<b>1898 Issue.</b>	<i>Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.</i>	
	1, 2, 3, 5m. set of four	10
	Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., )	
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2, )	9 40
	pesos	
<b>1898-99 Provisionals.</b>	<i>Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.</i>	
	NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have a few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.	
<b>1899 Issue.</b>	<i>New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.</i>	
	1c. on 1c. yellow green	03
	2c. on 2c. red	04
	2½c. on 2c. red	05
	2½c. on 2c. carmine	25
	3c. on 3c. purple	05
	5c. on 5c. blue	09
	10c. on 10c. light brown	16
<b>1899 Issue (2nd).</b>	<i>New and beautiful designs.</i>	
	1c. green	02
	2c. carmine	04
	3c. purple	05
	5c. blue	09
	10c. brown	15
	10c. orange (special delivery)	15

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

<b>1899 Issue.</b>	<i>Surcharged on U. S. unpaid letter stamps.</i>	
	1, 2, 5, 10c. claret, set of four	75

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

<b>1888 Issue.</b>	<i>Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-impresos" above, value below.</i>	
	½m. black	02
	1m. "	04
	3m. "	05
<b>1890-96 Issue.</b>	<i>Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to right, value below.</i>	
	½m. red brown	02
	1m. "	02
	2m. "	03

Issue	Description	Net Price each
	3m. red brown	01
	4m. "	07
	8m. "	14
	Set of six stamps	31
	½m. violet (1892)	01
	1m. "	01
	2m. "	01
	3m. "	01
	4m. "	05
	8m. "	05
	Set of six stamps	18
	½m. rose (1894)	01
	1m. "	01
	2m. "	02
	3m. "	02
	4m. "	03
	8m. "	03
	Set of six stamps	12
	½m. blue green (1896)	01
	1m. "	02
	2m. "	02
	3m. "	04
	4m. "	04
	8m. "	05
	Set of six stamps	16

**CUBA PACKETS.**

Forty varieties of Cuban stamps, 1862 to 1899. *bargain*, price 30c. Ask for Packet No. 126.  
A fine packet of 100 varieties of Cuban stamps, a fine lot, issues 1855 to 1899, price \$3.50. Packet No. 119

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We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, when requested. Ask for book No. 16.  
We can usually supply a number of the varieties of Cuban stamps not listed above. Buyers may see anything we have on approval, at net prices, upon request.

**GUAM, (OCEANICA.)**

The largest of the Ladrone group of Islands in the Pacific Ocean. The northernmost Australasian group, numbering about twenty.  
Guam is also known as Guahan or Guajan, is ninety miles in circumference and has a population of about 5,000. After the Spanish-American war this island was taken by the United States as a naval station. The capital, San Ignacio de Agana, is the headquarters of the Naval Governor.

United States stamps bearing the word "GUAM" surcharged in black are used.

The following stamps are unused copies:

Issue	Description	Net Price each
<b>1899 Issue.</b>	<i>Current stamps of the United States surcharged "Guam" in black.</i>	
	1c. green and black	\$ 04
	2c. carmine and black	05
	3c. purple "	15
	4c. brown "	10
	5c. blue "	15
	6c. maroon "	25
	8c. brown purple "	1 00
	10c. pale brown "	25
	15c. olive green "	35
	50c. orange and "	1 00
	\$1 00 black	2 00

**FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY.**

10c. blue, surcharged in red	40
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## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

(OCEANICA.)

A group of islands in the north Pacific ocean also known as the Sandwich Islands.

First a native monarchy, later a provisional government, then a republic, is now a territory of the United States annexed in 1899.

The regular stamps of the United States are now current in the islands.

The following stamps are all obsolete, are likely to increase materially in value.

We price such as we have both used and unused.

**1864-75 Issue.** *Various portraits in ovals, with values below and "Hawaii" above.*

UNUSED. USED.

1c. violet .....	18	...
2c. vermilion .....	30	25
6c. green .....	40	35
18c. dull rose .....	50	...

**1882 Issue.** *Similar to preceding series.*

1c. blue .....	08	...
2c. lilac rose .....	50	18
5c. ultramarine .....	...	05

**1883-86 Issue.** *Similar, change of colors.*

2c. rose .....	...	03
10c. red brown .....	...	10
10c. vermilion .....	90	...

**1889-91 Issue** *Similar to preceding issues.*

2c. violet .....	08	03
5c. black blue .....	90	...

**1893 Issue.** *Regular issues of 1864 to 1886 surcharged in three lines "Provisional—Gov't.—1893."*

1c. violet .....	18	...
1c. blue .....	18	...
1c. green .....	03	...
2c. brown .....	25	...
2c. rose .....	10	08
2c. violet .....	05	...
5c. black blue .....	25	...
5c. ultramarine .....	10	08
6c. green .....	25	...
10c. black .....	30	...
10c. vermilion .....	35	...
10c. red brown .....	25	...
12c. black .....	30	...
15c. brown .....	55	...
25c. purple .....	95	...

**1894 Issue.** *New designs, Arms on 1c., View of Harbor on 2c., Statue on 5c., Star on 10c., Steamer on 12c., Pres. Dole on 25c.*

1c. yellow .....	03	03
2c. brown .....	06	03
5c. rose .....	09	03
10c. green .....	18	12
25c. blue .....	45	...

**1899 Issue.** *Same designs, change of colors.*

1c. dark green .....	03	03
2c. carmine rose .....	04	03
5c. dark blue .....	09	03

## ENVELOPE STAMPS.

**1893 Issue.** *Fine view of Harbor, surcharged "Provisional Gov't.—1893" in two lines, cut with large margins.*

1c. green and red .....	18	...
2c. rose and black .....	18	...
5c. blue and red .....	18	...
10c. black and red .....	40	...
Above four envelopes sent entire and unused .....	1 00	...

## HAWAIIAN PACKET.

A choice packet of 20 Hawaiian stamps, including both used and unused, but all different. Price \$1.25. Packet No. 135.

## HAWAIIAN APPROVAL BOOKS.

A book containing most of the varieties priced in above list at the net prices quoted will be sent on approval upon request of responsible parties who are likely to buy liberally. (This is too scarce a book to send to petty buyers.) Ask for book No. 22.

Varieties of the rarer Hawaiian Island stamps are often in stock. Selections of varieties other than those priced above will be submitted on approval at net prices to buyers, upon request.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

(ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

Having been discovered by Magalhaes in 1521, settlement commencing in 1565.

The group was named after Philip II of Spain.

The chief products are manila hemp, tobacco, sugar, cocoa and rice.

The nominal religion is Roman Catholic.

The sovereignty passed from Spain to the United States when the peace treaty was signed. The form of government that will finally be established by the United States has not been settled. It is now controlled by the military authorities, under a governor. A revolution that was in progress when the United States acquired the group, led by Aguinaldo, a young half breed, who has great ambition and some education, has caused the government some trouble, but the insurgents have been practically crushed, and little remains to establish peace throughout the group.

Education and practical reforms introduced by the most progressive nation in the world will transform these islands into a wonderful territory, as the natural resources are very great.

The issues of stamps from 1854 to 1879 inclusive are all very desirable and have become very scarce through the demand created for them by the many collectors of United States stamps who have recently added the stamps of these islands to their collections.

Such as we have of these older issues will be submitted upon approval at net prices to our customers upon request.

The following stamps are all unused except where indicated as follows (‡), these being cancelled:

<b>1870 Issue.</b> <i>Female head of Liberty, full face, inscribed "Correos" above, value below.</i>	Net Price each
10c. green .....	50
40c. rose (‡) .....	1 50

<b>1872 Issue.</b> <i>Portrait of Amadeus to right, inscribed "Correos" above, "Filipinas" below, value at sides.</i>	Net Price each
12c. rose (†)	45
25c. gray lilac	60
62c. lilac	1 15

**1874 Issue.** *Seated female figure, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.*

12c. gray lilac (†)	30
25c. blue	30
62c. rose (†)	35
1 p. 25c. brown (†)	2 75

**1875-76 Issue.** *Profile of Alphonso to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.*

12c. lilac (†)	20
25c. green (†)	20

**1877 Issue.** *Same as last.*

10c. blue	35
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**1878 Issue.** *Same.*

25m. black (†)	08
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**1880-82 Issue.** *Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.*



ALPHONSO

2c. carmine	02
2½c. brown (†)	05
2½c. ultramarine	08
5c. blue gray	07
6½c. green	12
10c. pale mauve	08
12½c. rose	08
20c. bistre	20
25c. brown	20

**1887-89 Issue.** *Same type as above.*

50m. bistre	08
1c. yellow green	02
1c. dark green	04

**1889 Issue.** *Head of the Baby King of Spain, Alphonso XIII, to right.*



BABY KING

2c. carmine	02
2½c. ultramarine	02
5c. dark blue	20
5c. olive	13
8c. yellow green	10
10c. blue green	25
12½c. yellow green	15
20c. rose	20

**1891 Issue.** *Same as last.*

10c. claret	05
25c. blue	30

**1892-93 Issue.** *Same as last.*

1c. violet	15
2c. violet	03
2½c. olive gray	03
5c. green	05
5c. brown-violet	15
6c. brown-violet	05
8c. ultramarine	15
15c. red-brown	15
20c. gray brown	25

**1894 Issue.** *Same as last.*

2c. dark brown	05
6c. vermilion	05
8c. red-brown	05
12½c. orange	10
15c. rose	20
20c. violet	15

**1896 Issue.** *Same as last.*

1c. green	30
2c. blue	02
2c. light brown	10
5c. emerald green	10
6c. carmine	35
10c. light red-brown	05
15c. blue green	18
20c. orange	15

**1898 Issue.** *Head of the Boy King of Spain to the left, "Filipinas 1898y99" above, value below.*



BOY KING

1m. to 2 pesos, complete series of twenty stamps, unused and fine	7 50
1m. orange brown	02
2m. orange brown	02
3m. orange brown	02
4m. orange brown	25
5m. orange brown	02
1c. black violet (†)	05
2c. blue green	04
3c. dark brown (†)	04
4c. orange	50
15c. slate green	25

**1899 Issue.** *"Philippines" surcharged in black on regular United States stamps.*

1c. yellow green	03
2c. red	05
3c. purple	06
5c. blue	09
10c. yellow brown	15
15c. olive	25
50c. orange	75

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

**1899 Issue.** *"Philippines" surcharged in black on the regular postage due stamps of the United States.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 50c. claret, set of five stamps	2 00
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### HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

*The following stamps were surcharged for provisional use.*

**1868-74 Issue.**

6½c. green, rose	40
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**1881-88 Issue.**

10c. on 2½c. ultramarine, black surcharge	20
1c. on 2½c. ultramarine, red surcharge	10
8c. on 2½c. ultramarine	15
2½c. on ½c. green	10
2½c. on 10c. green	14

**1889 Issue.**

2½c. on 1c. green	07
2½c. on 2c. carmine	10
2½c. on 5c. blue	08
2½c. on 50m. bistre	10
2½c. on ½c. green	06
2½c. on 2c. "Telegrafos"	08
2½c. on 2½c. "	08
2½c. on 5c. "	08
2½c. on 10c. green "Telegrafos"	07
2½c. on 20c. lilac	40
5c. on 20c. lilac	2 50
10c. on 20c. lilac	2 50

### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

**1886 Issue.** *Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, "Filipinas Impresos" above, value below.*

½c. green	02
1m. rose	05

	Net Price each
2m. blue.....	03
5m. dark brown.....	05
Above set of four stamps.....	10
<b>1890-96 Issue. Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to left, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</b>	
¼c. lilac brown.....	02
1m. " ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
¼c. brown (1894)*.....	01
1m. olive ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
¼c. blue (1896).....	02
1m. blue ".....	02
2m. brown ".....	02
5m. blue green (1896).....	03

**PHILIPPINE PACKET.**

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**PHILIPPINE APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We have an approval book containing most all of the above single stamps priced at the above net prices which we will send out on approval to correspondents from which they may make their selection. Ask for book No. 15.

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**PORTO RICO.**

**(WEST INDIES.)**

An island in the West Indies, which has an area of about 5300 square miles and about eight hundred thousand inhabitants. Discovered by Columbus in 1493, was conquered by the Spaniards mainly by Ponce de Leon 1508-20. In 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War it became a possession of the United States of America, and will no doubt become in due course of time a Territory and finally a State of our Union.

The first stamps used exclusively in Porto Rico, were those of Cuba for 1873 to 1876, with the addition of a script surcharge in black.

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

**1876 Issue. Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.**

25c. violet and black.....	25
50c. blue and black.....	50
1 peseta, black.....	95

**1881 Issue. Head of Alphonso XIII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.**



ALPHONSO

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	50
1c. green.....	12
2c. lake.....	22
3c. brown.....	40

**1882 Issue. Same type without date.**

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	13
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. pale green.....	04
3c. orange.....	07
8c. brown (‡).....	08
80c. olive brown.....	90

**1884 Issue. Same as last.**

3c. chocolate.....	08
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**1890 Issue. Type of Baby head of King of Spain.**



BABY KING

½m. black.....	07
2m. violet rose.....	04
2m. violet rose (‡).....	04
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	03
3c. dark blue (‡).....	05

**1891 Issue. Same as last.**

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. set of six stamps.....	12
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	03
1c. light green.....	04
2c. lilac rose (‡).....	04
3c. orange red (‡).....	04
5c. yellow green.....	10
5c. blue green.....	10
5c. blue green (‡).....	03
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	15
10c. violet rose.....	15
20c. mauve.....	30
40c. dark blue.....	70

**1893 Commemorative Issue. A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island.**

Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.



3c. dark green.....	75
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**1894 Issue. Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.**

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. lilac brown.....	03
3c. olive.....	06
3c. olive (‡).....	02
4c. slate blue.....	05
20c. rose.....	10
40c. red violet.....	25

**1896 Issue. Same as last, new colors.**

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. claret (‡).....	02
1c. claret.....	02
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. ultramarine.....	15
4c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
6c. lilac.....	03
8c. rose.....	05
20c. olive.....	10
40c. orange.....	25

**1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.**

3c. claret brown.....	03
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**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**

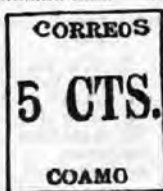


BOY KING

1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	30
4m. " (‡).....	25
5m. ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	05
1c. " (‡).....	04
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	60
5c. carmine.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03

	Net Price each
8c. gray brown.....	07
10c. vermilion.....	10
15c. slate green.....	15
20c. maroon.....	20
40c. violet.....	25
60c. black.....	40
80c. red brown.....	50
1, 2, 3, 4, 5m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos, the complete series of twenty stamps, all unused.....	6 00
<b>1898-99 Provisional Issue.</b> Regular issues of 1891 to 1897, surcharged in three lines. "Habilitado—para—1898 y 99," in red or violet.	
1m. lilac brown.....	03
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	02
1c. claret.....	03
2c. red brown.....	04
3c. claret brown.....	08
4c. brown.....	08
5c. blue.....	08
5c. yellow green.....	12
6c. violet.....	08
8c. rose, violet surcharge.....	15
20c. olive.....	20
40c. salmon.....	45
80c. black.....	1 25
<i>Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Im- puesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but were made available for postage.</i>	
2c. on 2m. flesh.....	03
2c. dark violet.....	08
2c. red brown.....	08
5c. blue green.....	07
5c. on 1m. violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue.....	03

**Provisional for Coamo.** A  
type set stamp issued by U. S.  
military authority available  
for postage to all countries.  
Unperforated.



5c. black, types I, II, III, IV, each.....	25 00
Complete sheet of ten types.....	200 00
<b>United States Stamps, surcharged Porto Rico in black.</b>	
1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2c. red (f).....	02
5c. blue.....	08
8c. puce.....	12
10c. brown.....	15
<b>1900 Issue.</b> U. S. stamps surcharged "Puerto Rico" in black.	
1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

<b>1899 Issue.</b> U. S. postage due stamps sur- charged "Porto Rico."	
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps (f).....	50
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps, unused.....	65

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issues; price, \$1.00. Ask for Packet No. 117.

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pondents, from which they may make selections.  
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only stamps of Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands  
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cies mentioned above, 225 different varieties, \$7.50  
Packet No. 137.

### SETS.

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### CUBA.

#### REGULAR ISSUES.

	Number in Set	Price per Set
1855-64, ¼, ½, ¾, 1, 1r.....	5	25
1866, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	4	1 25
1868, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	4	50
1870-71, 10, 12, 20, 25, 50c.....	5	30
1873, 12½, 25, 50c.....	3	30
1874, 12½, 25, 50c.....	3	27
1875, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	4	25
1876, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	4	28
1877, 12½, 25, 50c.....	3	17
1878, 5, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	5	1 00
1879, 5, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	4	35
1880, 5, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	5	35
1881, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.....	5	90
1882, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10c.....	5	20
1883, 5c. different surcharges.....	4	15
1883, 10c. " ".....	4	40
1883, 20c. " ".....	3	75
1884, 2½, 2½, 10, 20c.....	4	55
1888, 2½, 20c.....	2	25
1890, 2, 2½, 5, 20c.....	4	22
1891-94, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.....	6	20
1896, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.....	6	16
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 5m.....	4	10
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.....	20	9 40
1899, On U. S. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10c.....	6	40
1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. and Sp'1 Del. 10c.....	6	50

### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

1899, 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	4	75
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### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

1890, ¼, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	30
1892, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	15
1894, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	12
1896, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	15

### GUAM.

ALL UNUSED.

1899, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c. on U. S.....	6	65
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### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

ALL UNUSED.

1864-75, 1, 2, 6, 18c.....	4	1 50
1893, Prov. Gov't 1c. (3 var.) 2c. (3 var.) 5c. (2 var.) 6c., 10c. (3 var.) 12c., 15c., 25c.....	15	4 00
1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.....	5	80
1899, 1, 2, 5c.....	3	12

### ENVELOPE STAMPS.

1893, 1, 2, 5, 10c. Prov. Gov't.....	4	60
1893, same entire.....	4	1 00



## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

REGULAR ISSUES.	Number in Set	Price per Set
1880-89, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6½, 10, 12½, 20, 25c. 50m.	10	90
1889, 2, 2½, 5, 8, 10, 12½, 20c.	7	75
1891-93, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25c.	10	1 10
1894, 2, 6, 8, 12½, 15, 20c.	6	55
1896, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20c.	7	1 00
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m.	5	30
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.	20	7 50
1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. on U. S.	5	35
1899, Same and 15c. 50c. on U. S.	7	1 30

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1899, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c.	5	2 00
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## HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

1881-88, 1, 8, 2½ on ½, 2½ on 10, 10c.	5	65
1889, 2½ on ½, 1, 2, 5c. 50m.	5	40
1889, 2½ on 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c. Telegrafos	5	70

## NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

1886, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	10
1890, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	08
1894, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	07
1896, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	09

## PORTO RICO.

## REGULAR ISSUES.

1881, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6m.	6	50
1882, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. 1, 3c.	8	20
1891, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m.	6	12
1891, 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40c.	7	1 35
1894, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 3, 4, 20, 40c.	9	50
1896, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20, 40c.	12	60
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m.	5	35
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c.	13	2 40
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.	20	6 00
1899, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. on U. S.	5	40

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1899, 1, 2, 10c.	3	65
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## HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

1898-99, 2, 4m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c.	8	35
1898-99, 1, 2, 4m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20, 40c.	12	1 00

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1861 Issue.	Good	Ordinary
5c. green	\$ 27	20
10c. blue	50	35
<b>1862 Issue.</b>		
5c. blue (†)	25	...
5c. blue	25	...
5c. dark blue	...	40
10c. rose	1 75	1 25
5c. blue, London print	10	08
5c. blue, local print	07	05
<b>1863 Issue.</b>		
2c. brown-red (†)	18	...
10c. blue, catalogue type A. 7 (†)	02	...
10c. blue, catalogue type A. 7	10	08
10c. blue, catalogue type A. 8	03	...
20c. green (†)	08	...
<b>1866 Issue.</b>		
1c. orange (†)	50	...

## HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Stamp collecting is a most fascinating and profitable pastime and we commend the following essay on the subject to our readers. It formed part of the preface of European philatelic publication recently issued:

## On the Subject of Stamp Collecting.

A few years after the appearance of the first stamps, there were persons who found a pleasure in collecting and classifying these many-coloured labels; and the occupation proved so attractive that it was not long before this kind of collecting came much into vogue.

Not only is a feeling of curiosity gratified by the inspection of such varied subjects as are presented by the stamps of different countries; not only is an artistic interest awakened in us by a gallery of these little pictures, drawn, generally, by the best artists; but the study of postage stamps is connected with a thousand other studies; it demands very varied knowledge; and those who have had no experience in the subject, cannot well imagine how much is to be learned by handling and arranging these scraps of paper.

Competent writers have often defended stamp collecting against unjust attacks, and shown that there is nothing puerile about it, as is too generally thought.

A younger sister of Numismatics, Philately presents numerous points of resemblance to that science. Although less durable than coins, owing to their fragility and the comparative worthlessness of the substance of which they are made, postage stamps resemble coins in most other respects. Like them, they teach us the history of each nation by revealing to us, through the changes in the effigies or legends they bear, the succession of the different Sovereigns, and the political vicissitudes of all the states of the globe. As Dr. Legrand aptly remarks, they even sometimes retain the trace of events which are too fugitive to allow time to be spent in recording them in bronze or silver; and one may see that in certain countries pretenders to power have printed postage stamps before they have been able to assume authority and coin money.

There is no reason why the Philatelist should not be something of a philosopher while pursuing his study. The mere inspection of a postage stamp often suffices to indicate the character of a people or a government. Thus, a more or less advanced state



COL. CHAS. A. COOLIDGE.

An American Stamp Collector Who Has Distinguished Himself in China.

The portrait that we give above is from a good photograph of the gallant Colonel Charles A. Coolidge, who will be remembered as an ardent stamp collector while he was stationed as Captain of the Seventh Infantry at Fort Logan, Colo., and other Western military stations.

Colonel Coolidge is now in command of the Ninth U. S. Infantry in China. It was the members of his regiment that were distinguished for their valor at Tien Tsin, where the late Col. Emerson H. Liscum was killed July 13th. Col. Coolidge immediately succeeded to the command, and is an officer highly esteemed by his men and in military circles.

Col. Coolidge had been a regular correspondent of this company nearly twenty years, having taken a great interest in philatelic literature, as well as being a lover of stamps.

A Chicago Sunday newspaper recently published an account written by Col. Coolidge of their entry into the "Forbidden City" in Peking. The Colonel and his American boys were the first of the allied troops to enter that ancient Chinese "holy of holies."

The new catalogue (60th Edition) is ready. Send 58c. if you want a copy.

Every collector needs it, because all business is discounted from its quotations.

The 1901 edition of the International Stamp Album is also on hand. Prices, post free: No. 1, cloth and board cover, \$1.50; No. 2, full cloth, \$2.50; No. 3, cloth with stubs, \$3.50; No. 4, printed one side, bound in two volumes, \$6.50.

of civilization will be shown by a greater or less degree of perfection in the artistic work. Republics are easily recognised by their symbolic devices, or by portraits of their great men; and monarchies by effigies of their sovereigns, or by the arms of reigning families. It can even sometimes be surmised by these latter badges what is the extent of the royal power in a country. Where monarchies are constitutional, a reproduction of the features of the king or queen is generally displayed on the stamps, as in Great Britain, Belgium, and Spain; while with nations which have preserved absolute power, or have remained more deeply attached to monarchical institutions, there is a repugnance to subjecting the august effigy of the sovereign to be marred and smudged in the postoffice, as is seen in Russia and different German states. It was on this account that the late King of Naples would only allow his portrait to appear on stamps on condition that the obliterating mark should not deface his features.

Geography, like history, is closely bound up with the study of postage stamps, necessitating the acquisition of much information upon the subject which would otherwise be neglected. The smallest countries have their place marked in the collector's album; and there are certain colonies, and certain little republics, whose position, whose name even, the collector would be ignorant of, if he did not see with his own eyes the stamps they have issued.

Moreover, not only must the stamp collector know the geographical position of the different nations; he must also familiarise himself with their institutions and learn somewhat of their languages; he must master their mode of reckoning, and learn their monetary system and their weights and measures.

Where countries use the European languages, it is not very difficult to read and understand the inscriptions upon their stamps, but it is not the same when we come to Eastern lands. The alphabets themselves require serious study; and those for whom the stamps of Asia have no secrets may be regarded as really learned men.

Nor will it suffice that the Philatelist be equipped with a knowledge of history, geography and languages. To these must be added heraldry, if he would find his way through the maze of devices which enter into the composition of the armorial bearings with which stamps are so frequently adorned. He must also possess some technical information about the raw materials employed in making stamps and the way they are used. The collector must be able to guard carefully against the imitations which are offered to him; and this he can only do by gaining an exact knowledge of the elements which go to make up a genuine stamp.

To this end, an examination of the design and inscriptions is not sufficient. He must also be able to distinguish between the different kinds of engraving and printing.

He will know, for instance, that in copper-plate engraving where the drawings are traced by incisions made on a sheet of metal by an engraver, or by aqua-fortis, the ink that has sunk into the hollows is deposited in relief on the paper, heavy pressure having been applied to this paper by means of a roller; and he will not confuse the result thus obtained with

that produced by relief engraving. In the latter method, the parts only of the plate on which the engraving is made are spared by the engraver, and thus they alone remain in relief. These reliefs, charged with greasy ink, are conveyed to the paper, all the other parts of the plate being hollowed out. The result is that, when pressure is applied, the portions of the paper destined to remain a white, penetrate into the hollows and form, on the reverse side, a sort of embossing.

Lastly, he will recognise the effects of lithographic printing. In this case, the subject having been drawn upon a special stone with a pencil or lithographic ink, and fixed by means of an acid, there is no relief, and the design, which is reproduced on the paper, gives it a somewhat glossy appearance, resulting from the pressure between the smooth surfaces of the stone and the roller.

As postage stamps vary in different countries, their history is necessarily made up of a series of monographs devoted to each nation. The official texts relative to the issues made by a government, and which constitute, so to speak, the civil status of each stamp; the detailed description of the design with its motto; the particulars concerning the artists commissioned to produce the different types of stamps; the mode of manufacture chosen for carrying out the artists' designs; the paper on which the stamps have been printed; the colors that have been applied to them, such are the principal divisions of the plan that may be traced for such a monograph, to which should be added the examination of certain accessory points, such as the re-impressions that may have been executed, or the obliterations that have been employed at the post-office to cancel the stamps.

And it was from the introduction to such a work on the stamps of Switzerland that we have taken the above essay on "Stamp Collecting." It is worthy of consideration, and shows that stamp collecting may be adopted as an educator, a hobby or as a means of recreation even by men of the highest intellectual attainments.

#### Confederate Envelopes.

It has been known for years that the Confederate postmasters sold envelopes bearing various indications of prepayment in lieu of stamps, at times when stamps were unobtainable during the Civil War 1861-1863.

The same impressions, signifying payment, were often applied to letters after they were mailed, they are found on folded letters and envelopes that were not sold. These "Hand Stamped" envelopes have been collected by some who recognized their interesting character for years. They have gradually been worked into the Scott catalogue with the regular Confederate postmasters' stamps. We think it is time to separate the lists, the envelopes have a certain interest of their own but they will not appeal to one collector in a thousand that the adhesive stamps interest. Then, too, the list is only started, many more exist that are as justly entitled to classification, as the particular ones given in that catalogue.

An impression of the Columbia, S. C., envelope stamp now comes to light on a folded letter.

## FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Our stock of foreign stamps is far too large for us to give any idea of it in such a limited space as we now have available, so we have selected certain popular countries from which we solicit orders.

We do not sell *reprints* and our stamps are all guaranteed to be originals.

All prices quoted are *strictly net cash*.

### ABYSSINIA.

(AFRICA.)

A country in the north-eastern part of Africa, south of the Egyptian Soudan. The superior portion of the population is more akin to the Caucasian and the Semitic than to the usual Ethiopian negro.

The emperor (Negus Negusti or King of Kings), is Menelek of Shoa who claims descent from Menelek, the son of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.



MENELEK

The country is about one hundred thousand square miles in area and has about four million population. Although isolated from the Christian world, that



ARMS

MELEK has been the religion of its people since the fourth century.

There is no popular literature, no education. The principal pursuits are war, agriculture, cattle breeding and hunting.

They defeated the Italians in 1896, who tried to exercise a protectorate over the country. The postal system is crude and very primitive, the stamps used were issued in 1894 and supplemented in 1896 by a surcharged series for unpaid letters.

The Austrian (taler) Maria Theresa dollar is the adopted coin. 16 guerdie = 1 taler.

We offer the following stamps of this country: (\*) Indicates unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Portrait of King Menelek looking to the right on lower values. Lion holding flag (arms) on the higher values. All inscriptions in native characters.*

	Net Price Each
¼g. green (*)	03
½g. rose (*)	05
1g. blue	05

Complete series, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps

1 45

**Unpaid 1896 Issue.** *Portrait type with a surcharged inscription in native characters within a scroll.*

¼g. green (*)	05
½g. rose (*)	05

Complete series (\*) ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps

2 90

### CANADA.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

The Dominion of Canada, one of the most important of British possessions, includes the various provinces formerly known as Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec respectively), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba and the North West Territories.

The stamps of this country are only second in importance and interest to those of the United States in the eyes of American collectors. The following are all unused except where special mention is made of used specimens.



QUEEN VICTORIA

**1868 Issue.** *Large stamp, head of Queen Victoria to right.*

15c. lilac ..... 25

**1877 Issue.** *Same as above.*

15c. blue gray ..... 50

**1882 Issue.** *Small stamp, type similar to last.*

½c. black ..... 02

**1897 Issue.** *Jubilee commemorative issue. Portrait of Queen Victoria 1837 in oval at left and portrait 1897 in oval at right.*

½c. black ..... 20

1c. orange ..... 02

2c. green ..... 04

3c. bright rose ..... 05

5c. deep blue ..... 08

6c. rich brown ..... 35

8c. violet ..... 12

10c. brown violet ..... 15

15c. steel blue ..... 20

20c. vermilion ..... 25

50c. ultramarine ..... 60

½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c., series of eight stamps

Same, and 15, 20, 50c., series of eleven stamps

50c. ultramarine used ..... 25

\$2.00 dark purple ..... 1 00

3.00 yellow bistre " ..... 2 00

4.00 purple " ..... 2 50

5.00 olive green " ..... 3 00

**1897 Regular Issue.** *Head of Queen Victoria to left, small stamps with maple leaves in four corners.*

UNUSED. USED

½c. black ..... 02 02

1c. green ..... 02 01

2c. purple ..... 03 02

3c. carmine red ..... 04 01

5c. dark blue ..... 07 02

6c. chocolate ..... 10 06

8c. orange ..... 14 04

10c. brown violet ..... 18 02

**1898-99 Issue.** *Same type as last with numerals in two lower corners.*

½c. black ..... 01 01

1c. gray green ..... 02 01

2c. purple ..... 03 01

2c. carmine ..... 03 01

3c. carmine ..... 04 01

5c. blue ..... 07 02

6c. brown ..... 09 04

8c. orange ..... 10 04

10c. brown violet ..... 13 07

**1898 Xmas Issue.** *Large stamp showing location of British possessions on map of the world.*

2c. lavender and carmine ..... 04 02

2c. sea-green and carmine ..... 03 02

**1899 Issue.** *The 3c. stamps of 1897 and 1898 surcharged "2 cents" in black.*

2c. on 3c. "maple leaves" ..... 06 03

2c. on 3c. "numerals" ..... 04 02

### SPECIAL DELIVERY.

**1898 Issue.** *Design of lathe work.*

10c. green ..... 13

### REGISTRATION STAMPS.

**1875-89 Issue.** *Long stamps with the word "Registered" a prominent feature.*

2c. orange ..... 10 02

2c. rose vermilion ..... 20

5c. green ..... 02

8c. blue ..... 1 95



# HONDURAS.

(CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, about 43,000 square miles in area, a population of about four hundred thousand people, most of whom are of aboriginal blood.

Rich in mineral wealth but undeveloped to a great extent. The products are mahogany, fruit, cattle, cotton, sugar, tobacco, coffee, indigo, sarsaparilla, hides, india rubber and hard tropical woods.

Discovered by Columbus 1502; conquered by Spain in 1523-36; was a part of the captaincy of Guatemala; in 1839 it became an independent republic. The executive is vested in a president elected for four years.

Spanish is the common language, and the prevailing religion is Roman Catholic.

The name of the country, Honduras, is literally "depths," the plural of *hondura*, depth, from *hondo*, deep, from the Latin *fundas*, bottom. The name is said to refer to the difficulty the first explorers had in finding an anchorage off the coast.

The old Spanish currency prevailed there until 1878, 8 reales = 1 peso. The peso is now divided into 100 centavos. The peso is of about the same value as the Mexican dollar.

The stamps of this country are comparatively inexpensive and are for that reason very popular.

All in following list are all unused except where indicated thus (‡), they being used.

**1865 Issue.** *Small square stamps with arms in center, unperforated.*

**Net Price each**

- 2 reales, black on green..... 03
- 2 reales, black on pink..... 03

**1877 Provisionals.** *Above stamps surcharged new value.*

- TEGUCIGALPA.
- ½ r. on 2r. black on pink, black surcharge.... 80
  - ½ r. on 2r. black on green, red surcharge..... 40
  - 2r. on 2r. black on pink, red surcharge..... 80

**NOTE.**— The above stamps bearing various surcharges were issued in 1877 for use in Comayagua and Tegucigalpa. We sometimes have other copies in stock and will submit such as we have on approval upon request.

**1878 Issue.** *Portrait of a President to left, engraved and perforated.*

- 1c. 2c. ½ r. 1r. 2r. 4r. 1p., set of seven stamps.. 40
- 4 reales, bright vermilion (1889)..... 10
- 1 peso, yellow (1889)..... 15

**1890 Issue.** *Arms in center, perforated.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

**1891 Issue.** *Portrait of a General, values 1c. to 1p. smaller in size than the 2, 5 and 10p., which are in two colors.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, set of above eleven values..... 40
- 2, 5 and 10 pesos, series of three stamps..... 40

**1892 Issue.** *Central figures represent a group of statuary, Columbus' first view of America*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40



**1893 Issue.** *Portrait of a President.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps..... 40

**1895 Issue.** *Figure of Justice, with left hand resting on a shield bearing the Arms.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps..... 40

**1896 Issue.** *A roughly lithographed series, with a full face portrait of a President.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps (‡)..... 25

**1898 Issue.** *A locomotive and train, value in large tablet at left. Lithographed.*

- 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. 1 peso, set of eight (‡)..... 75
- 20c. orange (‡)..... 06
- 50c. red orange (‡)..... 25

## OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890.** *Stamps same type as regular issue of same date, all printed in pale yellow, surcharged with the word "Official" in red.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps..... 40

**1891.** *Same as above, but design type of the regular 1891 issue.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps..... 40

## ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of envelope and wrapper stamps, cut square, issues 1890 to 1895 inclusive.*

- 38 varieties, envelopes and wrappers 1890 to 1895 complete..... 1 50

## HONDURAS COLLECTION.

The collection of 94 different stamps listed above in sets from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, and the officials, will be sent for \$4.00, or with the 38 envelopes and wrappers complete making 132 stamps in all for \$5.25.

## H. I. J.

### SOME CHEAP SETS.

- HONG KONG** 2, 5, 10, Prov. 20c. on 30c., 30 set of five..... 08
- Prov. 50c. on 48c..... 06
- HORTA**.....3 different..... 05
- HUNGARY**.....20 different old issues, including 1 florin..... 10
- ICELAND**.....3, 5, 6, 10, 20a. unpaid 5, 10a. set of seven..... 16
- INDIA**.....15 different..... 10
- On H. M. S., ½, 1, 2, 4, 8a. 1 rupee and 3 pies, seven stamps..... 10
- On H. M. S. above set unused..... 75
- ITALY**.....30 different, including regular issues and unpaid..... 15
- JAMAICA**.....15 different..... 10
- JAPAN**.....16 different..... 10
- 25 different, including 1 yen..... 25

## APPROVAL BOOKS.


Read page 31 for full information about our Approval Department. For small buyers of 50% discount class we call attention to APPROVAL BOOK No. 5. It contains stamps of Honduras, Hong Kong, Horta, Hungary, India, and Native Indian States.

## MEXICO.


### (NORTH AMERICA.)


We will not use space on this limited page to speak of the history of this country, it is familiar to us all, being our nearest neighbor of all American Republics. Its stamps are of *great* historical interest, and they are very popular with American collectors.


Our stock is the best and our prices are the lowest.

	<b>1856.</b>	Unused	Used
	½r. blue.....	\$	08
	1r. yellow.....		04
	2r. green.....		04

<b>1861.</b>			
½r. buff p.....	30	25	
1r. green p.....		04	
2r. pink p.....		04	
4r. yellow p.....	75	75	
8r. red brown p.....		1 25	
8r. green.....		1 50	

	<b>1864.</b>		
	1r. red.....	02	
	2r. blue.....	03	
	4r. brown.....	03	
	1p. black.....	04	18 50


	<i>Eagle.</i>		
	1r. blue.....		08
	1r. ultramarine.....		10
	2r. orange.....	13	03

	<b>1866. Lithographed.</b>		
	7c. lilac.....	1 00	
	25c. buff.....	20	17
	25c. red orange.....		20
	50c. green.....	30	

	<i>Engraved.</i>		
	25c. blue (error).....	5 00	


**1867. First type, surcharged "Mexico" in Gothic type.**

	2r. pink p.....		15
	2r. green.....		25


	<b>1868. Unperforated.</b>		
	6c. brown p.....		25
	12c. green p.....	35	20
	25c. blue, pink p.....		20

	<i>Perforated.</i>		
	6c. brown p.....		25
	12c. green p.....	20	12
	25c. blue, pink p.....		10


*Thick figures of value with period.*

	<i>Unperforated.</i>		
	6c. brown p.....	12	07
	12c. green p.....		03
	25c. blue, pink p.....		02
	50c. yellow p.....		50

	<i>Perforated.</i>		
	12c. green p.....		10
	25c. blue, pink p.....		05

	<b>1872. Unperforated.</b>		
	6c. green.....	10	15
	12c. blue.....		04
	25c. red.....		03


	<i>Perforated.</i>		
	25c. red.....		06

<b>1874-83.</b>			
	4c. orange.....	08	08
	5c. brown.....	04	04
	10c. black.....	03	03
	10c. orange.....	02	02
	25c. blue.....	01	01
	50c. green.....	05	05
	100c. carmine.....	06	06

*On thin paper.*

	4c. orange.....	...	12
	5c. brown.....	...	08
	10c. orange.....	...	03
	25c. blue.....	...	02

**1879.**

	1c. brown.....	05	
	2c. violet.....	08	08
	5c. orange.....	03	03
	10c. blue.....	04	04
	25c. carmine.....	04	08
	50c. green.....	06	35
	85c. purple (with control number).....	50	60
	100c. black.....	15	60

**1882.**

	1c. brown.....	12	12
	2c. violet.....	12	12
	5c. orange.....	05	05
	10c. blue.....	02	05
	10c. brown.....	04	04
	12c. brown.....	04	05
	18c. red-brown.....	05	07
	24c. violet.....	05	10
	25c. carmine.....	08	75
	25c. red-brown.....	13	
	50c. green.....	18	75
	85c. purple.....	37	
	100c. black.....	25	95



**1882.**

	2c. green.....	\$	08
	3c. red.....		05
	6c. blue.....		05


**1884.**

	1c. green.....		02
	1c. blue (error).....	7 50	
	2c. green.....		03
	3c. ..		03
	4c. ..		03
	5c. ..		03
	6c. ..		05
	10c. green.....		01
	12c. ..		06
	20c. ..	20	04
	25c. ..		10
	50c. ..		06
	1p. blue.....		12
	2p. ..		10
	5p. ..		2 75
	10p. ..		3 50

**1885.**

	1c. pale green.....	05	02
	2c. carmine.....		03
	3c. yellow-brown.....		03
	4c. red.....	37	15
	5c. ultramarine.....		03
	6c. brown.....	15	08
	10c. orange.....	20	02
	12c. brown.....	37	15
	25c. blue.....	2 75	1 00

**1886.**

	1c. green.....	02	01
	2c. carmine.....	03	01
	3c. lilac.....	09	02
	4c. lilac.....	08	03
	5c. ultramarine.....	07	01
	6c. lilac.....	08	03
	10c. ..	04	01
	12c. lilac.....	15	10
	25c. ..	1 00	35

**1887.**

	3c. scarlet.....	05	02
	4c. ..	12	03
	6c. ..	15	03
	10c. ..	10	01
	20c. ..	75	60
	25c. ..	35	20



## NICARAGUA.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, containing an area of about 50,000 square miles and a population of about 300,000 people, of whom about three-quarters are of mixed blood and the rest Indians.

There are extensive veins of copper, silver and gold but only the latter is worked to any extent. There is excellent pasturage on the eastern slope and the raising of cattle is the principal industry. The soil of the lowlands is well adapted for agricultural purposes and large quantities of indigo, sugar, coffee, maize, cotton, rice, beans and plantains are produced, the latter being the staple food of the people. The principal exports are hides and skins, mahogany and other tropical woods, indigo, coffee, sarsaparilla, etc.



Spanish is the prevailing language, Roman Catholicism is the prevailing religion, and the currency (100 centavos = 1 peso) is about the same as the Mexican.

A practically complete collection of Nicaraguan stamps can be obtained at a very reasonable figure and should be found in every album.

All the stamps in our list are unused.

- 1869-80 Issue.** *Small stamps with mountain scenery in ornamental frames. Perforated and rouletted.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 25c. perforated and same rouletted, complete set of ten stamps..... \$ 40
- 1882 Issue.** *Arms in center, date Mayo 1882, perforated.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. complete set of seven stamps..... 40
- 1890 Issue.** *Locomotive and telegraph key on shield with arms and date at top.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10c., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1891 Issue.** *Allegorical figure, bee hive and arms, date at top.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1892 Issue.** *Picture of "Columbus in sight of land," date at top.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1893 Issue.** *Mountain peaks on shield, date at upper right.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1894 Issue.** *Allegorical figure, date at right.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10c., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1895 Issue.** *Arms surrounded by weapons and flags, date at right.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1896 Issue.** *Map of the country, showing route of proposed canal, date at upper right.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of nine stamps..... 40
- 1897 Issue.** *Same with change of date.*  
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.** *Arms of "Greater Republics of Central America," arms of Nicaragua below, with corresponding inscriptions. Date in right center.*

- 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

## UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

**1896 Issue.** *Large figure of value, "Deficiente" below.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. orange, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.** *Same as above, change of color.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. purple, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.** *Same as above, change of color.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. blue green, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

## OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890 Issue.** *Same as regular issue of same date, printed in a uniform color and surcharged "Franqueo Oficial."*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., ultramarine, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1891 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., green, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1892 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., light brown, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1893 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., slate, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

**1894 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., orange, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1895 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., green, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1896 Issue.** *Surcharged in oval.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p. red, complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., red, complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., carmine, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

## ENVELOPE WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of Envelope and Wrapper stamps, cut square, 1890 to 1892 issues inclusive.*

- 61 varieties, envelopes and wrappers, 1890 to 1895 complete..... \$ 2 00

## NICARAGUA COLLECTION.

The collection of 217 different stamps listed above from 1860 to 1897 inclusive, will be sent for \$8.00, or with the envelope and wrappers, making 278 stamps in all, for \$9.75.

## APPROVAL BOOK.

A good many of the low-priced Nicaragua stamps of different issues will be found in our Approval Book No. 8, of our non-duplicating series of 50% discount books, fully described on page 31. It is a good book to ask for and contains some Porto Rico and other good stamps.

# NIGER COAST.

(AFRICA.)

The first stamps issued for this place were lettered **OIL RIVERS**, which, however, was changed soon after to Niger Coast. It was not a colony, but a protectorate, and administered directly by the imperial government of Great Britain through the foreign office.

The Royal Niger Company is a limited company, chartered July 10, 1886, to which considerable political and administrative powers were granted, and which are exercised under the control of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The company maintains forty-two stations where European goods are traded for palm oil, rubber, ivory, gums, hides, etc.

Thirty steamers navigate the Oil Rivers, and afford the principal means for the maintenance of order and security.

This territory has now been divided into North Nigeria and South Nigeria, which have become, we are informed, two regular British colonies.

The first stamps were issued by authority of the foreign office in 1892 and consisted of six values, ½p. to 1sh. of regular issue for Great Britain, surcharged in three lines of type "British-Protectorate-Oil Rivers." The ½p. was exhausted early and they resorted to surcharging. ¼p. value on the 2 pence and 2½ penny stamps.

As these stamps were charged at face value, a few were surcharged with shilling values to equalize the accounts. The surcharging was done in a most primitive way, and with such type and ink as were available in this out-of-the-way place.

The provisionals are all very scarce, and were soon followed by the most beautiful series we have, showing the portrait of the Empress Queen.

The prices of all stamps of Niger, will likely advance very materially, and following prices are all low compared with present condition of the market.

Unused stamps indicated thus (\*).

**1892 Issue.** *Stamps of Great Britain, surcharged "British-Protectorate-Oil Rivers," in three lines.*

	Net Price Each
½p. vermilion.....	10
1p. lilac.....	10
2p. green and carmine (*).....	25
2½. lilac on blue (*).....	15
5p. lilac and blue (*).....	25
1sh. green (*).....	90

Complete series of six stamps, including the ½p. and 1p. in addition to the above four, all unused..... 1 75

**Provisionals.** *Half of 1p. surcharged in red for use as ½p. stamp.*

½p. red on lilac, (half stamp).....	3 50
Pair of above (*) unused.....	7 50

**1893 Issue.** *Newly engraved series, with portrait of the Queen showing change in the plates, altering "Oil Rivers" to "Niger Coast."*

½p. vermilion (*).....	20
1p. blue (*).....	35
2p. green (*).....	1 10
2½p. carmine (*).....	50
5p. lilac (*).....	85
1sh. black (*).....	2 00

Complete series of six stamps (\*)..... 4 00  
Complete series of six stamps, used on the original cover..... 4 00

**1894 Issue.** *New issue, similar to last, but properly engraved Niger Coast. Unwatermarked.*

½p. green (*).....	05
1p. vermilion (*).....	08
2p. carmine (*).....	50
2½p. pale blue (*).....	25
5p. deep violet (*).....	30
1sh. black (*).....	75
Complete series of six stamps (*).....	1 40

**1894 Provisional Issue.** *The first issue surcharged with new values. (Note.—We follow the order of American catalogue in arranging this list, although these stamps were undoubtedly issued before the two issues that are listed above).*

½p. on 2p. green and carmine. Italic surcharge in violet (*) (Catalogue No. 22).....	10 00
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic surcharge in vermilion (*) (Catalogue No. 30).....	5 25
½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Sans Serif surcharge in violet (*) (Catalogue No. 23).....	17 50
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Sans Serif surcharge in blue (*) (Catalogue No. 40).....	17 50
½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Block type surcharge in violet (*) (Catalogue No. 24).....	8 00
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Block type surcharge in vermilion (*) (Catalogue No. 32).....	5 75
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic Cap surcharge in green (*) (Catalogue No. 45).....	17 50

Persons ordering more than three of the provisionals here priced, will be allowed a special discount of 10 per cent.

On page 5 of this paper we give an extract from the 60th Edition Catalogue showing latest classification and prices.

NOTE.—An exact list of what other varieties we have in stock will be sent upon request.

The following may be supplied:

- 1 shilling and 5 shillings surcharged on the 2 pence, green and carmine.
- 10 shillings on 5 pence, lilac and blue.

Collectors interested in this country, are requested to write for special quotations and selections of what we have in stock.

The provisionals we have on hand of this country are from the duplicates of a very fine collection of African stamps that we recently purchased, and are not varieties that are usually found in a stamp dealer's stock.

**1897 Issue.** *Same type as regular 1894 issue, but on paper watermarked "Crown C. A."*

½p. green (*).....	03
1p. vermilion (*).....	04
2p. carmine (*).....	07
2½p. blue (*).....	10

## REGISTRATION ENVELOPE.

**1892 Issue.** *Surcharged on the envelopes of Great Britain. (3 sizes).*

2p. ultramarine and black, entire, either size	75
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## NOVA SCOTIA.

(AMERICA.)

The second issue of the stamps of this province (now part of Canada) bears on three of its values one of the handsomest of all portraits of Queen Victoria.

The stamps are beautiful specimens of the engraver's art.

	Unused	Used
<b>1860-64 Issue.</b>		
1c. black.....	\$ 25	35
2c. mauve.....	25	25
5c. blue.....	...	15
8½c. green.....	75	75
10c. vermilion.....	65	75
12c. black.....	1 00	75





QUEEN VICTORIA



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## NEW BRUNSWICK.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

This is now one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada. It formerly had an independent colonial issue of stamps, but the regular issues of Canada are now in use.   Area 28,200 square miles, population about 325,000. First colonized by the British in 1761. Following are all unused.

**1860-61 Issue.** *An attractive series. Locomotive on 1c., Queen Victoria on 2, 3 and 10c., mail steamer on 12½c., Prince of Wales on 17c.*




1c. red violet .....	05
2c. orange .....	03
5c. yellow green .....	02
5c. blue green .....	03
10c. vermilion .....	15
12½c. blue .....	25
17c. black .....	10
Series 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c. six stamps .....	58

## NORTH BORNEO.

(ASIA.)

British North Borneo includes the northern part of the island of Borneo, which, next to Australia and New Guinea, is the largest island in the world. It is 850 miles in length and 600 miles in breadth.

This territory was ceded to a company by the Sultans of Brunei and Sulu in 1877-8 and was subsequently transferred to the British North Borneo Co., to whom a royal charter was granted first of  November, 1881.

The government is administered by a Governor, similar to a British Colony with modifications to meet native customs and local circumstances.

Stamps were first issued in 1883, and bore the arms on a shield. On the larger stamps the shield is shown with two natives as supporters. Later an attractive series of picture stamps were issued bearing a native warrior on one, a deer, a peacock, a crocodile and various views on others, these are very popular with the young folks and are found on both the series for 1893 and 1897.

The following are cancelled except where indicated thus (\*).

**1886 Issue.** *Arms on a shield, lettered Postage.* Price 1, 2, 4, 8, 10 cents, series of five stamps (\*) 1 40

**1887-90 Issue.** *Same design, lettered Postage and Revenue.* ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 cents, series of nine stamps 15



**1893 Issue.** *Picture stamps, lettered State of North Borneo.* 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of nine stamps 60

**1895 Issue.** *The one dollar stamp surcharged new values in black.* 10c. on one dollar red 06  
20c. on one dollar red 09  
4, 10, 20, 30, 40c. each on one dollar red, complete series of five stamps (\*) 1 25



**1897-98 Issue.** *The picture stamps with addition of native characters in inscriptions.*

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. series of nine stamps 50

**1899 Issue.** The values above 3c. of the 1897 issue and the high values of 1893 issue surcharged "4 cents," for use provisionally on account of change in postage rate. 4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c., series of 6 stamps (\*) 1 25  
4c. on 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollars, set of six stamps (\*) 1 50

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.


**1895 Issue.** *Regular issue surcharged "Postage Due."*

2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of eight stamps (\*) 1 50

## OBOCK.

(AFRICA.)

This is a French Colony on the east coast of Africa, one of the two parts to French Somaliland, which with its dependencies, has an area of about 45,000 square miles, and a population of about 250,000.

 A very striking series of stamps for this colony shows a group of the natives in counsel and the higher values a camel scene on the desert.



All the following are unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Large stamps with group of natives in centre, on quadrilled paper, unperforated.*

1c. black and red .....	02
2c. brown-violet and green .....	04
4c. brown-violet and orange .....	04
5c. blue-green and brown .....	03
10c. black and green .....	04
15c. blue and vermilion .....	05
20c. orange and maroon .....	06
25c. black and blue .....	08
30c. bistre and green .....	10
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., set of eleven stamps .....	80
1 franc, green and maroon .....	35

## SOMALI COAST.

(AFRICA.)

 Djibouti is the name of one of the cities that is also a port to the Protectorate of the Somali Coast on the Gulf of Tadjura on the east coast of Africa. A view of this city is shown in the centre of the stamps, which are very large size. Types of the Somali natives are shown in the border supporting the central picture. 

All following are unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Large stamps with view of city of Djibouti in centre, and natives in border to right and left.*

1c. black and claret .....	02
2c. claret and black .....	03
4c. brown and blue .....	04
5c. red and blue green .....	03
10c. brown and green .....	04
15c. green and violet .....	05
25c. blue and rose .....	08
30c. brown and rose .....	20
50c. blue and rose .....	18
75c. violet and orange .....	22
1 franc, olive and black .....	30
2 francs, rose and gray .....	65
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30c., set of eight stamps .....	45



# SALVADOR.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, containing an area of about 7,000 square miles and a population of about 750,000. It is the most advanced and the most densely populated of the Central American republics.

The mineral deposits are well worked, especially iron and gold. The soil is very fertile and is the best cultivated in Central America, the principal products being indigo, maize, sugar, coffee, tobacco, and cotton. The manufacture of cheese is extensively engaged in, this being a main article of subsistence among the population.

The principal exports are indigo, sugar, coffee, balsam of Peru, fustic and cedar, also hides to some extent.

Like the other Central American republics, Salvador uses the Spanish language, favors the Roman Catholic religion and employs a currency similar to the Mexican (100 centavos = 1 peso). Previous to 1879 the old Spanish currency was in vogue (8 reales = peso).

The stamps are very attractive and can be purchased in sets at very reasonable prices. No collection should be without them.

All the following are unused except where indicated thus (‡), these being cancelled.

**1867 Issue.** Arms in transverse oval, perforated.

½r., blue (‡).....\$ 05  
1r., red (‡).....05

**1890 Issue.** Allegorical figure with flag, date at bottom.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of nine stamps.....40

**1891 Issue.** Arms with locomotive in foreground, date at lower right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of ten stamps.....40

**1892 Issue.** "Landing of Columbus."



1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of ten stamps.....40

1c. on 5c. gray, black surch. reading down.....20

**1893 Issue.** Portrait on lower values, Columbian views on 2, 5, 10 pesos; date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., series of ten stamps.....40

2, 5, 10p., series of three stamps.....40

**1894 Issue.** Allegorical figure on lower values, Columbian views on 2, 5, 10 pesos; date at upper right or top.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., series of ten stamps.....40

2, 5, 10p., series of three stamps.....40

1c. on 11c. vermilion, black surcharge (‡).....10

**1895 (1st) Issue.** Stamps surcharged with new coat of arms over portrait; date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....40

**1895 (2d) Issue.** New arms in various frames; date at right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....40  
1c. on 30c. deep blue, red surcharge.....04  
1c. on 30c. deep blue, " (‡).....06  
2c. on 20c. dark green, " ".....08  
3c. on 30c. deep blue, " ".....12  
1c. on 24c. violet, " ".....06  
1c. on 12c. red, black surcharge.....08

**1896 (1st) Issue.** Allegorical figure, date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 60c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....40

**1896 (2d) Issue.** New arms on 1, 30, 50c.; buildings on 2 and 15c.; locomotive on 3c.; old arms on 5c.; steamship on 10 and 12c.; lake view on 20c.; water fall on 24c., and portrait of Columbus on 1 peso.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....40

15c. on 24c. purple, black surch., inverted.....1 25

**1897 Issue.** Arms of "Greater Republic of Central America" with corresponding inscriptions.

1 and 5c. blue, gold, rose and green, complete set of two stamps.....15

## UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** Large figure of value, "Franqueo Deficiente" at bottom.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., olive, complete series of eight stamps.....40

**1896 Issue.** Same as above, change of color.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., red, complete series of eight stamps.....40

**1897 Issue.** Same as above, change of color.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., dark blue, complete series of eight stamps.....40

## POSTAL PACKET STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** Figure of Mercury seated in the clouds surrounding the globe.

5, 10, 15, 20, 50c., complete series of five stamps.....40

## ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

A collection of envelope and wrapper stamps, comprising the following varieties:

1890, complete series on amber paper, 5 varieties.

1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, complete, 27 varieties.

1895, regular issue, complete, 5 varieties.

1896, seven varieties, including two surcharges.

1897, regular issue, complete, 5 varieties.

Wrappers complete, 1890 to 1897 inclusive (no blue p. 1890), 28 varieties.

77 var. envelopes and wrappers, 1890 to 1897, \$3.75.

## SALVADOR COLLECTION.

The collection of 134 different stamps listed above in sets from 1890 to 1897 inclusive, will be sent for \$5.50; or we will add the envelopes and wrappers as described and send the entire outfit, making a collection of 211 stamps, for \$9.00.

## APPROVAL BOOK.

Those who do not want the complete sets as offered in the above list, are referred to our Approval Book No. 9. There they will find representative values from each issue, including officials and postage dues, marked at catalogue prices and offered at 50% discount.

See description of other contents on page 31. It is one of our most popular books, as it contains Philippines and other good stamps.

## EXPLANATION OF OUR APPROVAL DEPARTMENT.

**50% Discount from Catalogue Prices is allowed on all stamps in this series.**

**Approval Book No. 1** has been designed especially to illustrate our system of carrying on the approval business. The contents of this book have been so selected that there is likely to be something in it suited to the needs of every collector, whether he is a beginner or more advanced.

**Following are Described Eleven Non-Duplicating Books, Nicely Arranged for Easy Comparison with your Collection.**

**Approval Book No. 2** contains stamps from Africa, Angola, Angra, Anjouan, Argentine, Austria, Azores, Baden, Bavaria, Barbados and Belgium.

**Approval Book No. 3** contains stamps from Benin, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia, Brazil, Br. Bechuanaland, Br. East Africa, Br. Guiana, Br. Honduras, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape of Good Hope, Cape Verde, Ceylon, China, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Congo Free State, Cuba, Curacao and Cyprus.

**Approval Book No. 4** contains stamps from Danish West Indies, Deccan, Denmark, Diego Suarez, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Dutch Indies, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Finland, France, Fr. Guiana, Fr. India, French Colonies, Funchal, Germany and Gibraltar.

**Approval Book No. 5** contains stamps from Gambia, Great Comoro, Great Britain, Gold Coast, Greece, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guinea, Hayti, Hawaiian Islands, Hanover, Honduras, Hong Kong, Horta, Hungary, India and Indian Native States.

**Approval Book No. 6** contains stamps from Iceland, Indo China, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Johore, Labuan, Lagos, Leeward Islands, Liberia, Lourenzo Marques, Luxemburg, Macao, Madeira, Malta, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte and Martinique.

**Approval Book No. 7** contains stamps from Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Mozambique, Natal, Netherlands, New Brunswick, New Caledonia, Newfoundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, North Borneo, Norway and Nossi Be.

**Approval Book No. 8** contains stamps from Nicaragua, Nyassa, Obock, Oceanica, Orange Free State, Panama, Paraguay, Perak, Persia, Peru, Porto Rico, Portugal, Portuguese Indies and Ponta Delgada.

**Approval Book No. 9** contains stamps from Philippine Islands, Prussia, Queensland, Reunion, Russia, St. Helena, St. Marie de Madagascar, St. Pierre et Miquelon, St. Thomas and Prince Islands, St. Vincent, Salvador, San Marino, Sarawak, Saxony, Selangor, Senegal and Servia.

**Approval Book No. 10** contains stamps from Seychelles, Shanghai, Siam, Sierra Leone, Sirmoor, Soudan, South Australia, South African Republic, Spain, Straits Settlements, Surinam, Sweden and Switzerland.

**Approval Book No. 11** contains stamps from Tasmania, Timor, Tolima, Travancore, Trinidad, Turkey, Turks Islands, Tunis, Two Sicilies, Uruguay, Venezuela, Victoria, West Australia, Wurtemberg, Zambesi and United States.

**Approval Book No. 13** contains stamps of the United States, including regular issue adhesives, cut square envelopes, officials, telegraphs, revenues, etc.

**The Following are 50% Discount Books, but do not Belong to Our Non-Duplicating Series.**

**Approval Book No. 12** contains about fifty dollars worth (gross), a general selection from many countries, of stamps cataloguing 10c. each and upwards, a good lot of Cuba, Philippines, Porto Rico and British Colonials included. All at 50% discount. This book has to be registered back and forth and should not be requested by parties who contemplate a purchase of less than \$5.00 worth net.

**Approval Book No. 40** contains only stamps of Peru, fine lightly cancelled copies of the recent issues, a fine copy of the 1 sol, 1895, some scarce "deficits" and others not easy to obtain.

**Approval Book No. 41** contains only the postage stamps of Mexico, a favorite book for collectors interested in the stamps of this country, because we have the best stock of them in the world.

Other books of special countries will be announced later.

We have other books of the scarcer stamps, and books classified by countries marked at lowest net prices, without discount; see following list, and the instructions.

These will be found very satisfactory to collectors who have exhausted the 50% discount class.

## Net Books of Stamps Arranged by Countries.

**Stamps in these Books are Marked at Net Prices, as more Discount could be Allowed on some than others, so that it is Computed on each Stamp and the Net Price Marked under each Specimen.**

**Approval Book No. 14** contains the stamps of Porto Rico, including issues from 1876 to 1900 inclusive. It includes most of the Habilitados, the Jubilee stamp and most of the 1898-99 regular issue.

**Approval Book No. 15** contains the stamps of the Philippine Islands, including issues from 1882 to 1900 inclusive. A cheap lot with some of the surcharged issues, most all unused.

**Approval Book No. 16** contains the stamps of Cuba, including issues from 1855 to 1900 inclusive. The Spanish issues, the surcharged U. S. stamps and the beautiful new issue for Cuba.

**Approval Book No. 17** contains the stamps of Persia, including issues from 1880 to 1900 inclusive, also some of the surcharged European stamps issued for use in the Levant.

**Approval Book No. 18** contains the stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate of all issues including some of the rare provisionals, also some Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and other British Colonies in Africa. This is a valuable book and should only be asked for by collectors who are prepared to buy the higher priced stamps.



**Approval Book No. 19** contains the stamps of Bulgaria of all issues, also a few of the better Turkish varieties.

**Approval Book No. 20** contains novelties and new issues, Brazil Jubilee, Bosnia, Japan surcharged for use in Corea, Russia surcharged for use in China, Colombian provisionals, etc.

**Approval Book No. 21** contains only stamps of British North America, Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, etc.

**Approval Book No. 22** contains a number of Hawaiian Islands stamps, and is filled out with some medium class United States stamps, both used and unused.

**Approval Book No. 23** contains Turkish and other Oriental stamps, it includes newspaper and other surcharged stamps hard to find.

**Approval Book No. 24** contains stamps of Hayti and other West Indies other than Cuba and Porto Rico.

**Approval Book No. 25** contains British African stamps of a cheaper class than those in book No. 18, Niger, British Bechuanaland, Rhodesia, etc.

**Approval Book No. 26**, contains only unused stamps in mint condition including old German Straits Settlements, Native States, Pahang, Perak, Johore, Selangor, etc.

**Approval Book No. 27**, contains new issues other than No. 20, they include the new Switzerland Postal Union Commemorative, French Congo and others.

**Approval Book No. 28** contains United States postage and department stamps, as the demand is so great for this book a deposit of \$5.00 is required, as we cannot afford to send it to parties who want to make smaller purchases. The book is valued over \$60.00 and must be registered both ways.

## CLASS B.

We have a special line of stamps that we sell at 25% discount from current catalogue. It consists of unused stamps that have a face value of half or more of the catalogue price, and fine used copies of old issues, a line of stamps that is as cheap at 25% discount as the ordinary stamps are at 50%.

These special selections are largely made from collections we are breaking up and are ready to send out in lots of \$100.00 to \$2,000 at a time. We solicit applications for this class from good buyers or societies.

## IMPORTANT.

**Instructions.** In opening an account with us for the receipt of approval books at regular intervals, the following rules must be agreed to, and the information furnished for our records:

If the party is not known to us, a line from a bank or business house of commercial rating will be necessary. We simply require evidence of good standing to protect ourselves from irresponsible parties.

It is easy for any one who is all right to comply with this rule, and the necessity for it in our business is quite apparent to any fair mind.

**Regarding Minors.** It is necessary in all cases where accounts are opened with those who are not of legal age to have the permission of parent or guardian, as well as references.

**Postage.** We prepay postage on all selections sent out on approval, and we expect the return postage to be fully prepaid by our correspondents.

All approval books must be returned sealed as first-class matter, and where the selection is sent out registered it is to be returned in the same manner.

**Remittances.** A remittance must be sent with each selection returned. Fractional parts of a dollar may be sent in unused U. S. stamps. Express Money Orders may be obtained anywhere and are highly recommended. P. O. Money Orders or Bank Drafts are convenient. Never send coin in an ordinary envelope. Always register currency if remittance is made in that form. Fifteen cents must be added for the cost of collection of private checks drawn on banks outside the principal large cities. Cost of the remittance must in all cases be borne by the sender. Canada silver will not be accepted. Canada currency, 2% discount; Canadian unused postage stamps, 5% discount.

**General Instructions.** Each selection on approval must be returned and settled for before the next one is sent. Selections may be retained 10 days, and in special cases up to three weeks, where a postal card advice is sent upon expiration of the ten days, but under no circumstances longer than three weeks. Parties who retain stamps longer than this time, and have to be reminded by mail, will not be continued as correspondents of this department of our business.

Substituting or removing stamps not purchased from our books or sheets is *positively prohibited*. Such practices are regarded by us as highly dishonest, and will be dealt with accordingly, even if the stamp exchanged or substituted is of equal value.

To request selections on approval through the U. S. mails with the intent to defraud or fail to settle with the owner is an offense against the laws of the U. S. Government, being severely punished in cases of minors as well as adults.

We have approval accounts with collectors in every state and territory of this great country, and are always glad to open new accounts.

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ST. LOUIS MO.

**ABOUT STAMPS ON APPROVAL.**

We send our series of 50% approval books to collectors whose purchases may be as small as 50c., but the better books of the *net* and 25% class, should only be requested by collectors who have a serious purpose and expect to buy.

The host of little dealers who are sending sheets of stamps broadcast have got lots of boys who only expect to spend a few cents in the habit of asking for approval selections. We cannot afford postage or clerk hire to handle that class of business, but we prepare packets and lists of single stamps and sets for small buyers, and their orders will be given the most careful attention. Stamped and addressed return envelope must accompany all orders for less than \$1.00. "Great oaks from little acorns grow." We want the boy's trade, but don't go in for our approval selections unless you have money to spend.

Collectors who buy from \$5.00 to \$20.00 worth or more at a time should send for our selections of *choice stamps* at 25 per cent discount. Ask for *Class B*. The stamps are choice copies of fine old issues, used or unused copies of more recent issues, many with current face value.

It is a class of stamps that are cheaper at 25 per cent discount than ordinary stuff is at 50 per cent discount.

Where there are a number of collectors near together or a society, we send large lots of one thousand to two thousand dollars' worth at a time.

Buyers of good stamps at 25 per cent discount will find it desirable to see collections of our *Class B*.

MEKEFL'S DRUMMER does not profess to be entitled to the classification of *stamp literature*, although we are pleased to find that some of our readers give us a hearty welcome.

This is a "drummer" pure and simple and is intended to "drum" up business. *Send us an order*. If you do this our mission is accomplished, and what ever we add to your fund of information or to your amusement is our return.

The field of stamp collecting is a broad one, no one need be ashamed of his interest in stamps, there are peers of any man who lives, among stamp collectors.

We are glad to know that many men of wealth in this country are increasing their collections less grudgingly, and we hope America may thus have some of the greatest collections in existence after awhile. Europe is ahead of us in this respect at the present time.

Following are a few of the pleasant words that have come to us—with orders—sometimes:

BOSTON, MASS., Oct 1, 1900.

GENTLEMEN—I have just received the *Drummer* for September 20th, and I have gained more real information from it than I gather from the several philatelic journals for which I am a subscriber. I attended an exhibition a few days ago with my 8-year old grandson which was *free*, and I asked the little fellow how he liked it, and he said: "Why, it is the best show I ever saw for nothing." And so with the *Drummer*.

It is better than some journals we are obliged to pay for. It is something that every collector of stamps should have. I suppose I ordered it because it was *free*, like many others, but I appreciate it in no small degree.

JAMES M. PORTER.

Many thanks for the copy of your *Drummer*, which I do so much enjoy, and shall be glad to receive regularly.

MISS A. M. A. WOOLSEY.

Having seen a copy of your *Drummer* in the hands of another party, and finding it such an instructive little book, I would like to have it sent to me regularly.

JNO. HOWE.

I like your *Drummer* very much, and want to have it sent to me regularly as it is issued.

BEACH BARRETT.

I am much obliged for the *Drummer*, as I find a good many interesting notes in it. I shall be glad to receive a copy of it every time it is printed.

D. A. NIDEVER.

I should like to see more of the *Drummer*, found it clever and interesting.

MRS. CLARA E. HARTIGAN.

I think your *Drummer* is immense.

MRS. C. H. BANKS.

I thank you very much for sending me the *Drummer*. It is a very nice paper.

KIRKLAND TAYLOR.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

For collectors who wish to fill in the issues of 1889 to 1896 inclusive, the Baby Head Series, we annex the following net prices:



BABY KING

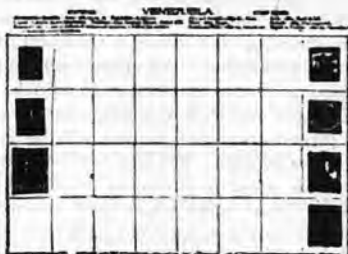
American Cat. No.		Our Net Price.
70	1889, 2c. carmine.....	\$0 02
71	" 2½c. ultramarine.....	02
72	" 5c. dark blue.....	20
73	" 5c. olive.....	12
74	" 8c. yellow green.....	10
75	" 10c. blue green.....	25
76	" 12½c. yellow green.....	15
77	" 20c. salmon rose.....	20
78	1891, 10c. claret.....	05
81	1881, 25c. blue.....	30
82	1892-93, 1c. brown violet.....	15
83	" 2c. violet.....	02
84	" 2½c. olive gray.....	04
85	" 5c. green.....	06
86	" 5c. brown violet.....	15
87	" 6c. brown violet.....	05
88	" 8c. ultramarine.....	15
90	" 15c. red brown.....	15
91	" 20c. gray brown.....	25
93	1894, 2c. dark brown.....	05
94	" 6c. vermilion.....	05
95	" 8c. lilac brown.....	05
96	" 12½c. flesh.....	10
97	" 15c. rose.....	20
98	" 20c. violet.....	15
99	1896, 1c. green.....	30
100	" 2c. blue.....	02
101	" 2c. light brown.....	06
103	" 5c. emerald green.....	10
104	" 6c. carmine.....	35
105	" This stamp does not exist.	
106	" 10c. cinnamon.....	05
107	" 15c. blue green.....	18
108	" 20c. orange.....	15

The above series of 33 stamps, and 12 of the newspaper stamps, all type of the Baby Head, a total of 45 stamps, selected copies will be sent for \$3.85.

## Popular Stamp Album.

This album is well named. Its popularity is attested by the immense sales. This is the 21st edition, several hundred thousand having been sold of previous editions. It has now been revised and brought up to date throughout, twenty new countries and colonies having been added, together with complete index.

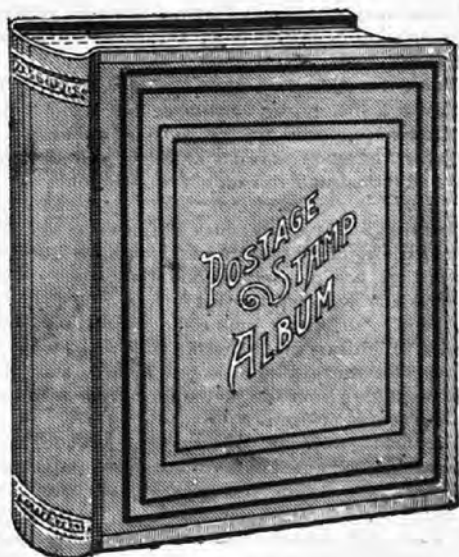
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This offer of 800 different postage stamps for \$3.00 is a marvelous offer when it is considered that we make a guarantee that proves that this is no ordinary lot of stamps. **800 stamps at 3/8 of a cent each!** Post free to any part of the U. S. or Canada. **If \$3.50 is remitted** we will send an album—cloth bound, fully illustrated, with spaces for 4,000—as well as the 800 different stamps, **both for \$3.50!** If you already have an album, or only want the stamps to sell or trade, remit \$3.00 and the stamps go by return mail.

**OUR GUARANTEE.**  
 Every packet full count, because we put in 810 to make up for any stamp that may be defective.  
 Over 115 different stamp issuing countries or colonies represented in each packet.  
 The catalogue value of each packet is over \$20.00 by Scott's 59th edition catalogue.  
 Every stamp guaranteed genuine. No reprints.

Our Guarantee with every packet, besides which our old motto that has been good for 23 years of stamp business: **"Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded."**

The names which form the border of this advertisement are only a few of the countries represented in the packet. Over 100 different stamp-issuing countries are in it, and catalogue value guaranteed over \$20.00.

**ALL FOR \$3.00, POST FREE.**

TURKEY  
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We have hundreds of letters about this packet but can only print a very few.

*Gentlemen:*—I received the packet of 800 varieties and am very much pleased with same. I got over 800 stamps that I did not have, to add to my collection of 2,000 varieties \* \* \*

*Dear Sirs:*—I was well pleased with the 800 variety packet.

*Gentlemen:*—Your packet of 800 varieties for \$3.00 was very good indeed and the best value I have yet received from a dealer in my 11 years experience.

*Gentlemen:*—Your packet of 800 varieties was quite satisfactory. \* \* \* What pleased me was the exceptionally nice condition of the stamps.

Very sincerely yours,  
 A. T. GESNER,  
 Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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All Different, from over 175 Countries or Colonies.  
A Carefully Selected Lot.

POST FREE, \$18.75.

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Azores  
Baden  
Bamra  
Barbados  
Benin  
Bermuda  
Bolivar  
Bolivia  
Bosnia  
Brazil  
Br. Guiana  
Br. Honduras  
Brunswick  
Bulgaria  
**Cameroons**  
Canada  
Cape of Good Hope  
Cape Verde  
Ceylon  
Charkhari  
Chile  
China  
Colombia  
**Congo Free State**  
Costa Rica  
**Cuba**  
Curacao  
Cyprus  
Deccan  
Danish West Indies  
Dhar  
Diego Suarez  
Djibouti  
Dominican Rep.  
Dutch Indies

Ecuador  
Egypt  
Eritrea  
Faridkot  
Finland  
French Colonies  
French Congo  
Funchal  
Gibraltar  
Gold Coast  
Great Comoro  
Greece  
Grenada  
Guadeloupe  
Guatemala  
Guinea  
Gwalior  
**Hawaii**  
**Hayti**  
Holkar  
Honduras  
Hong Kong  
Horta  
**Iceland**  
India  
Indo-China  
Ivory Coast  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Jhalawar  
Jhind  
Johore  
Jummoo  
Labuan  
Lorenzo Marques  
Luxemburg  
Macao  
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Mexico  
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Nabha  
**Natal**  
Netherlands  
New Brunswick  
New Caledonia  
**Newfoundland**  
New South Wales  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
North Borneo  
Norway  
Nossi Be  
Nowanuggur  
Nyassa  
**Obock**  
Oceanica (French)  
**Orange Free State**  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Patiala  
Perak  
Persia  
Peru  
**Philippines**  
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**Porto Rico**  
Portugal  
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Reunion  
Roman States  
Roumania

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Ste. Marie  
St. Pierre  
St. Thomas  
St. Vincent  
Salvador  
San Marino  
**Sarawak**  
Saxony  
Selangor  
Senegal  
Servia  
**Seychelles**  
Shanghai  
Siam  
Sierra Leone  
Soruth  
**Soudan** (Camel)  
Soudan (French)  
**So. African Rep.**  
South Australia  
Straits Settlements  
Surinam  
Tasmania  
Timor  
**Togoland**  
Travancore  
Trinidad  
Tunis  
Turkey  
Uruguay  
Venezuela  
Wadhwan  
Victoria  
Western Australia  
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**Zululand**

### WHAT IT DOES NOT CONTAIN.

No postal cards  
No counterfeits  
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No locals  
No revenues  
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It is a fine start for a general stamp collection or if you have an old collection it is a good lot to buy to bring it up to date. The contents are guaranteed in every particular. Post free and registered, \$18.75.

### BUYERS WERE PLEASED.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.  
I added 833 varieties to my collection which now numbers 3672 and sold the rest of the packet for \$14.00. I am very much pleased with my purchase.

Yours truly,  
WM. A. F. WELLS.

VINELAND, N. J.  
The 2,000 variety packet I have purchased of you gives satisfaction and is better value for the money than I have ever received from a dealer before.

Yours truly,  
R. M. WESTON.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
Your packet arrived O. K. and is entirely satisfactory. Accept my thanks for same.

Yours truly,  
H. H. RITTENHOUSE.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.  
I bought your 2,000 Variety Packet to sell again. It priced up to \$62.75 on sheets and I made packets of the rest for the school boys. I find it better than buying at wholesale.

Jos. Fish.  
Mgr. School Stamp Co.

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## STAMPS ARRANGED FOR SALE IN PACKETS.

The following series of packets is without any question the finest that is put up by any stamp firm in the world.

These packets are all carefully prepared by our own force of experienced assistants, and their character is guaranteed to be superior to any others.

Nothing but the best selected specimens are included, all used stamps are in good condition, being lightly cancelled; there are no reprints among the unused, every stamp being guaranteed genuine.

It has been estimated that the catalogue price of the contents of our packets average from two times to ten times our charge for the packet.

It is certainly the cheapest way to buy stamps, even if you do get many duplicates and varieties you do not need for your collection; these can be exchanged and traded off for other stamps you need, with your collecting friends.

VARIETY PACKETS contain stamps of different varieties, without particular reference to the geographical origin of the stamps.

CLASSIFIED PACKETS contain stamps of different varieties, but the description of the packets classifies the contents.

MIXED PACKETS.—These contain duplicates and are not all different.

### TERMS.

NET, cash with order. Postage free in United States and Canada only.

All previous lists and quotations of packets are hereby cancelled.

## VARIETY PACKETS.

**No. 75** Our best seller, contains 10c  
150 varieties of stamps; many countries are represented, such as Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Japan, New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, etc.

150 VARIETIES—10 CENTS.

**No. 127** Contains 200 varieties of 15c  
foreign stamps, including all countries mentioned above and Cuba and China.

200 VARIETIES—15 CENTS.

**No. 12** A good selection of 40 25c  
different stamps, including specimens from Cape of Good Hope, South Australia, Russia, India, Queensland, Tasmania, Servia, Roumania, Denmark and Sweden.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 70** This packet consists of 25c  
40 stamps from British Colonies only. We name some of them: Cyprus, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Trinidad, Jamaica, Tasmania, Natal, South Australia, New Zealand, New South Wales, Mauritius, British Guiana, etc.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 13** Though this packet bears 25c  
an unlucky number, the stamps it contains are all right and please every purchaser. There are 40 different kinds from Finland, Colombia, Bulgaria, Egypt, Turkey, Chile, etc.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 76** An outlay of 200 varieties 25c  
of stamps from various parts of the world. Countries like Argentine Republic, Australia, Ceylon, Hungary, Portugal, Porto Rico, New Zealand, Cuba, Mexico, Colombian Republic, Peru, etc.

200 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 128** Contains 300 varieties of 50c  
foreign postage stamps, including Cuba, China, Barbados, Niger Coast, Transvaal, Philippine Islands, Bahamas and many good stamps.

300 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 83** There are only 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps in this packet, but some are of a much better quality, making it a very cheap and desirable lot. This packet contains Hawaiian Provisional Gov't (2c, envelope), Greece (Olympian Games), Bulgaria (Prince Boris Jubilee), Guatemala, Deccan, Travancore and Nowanuggur (Native Indian States), Portuguese Indies, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 84** A collection of 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps from all four corners of the world, including Mexico (1888 20c. and 25c. unused, and 50c of 1884 issue), Paraguay (regular issue and official), Amoy (China), Labuan, Mauritius, Argentine, Japan, Transvaal, Dutch Indies, North Borneo, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 85** Fifty picked stamps from 50c  
different countries, a nice lot, catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 86** Fifty different from those 50c  
in packet No. 85; all stamps of the better class and catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 87** Fifty different stamps; 50c  
containing none that are in packets 85 or 86, and catalogued over \$2.00. One who purchases these three packets will have 150 fine stamps from all parts of the world, catalogued at over \$6.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 21** Contains 150 varieties of 60c  
foreign stamps, including Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Chile, Nicaragua official, Colombia, and Mexico, with a No. 2 cloth bound Popular Stamp Album, post free

150 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—60 CTS.

**No. 11** Contains 250 different stamps 75c  
including Hayti, Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Turkey, Bosnia, India, etc. A bargain.

250 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.

**No. 111** Contains 300 varieties of foreign postage stamps, including stamps from Argentine Republic, Cuba, Canada (maple leaf), Chile, Egypt, Japan, Luxemburg, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Porto Rico, etc.  
**75c**  
**300 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 129** contains 400 different foreign postage stamps from all parts of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa, North, South and Central America and the islands of the sea.  
**80c**  
**400 VARIETIES—80 CENTS.**

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**90c**  
**250 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—90 CTS.**

**No. 102** This is a special packet of 400 varieties made up as an inducement for beginners who are about starting a collection. It includes stamps from all parts of the world, among which may be mentioned Mexico, 1884, 1 and 2 pesos, used; Travancore (India), 3 varieties, used; Paraguay official; China, regular issue, 1894; British North Borneo, Uruguay, Newfoundland, etc.  
**98c**  
 1000 die-cut gummed hinges for mounting stamps is given free with each of these packets.  
**400 VARIETIES AND 1000 HINGES—98c.**

**No. 112** Contains 500 varieties of foreign postage stamps from Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope, Cuba, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Porto Rico, Western Australia, etc.  
**\$1.20**  
**500 VARIETIES—\$1.20.**

**No. 130** Contains 546 varieties of foreign postage stamps mounted in a neat little album, just the thing to sell out of. This lot marked at catalogue prices would afford the seller a handsome profit even when fifty per cent discount were allowed. It contains stamps from all parts of the world and is the *biggest bargain* of the season.  
**\$1.50**  
**546 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 113** Contains 800 different postage stamps the biggest value ever offered. Guaranteed to catalogue over twenty dollars. This packet is fully described on another page with a few of the many testimonials it has brought us.  
**\$3.00**  
**800 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 114** The best 1000 variety packet in the world is put up by this company, every stamp genuine. Full count (1010 to make good measure). The catalogue value is guaranteed to be \$25.00 or over. Sent post free anywhere in the world for the price.  
**\$4.75**  
 There is nothing but foreign postage stamps in this packet.

This is one of many such letters:

FR. WAYNE, IND.

Gentlemen:—Enclose find \$4.75 for which please forward at once one of your 1000 variety packets. This makes the second one I have purchased and I intend to purchase more, as they cannot be equalled for anywhere near the price you ask.

Respectfully, FRANK K. HILLS.

We can sell 1000 varieties of stamps as cheap as anyone, and will duplicate any offer you see made, giving better value.

**1000 VARIETIES—\$4.75.**

**No. 115** This packet is fully described on another page of this leaflet; it contains 2000 varieties and is a great bargain.  
**\$18.75**  
**2000 VARIETIES—\$18.75.**

**No. 116** A big packet of 4000 varieties, a regular collection in itself, being stamps from almost every stamp issuing country or colony in the world. *A great bargain.*  
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**4000 VARIETIES—\$100.00.**

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**25 VARIETIES—15 CENTS.**

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**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 25** Contains 30 stamps from the West Indies. A good packet.  
**25c**  
**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 26** Contains 25 Central American stamps, from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, old Brazil, Salvador and Honduras  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 50** Contains 30 Oriental stamps, all different, including Egyptian official, Japan, Turkey, Roumania, etc.  
**25c**  
**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 61** Contains 25 varieties from Africa alone, including Egypt, Mauritius, and Gold Coast.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 62** Contains 25 varieties from Australia, including all the Australian Colonies.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

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**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 132** Contains 25 different Mexican revenue stamps. These are very interesting stamps and are popular with many collectors.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 126** Forty varieties of Cuban postage stamps, 1862 to 1900 inclusive. A bargain.  
**30c**  
**40 VARIETIES—30 CENTS.**

**No. 8** Contains 50 Oriental postage stamps, including Ceylon, Japan, British North Borneo, India, Turkey, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Roumania, Servia, Greece, Hong Kong, Egypt and Finland. One of our best selling packets.  
**35c**  
**50 VARIETIES—35 CENTS.**

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**50 VARIETIES—40 CENTS.**

**No. 133** Contains 80 different United States postage stamps from 1851 to 1900, including Columbian, Omaha's, Special Delivery, Due Stamps, 1853, 3c. red envelope, etc. **60c**

**80 VARIETIES—60 CENTS.**

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**100 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

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**40 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 135** A choice lot of 20 Hawaiian stamps, some used and some unused, but all different, including Kingdom, Provisional Government and Republic issues. **\$1.25**

**20 VARIETIES—\$1.25.**

**No. 120** All Philippine Islands stamps in this packet, 50 different kinds from 1882 to 1899 issues, including Habilitados, a choice and desirable lot. **\$1.50**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 136** Stamps of only the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 100 all different and mostly unused. **\$3.00**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 119** A packet containing only the stamps of Cuba, 100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap and desirable packet. **\$3.50**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.50.**

**No. 137** Contains only stamps of the Baby King type of the Philippine Islands. It is a choice run of all varieties 1c. to 25c. issued 1889 to 1896, 45 different varieties, all unused. **\$3.85**

**45 VARIETIES—\$3.85.**

**No. 121** A packet containing only the stamps of the Central American Republic of Honduras. It is practically a complete collection, being all the regular government issues from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, including the peso values and officials, 94 varieties. **\$4.00**

**94 VARIETIES—\$4.00.**

**No. 138** Stamps of only the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 225 all different and mostly unused. **\$7.50**

**225 VARIETIES—\$7.50.**

**No. 48** This packet is a better lot of Mexican postage stamps than can be offered by any other concern. It is a first-class bargain for either collector or dealer. Our unexcelled stock of Mexican stamps and our extended business relations with that country enable us to make this liberal offer. **\$15.00**

Every stamp in the above packet, as well as all our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals.

There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the 1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian lithographed, unused; Guadalajara; 1867, Gothic surcharge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unperforated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are well represented. Of the last mentioned series there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c. rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 pesos, also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and 12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete; 1895, 1c. to 50c.; new issue 1900; Officials (scarce, red surcharge), Port de Mar, Officially Sealed, Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square.

**150 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

## MIXED PACKETS.

**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **15c**

**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

**No. 68** The stamps in this packet are about the same as above; it is a mixture superior to that usually sold by dealers as Continentals. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **25c**

**1000 MIXTURE—25 CENTS.**

**No. 140** A mixture of one hundred Mexican postage stamps, a well assorted lot of over twenty-five different kinds. **30c**

**100 MIXTURE—30 CENTS.**

**No. 141** A fine mixture of one hundred Peruvian stamps; twenty different kinds mostly of recent issues, a desirable lot. **40c**

**100 MIXTURE—40 CENTS.**

**No. 142** A good mixture of one hundred, all South American countries; forty different kinds representing all of the South American Republics. **40c**

**100 MIXTURE—40 CENTS.**

**No. 143** A mixture of one hundred Cuban stamps from 1872 issue to and including 1900. Thirty-two different kinds assorted, a fine lot. **50c**

**100 MIXTURE—50 CENTS.**

**No. 139** A mixed packet of one hundred Central American stamps including only Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador. Well mixed, fifty different kinds in each packet. **75c**

**100 MIXTURE—75 CENTS.**

**No. 144** A mixture of one hundred Porto Rico stamps including thirty different kinds, used and unused, surcharged on U. S. stamps, Habilitados of 1898-99, issues of 1876, 1891, 1894, 1896 and 1898. **\$1.00**

**100 MIXTURE—\$1.00.**



**No. 134** This packet contains the "Boss Mixture," 1,000 stamps from all parts of the world, well mixed and sure to give satisfaction. **\$1.06**  
**1,000 MIXTURE—\$1.06.**

**No. 145** A mixture of one hundred Philippine Island stamps of the regular issues of 1880, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1896 and 1898, none of the cheap newspaper stamps,  $\frac{1}{2}$ m. to 5m. in this mixture. It is a very desirable lot. **\$1.25**  
**100 MIXTURE—\$1.25.**

**No. 146** A mixture of 300 Latin American stamps one hundred from South American Republics, one hundred from Central American Republics and one hundred from Mexico, over one hundred different kinds well mixed. **\$1.50**  
**300 MIXTURE—\$1.50.**

**No. 147** An approval sheet mixture suitable for a small dealer, all stamps cataloguing from 3c. to 10c. each, the total value of the lot of hundred stamps, all different, \$6.50; these are less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  catalogue, so they can be sold at 50% discount and your money doubled. When two or more of these mixtures are ordered at once, each will be made different. Stamps all mounted and priced. **\$1.50**  
**100 MIXTURE—\$1.50.**

**No. 148** A good British Colonial Mixture including both used and unused stamps. Two hundred well mixed stamps from all parts of the world, all British Colonials. **\$2.00**  
**200 MIXTURE—\$2.00.**

**No. 149** A mixture of U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico. A finely mixed lot of 500 stamps, a splendid lot for a dealer. **\$3.00**  
**500 MIXTURE—\$3.00.**

**No. 150** A dealer's stock of stamps of 5000 stamps, including over two thousand varieties and guaranteed to catalogue over \$150.00 by Scott's 60th Edition Catalogue. A fine stock for an approval sheet trade. **\$35.00**  
**5000 MIXTURE—\$35.00.**

Packets and mixtures are not sent upon approval, and cannot be returned for cash or exchanged. We guarantee our packets and mixtures to be exactly as represented. If anything is wrong about them and complaints are made immediately upon receipt, we shall undertake to make them satisfactory.

The packet must be sent back with the complaint so that it may be verified and examined.

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We make these observations because packets are different from single stamps, and we have been imposed upon at times by parties returning or exchanging. Everything we sell is guaranteed to be genuine, and as represented. "Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded." But there must be reasonable cause for dissatisfaction, and we must have the opportunity to correct errors if they occur.

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#### ABOUT THOSE 546 VARIETIES.

The third page of cover has an announcement that everybody ought to read.

This is what some of our correspondents who have had the book of 546 varieties say about it:

Your 546 variety packet received and I cannot tell you how well I am pleased with the collection. Although I have 4,000 varieties in my collection, I found 61 stamps that I did not have, and it paid me well even though I gave the rest away.

HENRY SCHRAMM, B—, N. Y.

The 546 stamps for \$1.50 was received. The condition of the specimens was fine, far above the usual run of stamps of their grade. If you are as careful about these, your finer grades cannot but make a striking impression on your customers, especially if they appreciate taste and system.

JOHN GEERY, New York.

I received the 546 varieties of postage stamps at the low price of \$1.50 last week and was more than pleased with them. Although my collection numbers 2000, there were many in the album which I did not have.

CLAUDE TRAXLER, A—, Ohio.

Your 546 variety packet of stamps came to hand two or three days ago. I am very much pleased with it; with the variety, and with the neat, clean appearance of the stamps.

I do not see how it is possible for you to sell that number of such good stamps at such a price, and so nicely mounted, to enable me to add 148 varieties to my collection, which numbers nearly 3000.

Then I turned it over to a young friend who added 89 to his collection of 1000, besides replacing many stamps with better copies.

It is now in the hands of another collector, and then I shall use the remainder of the stamps with my classes in history and geography.

I wish I could put as many more stamps in my collection at the same price. I want during this winter to fill as many spaces in my album as I can with stamps catalogued at 1c. and 2c.

For several years I have made a good deal of use of stamps in teaching, and in so doing have given away a great many stamps, and have not only created a greater interest in history, geography, etc. among my pupils, but in stamps themselves, and have started a good many young people in the pleasurable and instructive pursuit of stamp collecting. I think much might be written on the subject of the use of stamps in school work.

HATTIE R. STRATTON, M—, Ala.

A very large number of papers of general character are conducting stamp departments which is an indication of the growing popular interest in the profitable and interesting pursuit of stamp collecting.

An enterprising stamp dealer of Chemnitz, Germany is sending out a very beautifully illustrated album with views of that city, interspersed with advertising matter relating to his own business.

## DEALERS.

We are often asked for wholesale lists. We do not publish one. Dealers who want to buy *cheap* to sell again on sheets cannot do better than to buy our big variety packets and break them up, they are better than any wholesale lot on the market.

A Chicago dealer writes:

Enclosed find \$3.00 for one 800 variety packet. This is the fourth one this fall.

Many other dealers are buying our 546, 800, 1,000 and 2,000 variety packets for sheets right along.

Dealers will also find that our **Mixtures** offered under packet numbers, at the end of our packet list contain wholesale bargains that are cheaper than the regular wholesale dealer has to offer.

## ABOUT OUR 800 VARIETY LOT.

Rev. T. Archibald Brooks, of Pajjab, India, writes that he has a collection of over 5,000 stamps in his album, and has succeeded in getting 150 varieties that he did not have from our packet of 800 varieties which he recently purchased, thus having 650 stamps for exchange purposes.

This is remarkable inasmuch as the price of the 800 variety packet is only \$3.00.

I received your 800 variety packet all O. K. Out of it I got 164 stamps that I did not have, 126 of them catalogued \$7.20, the balance were new issues and uncatalogued, and I had a collection of 1900 stamps. But that is not all, my son has a collection of 1500 varieties of his own. He took the balance of the packet and picked out 82 varieties that he did not have, which we think is doing very well for your 800 variety packet.

L. C. LINCOLN, Ass't P. M.  
Dodgeville, Mass.

## FOR THE 2,000 COLLECTION.

After carefully going over your 2,000 variety package bought from you a week ago, I beg to say that it is the best of its kind I have ever seen, and I got my money's worth in every sense of the word. I found many stamps catalogued from 1c. to 25c. each and what pleased me more, with only a few exceptions every stamp in the package was in perfect condition and a picked specimen.

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GEO. BACHELDER.

## SPECIAL IN U. S. BLOCKS.

The following U. S. Stamps can be supplied *unused*, o. g., singles, blocks or strips, at same price per stamp.

	Net Price Per Stamp
1855-60, 3c. dull red, type II.....	\$0 08
1861, 3c. dull red.....	10
1862, 2c. black.....	30
1867, 2c. black, embossing 11x13.....	1 95
1869, 2c. dark brown.....	80
1873, 10c. brown.....	2 50
1879, 15c. red orange.....	35
1882, 1c. ultramarine.....	07
1882, 3c. blue green.....	10
1882, 10c. brown.....	20
1883, 4c. blue green.....	08
1887, 2c. green.....	05
1887, 3c. vermilion.....	08
1887, 1c. ultramarine.....	05
1888, 4c. carmine.....	08
1890-93, 1c. ultramarine.....	02
1890-93, 2c. lake.....	40
1890-93, 2c. carmine.....	05
1890-93, 3c. purple.....	05
1890-93, 6c. brown red.....	10
1894, 2c. pink, triangle 1.....	05
1898, \$2.00 brown, "Omaha".....	2 05
Agriculture Department, 2c. yellow.....	75
War Department 1873, 7c. red.....	1 65
War Department, 1879, 1c. soft paper.....	03
Newspaper 1865, 5c. blue, white border.....	1 75
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. claret, old type.....	04
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. claret, old type.....	04
Unpaid, 1894, 10c. claret, old type.....	18
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. no watermark.....	03
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. no watermark.....	05
Unpaid, 1895, 1c. watermarked.....	02
Unpaid, 1895, 2c. watermarked.....	04
Unpaid, 1895, 3c. watermarked.....	06
Unpaid, 1895, 5c. watermarked.....	10
Unpaid, 1895, 10c. watermarked.....	15
Unpaid, 1895, 30c. watermarked.....	50
Unpaid, 1895, 50c. watermarked.....	80

The three following stamps are of regular U. S. issues and can be furnished in blocks of four *used*.

1867, 90c. blue, <i>grilled</i> .....	\$7 00
1879, 90c. carmine.....	75
1888, 90c. purple.....	75

I think that the "Drummer" is a useful and helpful paper for old and young collectors.

L. V. MEDIAN, Kansas City, Mo.

A friend handed me a copy of your "Drummer," and I think it is the most interesting stamp paper I have seen.

W. FROGNER, Chicago, Ill.

I read the "Drummer" with much interest.

W. F. DYER.

I enjoy your "Drummer" very much. It is a nifty little paper full of news. No collector should be without it.

O. J. de WANNIECK.

Many thanks for the "Drummer." It is a first-class stamp paper, and I shall be glad to receive it whenever published.

EDWARD A. GAMBLE.

I am much obliged for the "Drummer" and like it immensely.

H. F. POWELL.

Your publication, the "Drummer," is very interesting as well as valuable, and have found several new ideas not known before.

F. H. RITTENHOUSE.

Many thanks for the little "Drummer." I enjoy it very much.

K. N. CLARKE.

Why not enlarge it on its general plan and charge a subscription price?

JOHN MARR.

I find the "Drummer" very interesting and full of useful information.

REV. E. W. YAECKER.

Don't forget the "Drummer," as I need that to keep house with.

E. B. PATTERSON.

I think it a valuable acquisition to all collectors.

A. J. EDGELL.

A congress of stamp men meets in Germany every year. Frankfurt-am-Main was the place of meeting for 1900. Mr. M. P. Castle, editor of the *London Philatelist*, attended and gives an interesting sketch of the meeting in the August number of his journal. He concludes with the following:

"The social aspect of the Philatelisten Tag is undoubtedly the main factor herein—it is difficult to induce a couple of hundred people to settle down to serious discussion on a summer holiday—and in the successful and pleasurable reunion of all classes of stamp people the ample vindication of the German Philatelic Congress is to be found."

The "MAFEKING BESIEGED" stamps have given our British collecting friends a lot to talk and read about, but after all they are only a species of War



relics. They possess a certain interest, but that they should rank with regular issues is questionable. The American collectors who will have to get along without them need not feel *very badly*.

The jumping of Orange Free State and Transvaal into full-fledged British colonies means a great deal to the value of the stamps. Thousands of British collectors confine their collecting to the stamps of the British Empire. Under old conditions they did not include these two lots of stamps, now they all want them, so that the tremendous advance in price was by no means strange, and we believe even the latest quotations will see a further advance.

Switzerland, the home of the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union, has issued a series of three stamps of a special design in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Postal Union.

Our illustration makes a description unnecessary.



the significance of the design will be readily understood by our readers.

The set consists of 5c. green, 10c. carmine, 25c. blue. Fine unused copies of the three stamps will be sent for 12c.

A German stamp paper, the *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*, recently published an illustration of an entire envelope used in Worcester, Cape of Good Hope, December 12, 1860. The postage fee, 4 pence, was paid by a triangular 1 penny stamp and half of a triangular 6 pence stamp.

In our humble opinion the catalogue that lists inverted surcharges, double surcharges and varieties of surcharge that consist of omitted periods and such nonsense, is likely to disgust the average collector.

An English catalogue gives a list of twenty-seven such varieties as we refer to above, as a supplement to the list of twelve regular surcharged Orange Free State set of V. R. I. stamps. It is all very nice for

the advanced collector who wants these things, to know that they exist, but for ninety-nine out of every hundred collectors, in America at least, they are a spectacle of disgust, and are out of place in a catalogue of ordinary purposes.

The following varieties of the V. R. I. surcharge on the stamps of Orange Free State are on hand and will be supplied at the following net prices:

½ penny.....	\$ 03
1 penny.....	06
2 pence.....	12
3 pence.....	18
6 pence.....	35
1 shilling.....	65
Set of six for.....	\$1 25

These stamps are becoming obsolete, to be succeeded by the Cape of Good Hope stamps, or a new series.

The introduction of these features of an advanced collectors' catalogue, into the American publication for general collectors, has had a bad effect upon many collectors who have followed the old or more rational system of forming a collection.

All efforts at abridged catalogues in the past, have been too radical, a happy medium is what is wanted and like other "long felt wants" is quite likely to come in time.



The Baden-Powell stamps of Mafeking can be regarded only as *locals* at best. Curious relics of this interesting personality of the South African war.

# The Greatest of all Stamp Bargains.

TO show the beauty of a nicely arranged collection of carefully selected stamps, we have had them mounted in a neat little blank stamp album. The stamps are in *perfect condition* and arranged alphabetically, showing specimens from all parts of the world.

## 546 Different Postage Stamps, \$1.50

Such a lot priced by latest catalogue is over \$7.00. This could be sold by agents and dealers at a *fine profit* and 50% allowed. But this lot of stamps is offered to promote greater interest in the instructive and happy pursuit of "Stamp Collecting."

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Stamps  
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The DRUMMER is issued for but one purpose :

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It comes out as often as the notion takes us.

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The best 1000 variety packet on the market, carefully put up, cataloguing over \$25. The best packet this size ever offered.



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We greet our readers this time in Holiday attire, and hope we have succeeded in finding something interesting to say both by way of information and business announcements.

Our name is a clear indication of our mission. We are *drumming* for business; if you send an order of *any kind* we shall come again.

We hope every recipient of this paper will read the article on the subject of Stamp Collecting, on pages twenty-two and twenty-three of this number.

It is a profitable and happy pastime, one that wise parents are quick to appreciate and encourage when its advantages are properly understood.

PHILATELY is the name applied to the study of stamps as NUMISMATICS is applied to coins.

Its use has never become general, but for the information of those to whom it is a new word we give the definition of it and its companions just as they are given in the Century Dictionary (\*).

PHILATELIC (fil-a-tel-ik) *a.* [philatel-y+ic]. Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat-e-list) *n.* [philatel-y+ist]. A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELY (fi-lat-e-ll) *n.* [F. *philatelie*] intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, *i. e.* of stamps, absurdly formed (by M. Herpin, a stamp collector, in "*Le Collectionneur*" in 1865) Greek *philos*, loving (prop. *philein* love), +*ateles* free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) *a-priv.*+*telos* tax, duty.

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of making such collections.

An important daily paper in Winnipeg, Canada, the *Manitoba Morning Free Press*, publishes from time to time column or more of "Notes on Stamp Collecting," which is evidence of the increasing public interest in stamps.

The design of the new 10c. U. S. stamp of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition series has been selected. It is an ocean steamer with two funnels going to the left and represents the subject assigned to this stamp. "Fast Ocean Transportation."

The issue of this new series will stimulate collecting very much among young people, at least that was the result of the Columbian and Trans-Mississippi series.

The new issue of the U. S. revenue stamps, \$1.00 to \$50.00, printed in gray with value surcharged in large numerals, have been prepared and delivered to the Treasury Dep't by the Washington Bureau of Engraving. All values of this new series will be issued to the public very soon, some have already appeared.

The \$1.00 of old type was printed in carmine instead of green, and the color of the \$3.00 stamp changed to red-brown. Comparatively few of these values were issued in the changed colors, before the new issue took place.

A new design is being prepared at the Bureau of Engraving for a \$1.00 Revenue Stamp especially for Porto Rico. This is likely to be followed by a series of other denominations.

The sale at auction in New York of the collection of Mr. J. S. Dionian occurred November 20th to the 23d. The catalogue value of the collection was about \$24,000.00, it realized \$13,100.00 or about 55 per cent. This for an entire collection including the undesirable as well as desirable stamps is a very high average. It shows the healthy tone of the business and should be an encouragement to collectors who wish to feel that there is a stability of values in good stamps.

There is not a collection of jewelry in the world that would realize 55 per cent of its retail price at a public auction. Not that catalogue quotations represent retail values, but the comparison is in favor of stamps even if they did.

Scarce stamps well selected as to condition, are as sure an investment as to value, as gems of any other class. People who can afford to own them, need not hesitate on that account.

Fortunately all the pleasure of collecting stamps is not confined to the luxury of owning rarities. The pleasure of the collector of moderate means is a real one and he can enjoy his stamps none the less because he never hopes to enjoy the unattainable.

Extravagance, the prevailing American vice, is to be discouraged, we do not like to see people spend money for stamps that should be properly applied elsewhere.

*If you cannot afford it, don't do it.*

But if you *can* afford a collection and have the interest, there is no reason why you should not have as good a collection as your purse will buy. The *value* is there and the *pleasure* also. But a real stamp collector does not need to be told the latter. The object of these lines is to lead the collector who *can* afford the collection to see that there is no reason why he should not indulge his "hobby."

If the regular readers of our DRUMMER find some things in this number that they have seen before they will understand that it is an edition that is sent to a large number of collectors who heretofore have not received the paper.

\*Above definitions were written by Mr. C. H. Mekeel for the Century Dictionary about ten years ago upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, the editor-in-chief of that work.



## ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

The stamps of the Orange Free State surcharged V. R. I. by Lord Roberts after the Free State was taken over by the British as a colony.

<i>Fine unused copies.</i>	Net Price
½ penny, orange.....	\$ 0 03
1 penny, violet.....	06
2 pence, violet.....	12
2½ p. on 3 pence, blue, <i>rare</i> .....	4 75
3 pence, blue.....	18
4 pence, blue.....	60
6 pence, blue.....	35
6 pence, carmine, <i>very rare</i> .....	9 75
1 shilling, brown.....	65
SET.—½, 1, 2, 3, 6p. and 1sh., set of six.....	1 25
Surcharged on stamps of CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.	
½p. green.....	\$0 03
2½p. blue.....	12

Tutuila, the one of the Samoan Islands now under the Stars and Stripes, may have a surcharged set of United States stamps issued for it.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden has the matter under consideration.

*The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* of London, Eng., has asked many prominent British philatelists what they think of "Mafekings" and the answers they publish show that all are not of one mind.

A few comments by American collectors will not be uninteresting from our own correspondence:

"I consider the whole brood (Mafekings) patriotic English fakes."

HAMLIN RUSSELL, of New Jersey.

"I think the whole Mafeking business is a fraud, and do not want any of them."

DR. W. J. GASCOYNE, of Maryland.

"I do not collect these stamps, as I consider them merely curiosities not legally authorized."

SAM SCHLENKER, of Texas.

"I have always regarded them as being entirely unnecessary, and more or less in the nature of fakes."

WM. RAIMOND BAIRD, of New York.

From the paper above quoted we take the following which seems to explain it all—

Mr. R. EHRENBACH said: "I consider them decidedly an unnecessary issue, especially the locals, and hardly think they would have been issued had not the P. O. Service in Mafeking numbered philatelists in their ranks."

Needless to say American collectors will conclude that they can do very well without them.

No less a personage than Sir E. J. Poynter, President of the Royal Academy, has been designated as the artist to design the "Imperial Penny Postage" stamp of New Zealand. We shall await the result with interest.

Our correspondent, Mr. A. O. Cooper, sent us from Hong Kong one of the new Registry Envelopes which comes in five sizes—stamp square 10c. lilac. He also announces that there are five new envelopes, the stamps being of the same design as the current adhesives. We presume they are all of white and heavy paper, although he sent us a sample of only the 1c. They are:

- 1c. yellow, small envelope.
- 2c. green, square envelope.
- 4c. red, square envelope.
- 5c. mauve, square envelope.
- 10c. blue, square envelope.

## VAAL RIVER COLONY.

The stamps of the South-African Republic were also surcharged V. R. I. by the British Military authorities.

The following fine unused copies are offered:

	Net Price
½ penny, green.....	\$0 03
1 penny, rose and green.....	06
2 pence, brown and green.....	12
2½ pence, blue and green.....	15
3 pence, violet and green.....	18
4 pence, olive and green.....	20
6 pence, violet and green.....	30
1 shilling, bistre and green.....	65
2sh. 6 pence, heliotrope and green.....	1 25
SET.—½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6p. 1sh. set of eight.....	1 25

## A NEW APPROVAL BOOK.

We have a new book of better class stamps, including none that are in our non-duplicating series, all priced by 60th Edition Catalogue, on which 50% discount is allowed. It includes some Cubans (that are not in any of our other books) some good Persian, British Colonials, Tunis, French Levant and good stamps for a general collector.

Ask for Approval Book No. 42.

Full particulars about our approval department and a description of all our regular books will be found on pages 31 and 32 of this number.

## A PACKET CORRECTION.

On pages 20 and 38, packet No. 136 containing stamps of the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico is described as containing 100 varieties, as a matter of fact it contains 150 different stamps of these places and is only \$3.00 post free.



The above are illustrations of two stamps recently issued in Victoria, which are known as the "War Fund" stamps. Their origin is due to the patriotic sympathetic feeling for the Mother Country in the South African war.

While the stamps have a denomination of 1 penny and 2 pence respectively, they are sold at 1 shilling and 2 shillings each, the surplus over their postal value being devoted to the war fund.

The design on the 1 penny stamp is that of the famous Victoria Cross, which is given for deeds of valor on the field. The design on the 2 pence stamp represents members of the Victoria contingent that went from Australia to take part in the South African war. The designs are attractive, and the character of the stamps interesting.

**NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE.**

No more important change has been made in the new 60th Edition Catalogue than the revised classification of the stamps of the provisional issue of the (Oil Rivers) Niger Coast Protectorate of 1894.

Time has proved that these stamps rank highest among the British Colonial provisionals as rarities.

The following is an extract from the above catalogue showing numbers and prices.

- Type A. 21—Italic.
- Type A. 22—Sans Serif.
- Type A. 23—Block.
- Type A. 24—Small Italic Caps.

**VIOLET SURCHARGE.**

Number	Type		Unused	Used
22	A. 21	½p. on 2 pence	\$12 50	\$10 00
23	A. 22	½p. on 2 pence	20 00	.....
24	A. 23	½p. on 2 pence	10 00	.....
25	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	10 00	.....
26	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
27		1sh. on 2 pence	20 00	12 50
28		5sh. on 2 pence	.....	.....
29		20sh. on 1 shilling	.....	.....

**VERMILION SURCHARGE.**

30	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	6 00	.....
31	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	17 50	.....
32	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	6 50	5 00
33	A. 24	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
34		1sh. on 2 pence	30 00	.....
35		10sh. on 5 pence	.....	.....
36		A. surcharge inverted	.....	.....
		20sh. on 1 shilling	.....	.....

**CARMINE SURCHARGE.**

37	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	15 00	.....
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**BLUE SURCHARGE.**

38	A. 22	½p. on 2 pence	.....	25 00
39	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
40	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	20 00	.....
41	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	20 00	.....

**GREEN SURCHARGE.**

42	A. 21	½p. on 2½ pence	15 00	.....
43	A. 22	½p. on 2½ pence	17 50	.....
44	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	10 00	.....
45	A. 24	½p. on 2½ pence	20 00	15 00

**BLACK SURCHARGE.**

46	A. 23	½p. on 2½ pence	.....	.....
47		1sh. on 2 pence	.....	.....
		A. surcharged vertically	.....	.....
48		20sh. on 1 shilling	.....	.....

Where the prices are not quoted spaces are left blank.

On page 28 of this number our *net* prices are quoted on certain varieties of the above rare stamps that we have on hand at the present time.

A new set of stamps for the Dominican Republic, the shape of the U. S. Columbian series has been issued. The central design is a map of the island on which the Dominican Republic and Hayti are situated. This study in geography is issued in the following denominations, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c and 1 peso.

The set of the four lowest denominations sent post free for 10cents.

There are a large number of collectors who are going in for special stamps, such as pictorial, commemorative, jubilee and special issues of other kinds.

Particularly such as have appropriate and distinctive designs, illustrative of some historical or geographical subject.

Hundreds of new collectors are started by these special issues and we expect that the new issue of the U. S. for the Pan-American Exposition will prove no exception to the rule.

We note by the daily press that the issue of certain special stamps in Peru the other day was the subject of cable dispatches to newspapers of the whole world.

**ENTIRE U. S. ENVELOPES.**

Collectors of entire U. S. envelopes who are not very far advanced may get a good lot to select from on approval from us at half of Bartels' catalogue prices.

We want applications from collectors who need entire unused U. S. envelopes.

The day of the *cut square* is passing, and the only way to collect envelopes, is *entire*.

**WHAT IS "FINE"?**

Probably much less than 33¼ per cent of all the stamps in existence are what may be termed *fine* in regard to condition.

What is *fine*?

An unused stamp should have the original gum, a clean and perfectly unimpaired surface polish.

A perforated or rouletted stamp should be evenly centered with perfect and regular punctures on the four sides.

A used stamp to be considered *fine*, must be lightly cancelled and have the cancellation so distributed as not to mar the effect of the general design.

Any stamp to be considered *fine* must have the whole surface of the paper on which it is printed, sound and perfect front and back.

The color must be in the original tone, faded or de-oxidized stamps no matter how nearly perfect can never be considered "fine."

**A POSTAL CURIOSITY.**

The following is a reduced facsimile of an envelope recently received from Beyrouth, Syria, Turkey in Asia, prepaid by British Levant stamp 40 paras.

The deficiency in address, "St. Louis, Mo.," was added in red ink by New York post-office.

*General office of the World*

Messrs  
*C. H. Mekeel Stamps & Publishing Company*



*The largest stamps & publishing concern in the World*  
*St. Louis, Mo*  
*America*



## AGUINALDO STAMPS.

Frederic C. Schenkel, the agent of the purchasers of the Philippine remainders bought of the U. S. Government at Manila, wrote:

"The Aguinaldo stamps are all right. The Filipino Government established at Malolos from August 1898 to March 1899, was in possession of the railway, Manila to Dagupan, and entertained postal relations with several parts of the Island of Luzon, and I myself received letters from the province regarding stamps. I have bought my stamps directly from the Filipino Government when Aguinaldo was at Tarlac. You may remember that the Spanish Government sent a commission to Tarlac in order to arrange the liberation (release) of the Spanish prisoners. A member of that commission, Mr. Enrique de Marcaida, brought the stamps from the post-office at Tarlac."

The following extract from a letter from one of the U. S. soldier boys in the Philippines, published in the *News*, of Attica, N. Y., contains an interesting reference to the insurgent postage stamps:

"Enclosed you will find a sheet of insurrection postage stamps, captured at Indang.

The general gave me about 5,000 sheets of them to burn up, saving only one sheet to send in with his report. I burnt all except three sheets. We destroyed the press and plates from which they were printed."

CHAS. SINCLAIR, U. S. Cavalry.

There is very little doubt but that the stamps of the Provisional Government of the "Philippine Republic," so-called, will be recognized, because they have done postal, telegraph and fiscal service, and are none the less interesting because issued by the insurgent party.

Mr. J. M. Andreini, of New York City, who is a careful reader of the foreign philatelic press, especially those in the Latin languages, was asked for information and replied:

"About Aguinaldo Stamps. A friend sent me two of them that were purchased by him at Hong Kong, and I have seen a few others here purchased from Spain, all unused. A member of the Philippine Republic Government told me last year when I was abroad, that postage stamps such as are described in Philatelic Papers were only used in the interior of the islands."



From information received from reliable sources it is evident that the Revolutionary Government in the Philippines have issued postage, telegraph and revenue stamps for the legitimate purposes for which such stamps are intended. At the earnest solicitation of some of our customers we have obtained some of these stamps direct from a responsible party in Manila and offer the following for what they are. Lithographed postage stamps issued by



Aguinaldo. They have a certain historical as well as philatelic interest.

- 1 milesima, black, Newspaper Stamp, perf.
- 1 milesima, black, Newspaper Stamp, unperf.
- 2 cents, red, Postage Stamp, perf.
- 2 cents, red, Postage and Telegraph, perf.
- 8 cents, green, Registered Letter, perf.

The above set of 5 stamps \$3.00, post free.

The following are for Telegraph or Revenue purposes and will be sought by collectors who include these branches.

- 2 cents, violet, Telegraph Stamp.
- 50 cents, blue, Telegraph Stamp.
- 10 cents, brown, Revenue, receipt stamp.
- (No value), brown, Revenue, "Transportation of Cattle."

The above set of 4 stamps \$2.00, post free.

The following varieties are not included in the lists of stamps of the same countries, on the preceding pages, having come into stock only recently. The prices quoted are *net*, and quite reasonable. See if you need any of them.

## Cuba.

Cats. No.	Description	Price
3	1855, 2 r. p. carmine on blue, watermark loops, postmarked	\$0 37
11	1856, 2 r. p. orange red, rough yellowish paper, watermarked lines, used	95
14	1857, 2 r. p. red, postmarked	16
34	1868, 40c. rose, postmarked	30
38	1869, 40c. dark lilac, postmarked	30

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

79	1894, 25c. blue, used	25
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## PORTO RICO.

86	1890, 10c. rose, unused	40
87	1890, 20c. orange red, unused	80

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

194	1897, 5c. on 5c. green, red surcharge	25
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I am much obliged for the *Drummer* and like it immensely.

H. F. POWELL.

Your publication, the *Drummer*, is very interesting as well as valuable, and have found several new ideas not known before.

F. H. RITTENHOUSE.

## U. S. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Issue of 1895.

Complete set from 1c. to \$100.00 inclusive, unused and fine, original gum, never been hinged or mounted, post free, \$5.00.

The set consists of 12 values all on watermarked paper.

1, 2, 5 and 10c. black	} Complete. \$5.00.
25 and 50c. carmine	
2.00 scarlet	
5.00 ultramarine	
10.00 green	
20.00 slate	
50.00 carmine	
\$100.00 purple	

The foregoing series should grace every collection as their sale at this low price was only made possible by the P. O. Department for the benefit of stamp collectors. Their original face value having been \$187.93.

We only have a few sets and we are offering them at the same price (\$5.00 per set) as they were supplied by the Government.

All remainders have now been called in and destroyed, so that no more are to be had of the P. O. Department.



A correspondent recently informed us that he had bought stamps from us for over twenty years, and wrote for a selection for his son who was not born when his father opened his first approval account with the Mekeel concern. This was particularly interesting because he had preserved a letter and price list issued by C. H. Mekeel in 1880 (the first was issued in 1877). During the twenty-three and a half years continued business of C. H. Mekeel, business relations of more or less importance were sustained with over one hundred and twenty thousand collectors in America. These names are preserved in an up-to-date card index, which is a store house of philatelic and personal information.

The cash business of the Mekeel concern has long since passed the *million dollar* mark, and every book and account has been preserved since the establishment of the business.

Many thousands, yes millions of copies of stamp literature have been issued by this concern.

In 1881 C. H. Mekeel commenced with the *Stamp Collector's Bureau*; in 1885 the *Philatelic Journal of America* was started and published monthly through fourteen volumes. A few years later *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was established, and this paper now published by I. A. Mekeel has supplanted most of the stamp monthlies.

One year, *The Daily Stamp Item* testified to the stamp activity of the period.

Just now MEKEEL'S DRUMMER answers the purpose of keeping ourselves in touch with the thousands of correspondents who favor us with their occasional orders.

Don't buy what you cannot afford. If you cannot afford the luxury of a high-priced collection of stamps, there is still pleasure to be obtained from those that are within your reach.

If you can afford to own rare and scarce stamps, and have a collector's love and interest in them, you are foolish not to indulge it, for there is no other pursuit or hobby that offers such a rational field for both enjoyment and pleasure.

Probably the most famous work on the stamps of the United States was written by the late John K. Tiffany and published in French by the great philatelic authority, J. B. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium. In 1887 Mr. Tiffany re-wrote the book, which was published by C. H. Mekeel. In 1894, a few years before the death of the author, concluding notes were written bringing the work up to 1894, including the Columbian issue.

This book has become a classic, and should be in every collector's library.

"*The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States*," full cloth binding, 320 pages, post free, \$1.50.

Every time we mail sample copies or new printed matter about stamps to any of our old names, we receive many letters from collectors who renew their interest and return for recreation to their old hobby. The DRUMMERS we mail this Fall will doubt revive many old memories, and we hope to hear from some of our friends.

Buy of stamp dealers of standing and reputation, and take advice. There is a mushroom class of petty dealers who are coming and going, who advertise themselves out of proportion to their importance, and whose principal fault is their own ignorance. Many of these intend to be honest enough, but they handle rubbish and bad stamps often through ignorance. Who is the sufferer? The collector looking for bargains, buying from a dealer who has no standing or reputation to sustain. A wise collector will place his trade with the first-class well established concerns who make the trade in stamps a regular business.

Ours is a mail order and approval business and you are as near us, for practical purposes, in the most remote part of the United States as you would be in St. Louis. Our location is about the center of population of the United States, and excellent mail facilities afford us the means of doing a very large business.

We are liberal buyers for cash. We sell to all classes, the beginner, the bargain hunter, and the most advanced collector. We exchange through the best system of exchange ever established. We are *stamp dealers* in every sense of the word and cover every department, and in the stamp line are unlimited.

"Satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded," has been the motto of the Mekeel business since its establishment in 1877, and we have always borne it out. Another equally as prominent guarantee, "All stamps sold by us are warranted and guaranteed to be genuine."

Ordering from a net price list is the most satisfactory way to add to a collection. All of the stamps offered in these pages are in stock and prices are made as low as it is possible for genuine stamps to be sold.

Small orders attended to as cheerfully as large ones, but where the amount is less than \$1.00, a stamped and addressed envelope must be enclosed for the reply.

## 800 DIFFERENT POSTAGE STAMPS.

A good packet to start with is the lot of 800 genuine postage stamps that we sell for \$3.00. About 100 different stamp-issuing countries or colonies represented. We put in 810 stamps to insure full count. The catalogue value is over \$20.00. Every stamp is guaranteed to be genuine.

Buy this packet, pick out what you can use and give the balance away—start a new collector. It will give pleasure to a friend, and every new collector enhances the value of your own collection.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Gentlemen:—Your packet of 800 varieties for \$3.00 was very good indeed and the best value I have yet received from a dealer in my 11 years experience.

R. F. ROBINSON.

GREAT FORKS, N. D.

Gentlemen:—Your packet of 800 varieties was quite satisfactory. \* \* \* What pleased me was the exceptionally nice condition of the stamps.

Very sincerely yours,  
A. T. GESNER,  
Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church





The above are the designs for the new issue for Corea. The issue that now becomes obsolete has been in use since 1895 and consists of four values: 5, 10, 25 and 50 poods. Anticipating the new issue we have obtained a number of sets of the 1895 issue unused, which we offer at 18c. per set.

The development of the interest in stamp collecting in Australia has resulted in a new stamp paper being started. We have before us the first number of *The Australian Journal of Philately*. A very creditable journal to be published monthly in Sydney, New South Wales.

A wedding stamp was recently issued in Japan to celebrate the occasion of the marriage of the Imperial Crown Prince.



By receiving a small surcharge in native characters indicating stamps for special use in "Corea" and "China," so we have three varieties of the 3 sen carmine. The three sent for 10c.

Brazil issued a set of four stamps this year commemorative of the 400th Anniversary of the discovery of that country by Pedro Alvarez Cabral in 1500.



The inscription, "E. U. do Brazil" stands for the United States of Brazil. The Southern Cross is a prominent feature of the stamp we illustrate.

The four stamps are all of different types, 100, 200, 500 and 700 reis. The four stamps, unused, will be sent for 40c.

### STAMP HINGES.

Everybody needs stamp hinges, we handle the best, 10c. per 1,000 post free.



**THE LATE  
DUKE OF SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA.**

**A Royal Stamp Collector.—The Honorary President of the Philatelic Society, London.**

Through the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, better known as the Duke of Edinburgh, who was the second son of Queen Victoria, and the most popular in England of all the Queen's children, philately has lost one of her prominent devotees. The Duke was an ardent collector and found the true satisfaction of a real philatelist in his stamp collection.

We have referred to him before in these columns as the Honorary President of the Philatelic Society of London. He was jovial and of easy manners, a musician and a lover of music.

He went to sea at fourteen, and by genuine merit rose in the British navy to be the admiral in command of the Mediterranean squadron. The English, seven years ago, were very sorry to have him go to Germany to take the throne of the little duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which had come his way by virtue of a chain of family relationships that it is not necessary here to recall. He was almost fifty-six years old at the time of his death. His wife was a daughter of the Emperor Alexander II., of Russia. It will be remembered that at the time he chose to accept the throne of a German principality, and took the oath of loyalty to the constitution of the German Empire in the presence of Emperor William, there was a great deal of discussion in England as to his status there. His son and heir, Prince Alfred, died early last year; and the Queen's next son, the Duke of Connaught, who became the heir presumptive, preferred England for himself and his children, and resigned in favor of the young Duke of Albany, who, being recognized as the heir, went to Coburg to receive a German education only a few months ago. This young gentleman, now just sixteen years of age, is the son of the late Prince Leopold of England, Duke of Albany, Queen Victoria's fourth son, who died in March, 1884. The new Duke, Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg, is also a stamp collector and the possessor of a well advanced collection.

## PRICES OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Prices have been attached to this list for specimens in three conditions. First column *unused*. Second column for *fine* copies in used condition. Third for ordinary used copies. This last class are in no wise defective, are fully up to the average of used stamps.

While all stamps are usually in stock, it is best for parties ordering to send a supplementary list.

The following prices are *strictly net for cash only*.

Send a stamped and addressed return envelope with orders less than \$1.00.

## Postage Stamps.

## GENERAL ISSUE.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1847.</b>			
5c. brown (Franklin) .....	\$ 50	\$ 35	
10c. black (Washington) .....	2 50	2 00	
<b>1851-56.</b>			
<i>Type I. Has a curved line outside the labels with "U. S. Postage" and "One Cent." The scrolls below the lower label are turned under, forming little balls.</i>			
<i>Type II. Same as I, but the scrolls are not turned under.</i>			
<i>Type III. Same as II, but the curved lines outside the labels are broken in the center.</i>			
1c. blue (Franklin) type I .....	50 00	20 00	15 00
1c. blue, type II .....	2 00	20	12
1c. blue, type III .....	35 00	8 00	5 00
3c. red (Washington) .....	1 50	2	1
5c. brown (Jefferson) .....		10 00	7 50
5c. red-brown .....	40 00	10 00	6 50
10c. green (Washington) .....	10 00	50	35
12c. black (Washington) .....	18 00	1 25	85
<b>1855-60.</b>	Same, Perf. 15.		
<i>Type I. There are projections on all four sides.</i>			
<i>Type II. The projections at top and bottom are partially cut away.</i>			
<i>Type III. The projections at top and bottom are entirely cut away.</i>			
1c. blue, type I .....	12 00	4 00	2 50
1c. blue, type II .....	8 00	80	50
1c. blue, type III .....	40	10	6
3c. red .....	8	2	1
3c. red (with outer line) .....	10 00	20	10
5c. brick-red, type I .....	70 00	9 00	5 00
5c. red-brown, type I .....	20 00	4 50	3 00
5c. brown, type I .....	12 00	2 50	1 75
5c. brown, type II .....	6 00	2 00	1 00
4c. orange-brown, type III .....	4 00	2 00	1 50
10c. green .....	2 00	30	18
12c. black .....	2 00	60	40
24c. lilac .....	5 00	3 00	2 00
30c. orange .....	9 00	5 00	3 00
90c. blue .....	18 00	25 00	17 50
<b>1861.</b>	Perf. 12.		
1c. blue .....	0 25	0 00	0 02
3c. pink .....		5 00	2 50
3c. rose .....	10	1	1
5c. buff .....	40 00	5 00	3 50
10c. yellow-green .....	1 40	10	8
12c. black .....	1 50	30	20
24c. red-lilac .....	10 00	80	50
30c. orange .....	4 00	40	30
90c. blue .....	13 50	2 50	2 00
<b>1862-6.</b>			
2c. black (Jackson) .....	0 30	03	02
5c. red-brown .....	15 00	2 50	1 50
5c. brick-red .....		10 00	5 00
5c. brown .....	3 00	30	20
5c. black-brown .....	8 00	40	30
15c. black (Lincoln) .....	4 00	40	30
24c. lilac .....	3 00	30	20
<b>1867.</b>	Same, with embossing covering entire back of stamp.		
3c. rose .....	12 00	8 00	

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
Embossing measuring 13x16mm.			
3c. rose .....	\$15 00	\$5 00	\$3 00
Embossing measuring 12x14mm.			
2c. black .....	30 00	5 00	3 50
3c. rose .....	15 00	1 75	1 00
Embossing measuring 11x13mm.			
1c. blue .....	4 00	80	50
2c. black .....	2 00	15	10
3c. rose .....	3 50	3	2
10c. green .....	4 00	50	30
12c. black .....	4 00	30	20
15c. black .....	20 00	3 00	2 75
Embossing measuring 9x13mm.			
1c. blue .....	3 00	50	30
2c. black .....	1 00	8	4
3c. red .....	75	2	4
5c. brown .....	10 00	2 50	1 75
5c. black-brown .....		4 00	
10c. yellow-green .....	4 00	40	30
12c. black .....	4 00	40	30
15c. black .....	8 00	80	50
24c. gray-lilac .....	12 00	3 75	3 00
30c. orange .....	12 00	2 50	1 75
90c. blue .....	35 00	10 00	8 00
<b>1869.</b>			
1c. buff (Franklin) .....	1 00	45	30
2c. brown (Horseman) .....	80	8	6
3c. blue (Locomotive) .....	50	2	1
6c. blue (Washington) .....	3 00	40	30
10c. yellow (Coat of Arms) .....	5 00	55	35
12c. green (Steamship) .....	3 00	35	25
15c. brown and blue (Landing of Columbus) .....	10 00	2 00	1 50
15c. brown and blue (Picture framed) .....	5 00	1 00	75
24c. green and purple (Declaration of Independence) .....	10 00	3 75	2 50
30c. blue and carmine (Coat of Arms) .....	12 00	1 75	1 25
90c. black and carmine (Lincoln) .....	35 00	14 00	8 50
<b>1870-71.</b>	<i>Printed by National Bank Note Company. Head to left in oval.</i>		
Embossing measuring 8½ to 9 and 10½ to 11½mm.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin) .....	4 00	0 35	0 25
2c. red-brown (Jackson) .....	4 00	8	5
3c. green (Washington) .....	1 75	2	1
6c. carmine (Lincoln) .....	12 00	2 50	1 25
7c. vermilion (Stanton) .....	12 00	2 50	1 25
10c. brown (Jefferson) .....	30 00	8 50	6 00
15c. orange (Webster) .....	15 00	5 50	4 00
90c. carmine (Perry) .....	20 00	5 50	3 00
<b>1870-71.</b>	Without Embossing.		
1c. ultramarine .....	2 00	10	5
2c. red-brown .....	1 00	2	1
3c. green .....	1 50	2	1
6c. carmine .....	2 50	10	8
7c. vermilion .....	4 00	40	30
10c. brown .....	5 00	10	5
10c. yellow-brown .....	5 00	10	5
12c. dull violet .....	6 00	30	20
15c. bright orange .....	4 00	30	20
24c. purple .....	10 00	1 25	90
30c. black .....	10 00	20	15
90c. carmine .....	12 00	1 00	75

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b>			
<i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.</i>			
1c. ultramarine	\$ 90	\$ 3	\$ 2
2c. brown	1 00	3	2
2c. bark brown	1 00	3	2
3c. green	40	1	1
6c. dull pink	1 00	4	3
7c. orange-vermilion	4 50	40	25
10c. brown	2 50	5	2
12c. blackish violet	7 50	30	20
15c. yellow-orange	7 50	50	20
30c. gray-black	5 00	40	20
90c. rose-carmine	5 00	1 00	90
<b>1875.</b>			
2c. vermilion	80	3	2
5c. blue (Taylor)	1 50	8	5
<i>Printed by the American Bank Note Co.</i>			
<b>1879.</b>	Soft Porous Paper.		
1c. blue	80	4	2
2c. vermilion	20	1	1
3c. green	25	1	1
5c. blue	80	3	2
6c. pink	1 20	3	2
10c. yellow-brown (National Plate)	2 00	5	3
10c. brown (Continental Plate)	2 00	3	2
15c. red-orange	40	12	8
30c. full black	1 60	6	4
90c. carmine	5 50	70	50
<b>1882.</b>			
5c. brown (Garfield)	40	2	1
1c. gray-blue, re-engraved	8	1	...
3c. green, re-engraved	12	1	...
6c. rose, re-engraved	1 50	6	3
10c. brown, re-engraved	20	1	...
10c. black-brown, re-engraved	5 00	20	11
<b>1883.</b>			
2c. red-brown (Washington)	6	1	...
4c. blue green (Jackson)	10	2	1
<b>1887.</b>			
2c. green	6	1	...
3c. vermilion	10	8	4
<i>New Design.</i>			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	5	1	...
<b>1888.</b>	Same as 1872-83 issue.		
4c. carmine	10	2	1
5c. indigo	40	2	...
30c. orange-brown	55	25	18
90c. purple	1 75	75	60
<b>1890-93.</b>	New design, stamps smaller.		
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	2	1	...
2c. lake (Washington)	40	4	3
2c. carmine	5	1	...
3c. purple (Jackson)	6	2	2
4c. dark brown (Lincoln)	8	1	...
5c. chocolate (Grant)	9	1	...
5c. yellow-brown	10	1	...
6c. brown-red (Garfield)	10	3	2
8c. lilac (Sherman)	12	2	...
10c. green (Webster)	15	1	...
15c. indigo (Clay)	22	5	3
30c. black (Jefferson)	40	6	4
90c. orange (Perry)	1 15	40	30
<b>1893.</b>	Columbian Issue.		
1c. deep blue	2	1	...
2c. violet	3	1	...
3c. green	6	4	2
4c. ultramarine	7	2	1
5c. chocolate	8	3	2
6c. purple	10	5	4
8c. magenta	12	3	2
10c. black-brown	16	3	2
15c. dark green	20	16	14
30c. orange-brown	45	25	20
50c. slate-blue	60	45	40
\$1 salmon	2 25	2 00	...
\$2 brown-red	2 00	1 50	...
\$3 yellow-green	3 00	...	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
\$4 crimson-lake	\$ 4 00		
\$5 black	5 00		
<b>1894.</b>	<i>Same as 1890-3 issue, with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles</i>		
1c. pale ultramarine	8	2	...
<b>1895.</b>	<i>Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S. repeated in horizontal rows. All values are found imperforate.</i>		
1c. blue	2	1	...
2c. carmine, triangle III	3	1	...
3c. purple	5	1	...
4c. dark brown	5	1	...
5c. chocolate	6	1	...
6c. dark brown	7	2	...
8c. puce	9	2	...
10c. dark green	12	1	...
15c. dark blue	17	3	...
50c orange	55	10	7
\$1 black	1 10	30	20
\$2 sapphire	2 20	1 50	...
\$5 dark green	5 50	1 50	...
<b>1898.</b>	Omaha Series.		
1c. green	2	1	...
2c. copper-red	3	1	...
4c. orange	6	3	...
5c. blue	7	4	...
8c. violet-brown	12	5	4
10c. gray-violet	15	5	4
50c. sage-green	60	35	25
\$1 black	1 15	85	...
\$2 orange-brown	2 30	2 00	...
<b>1898-99.</b>	Same as 1895 series.		
1c. green	1	1	...
4c. lilac-brown	5	2	...
6c. lilac-brown	7	2	...
10c. yellow-brown	12	2	...
15c. olive	17	3	...

**Official Stamps.**

All, except Post Office, same Designs as General Issues, with name of Department above.

**1873.** *Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard paper. Perf.*

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>AGRICULTURE.</b>			
1c. yellow	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$1 50
2c. "	75	70	50
3c. "	25	20	15
6c. "	50	50	25
10c. "	4 50	4 00	3 00
12c. "	6 00	5 50	3 00
15c. "	2 75	2 50	1 50
24c. "	4 00	3 00	2 00
30c. "	4 00	3 25	2 50
<b>EXECUTIVE.</b>			
1c. carmine	7 00	7 00	4 00
2c. "	7 00	7 00	4 00
3c. "	4 00	4 00	3 00
6c. "	13 00	13 00	8 00
10c. "	9 00	9 00	6 00
<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
1c. vermilion	20	20	15
2c. "	7	6	4
3c. "	20	7	5
6c. "	40	4	3
10c. "	40	40	25
12c. "	40	35	20
15c. "	60	40	25
24c. "	75	50	35
30c. "	75	60	35
90c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
1c. purple	1 25	1 00	70
2c. purple	2 50	\$2 50	\$1 70
3c. "	1 50	60	40

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
6c. purple	1 75	75	60
10c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
12c. "	2 50	1 75	1 00
15c. "	6 00	4 00	3 00
24c. "	15 00	13 00	7 50
30c. "	18 00	15 00	10 00
90c. "	25 00	25 00	15 00
3c. bluish purple	1 50	1 00	75
6c. bluish purple	3 00	2 00	...
<b>NAVY.</b>			
1c. ultramarine	90	90	65
2c. "	40	40	20
3c. "	30	15	10
6c. "	40	35	20
7c. "	12 00	8 00	5 00
10c. "	2 00	1 50	1 00
12c. "	1 25	1 00	80
15c. "	2 25	2 00	1 25
24c. "	5 00	3 50	1 50
30c. "	4 00	2 00	1 50
90c. "	12 00	8 00	5 50

POST OFFICE.

Figure of value in Oval. White Paper.

1c. black	30	30	20
2c. "	20	20	12
3c. "	5	1	...
6c. "	18	10	8
10c. "	1 35	1 35	1 00
12c. "	75	65	40
15c. "	80	75	60
24c. "	80	75	60
30c. "	80	75	50
90c. "	2 00	1 75	1 00

STATE.

1c. dark green	2 00	1 75	1 25
2c. "	4 00	3 75	3 00
3c. "	2 00	2 00	1 00
6c. "	1 50	1 50	1 00
7c. "	2 50	2 25	1 50
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
12c. "	3 00	2 75	2 00
15c. "	3 50	3 00	2 00
24c. "	7 50	7 00	4 00
30c. "	6 00	5 50	3 25
90c. "	11 00	10 00	7 50
3c. bright green	60	60	40
6c. "	60	60	40
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
\$2.00 black and green	20 00	20 00	15 00

TREASURY.

1c. brown	1 00	12	10
2c. "	25	10	6
3c. "	10	3	2
6c. "	20	7	5
7c. "	2 00	1 25	1 00
10c. "	40	18	10
12c. "	40	15	7
15c. "	30	20	12
24c. "	10 00	3 50	2 00
30c. "	40	20	12
90c. "	1 75	55	40

WAR.

1c. rose-red	40	5	3
2c. "	40	6	4
3c. "	...	2	...
6c. "	...	4	...
7c. "	2 00	2 00	1 25
10c. "	75	25	15
12c. "	75	25	15
15c. "	20	18	10
24c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	40	40	25
90c. "	75	75	50

1879. Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

INTERIOR.

1c. vermilion	1 00	1 00	...
2c. "	6	2	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
3c. vermilion	4	2	...
6c. "	6	4	...
10c. "	1 05	75	50
12c. "	2 00	1 50	75
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
3c. bluish purple	50	50	...
6c. bluish purple	1 25	1 00	...
<b>TREASURY.</b>			
3c. brown	8	2	...
6c. "	15	8	5
10c. "	40	20	10
30c. "	2 00	75	...
90c. "	4 00	75	40
<b>WAR.</b>			
1c. rose-red	3	3	2
2c. "	3	3	...
3c. "	2	2	...
6c. "	3	3	...
10c. "	20	20	15
12c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	18	15	10

Carrier Stamps.

1851.			
blue on rose (Franklin) reprint	25	...	...
1c. blue (Eagle)	50	1 50	1 00

Special Delivery Stamps.

1885-94.			
10c. blue	18	10	6
10c. blue ("at any office")	18	5	3
10c. orange	13	5	3

1895.

Watermarked U. S. P. S.

10c. blue	12	2	...
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Newspaper Stamps.

1865.			
Colored Border.			
5c. dark blue (Washington)	12 50	...	...
10c. blue-green (Franklin)	3 75	...	...
25c. carmine-red (Lincoln)	3 75	...	...

White Border.

5c. dark blue	1 75	...	...
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1875.

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard Paper.

INDIAN.

1875.			
2c. black	35	35	20
3c. "	50	40	...
4c. "	50	50	20
6c. "	1 75	75	...
8c. "	1 75	...	...
9c. "	8 75	...	...
10c. "	75	75	...

JUSTICE.

12c. rose	1 75	1 00	...
24c. "	1 50	1 20	...
36c. "	1 75	2 00	...
48c. "	8 00	...	...
60c. "	6 00	...	...

1879.

Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

	Unused	
2c. black	20	...
3c. "	40	...
4c. "	30	...
6c. "	75	...
8c. "	75	...
10c. "	25	...
12c. red	1 50	...
24c. "	1 50	...
36c. "	1 50	...



	Unused	Used
48c. red	4 00	...
10c. "	3 00	...
72c. "	7 00	...
84c. "	8 00	...
96c. "	7 00	...
\$1 92 brown	4 00	3 00
3 00 vermilion	5 00	4 00
6 00 blue	7 00	6 00

1885. *Same as above.*

1c. black	15	...
12c. carmine	60	...
24c. "	60	...
36c. "	1 00	...
48c. "	1 50	...
60c. "	1 50	...
72c. "	3 00	...
84c. "	3 00	...
96c. "	2 75	...

1895. *Similar designs to preceding but smaller in size. Watermarked U. S. P. S.*

1c. black	04	...
2c. "	08	...
5c. "	12	...
10c. "	20	...
25c. carmine	50	...
50c. "	1 00	...
\$2 00 scarlet	1 00	...

Above together with \$5.00 blue, \$10.00 green, \$20.00 slate, \$50.00 carmine and \$100.00 purple as sold by U. S. Government—\$5.00 net.

## Unpaid Letter Stamps.

1879. *Figure of Value in Oval. Printed by the American Bank Note Co.*

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. yellow-brown	25	10	5
2c. "	25	10	5
3c. "	35	8	5
5c. "	60	30	20
10c. "	80	20	15
1c. brown	8	4	2
2c. "	10	6	3
3c. "	15	10	5
5c. "	20	10	7
10c. "	35	10	5
30c. "	60	40	30
50c. "	4 00	60	30

1c. red-brown	10	3	2
2c. "	8	2	1
3c. "	1 50	60	...
5c. "	30	10	8
10c. "	50	5	4
30c. "	60	60	40
50c. "	2 00	1 25	75

1c. bright claret	4	3	1
2c. "	4	2	1
3c. "	10	5	3
5c. "	10	8	5
10c. "	20	5	3
30c. "	60	40	30
50c. "	1 00	75	50

1894. *Figure of value in lozenge shaped frame.*

1c. deep claret	3	...	...
2c. "	5	...	...
30c. "	...	35	25

1895. *Same. Watermarked U. S. P. S.*

1c. deep claret	2	1	...
2c. "	4	1	...
3c. "	6	4	...
5c. "	10	4	...
10c. "	15	3	...
30c. "	50	30	20
50c. "	80	50	25

## Revenue Stamps.

## DOCUMENTARY.

*First issue. Head of Washington in oval. Various borders.*

	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
1c. Express red	50	25	03
1c. Playing Cards red	10 00	1 50	1 75
1c. Proprietary red	7 00	75	03
1c. Telegraph red	6 00	...	08
2c. Bank Check blue	03	05	01
2c. Bank Check orange	...	...	01
2c. Certificate blue	10	...	40
2c. Certificate orange	...	...	30
2c. Express blue	13	50	02
2c. Express orange	...	...	04
2c. Playing Cards blue	4 00	...	15
2c. Playing Cards orange	...	...	30
2c. Proprietary blue	4 00	1 00	04
2c. Proprietary orange	...	...	70
2c. U. S. I. R. orange	...	...	01
3c. Foreign Exchange green	...	...	04
3c. Playing Cards green	...	...	4 50
3c. Proprietary green	...	...	06
3c. Telegraph green	75	15	18
4c. Inland Exchange brown	...	...	03
4c. Playing Cards violet	...	...	6 50
4c. Proprietary violet	...	1 50	10
4c. Agreement red	...	...	02
5c. Certificate red	15	10	01
5c. Express red	25	19	04
5c. Foreign Exchange red	...	...	03
5c. Inland Exchange red	10	6	01
5c. Playing Cards red	...	...	60
5c. Proprietary red	...	...	70
6c. Inland Exchange orange	...	...	10
6c. Proprietary orange	...	...	45 00
10c. Bill of Lading blue	50	1 75	03
10c. Certificate blue	2 50	1 00	01
10c. Contract blue	...	70	01
10c. Foreign Exchange blue	...	...	35
10c. Inland Exchange blue	3 00	10	01
10c. Power of Attorney blue	...	30	01
10c. Proprietary	...	...	90
15c. Foreign Exch. brown	...	...	35
15c. Inland Exchange brown	70	15	02
20c. Foreign Exchange red	75	...	60
20c. Inland Exchange red	15	07	01
25c. Bond red	3 00	30	01
25c. Certificate red	25	10	01
25c. Entry of Goods red	12	70	06
25c. Insurance red	08	15	01
25c. Life Insurance red	70	1 00	15
25c. Power of Attorney red	15	1 70	02
25c. Protest red	55	1 70	18
25c. Warehouse Rec. red	70	70	40
30c. Foreign Exchange lilac	75	...	1 00
30c. Inland Exchange lilac	40	50	04
40c. Inland Exchange brown	4 00	20	04
50c. Conveyance blue	1 00	15	01
50c. Entry of Goods blue	...	1 25	01
50c. Foreign Exchange blue	80	50	30
50c. Lease blue	80	3 00	25
50c. Life Insurance blue	1 75	3 00	03
50c. Mortgage blue	80	70	02
50c. Original Process blue	20	...	01
50c. Passage Ticket blue	3 00	1 75	10
50c. Prob. of Will blue	1 30	3 00	50
50c. Surety Bond blue	4 00	50	04
60c. Inland Exchange orange	85	60	08
70c. Foreign Exchange green	2 50	60	03
\$1 00 Conveyance red	20	...	03
1 00 Entry of Goods red	50	...	03
1 00 Foreign Exchange red	50	...	01
1 00 Inland Exchange red	10	3 00	01
1 00 Lease red	1 30	...	05
1 00 Life Insurance red	2 00	...	10
1 00 Manifest red	1 00	...	40
1 00 Mortgage red	70	...	2 00
1 00 Passage Ticket red	6 00	...	4 50
1 00 Power of Attorney red	65	...	04
1 00 Probate of Will red	1 00	...	90
1 30 Foreign Exch. orange	...	...	60
1 50 Inland Exchange blue	25	...	10
1 60 Foreign Exch. green	7 00	...	1 25
1 90 Foreign Exch. mauve	...	...	70
2 00 Conveyance red	1 50	10 00	08

	Imperf.	Part Perf.	Perf.
2 00 Mortgage red.....	1 50	...	10
2 00 Probate of Will red.....	...	...	65
2 50 Inland Exchange violet.....	...	...	06
3 00 Charter Party green.....	80	...	08
3 00 Manifest green.....	1 00	...	08
3 50 Inland Exchange blue.....	30 00	...	1 00
5 00 Charter Party red.....	2 00	...	10
5 00 Conveyance red.....	1 00	...	10
5 00 Manifest red.....	2 00	...	1 75
5 00 Mortgage red.....	2 00	...	50
5 00 Probate of Will red.....	7 50	...	50
10 00 Charter Party green.....	6 00	...	70
10 00 Conveyance green.....	2 75	...	1 30
10 00 Mortgage green.....	3 30	...	75
10 00 Probate of Will green.....	11 00	...	70
15 00 Mortgage blue.....	18 00	...	5 00
20 00 Conveyance orange.....	1 35	...	1 00
20 00 Probate of Will orange.....	50 00	...	25 00
25 00 Mortgage red.....	20 00	...	3 00
50 00 U. S. I. R. green.....	6 00	...	2 00
200 00 U. S. I. R. green and red.....	30 00	...	14 00

Second Issue. Head of Washington in oval; small rectangle. Perforated.

1c. blue and black.....	\$ 50
2c. " ".....	02
3c. " ".....	20
4c. " ".....	40
5c. " ".....	06
6c. " ".....	1 50
10c. " ".....	02
15c. " ".....	25
20c. " ".....	10

Head of Washington in circle. Same shape as same values of first issue.

25c. blue and black.....	01
30c. " ".....	50
40c. " ".....	40
50c. " ".....	02
60c. " ".....	50
70c. " ".....	45
\$ 1 00 " ".....	18
1 30 " ".....	4 00
1 50 " ".....	20
1 60 " ".....	10 00
1 90 " ".....	2 50
2 00 " ".....	40
2 50 " ".....	20
3 00 " ".....	1 00
3 50 " ".....	3 50
5 00 " ".....	50
10 00 " ".....	2 00
20 00 " ".....	12 00
25 00 " ".....	15 00
50 00 " ".....	8 00
200 00 blue, black and red.....	100 00

Third Issue. Same as previous issues. Perforated.

1c. black and claret.....	\$ 1 00
2c. " " orange.....	01
4c. " " brown.....	70
5c. " " orange.....	04
6c. " " orange.....	70
15c. " " brown.....	25
30c. " " orange.....	20
40c. " " brown.....	50
60c. " " orange.....	50
70c. " " green.....	40
\$1 00 black and green.....	05
2 00 " " vermilion.....	35
2 50 " " claret.....	35
3 00 " " green.....	1 00
5 00 " " vermilion.....	50
10 00 " " green.....	2 00
20 00 " " orange.....	12 00

Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange.....	2 50
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Fourth Issue. Perforated.

2c. black and orange (green).....	01
Inverted Medallion.....	
2c. black and orange (green).....	3 00

Fifth Issue. Profile of Liberty.

	Silk.	Wmk.	Roul.
2c. blue.....	01	01	18

Sixth Issue. Playing Cards. Rouletted.

Inscribed, "On Hand, Aug. 1894.".....			
2c. lake.....			06
Inscribed, "Act of Aug. 1894.".....			
2c. ultramarine.....			10
Wmk'd U. S. I. R. ....			
2c. ultramarine.....			04

1898. New Used

Postage Stamps of 1895 issue surcharged.

1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in small sans serif capitals.....	10	10
1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in large Roman capitals.....	03	01
a, surcharge inverted.....	1 50	1 50
2c. carmine, blue surcharge.....	04	01
a, surcharge inverted.....	25	20

Periodical Stamps, surcharged: Int. Rev.

\$5.00 dark blue, red surcharge (a).....	7 00	3 00
5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (b).....	7 00	...

Wmk'd U. S. I. R., rouletted 5½.

½c. orange (battleship).....	10	05
¼c. gray-brown.....	01	01
1c. pale blue.....	02	01
2c. rose.....	03	01
3c. dark ultramarine.....	04	02
4c. pale rose.....	05	02
5c. lilac.....	06	01
10c. dark brown.....	...	01
25c. purple-brown.....	...	02
50c. slate-violet.....	...	03
\$ 1 00 yellow-green (Commerce).....	...	02
3 00 brown-lilac.....	...	12
5 00 red.....	...	20
10 00 black.....	...	1 00
40c. lilac.....	...	05
80c. bistre.....	...	12

Proprietary Stamps.

1871-75. Head of Washington in oval. Perf.

	Violet p	Green p
1c. black and green.....	05	05
2c. " ".....	05	05
3c. " ".....	25	25
4c. " ".....	08	08
5c. " ".....	2 00	3 00
6c. " ".....	85	85
10c. " ".....	5 00	1 25
50c. " ".....	15 00	20 00
\$1 00 " ".....	75 00	100 00
5 00 " ".....	from \$200 to	325 00

according to condition.

1878 Issue.

	Silk	Wmk.	Roul.
1c. green.....	03	02	1 00
2c. brown.....	03	02	3 30
3c. orange.....	04	06	2 00
4c. red.....	...	04	3 50
4c. red-brown.....	05	05	3 00
5c. black.....	2 00	1 50	35 00
6c. blue.....	70	40	4 00
6c. violet.....	...	1 00	7 00
10c. blue.....	...	10 00	7 00

1898 Issue. Roul.

	New	Used
¼c. yellow-green (battle ship).....	01	01
¼c. pale-brown.....	01	01
¾c. deep orange.....	02	01
¾c. deep ultramarine.....	02	01
1 c. dark green.....	02	02
1½c. dark purple.....	03	02
1½c. brown-violet.....	08	08
2 c. violet-brown.....	03	03
2½c. lake.....	04	03
4 c. purple.....	05	05
5 c. chestnut-brown.....	06	05
1½c. light blue.....	03	03
3½c. slate.....	05	05

The prices on the list of United States postage and revenue stamps that precede this page are all below the current quotations and are very cheap. *Net cash* in all cases, whether to collectors or dealers. Where \$50.00 or upwards is purchased at one time some concession will be allowed but it will depend altogether upon the list wanted and same must be submitted with the inquiry.

### U. S. Private Proprietary Stamps.

We do not stock private proprietary match and medicine stamps of either the old or new issues. Such as are on hand, we will supply at 25% discount from current catalogue quotations.

We often buy collections containing these stamps and when we have lots to justify we will submit selections on approval upon request.

### U. S. Envelope and Wrapper Stamps.

We do not quote prices on cut square envelope and wrapper stamps, although we usually have all varieties in stock.

Want lists from Scott's catalogue may be sent us and we will supply at *half* of their catalogue prices, good copies used or unused.

### U. S. Local and Carrier Stamps.

We often have good collections of U. S. Local and Carrier stamps on hand and to such collectors as are interested in these we shall be pleased to submit at any time such as we have on approval at the lowest prices.

Rare locals, particularly uncatalogued varieties, wanted at all times for *cash*.

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Such copies of telegraph franks as we have on hand at any time will be supplied at *half price*, according to current catalogue quotations. We do not stock them but often get them in collections that we purchase.

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It provides spaces for all stamps complete up to 1894 and for U. S. Postage and Revenues it is complete up to 1899.

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# PRICES OF STAMPS OF UNITED STATES COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

Many collectors who have heretofore confined their collections to the issues of the United States, have widened the scope of their collecting so as to include CUBA, GUAM, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and PORTO RICO, consequently many of the stamps of these places have become very scarce. We give a list of those that we can supply readily.

The scarce kinds are most always in stock and can be furnished at market value.

## CUBA.

### (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence. The island is very rich in natural resources. Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors, and are being added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (†).

	Net Price each
<b>1855-57 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. On non-watermarked paper.	
1/2 r. p. blue.....	02
1 r. p. green.....	04
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.	
1/2 r. p. black.....	06
1/2 r. p. black on buff.....	85
1/2 r. p. green.....	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon.....	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.	
10c. blue.....	02
40c. green.....	04
40c. rose.....	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac.	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.	
5c. lilac.....	12
10c. blue.....	08
40c. green.....	12
10c. rose.....	20
Above set of four stamps.....	50
<b>1870 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.	
10c. green.....	06
50c. brown.....	04



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<b>1871 Issue.</b> Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.	Net Price each
12c. brown lilac.....	19
25c. blue.....	02
50c. green.....	05
1 peseta, brown (†).....	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.	
12 1/2 c. green.....	25
25c. gray lilac.....	04
50c. brown.....	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.	
12 1/2 c. brown.....	23
25c. blue.....	02
50c. red purple.....	08
50c. gray.....	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> Arms of Spain, date in label at top.	
12 1/2 c. light purple.....	06
25c. blue.....	01
50c. green.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	20
Above set of four stamps.....	25
<b>1876 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.	
12 1/2 c. green.....	06
25c. gray lilac.....	02
50c. blue.....	02
1 peseta, black.....	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.	
12 1/2 c. gray.....	08
25c. green.....	02
50c. black.....	02
<b>1878 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. blue.....	02
12 1/2 c. brown.....	06
25c. light green.....	01
50c. dark green.....	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta.	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. black.....	02
25c. blue.....	02
50c. gray.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.	
5c. green.....	02
12 1/2 c. lilac.....	05
25c. blue.....	02
50c. brown.....	02
1 peseta, bistre.....	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> Same type as above, change of date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. rose.....	75
5c. blue.....	02
10c. red brown.....	02
20c. brown.....	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. red.....	07
2 1/2 c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
10c. bistre.....	03
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps.	15
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps.	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges), 3 stamps.	75



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BABY KING



	Net Price each
<b>1884 Issue.</b> Same type as 1882 issue, change of colors.	
2½c. olive	03
2½c. violet	18
10c. brown	16
20c. olive	20
<b>1888 Issue.</b> Same type.	
2½c. red brown	05
20c. lilac gray	23
<b>1890 Issue.</b> Baby head of Infant King.	
1c. brown (‡)	03
2c. slate blue	04
2½c. emerald green	05
5c. olive green	07
20c. dark violet	08
<b>1891 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. olive green (‡)	03
5c. emerald green	02
10c. claret	03
10c. claret (‡)	06
<b>1894 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. violet blue	02
2c. red	03
2½c. lilac	02
20c. brown	09
<b>1896 Issue.</b> Same type as above.	
1c. lilac brown	01
2c. claret	02
2½c. rose	02
5c. slate blue	01
10c. emerald green	02
10c. emerald green (‡)	04
20c. violet	11
<b>1898 Issue.</b> Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.	
1, 2, 3, 5m. set of four	10
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos	9 40
<b>1898-99 Provisionals.</b> Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.	
NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have a few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.	
<b>1899 Issue.</b> New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.	
1c. on 1c. yellow green	03
2c. on 2c. red	04
2½c. on 2c. red	05
2½c. on 2c. carmine	25
3c. on 3c. purple	05
5c. on 5c. blue	09
10c. on 10c. light brown	16
<b>1899 Issue (2nd).</b> New and beautiful designs.	
1c. green	02
2c. carmine	04
3c. purple	05
5c. blue	09
10c. brown	15
10c. orange (special delivery)	15

### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

<b>1899 Issue.</b> Surcharged on U. S. unpaid letter stamps.	
1, 2, 5, 10c. claret, set of four	75

### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

<b>1888 Issue.</b> Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-Impresos" above, value below.	
½m. black	02
1m. "	04
3m. "	05
<b>1890-96 Issue.</b> Head of Baby King Alphonso XII to right, value below.	
½m. red brown	02
1m. "	02
2m. "	03

	Net Price each
3m. red brown	05
4m. " "	06
8m. " "	14
Set of six stamps	35
½m. violet (1892)	01
1m. " "	02
2m. " "	03
3m. " "	04
4m. " "	05
8m. " "	05
Set of six stamps	18
½m. rose (1894)	01
1m. " "	01
2m. " "	02
3m. " "	02
4m. " "	03
8m. " "	05
Set of six stamps	12
½m. blue green (1896)	01
1m. " "	02
2m. " "	02
3m. " "	04
4m. " "	04
8m. " "	05
Set of six stamps	16

### CUBA PACKETS.

Forty varieties of Cuban stamps, 1862 to 1899. bargain, price 30c. Ask for Packet No. 126.

A fine packet of 100 varieties of Cuban stamps, a fine lot, issues 1855 to 1899, price \$3.50. Packet No. 119.

### CUBA APPROVAL BOOKS.

We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, when requested. Ask for book No. 16.

We can usually supply a number of the varieties of Cuban stamps not listed above. Buyers may see anything we have on approval, at net prices, upon request.

## GUAM. (OCEANICA.)

The largest of the Ladrone group of Islands in the Pacific Ocean. The northernmost Australasian group, numbering about twenty.

Guam is also known as Guahan or Guajan, is ninety miles in circumference and has a population of about 5,000. After the Spanish-American war this island was taken by the United States as a naval station. The capital, San Ignacio de Agana, is the headquarters of the Naval Governor.

United States stamps bearing the word "GUAM" surcharged in black are used.

The following stamps are unused copies:

<b>1899 Issue.</b> Current stamps of the United States surcharged "Guam" in black.	Net Price each
1c. green and black	\$ 04
2c. carmine and black	05
3c. purple " "	15
4c. brown " "	10
5c. blue " "	15
6c. maroon " "	25
8c. brown purple " "	1 00
10c. pale brown " "	25
15c. olive green " "	35
50c. orange and black	1 00
\$1 00 black	2 00

### FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY.

10c. blue, surcharged in red	40
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## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

(OCEANICA.)

A group of islands in the north Pacific ocean also known as the Sandwich Islands.

First a native monarchy, later a provisional government, then a republic, is now a territory of the United States annexed in 1899.

The regular stamps of the United States are now current in the islands.

The following stamps are all obsolete, are likely to increase materially in value.

We price such as we have both used and unused.

**1864-75 Issue.** Various portraits in ovals, with values below and "Hawaii" above.

UNUSED. USED.

1c. violet	18	...
2c. vermilion	30	25
6c. green	40	35
18c. dull rose	50	...

**1882 Issue.** Similar to preceding series.

1c. blue	08	...
2c. lilac rose	50	18
5c. ultramarine	...	05

**1883-86 Issue.** Similar, change of colors.

2c. rose	...	03
10c. red brown	...	10
10c. vermilion	90	...

**1889-91 Issue** Similar to preceding issues.

2c. violet	08	03
5c. black blue	90	...

**1893 Issue.** Regular issues of 1864 to 1886 surcharged in three lines "Provisional—Gov't.—1893."

1c. violet	18	...
1c. blue	18	...
1c. green	03	...
2c. brown	25	...
2c. rose	10	08
2c. violet	05	...
5c. black blue	25	...
5c. ultramarine	10	08
6c. green	25	...
10c. black	30	...
10c. vermilion	35	...
10c. red brown	25	...
12c. black	30	...
15c. brown	55	...
25c. purple	95	...

**1894 Issue.** New designs, Arms on 1c., View of Harbor on 2c., Statue on 5c., Star on 10c., Steamer on 12c., Pres. Dole on 25c.

1c. yellow	03	03
2c. brown	06	03
5c. rose	09	03
10c. green	18	12
25c. blue	45	...

**1899 Issue.** Same designs, change of colors.

1c. dark green	03	03
2c. carmine rose	04	03
5c. dark blue	09	03

## ENVELOPE STAMPS.

**1893 Issue.** Fine view of Harbor, surcharged "Provisional Gov't.—1893" in two lines, cut with large margins.

1c. green and red	18	...
2c. rose and black	18	...
5c. blue and red	18	...
10c. black and red	40	...

Above four envelopes sent entire and unused

1 00

## HAWAIIAN PACKET.

A choice packet of 20 Hawaiian stamps, including both used and unused, but all different. Price \$1.25. Packet No. 135.

## HAWAIIAN APPROVAL BOOKS.

A book containing most of the varieties priced in above list at the net prices quoted will be sent on approval upon request of responsible parties who are likely to buy liberally. (This is too scarce a book to send to petty buyers.) Ask for book No. 22.

Varieties of the rarer Hawaiian Island stamps are often in stock. Selections of varieties other than those priced above will be submitted on approval at net prices to buyers, upon request.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

(ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

Having been discovered by Magalhaes in 1521, settlement commencing in 1565.

The group was named after Philip II of Spain.

The chief products are manila hemp, tobacco, sugar, cocoa and rice.

The nominal religion is Roman Catholic.

The sovereignty passed from Spain to the United States when the peace treaty was signed. The form of government that will finally be established by the United States has not been settled. It is now controlled by the military authorities, under a governor. A revolution that was in progress when the United States acquired the group, led by Aguinaldo, a young half breed, who has great ambition and some education, has caused the government some trouble, but the insurgents have been practically crushed, and little remains to establish peace throughout the group.

Education and practical reforms introduced by the most progressive nation in the world will transform these islands into a wonderful territory, as the natural resources are very great.

The issues of stamps from 1854 to 1879 inclusive are all very desirable and have become very scarce through the demand created for them by the many collectors of United States stamps who have recently added the stamps of these islands to their collections.

Such as we have of these older issues will be submitted upon approval at net prices to our customers upon request.

The following stamps are all unused except where indicated as follows (‡), these being cancelled:

**1870 Issue.** Female head of Liberty, full face, inscribed "Correos" above, value below.

10c. green	50	...
40c. rose (‡)	1 50	...

**1872 Issue.** *Portrait of Amadeus to right, inscribed "Correos" above, "Filipinas" below, value at sides.*

	Net Price each
12c. rose (†)	45
25c. gray lilac	60
62c. lilac	1 15

**1874 Issue.** *Seated female figure, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.*

12c. gray lilac (†)	30
25c. blue	30
62c. rose (†)	35
1 p. 25c. brown (†)	2 75

**1875-76 Issue.** *Profile of Alphonso to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.*

12c. lilac (†)	20
25c. green (†)	20

**1877 Issue.** *Same as last.*

10c. blue	35
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**1878 Issue.** *Same.*

25m. black (†)	08
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**1880-82 Issue.** *Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, inscribed "Filipinas" above, value below.*



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2c. carmine	02
2½c. brown (†)	05
2½c. ultramarine	08
5c. blue gray	07
6½c. green	12
10c. pale mauve	08
12½c. rose	08
2c. bistre	20
25c. brown	20

**1887-89 Issue.** *Same type as above.*

50m. bistre	08
1c. yellow green	02
1c. dark green	04



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**1889 Issue.** *Head of the Baby King of Spain, Alphonso XIII, to right.*

2c. carmine	02
2½c. ultramarine	02
5c. dark blue	20
5c. olive	13
8c. yellow green	10
10c. blue green	25
12½c. yellow green	15
20c. rose	20

**1891 Issue.** *Same as last.*

10c. claret	05
25c. blue	30

**1892-93 Issue.** *Same as last.*

1c. violet	15
2c. violet	03
2½c. olive gray	03
5c. green	05
5c. brown-violet	15
6c. brown-violet	05
8c. ultramarine	15
15c. red-brown	15
2c. gray brown	25

**1894 Issue.** *Same as last.*

2c. dark brown	05
6c. vermilion	05
8c. red-brown	05
12½c. orange	10
15c. rose	20
20c. violet	15

**1896 Issue.** *Same as last.*

	Net Price each
1c. green	30
2c. blue	02
2c. light brown	10
5c. emerald green	10
6c. carmine	35
10c. light red-brown	05
15c. blue green	18
20c. orange	15

**1898 Issue.** *Head of the Boy King of Spain to the left, "Filipinas 1898y99" above, value below.*



BOY KING

1m. to 2 pesos, complete series of twenty stamps, unused and fine	7 50
1m. orange brown	02
2m. orange brown	02
3m. orange brown	02
4m. orange brown	25
5m. orange brown	02
1c. black violet (†)	05
2c. blue green	04
3c. dark brown (†)	04
4c. orange	50
15c. slate green	25

**1899 Issue.** *"Philippines" surcharged in black on regular United States stamps.*

1c. yellow green	03
2c. red	05
3c. purple	06
5c. blue	09
10c. yellow brown	15
15c. olive	25
50c. orange	75

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

**1899 Issue.** *"Philippines" surcharged in black on the regular postage due stamps of the United States.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 50c. claret, set of five stamps	2 00
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### HABILITADO SURCHARGES.

*The following stamps were surcharged for provisional use.*

**1868-74 Issue.**

6½c. green, rose	40
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**1881-88 Issue.**

10c. on 2½c. ultramarine, black surcharge	20
1c. on 2½c. ultramarine, red surcharge	10
8c. on 2½c. ultramarine	15
2½c. on ½c. green	10
2½c. on 10c. green	14

**1889 Issue.**

2½c. on 1c. green	07
2½c. on 2c. carmine	10
2½c. on 5c. blue	08
2½c. on 50m. bistre	10
2½c. on ½c. green	06
2½c. on 2c. "Telegrafos"	08
2½c. on 2½c. "	08
2½c. on 5c. "	08
2½c. on 10c. green "Telegrafos"	07
2½c. on 20c. lilac	40
5c. on 20c. lilac	2 50
10c. on 20c. lilac	2 50

### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

**1886 Issue.** *Head of Alphonso XII of Spain to right, "Filipinas Impresos" above, value below.*

½c. green	02
1m. rose	03

	Net Price each
2m. blue.....	03
5m. dark brown.....	05
Above set of four stamps.....	10
<b>1890-96 Issue. Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to left, "Filipas Impresos" above, value below.</b>	
½c. lilac brown.....	02
1m. " ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
½c. brown (1894).....	01
1m. olive ".....	02
2m. " ".....	02
5m. " ".....	02
½c. blue (1896).....	02
1m. blue ".....	02
2m. brown ".....	02
5m. blue green (1896).....	03

**PHILIPPINE PACKET.**

A fine packet of 50 varieties including old and new issues, provisionals, etc., price \$1.50. Packet No. 120.

**PHILIPPINE APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We have an approval book containing most all of the above single stamps priced at the above net prices which we will send out on approval to correspondents from which they may make their selection. Ask for book No. 15.

Rarer Philippine stamps at net prices will be submitted to buyers on approval upon request.

**PORTO RICO.**

**(WEST INDIES.)**

An island in the West Indies, which has an area of about 5300 square miles and about eight hundred thousand inhabitants. Discovered by Columbus in 1493, was conquered by the Spaniards mainly by Ponce de Leon 1508-20. In 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War it became a possession of the United States of America, and will no doubt become in due course of time a Territory and finally a State of our Union.

The first stamps used exclusively in Porto Rico, were those of Cuba for 1873 to 1876, with the addition of a script surcharge in black.

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

**1876 Issue. Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.**

25c. violet and black.....	25
50c. blue and black.....	50
1 peseta, black.....	95



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**1881 Issue. Head of Alphonso XIII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.**

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	50
1c. green.....	12
2c. lake.....	22
3c. brown.....	40

**1882 Issue. Same type without date.**

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. series of six stamps.....	13
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. pale green.....	04
3c. orange.....	07
8c. brown (‡).....	08
80c. olive brown.....	90

**1884 Issue. Same as last.**

3c. chocolate.....	08
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BABY KING

**1890 Issue. Type of Baby head of King of Spain.**

½m. black.....	07
2m. violet rose.....	04
2m. violet rose (‡).....	04
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	03
3c. dark blue (‡).....	05

**1891 Issue. Same as last.**

½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. set of six stamps.....	12
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	03
1c. light green.....	04
2c. lilac rose (‡).....	04
3c. orange red (‡).....	04
5c. yellow green.....	10
5c. blue green.....	10
5c. blue green (‡).....	03
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	15
10c. violet rose.....	15
20c. mauve.....	30
40c. dark blue.....	70

**1893 Commemorative Issue. A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.**



3c. dark green.....	75
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**1894 Issue. Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.**

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. lilac brown.....	03
3c. olive.....	06
3c. olive (‡).....	02
4c. slate blue.....	05
20c. rose.....	10
40c. red violet.....	25

**1896 Issue. Same as last, new colors.**

½, 1, 2, 4m. series of four stamps.....	05
1c. claret (‡).....	02
1c. claret.....	02
2c. red brown.....	02
3c. ultramarine.....	15
4c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
6c. lilac.....	03
8c. rose.....	05
20c. olive.....	10
40c. orange.....	25

**1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.**

3c. claret brown.....	03
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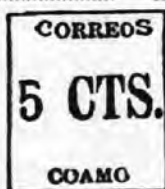
**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**

1m. orange brown.....	02
2m. ".....	02
3m. ".....	02
4m. ".....	30
4m. " (‡).....	25
5m. ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	05
1c. " (‡).....	04
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	60
5c. carmine.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03



	Net Price each
8c. gray brown.....	07
10c. vermilion.....	10
15c. slate green.....	15
20c. maroon.....	20
40c. violet.....	25
60c. black.....	40
80c. red brown.....	50
1, 2, 3, 4, 5m. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos, the complete series of twenty stamps, all unused.....	6 00
<b>1898-99 Provisional Issue.</b> Regular issues of 1891 to 1897, surcharged in three lines. "Habilitado—para—1898 y 99," in red or violet.	
1m. lilac brown.....	03
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	02
1c. claret.....	03
2c. red brown.....	04
3c. claret brown.....	08
4c. brown.....	08
5c. blue.....	08
5c. yellow green.....	12
6c. violet.....	08
8c. rose, violet surcharge.....	15
20c. olive.....	20
40c. salmon.....	45
80c. black.....	1 25
Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Im- puesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but were made available for postage.	
2c. on 2m. flesh.....	03
2c. dark violet.....	08
2c. red brown.....	08
5c. blue green.....	07
5c. on 1m. violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue.....	03

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5c. black, types I, II, III, IV, each..... 25 00  
Complete sheet of ten types..... 200 00

<b>United States Stamps, surcharged Porto Rico in black.</b>	
1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03
2c. red (†).....	02
5c. blue.....	08
8c. puce.....	12
10c. brown.....	15

**1900 Issue.** U. S. stamps surcharged "Puerto  
Rico" in black.

1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. red.....	03

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

<b>1899 Issue.</b> U. S. postage due stamps sur- charged "Porto Rico."	
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps (†).....	50
1, 2, 10c. set of three stamps, unused.....	65

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#### REGULAR ISSUES.

	Number in Net	Price per Set
1855-64, ¼, ½, 1, 1r.....	5	22
1866, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	4	1 25
1868, 5, 10, 20, 40c.....	4	50
1870-71, 10, 12, 20, 25, 50c.....	5	30
1873, 12½, 25, 50c.....	3	30
1874, 12½, 25, 50c.....	3	27
1875, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	4	25
1876, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	4	28
1877, 12½, 25, 50c.....	3	11
1878, 5, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	5	1 00
1879, 5, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	4	35
1880, 5, 12½, 25, 50c. 1 p.....	5	35
1881, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.....	5	90
1882, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10c.....	5	20
1883, 5c. different surcharges.....	4	15
1883, 10c.....	4	40
1883, 20c.....	3	75
1884, 2½, 2½, 10, 20c.....	4	55
1888, 2½, 20c.....	2	25
1890, 2, 2½, 5, 20c.....	4	22
1891-94, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.....	6	20
1896, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.....	6	186
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 5m.....	4	19
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.....	20	9 40
1899, On U. S. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 10c.....	6	40
1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. and Sp'l Del. 10c.....	6	50

#### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

1899, 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	4	75
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#### NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

1890, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	30
1892, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	15
1894, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	12
1896, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.....	6	15

### GUAM.

ALL UNUSED.

1899, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c. on U. S.....	6	65
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### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

ALL UNUSED.

1864-75, 1, 2, 6, 18c.....	4	1 60
1893, Prov. Gov't 1c. (3 var.) 2c. (3 var.) 5c. (2 var.) 6c., 10c. (3 var.) 12c., 15c., 25c.....	15	4 00
1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.....	5	60
1899, 1, 2, 5c.....	3	12

### ENVELOPE STAMPS.

1893, 1, 2, 5, 10c. Prov. Gov't.....	4	60
1893, same entire.....	4	1 00

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**

**REGULAR ISSUES.**

	Number in Set	Price per Set
1880-89, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6½, 10, 12½, 20, 25c. 50m.	10	90
1889, 2, 2½, 5, 8, 10, 12½, 20c.	7	75
1891-93, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25c.	10	1 10
1894, 2, 6, 8, 12½, 15, 20c.	6	55
1896, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20c.	7	1 00
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m.	5	30
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.	20	7 50
1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. on U. S.	5	35
1899, Same and 15c. 50c. on U. S.	7	1 30

**POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.**

1899, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c.	5	2 00
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**HABILITADO SURCHARGES.**

1881-88, 1, 8, 2½ on ½, 2½ on 10, 10c.	5	65
1889, 2½ on ½, 1, 2, 5c. 50m.	5	40
1889, 2½ on 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c. Telegrafos	5	70

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

1886, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	10
1890, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	08
1894, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	07
1896, ½c. 1, 2, 5m.	4	09

**PORTO RICO.**

**REGULAR ISSUES.**

1881, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6m.	6	50
1882, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m. 1, 3c.	8	20
1891, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m.	6	12
1891, 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40c.	7	1 35
1894, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 3, 4, 20, 40c.	9	50
1896, ½, 1, 2, 4m. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20, 40c.	12	60
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m.	5	35
1898-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c.	13	2 40
1898-99, 1m. to 2 pesos, complete.	20	6 00
1899, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c. on U. S.	5	40

**POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.**

1899, 1, 2, 10c.	3	05
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**HABILITADO SURCHARGES.**

1898-99, 2, 4m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c.	8	35
1898-99, 1, 2, 4m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20, 40c.	12	1 00

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1861 Issue.	Good	Ordinary
5c. green	\$ 27	20
10c. blue	50	35
<b>1862 Issue.</b>		
5c. blue (‡)	25	...
5c. blue	25	...
5c. dark blue	...	40
10c. rose	1 75	1 25
5c. blue, London print	10	08
5c. blue, local print	07	05
<b>1863 Issue.</b>		
2c. brown-red (‡)	18	...
10c. blue, catalogue type A. 7 (‡)	02	...
10c. blue, catalogue type A. 7	10	08
10c. blue, catalogue type A. 8	03	...
20c. green (‡)	08	...
<b>1866 Issue.</b>		
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Stamp collecting is a most fascinating and profitable pastime and we commend the following essay on the subject to our readers. It formed part of the preface of European philatelic publication recently issued:

**On the Subject of Stamp Collecting.**

A few years after the appearance of the first stamps, there were persons who found a pleasure in collecting and classifying these many-coloured labels; and the occupation proved so attractive that it was not long before this kind of collecting came much into vogue.

Not only is a feeling of curiosity gratified by the inspection of such varied subjects as are presented by the stamps of different countries; not only is an artistic interest awakened in us by a gallery of these little pictures, drawn, generally, by the best artists; but the study of postage stamps is connected with a thousand other studies; it demands very varied knowledge; and those who have had no experience in the subject, cannot well imagine how much is to be learned by handling and arranging these scraps of paper.

Competent writers have often defended stamp collecting against unjust attacks, and shown that there is nothing puerile about it, as is too generally thought.

A younger sister of Numismatics, Philately presents numerous points of resemblance to that science. Although less durable than coins, owing to their fragility and the comparative worthlessness of the substance of which they are made, postage-stamps resemble coins in most other respects. Like them, they teach us the history of each nation by revealing to us, through the changes in the effigies or legends they bear, the succession of the different Sovereigns, and the political vicissitudes of all the states of the globe. As Dr. Legrand aptly remarks, they even sometimes retain the trace of events which are too fugitive to allow time to be spent in recording them in bronze or silver; and one may see that in certain countries pretenders to power have printed postage stamps before they have been able to assume authority and coin money.

There is no reason why the Philatelist should not be something of a philosopher while pursuing his study. The mere inspection of a postage stamp often suffices to indicate the character of a people or a government. Thus, a more or less advanced state

of civilization will be shown by a greater or less degree of perfection in the artistic work. Republics are easily recognised by their symbolic devices, or by portraits of their great men; and monarchies by effigies of their sovereigns, or by the arms of reigning families. It can even sometimes be surmised by these latter badges what is the extent of the royal power in a country. Where monarchies are constitutional, a reproduction of the features of the king or queen is generally displayed on the stamps, as in Great Britain, Belgium, and Spain; while with nations which have preserved absolute power, or have remained more deeply attached to monarchical institutions, there is a repugnance to subjecting the august effigy of the sovereign to be marred and smudged in the postoffice, as is seen in Russia and different German states. It was on this account that the late King of Naples would only allow his portrait to appear on stamps on condition that the obliterating mark should not deface his features.

Geography, like history, is closely bound up with the study of postage stamps, necessitating the acquisition of much information upon the subject which would otherwise be neglected. The smallest countries have their place marked in the collector's album; and there are certain colonies, and certain little republics, whose position, whose name even, the collector would be ignorant of, if he did not see with his own eyes the stamps they have issued.

Moreover, not only must the stamp collector know the geographical position of the different nations; he must also familiarise himself with their institutions and learn somewhat of their languages; he must master their mode of reckoning, and learn their monetary system and their weights and measures.

Where countries use the European languages, it is not very difficult to read and understand the inscriptions upon their stamps, but it is not the same when we come to Eastern lands. The alphabets themselves require serious study; and those for whom the stamps of Asia have no secrets may be regarded as really learned men.

Nor will it suffice that the Philatelist be equipped with a knowledge of history, geography and languages. To these must be added heraldry, if he would find his way through the maze of devices which enter into the composition of the armorial bearings with which stamps are so frequently adorned. He must also possess some technical information about the raw materials employed in making stamps and the way they are used. The collector must be able to guard carefully against the imitations which are offered to him; and this he can only do by gaining an exact knowledge of the elements which go to make up a genuine stamp.

To this end, an examination of the design and inscriptions is not sufficient. He must also be able to distinguish between the different kinds of engraving and printing.

He will know, for instance, that in copper-plate engraving where the drawings are traced by incisions made on a sheet of metal by an engraver, or by aqua-fortis, the ink that has sunk into the hollows is deposited in relief on the paper, heavy pressure having been applied to this paper by means of a roller; and he will not confuse the result thus obtained with

that produced by relief engraving. In the latter method, the parts only of the plate on which the engraving is made are spared by the engraver, and thus they alone remain in relief. These reliefs, charged with greasy ink, are conveyed to the paper, all the other parts of the plate being hollowed out. The result is that, when pressure is applied, the portions of the paper destined to remain a white, penetrate into the hollows and form, on the reverse side, a sort of embossing.

Lastly, he will recognise the effects of lithographic printing. In this case, the subject having been drawn upon a special stone with a pencil or lithographic ink, and fixed by means of an acid, there is no relief, and the design, which is reproduced on the paper, gives it a somewhat glossy appearance, resulting from the pressure between the smooth surfaces of the stone and the roller.

As postage stamps vary in different countries, their history is necessarily made up of a series of monographs devoted to each nation. The official texts relative to the issues made by a government, and which constitute, so to speak, the civil status of each stamp; the detailed description of the design with its motto; the particulars concerning the artists commissioned to produce the different types of stamps; the mode of manufacture chosen for carrying out the artists' designs; the paper on which the stamps have been printed; the colors that have been applied to them, such are the principal divisions of the plan that may be traced for such a monograph, to which should be added the examination of certain accessory points, such as the re-impressions that may have been executed, or the obliterations that have been employed at the post-office to cancel the stamps.

And it was from the introduction to such a work on the stamps of Switzerland that we have taken the above essay on "Stamp Collecting." It is worthy of consideration, and shows that stamp collecting may be adopted as an educator, a hobby or as a means of recreation even by men of the highest intellectual attainments.

#### Confederate Envelopes.

It has been known for years that the Confederate postmasters sold envelopes bearing various indications of prepayment in lieu of stamps, at times when stamps were unobtainable during the Civil War 1861-1863.

The same impressions, signifying payment, were often applied to letters after they were mailed, they are found on folded letters and envelopes that were not sold. These "Hand Stamped" envelopes have been collected by some who recognized their interesting character for years. They have gradually been worked into the Scott catalogue with the regular Confederate postmasters' stamps. We think it is time to separate the lists, the envelopes have a certain interest of their own but they will not appeal to one collector in a thousand that the adhesive stamps interest. Then, too, the list is only started, many more exist that are as justly entitled to classification, as the particular ones given in that catalogue.

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### ABYSSINIA.

(AFRICA.)

A country in the north-eastern part of Africa, south of the Egyptian Soudan. The superior portion of the population is more akin to the Caucasian and the Semitic than to the usual Ethiopian negro.

The emperor (Negus Negusti or King of Kings), is Menelek of Shoa who claims descent from Menelek, the son of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.



The country is about one hundred thousand square miles in area and has about four million population. Although isolated from the Christian world, that



ARMS

has been the religion of its people since the fourth century.

There is no popular literature, no education. The principal pursuits are war, agriculture, cattle breeding and hunting.

They defeated the Italians in 1896, who tried to exercise a protectorate over the country. The postal system is crude and very primitive, the stamps used were issued in 1894 and supplemented in 1896 by a surcharged series for unpaid letters.

The Austrian (taler) Maria Theresa dollar is the adopted coin. 16 guerdie = 1 taler.

We offer the following stamps of this country: (\*) Indicates unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Portrait of King Menelek looking to the right on lower values. Lion holding flag (arms) on the higher values. All inscriptions in native characters.* Net Price Each

3/4g. green (*)	03
1/2g. rose (*)	05
1g. blue	05
Complete series, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps	1 45

**Unpaid 1896 Issue.** *Portrait type with a surcharged inscription in native characters within a scroll.*

3/4g. green (*)	05
1/2g. rose (*)	05
Complete series (*) 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g., the seven stamps	2 90

### CANADA.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

The Dominion of Canada, one of the most important of British possessions, includes the various provinces formerly known as Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec respectively), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba and the North West Territories.

The stamps of this country are only second in importance and interest to those of the United States in the eyes of American collectors. The following are all unused except where special mention is made of used specimens.



QUEEN VICTORIA

**1868 Issue.** *Large stamp, head of Queen Victoria to right.*

15c. lilac..... 25

**1877 Issue.** *Same as above.*

15c. blue gray..... 50

**1882 Issue.** *Small stamp, type similar to last.*

1/2c. black..... 02

**1897 Issue.** *Jubilee commemorative issue. Portrait of Queen Victoria 1837 in oval at left and portrait 1897 in oval at right.*

1/2c. black..... 20

1c. orange..... 02

2c. green..... 04

3c. bright rose..... 05

5c. deep blue..... 08

6c. rich brown..... 35

8c. violet..... 12

10c. brown violet..... 15

15c. steel blue..... 20

20c. vermilion..... 25

50c. ultramarine..... 60

1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c., series of eight stamps 1 00

Same, and 15, 20, 50c., series of eleven stamps 2 00

50c. ultramarine used..... 25

\$2.00 dark purple "..... 1 00

3.00 yellow bistre "..... 2 00

4.00 purple "..... 2 50

5.00 olive green "..... 3 00

**1897 Regular Issue.** *Head of Queen Victoria to left, small stamps with maple leaves in four corners.*

UNUSED. USED

1/2c. black..... 02 02

1c. green..... 02 01

2c. purple..... 03 02

3c. carmine red..... 04 01

5c. dark blue..... 07 02

6c. chocolate..... 10 06

8c. orange..... 14 04

10c. brown violet..... 18 02

**1898-99 Issue.** *Same type as last with numerals in two lower corners.*

1/2c. black..... 01 01

1c. gray green..... 02 01

2c. purple..... 03 01

3c. carmine..... 03 01

5c. carmine..... 04 01

5c. blue..... 07 02

6c. brown..... 09 04

8c. orange..... 10 04

10c. brown violet..... 13 07

**1898 Xmas Issue.** *Large stamp showing location of British possessions on map of the world.*

2c. lavender and carmine..... 04 02

2c. sea-green and carmine..... 03 02

**1899 Issue.** *The 3c. stamps of 1897 and 1898 surcharged "2 cents" in black.*

2c. on 3c. "maple leaves"..... 06 03

2c. on 3c. "numerals"..... 04 02

### SPECIAL DELIVERY.

**1898 Issue.** *Design of lathe work.*

10c. green..... 13

### REGISTRATION STAMPS.

**1875-89 Issue.** *Long stamps with the word "Registered" a prominent feature.*

2c. orange..... 10 02

2c. rose vermilion..... 20

5c. green..... 02

8c. blue..... 1 95

# HONDURAS.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, about 43,000 square miles in area, a population of about four hundred thousand people, most of whom are of aboriginal blood.

Rich in mineral wealth but undeveloped to a great extent. The products are mahogany, fruit, cattle, cotton, sugar, tobacco, coffee, indigo, sarsaparilla, hides, india rubber and hard tropical woods.

Discovered by Columbus 1502; conquered by Spain in 1523-36; was a part of the captaincy of Guatemala; in 1839 it became an independent republic. The executive is vested in a president elected for four years.

Spanish is the common language, and the prevailing religion is Roman Catholic.

The name of the country, Honduras, is literally "depths," the plural of *hondura*, depth, from *hondo*, deep, from the Latin *fundus*, bottom. The name is said to refer to the difficulty the first explorers had in finding an anchorage off the coast.

The old Spanish currency prevailed there until 1878, 8 reales = 1 peso. The peso is now divided into 100 centavos. The peso is of about the same value as the Mexican dollar.

The stamps of this country are comparatively inexpensive and are for that reason very popular.

All in following list are all unused except where indicated thus (†), they being used.

**1865 Issue.** *Small square stamps with arms in center, unperforated.*

2 reales, black on green.....	03
2 reales, black on pink.....	03

**1877 Provisionals.** *Above stamps surcharged new value.*

¼ r. on 2r. black on pink, black surcharge.....	80
¼ r. on 2r. black on green, red surcharge.....	40
2r. on 2r. black on pink, red surcharge.....	80

NOTE.—The above stamps bearing various surcharges were issued in 1877 for use in Comayagua and Tegucigalpa. We sometimes have other copies in stock and will submit such as we have on approval upon request.

**1878 Issue.** *Portrait of a President to left, engraved and perforated.*

1c. 2c. ¼ r. 1r. 2r. 4r. 1p., set of seven stamps.....	40
4 reales, bright vermilion (1889).....	10
1 peso, yellow (1889).....	15

**1890 Issue.** *Arms in center, perforated.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	40
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**1891 Issue.** *Portrait of a General, values 1c. to 1p., smaller in size than the 2, 5 and 10p., which are in two colors.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, set of above eleven values.....	40
2, 5 and 10 pesos, series of three stamps.....	40

**1892 Issue.** *Central figures represent a group of statuary, Columbus' first view of America*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	40
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<b>1893 Issue.</b> <i>Portrait of a President.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	40
<b>1895 Issue.</b> <i>Figure of Justice, with left hand resting on a shield bearing the Arms.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
<b>1896 Issue.</b> <i>A roughly lithographed series, with a full face portrait of a President.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps (†).....	25
<b>1898 Issue.</b> <i>A locomotive and train, value in large tablet at left. Lithographed.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. 1 peso, set of eight (†).....	75
20c. orange (†).....	06
50c. red orange (†).....	25

### OFFICIAL ISSUES.

<b>1890.</b> <i>Stamps same type as regular issue of same date, all printed in pale yellow, surcharged with the word "Official" in red.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	40
<b>1891.</b> <i>Same as above, but design type of the regular 1891 issue.</i>	
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	40

### ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of envelope and wrapper stamps, cut square, issues 1890 to 1895 inclusive.*

38 varieties, envelopes and wrappers 1890 to 1895 complete.....	1 50
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### HONDURAS COLLECTION.

The collection of 94 different stamps listed above in sets from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, and the officials, will be sent for \$4.00, or with the 38 envelopes and wrappers complete making 132 stamps in all for \$5.25.

## H. I. J.

### SOME CHEAP SETS.

<b>HONG KONG</b> 2, 5, 10, Prov. 20c. on 30c., 30 set of five.....	08
Prov. 50c. on 48c.....	06
<b>HORTA</b> ..... 3 different.....	05
<b>HUNGARY</b> ..... 20 different old issues, including 1 florin.....	10
<b>ICELAND</b> ..... 3, 5, 6, 10, 20a. unpaid 5, 10a. set of seven.....	16
<b>INDIA</b> ..... 15 different.....	10
On H. M. S., ½, 1, 2, 4, 8a, 1 rupee and 3 pies, seven stamps.....	10
On H.M.S. above set unused.....	75
<b>ITALY</b> ..... 30 different, including regular issues and unpaid.....	15
<b>JAMAICA</b> ..... 15 different.....	10
<b>JAPAN</b> ..... 16 different.....	10
25 different, including 1 yen.....	25

### APPROVAL BOOKS.

Read page 31 for full information about our Approval Department. For small buyers of 50% discount class we call attention to APPROVAL BOOK No. 5. It contains stamps of Honduras, Hong Kong, Horta, Hungary, India, and Native Indian States.

**MEXICO.**

(NORTH AMERICA.)

We will not use space on this limited page to speak of the history of this country, it is familiar to us all, being our nearest neighbor of all American Republics. Its stamps are of *great* historical interest, and they are very popular with American collectors.

Our stock is the best and our prices are the lowest.



<b>1856.</b>	Unused	Used
½r. blue.....	\$	08
1r. yellow.....		04
2r. green.....		04

**1861.**

½r. buff p.....	30	25
1r. green p.....		04
2r. pink p.....		04
4r. yellow p.....	75	75
8r. red brown p.....		1 25
8r. green.....		1 50



<b>1864.</b>	Unused	Used
1r. red.....	02	
2r. blue.....	03	
4r. brown.....	03	
1p. black.....	04	18 50



<i>Eagle.</i>		
1r. blue.....		08
1r. ultramarine.....		10
2r. orange.....	13	03



<b>1866. Lithographed.</b>		
7c. lilac.....	1 00	
25c. buff.....	20	17
25c. red orange.....		20
50c. green.....	30	

<i>Engraved.</i>		
25c. blue (error).....	5 00	

**1867. First type, surcharged "Mexico" in Gothic type.**

2r. pink p.....		15
2r. green.....		25



<b>1868. Unperforated.</b>		
6c. brown p.....		25
12c. green p.....	35	20
25c. blue, pink p.....		20

<i>Perforated.</i>		
6c. brown p.....		25
12c. green p.....	20	12
25c. blue, pink p.....		10



<i>Thick figures of value with period.</i>		
<i>Unperforated.</i>		
6c. brown p.....	12	07
12c. green p.....		03
25c. blue, pink p.....		02
50c. yellow p.....		50

<i>Perforated.</i>		
12c. green p.....		10
25c. blue, pink p.....		05



<b>1873. Unperforated.</b>		
6c. green.....	10	15
12c. blue.....		04
25c. red.....		03

<i>Perforated.</i>		
25c. red.....		06

**1874-83.**



4c. orange.....	08	08
5c. brown.....	04	04
10c. black.....	03	03
10c. orange.....	02	02
25c. blue.....	01	01
50c. green.....	05	05
100c. carmine.....	06	06

*On thin paper.*

4c. orange.....		12
5c. brown.....		08
10c. orange.....		06
25c. blue.....		02

**1879.**



1c. brown.....	05	
2c. violet.....	08	08
5c. orange.....	03	04
10c. blue.....	04	04
25c. carmine.....	04	08
50c. green.....	06	35
85c. purple (with control number).....	50	60
100c. black.....	15	60

**1882.**

1c. brown.....	12	12
2c. violet.....	12	12
5c. orange.....	05	05
10c. blue.....	02	05
10c. brown.....	04	
12c. brown.....	04	05
18c. red-brown.....	05	07
24c. violet.....	05	10
25c. carmine.....	08	75
25c. red-brown.....	13	
50c. green.....	18	75
85c. purple.....	37	
100c. black.....	25	95



<b>1882.</b>		
2c. green.....	\$	08
3c. red.....	05	05
6c. blue.....	05	05

**1884.**



1c. green.....		02
1c. blue (error).....	7 50	
2c. green.....		03
3c. ".....	04	03
4c. ".....		03
5c. ".....		05
6c. ".....		05
10c. green.....		01
12c. ".....		06
20c. ".....	20	04
25c. ".....		10
50c. ".....	03	06
1p. blue.....	06	12
2p. ".....	10	20
5p. ".....		2 75
10p. ".....		3 50

**1885.**

1c. pale green.....	05	02
2c. carmine.....		03
3c. yellow-brown.....		03
4c. red.....	37	15
5c. ultramarine.....		03
6c. brown.....	15	08
10c. orange.....	20	02
12c. brown.....	37	15
25c. blue.....	2 75	1 00

**1886.**



1c. green.....	02	01
2c. carmine.....	03	01
3c. lilac.....	09	02
4c. lilac.....	08	03
5c. ultramarine.....	07	01
6c. lilac.....	08	03
10c. ".....	04	01
12c. lilac.....	15	10
25c. ".....	1 00	35

**1887.**

3c. scarlet.....	05	02
4c. ".....	12	03
6c. ".....	15	03
10c. ".....	10	01
20c. ".....	75	60
25c. ".....	35	20

# NICARAGUA.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, containing an area of about 50,000 square miles and a population of about 300,000 people, of whom about three-quarters are of mixed blood and the rest Indians.

There are extensive veins of copper, silver and gold but only the latter is worked to any extent. There is excellent pasturage on the eastern slope and the raising of cattle is the principal industry. The soil of the lowlands is well adapted for agricultural purposes and large quantities of indigo, sugar, coffee, maize, cotton, rice, beans and plantains are produced, the latter being the staple food of the people. The principal exports are hides and skins, mahogany and other tropical woods, indigo, coffee, sarsaparilla, etc.



Spanish is the prevailing language, Roman Catholicism is the prevailing religion, and the currency (100 centavos = 1 peso) is about the same as the Mexican.

A practically complete collection of Nicaraguan stamps can be obtained at a very reasonable figure and should be found in every album.

All the stamps in our list are unused.

**1869-80 Issue.** *Small stamps with mountain scenery in ornamental frames. Perforated and rouletted.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 25c. perforated and same rouletted, complete set of ten stamps..... \$ 40

**1882 Issue.** *Arms in center, date Mayo 1882, perforated.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1890 Issue.** *Locomotive and telegraph key on shield with arms and date at top.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10c., complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1891 Issue.** *Allegorical figure, bee hive and arms, date at top.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1892 Issue.** *Picture of "Columbus in sight of land," date at top.*



1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1893 Issue.** *Mountain peaks on shield, date at upper right.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1894 Issue.** *Allegorical figure, date at right.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10c., complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1895 Issue.** *Arms surrounded by weapons and flags, date at right.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1896 Issue.** *Map of the country, showing route of proposed canal, date at upper right.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.** *Same with change of date.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.** *Arms of "Greater Republics of Central America," arms of Nicaragua below, with corresponding inscriptions. Date in right center.*

1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

**1896 Issue.** *Large figure of value. "Deficiente" below.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. orange, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.** *Same as above, change of color.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. purple, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.** *Same as above, change of color.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. blue green, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

### OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890 Issue.** *Same as regular issue of same date, printed in a uniform color and surcharged "Franqueo Oficial."*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., ultramarine, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1891 Issue.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., green, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1892 Issue.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., light brown, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1893 Issue.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., slate, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

**1894 Issue.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., orange, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1895 Issue.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., green, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1896 Issue.** *Surcharged in oval.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p. red, complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., red, complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.**

1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., carmine, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

### ENVELOPE WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of Envelope and Wrapper stamps, cut square, 1890 to 1892 issues inclusive.*

61 varieties, envelopes and wrappers, 1890 to 1895 complete..... \$ 2 00

### NICARAGUA COLLECTION.

The collection of 217 different stamps listed above from 1860 to 1897 inclusive, will be sent for \$8.00, or with the envelope and wrappers, making 278 stamps in all, for \$9.75.

### APPROVAL BOOK.

A good many of the low-priced Nicaragua stamps of different issues will be found in our Approval Book No. 8, of our non-duplicating series of 50% discount books, fully described on page 31. It is a good book to ask for and contains some Porto Rico and other good stamps.



## NIGER COAST.

(AFRICA.)

The first stamps issued for this place were lettered **Oil Rivers**, which, however, was changed soon after to Niger Coast. It was not a colony, but a protectorate, and administered directly by the imperial government of Great Britain through the foreign office.

The Royal Niger Company is a limited company, chartered July 10, 1886, to which considerable political and administrative powers were granted, and which are exercised under the control of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The company maintains forty-two stations where European goods are traded for palm oil, rubber, ivory, gums, hides, etc.

Thirty steamers navigate the Oil Rivers, and afford the principal means for the maintenance of order and security.

This territory has now been divided into North Nigeria and South Nigeria, which have become, we are informed, two regular British colonies.

The first stamps were issued by authority of the foreign office in 1892 and consisted of six values, ½p. to 1sh. of regular issue for Great Britain, surcharged in three lines of type "British-Protectorate-Oil Rivers." The ½p. was exhausted early and they resorted to surcharging ¼p. value on the 2 pence and 2½ penny stamps.

As these stamps were charged at face value, a few were surcharged with shilling values to equalize the accounts. The surcharging was done in a most primitive way, and with such type and ink as were available in this out-of-the-way place.

The provisionals are all very scarce, and were soon followed by the most beautiful series we have, showing the portrait of the Empress Queen.

The prices of all stamps of Niger, will likely advance very materially, and following prices are all low compared with present condition of the market.

Unused stamps indicated thus (\*).

**1892 Issue.** *Stamps of Great Britain, surcharged "British-Protectorate-Oil Rivers," in three lines.*

	Net Price Each
½p. vermilion.....	10
1p. lilac.....	10
2p. green and carmine (*).....	25
2½. lilac on blue (*).....	15
5p. lilac and blue (*).....	25
1sh. green (*).....	90

Complete series of six stamps, including the ½p. and 1p. in addition to the above four, all unused..... 1 75

**Provisionals.** *Half of 1p. surcharged in red for use as ½p. stamp.*

½p. red on lilac, (half stamp).....	3 50
Pair of above (*) unused.....	7 50

**1893 Issue.** *Newly engraved series, with portrait of the Queen showing change in the plates, altering "Oil Rivers" to "Niger Coast."*

½p. vermilion (*).....	20
1p. blue (*).....	35
2p. green (*).....	1 10
2½p. carmine (*).....	50
5p. lilac (*).....	85
1sh. black (*).....	2 00

Complete series of six stamps (\*)..... 4 00

Complete series of six stamps, used on the original cover..... 4 00

**1894 Issue.** *New issue, similar to last, but properly engraved Niger Coast. Unwatermarked.*

½p. green (*).....	05
1p. vermilion (*).....	08
2p. carmine (*).....	50
2½p. pale blue (*).....	25
5p. deep violet (*).....	30
1sh. black (*).....	75
Complete series of six stamps (*).....	1 40

**1894 Provisional Issue.** *The first issue surcharged with new values. (Note.—We follow the order of American catalogue in arranging this list, although these stamps were undoubtedly issued before the two issues that are listed above.)*

½p. on 2p. green and carmine. Italic surcharge in violet (*) (Catalogue No. 22).....	10 00
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic surcharge in vermilion (*) (Catalogue No. 30).....	5 25
½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Sans Serif surcharge in violet (*) (Catalogue No. 23).....	17 50
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Sans Serif surcharge in blue (*) (Catalogue No. 40).....	17 50
½p. on 2p. green and carmine, Block type surcharge in violet (*) (Catalogue No. 24).....	8 00
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Block type surcharge in vermilion (*) (Catalogue No. 32).....	5 75
½p. on 2½p. lilac, Italic Cap surcharge in green (*) (Catalogue No. 45).....	17 50

Persons ordering more than three of the provisionals here priced, will be allowed a special discount of 10 per cent.

*On page 5 of this paper we give an extract from the 60th Edition Catalogue showing latest classification and prices.*

NOTE.—An exact list of what other varieties we have in stock will be sent upon request.

The following may be supplied:

- 1 shilling and 5 shillings surcharged on the 2 pence, green and carmine.
- 10 shillings on 5 pence, lilac and blue.

Collectors interested in this country, are requested to write for special quotations and selections of what we have in stock.

The provisionals we have on hand of this country are from the duplicates of a very fine collection of African stamps that we recently purchased, and are not varieties that are usually found in a stamp dealer's stock.

**1897 Issue.** *Same type as regular 1894 issue, but on paper watermarked "Crown C. A."*

½p. green (*).....	03
1p. vermilion (*).....	04
2p. carmine (*).....	07
2½p. blue (*).....	10

### REGISTRATION ENVELOPE.

**1892 Issue.** *Surcharged on the envelopes of Great Britain. (3 sizes).*

2p. ultramarine and black, entire, either size	75
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## NOVA SCOTIA.

(AMERICA.)

The second issue of the stamps of this province (now part of Canada) bears on three of its values one of the handsomest of all portraits of Queen Victoria.

The stamps are beautiful specimens of the engraver's art.

**1860-64 Issue.**

	Unused	Used
1c. black.....	\$ 25	35
2c. mauve.....	25	25
5c. blue.....	—	15
8½c. green.....	75	—
10c. vermilion.....	65	75
12c. black.....	1 00	75



QUEEN VICTORIA



QUEEN VICTORIA

# NEW BRUNSWICK.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

This is now one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada. It formerly had an independent colonial issue of stamps, but the regular issues of Canada are now in use. Area 28,200 square miles, population about 325,000. First colonized by the British in 1761. Following are all unused.

**1860-61 Issue.** *An attractive series. Locomotive on 1c., Queen Victoria on 2, 5 and 10c., mail steamer on 12½c., Prince of Wales on 17c.*



1c. red violet .....	05
2c. orange .....	03
5c. yellow green .....	02
5c. blue green .....	03
10c. vermilion .....	15
12½c. blue .....	25
17c. black .....	10
Series 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c. six stamps. ....	58

# NORTH BORNEO.

(ASIA.)

British North Borneo includes the northern part of the island of Borneo, which, next to Australia and New Guinea, is the largest island in the world. It is 850 miles in length and 600 miles in breadth.

This territory was ceded to a company by the Sultans of Brunei and Sulu in 1877-8 and was subsequently transferred to the British North Borneo Co., to whom a royal charter was granted first of November, 1881.

The government is administered by a Governor, similar to a British Colony with modifications to meet native customs and local circumstances.

Stamps were first issued in 1883, and bore the arms on a shield. On the larger stamps the shield is shown with two natives as supporters. Later an attractive series of picture stamps were issued bearing a native warrior on one, a deer, a peacock, a crocodile and various views on others, these are very popular with the young folks and are found on both the series for 1893 and 1897.

The following are cancelled except where indicated thus (\*).

**1886 Issue.** *Arms on a shield, lettered Postage.* Net Price  
1, 2, 4, 8, 10 cents, series of five stamps (\*)..... 1 40

**1887-90 Issue.** *Same design, lettered Postage and Revenue.*  
½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 cents, series of nine stamps..... 15



**1893 Issue.** *Picture stamps, lettered State of North Borneo.*  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of nine stamps..... 60

**1895 Issue.** *The one dollar stamp surcharged new values in black.*  
10c. on one dollar red..... 06  
20c. on one dollar red..... 09  
4, 10, 20, 30, 40c. each on one dollar red, complete series of five stamps (\*)..... 1 25



**1897-98 Issue.** *The picture stamps with addition of native characters in inscriptions.*  
1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. series of nine stamps 50

**1899 Issue.** *The values above 3c. of the 1897 issue and the high values of 1893 issue surcharged "4 cents," for use provisionally on account of change in postage rate.*  
4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c., series of 6 stamps (\*) 1 25  
4c. on 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollars, set of six stamps (\*) 1 50

## POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** *Regular issue surcharged "Postage Due."*  
2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of eight stamps (\*)..... 1 50

# OBOCK.

(AFRICA.)

This is a French Colony on the east coast of Africa, one of the two parts of French Somaliland, which with its dependencies, has an area of about 45,000 square miles, and a population of about 250,000.

A very striking series of stamps for this colony shows a group of the natives in counsel and the higher values a camel scene on the desert.

All the following are unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Large stamps with group of natives in centre, on quadrilled paper, unperforated.*

1c. black and red .....	02
2c. brown-violet and green .....	04
4c. brown-violet and orange .....	04
5c. blue-green and brown .....	03
10c. black and green .....	04
15c. blue and vermilion .....	05
20c. orange and maroon .....	06
25c. black and blue .....	08
30c. bistre and green .....	10
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., set of eleven stamps.....	80
1 franc, green and maroon.....	35

# SOMALI COAST.

(AFRICA.)

Djibouti is the name of one of the cities that is also a port to the Protectorate of the Somali Coast on the Gulf of Tadjura on the east coast of Africa. A view of this city is shown in the centre of the stamps, which are very large size. Types of the Somali natives are shown in the border supporting the central picture.

All following are unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Large stamps with view of city of Djibouti in centre, and natives in border to right and left.*

1c. black and claret .....	02
2c. claret and black .....	03
4c. brown and blue .....	04
5c. red and blue green .....	03
10c. brown and green .....	04
15c. green and violet .....	05
25c. blue and rose .....	08
30c. brown and rose .....	20
50c. blue and rose .....	18
75c. violet and orange .....	22
1 franc, olive and black .....	30
2 francs, rose and gray .....	65
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30c., set of eight stamps.....	45

# SALVADOR.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, containing an area of about 7,000 square miles and a population of about 750,000. It is the most advanced and the most densely populated of the Central American republics.

The mineral deposits are well worked, especially iron and gold. The soil is very fertile and is the best cultivated in Central America, the principal products being indigo, maize, sugar, coffee, tobacco, and cotton. The manufacture of cheese is extensively engaged in, this being a main article of subsistence among the population.

The principal exports are indigo, sugar, coffee, balsam of Peru, fustic and cedar, also hides to some extent.

Like the other Central American republics, Salvador uses the Spanish language, favors the Roman Catholic religion and employs a currency similar to the Mexican (100 centavos = 1 peso). Previous to 1879 the old Spanish currency was in vogue (8 reales = peso).

The stamps are very attractive and can be purchased in sets at very reasonable prices. No collection should be without them.

All the following are unused except where indicated thus (‡), these being cancelled.

**1867 Issue.** Arms in transverse oval, perforated.

1/2 r., blue (‡).....	\$ 05
1r., red (‡).....	05


**1890 Issue.** Allegorical figure with flag, date at bottom.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of nine stamps.....	40
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**1891 Issue.** Arms with locomotive in foreground, date at lower right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of ten stamps.....	40
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**1892 Issue.** "Landing of Columbus."



1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of ten stamps.....	40
1c. on 5c. gray, black surch. reading down.....	20

**1893 Issue.** Portrait on lower values, Columbian views on 2, 5, 10 pesos; date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., series of ten stamps.....	40
2, 5, 10p., series of three stamps.....	40

**1894 Issue.** Allegorical figure on lower values, Columbian views on 2, 5, 10 pesos; date at upper right or top.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., series of ten stamps.....	40
2, 5, 10p., series of three stamps.....	40
1c. on 11c. vermilion, black surcharge (‡).....	10

**1895 (1st) Issue.** Stamps surcharged with new coat of arms over portrait; date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
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**1895 (2d) Issue.** New arms in various frames; date at right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
1c. on 30c. deep blue, red surcharge.....	04
1c. on 30c. deep blue, (‡).....	06
2c. on 20c. dark green, " ".....	08
3c. on 30c. deep blue, " ".....	12
1c. on 24c. violet, " ".....	06
1c. on 24c. red, black surcharge.....	08

**1896 (1st) Issue.** Allegorical figure, date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 60c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
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**1896 (2d) Issue.** New arms on 1, 30, 50c.; buildings on 2 and 15c.; locomotive on 3c.; old arms on 5c.; steamship on 10 and 12c.; lake view on 20c.; water fall on 24c., and portrait of Columbus on 1 peso.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
15c. on 24c. purple, black surch., inverted.....	1 25

**1897 Issue.** Arms of "Greater Republic of Central America" with corresponding inscriptions.

1 and 5c. blue, gold, rose and green, complete set of two stamps.....	15
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### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** Large figure of value, "Franqueo Deticiente" at bottom.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., olive, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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**1896 Issue.** Same as above, change of color.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., red, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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**1897 Issue.** Same as above, change of color.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., dark blue, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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### POSTAL PACKET STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** Figure of Mercury seated in the clouds surrounding the globe.

5, 10, 15, 20, 50c., complete series of five stamps.....	40
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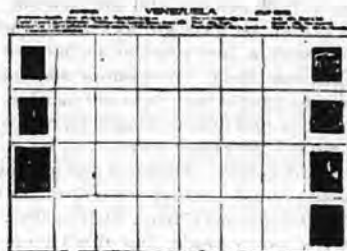
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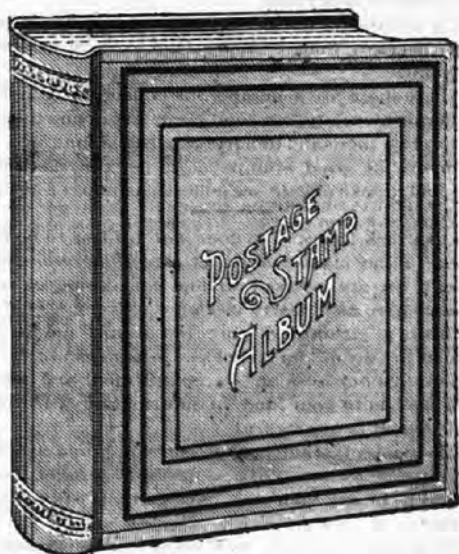
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## C. H. MEKEEL STAMP AND PUBLISHING CO.,

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## STAMPS ARRANGED FOR SALE IN PACKETS.

The following series of packets is without any question the finest that is put up by any stamp firm in the world.

These packets are all carefully prepared by our own force of experienced assistants, and their character is guaranteed to be superior to any others.

Nothing but the best selected specimens are included, all used stamps are in good condition, being lightly cancelled; there are no reprints among the unused, every stamp being guaranteed genuine.

It has been estimated that the catalogue price of the contents of our packets average from two times to ten times our charge for the packet.

It is certainly the cheapest way to buy stamps, even if you do get many duplicates and varieties you do not need for your collection; these can be exchanged and traded off for other stamps you need, with your collecting friends.

VARIETY PACKETS contain stamps of different varieties, without particular reference to the geographical origin of the stamps.

CLASSIFIED PACKETS contain stamps of different varieties, but the description of the packets classifies the contents.

MIXED PACKETS.— These contain duplicates and are not all different.

### TERMS.

NET, cash with order. Postage free in United States and Canada only.

All previous lists and quotations of packets are hereby cancelled.

## VARIETY PACKETS.

**No. 75** Our best seller, contains 10c  
150 varieties of stamps; many countries are represented, such as Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Japan, New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, etc.

150 VARIETIES—10 CENTS.

**No. 127** Contains 200 varieties of 15c  
foreign stamps, including all countries mentioned above and Cuba and China.

200 VARIETIES—15 CENTS.

**No. 12** A good selection of 40 25c  
different stamps, including specimens from Cape of Good Hope, South Australia, Russia, India, Queensland, Tasmania, Servia, Roumania, Denmark and Sweden.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 70** This packet consists of 25c  
40 stamps from British Colonies only. We name some of them: Cyprus, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Trinidad, Jamaica, Tasmania, Natal, South Australia, New Zealand, New South Wales, Mauritius, British Guiana, etc.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 13** Though this packet bears 25c  
an unlucky number, the stamps it contains are all right and please every purchaser. There are 40 different kinds from Finland, Colombia, Bulgaria, Egypt, Turkey, Chile, etc.

40 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 76** An outlay of 200 varieties 25c  
of stamps from various parts of the world. Countries like Argentine Republic, Australia, Ceylon, Hungary, Portugal, Porto Rico, New Zealand, Cuba, Mexico, Colombian Republic, Peru, etc.

200 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.

**No. 128** Contains 300 varieties of 50c  
foreign postage stamps, including Cuba, China, Barbados, Niger Coast, Transvaal, Philippine Islands, Bahamas and many good stamps.

300 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 83** There are only 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps in this packet, but some are of a much better quality, making it a very cheap and desirable lot. This packet contains Hawaiian Provisional Gov't (2c, envelope), Greece (Olympian Games), Bulgaria (Prince Boris Jubilee), Guatemala, Deccan, Travancore and Nowanuggur (Native Indian States), Portuguese Indies, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 84** A collection of 130 differ- 50c  
ent stamps from all four corners of the world, including Mexico (1888 20c. and 25c. unused, and 50c of 1884 issue), Paraguay (regular issue and official), Amoy (China), Labuan, Mauritius, Argentine, Japan, Transvaal, Dutch Indies, North Borneo, etc.

130 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 85** Fifty picked stamps from 50c  
different countries, a nice lot, catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 86** Fifty different from those 50c  
in packet No. 85; all stamps of the better class and catalogued over \$2.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 87** Fifty different stamps; 50c  
containing none that are in packets 85 or 86, and catalogued over \$2.00. One who purchases these three packets will have 150 fine stamps from all parts of the world, catalogued at over \$6.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 21** Contains 150 varieties of 60c  
foreign stamps, including Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Chile, Nicaragua official, Colombia, and Mexico, with a No. 2 cloth; bound Popular Stamp Album, post free

150 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—60 CTS.

**No. 11** Contains 250 different stamps 75c  
including Hayti, Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Turkey, Bosnia, India, etc. A bargain.

250 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.

**No. 111** Contains 300 varieties of foreign postage stamps, including stamps from Argentine Republic, Cuba, Canada (maple leaf), Chile, Egypt, Japan, Luxemburg, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Porto Rico, etc.  
**75c**  
**300 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 129** contains 400 different foreign postage stamps from all parts of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa, North, South and Central America and the islands of the sea.  
**80c**  
**400 VARIETIES—80 CENTS.**

**No. 22** Contains 250 varieties of foreign stamps, including Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, South Africa, Japan, Egypt, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Liberia, Roumania, etc., with a No. 2, cloth bound, Popular Album, post free.  
**90c**  
**250 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—90 CTS.**

**No. 102** This is a special packet of 400 varieties made up as an inducement for beginners who are about starting a collection. It includes stamps from all parts of the world, among which may be mentioned Mexico, 1884, 1 and 2 pesos, used; Travancore (India), 3 varieties, used; Paraguay official; China, regular issue, 1894; British North Borneo, Uruguay, Newfoundland, etc.  
**98c**  
 1000 die-cut gummed hinges for mounting stamps is given free with each of these packets.  
**400 VARIETIES AND 1000 HINGES—98c.**

**No. 112** Contains 500 varieties of foreign postage stamps from Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope, Cuba, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Porto Rico, Western Australia, etc.  
**\$1.20**  
**500 VARIETIES—\$1.20.**

**No. 130** Contains 546 varieties of foreign postage stamps mounted in a neat little album, just the thing to sell out of. This lot marked at catalogue prices would afford the seller a handsome profit even when fifty per cent discount were allowed. It contains stamps from all parts of the world and is the *biggest bargain* of the season.  
**\$1.50**  
**546 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 113** Contains 800 different postage stamps the biggest value ever offered. Guaranteed to catalogue over twenty dollars. This packet is fully described on another page with a few of the many testimonials it has brought us.  
**\$3.00**  
**800 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 114** The best 1000 variety packet in the world is put up by this company, every stamp genuine. Full count (1010 to make good measure). The catalogue value is guaranteed to be \$25.00 or over. Sent post free anywhere in the world for the price. There is nothing but *foreign* postage stamps in this packet.

This is one of many such letters:

FR. WAYNE, IND.

Gentlemen.—Enclose find \$4.75 for which please forward at once one of your 1000 variety packets. This makes the second one I have purchased and I intend to purchase more, as they cannot be equal for anywhere near the price you ask.

Respectfully, FRANK K. HILLS.

We can sell 1000 varieties of stamps as cheap as anyone, and will duplicate any offer you see made, giving better value.

1000 VARIETIES—\$4.75.

**No. 115** This packet is fully described on another page of this leaflet; it contains 2000 varieties and is a great bargain.  
**\$18.75**  
**2000 VARIETIES—\$18.75.**

**No. 116** A big packet of 4000 varieties, a regular collection in itself, being stamps from almost every stamp issuing country or colony in the world. *A great bargain.*  
**\$100.00**  
**4000 VARIETIES—\$100.00.**

## CLASSIFIED PACKETS.

**No. 131** Contains 25 United States revenue stamps, catalogued three times as much as the price.  
**15c**  
**25 VARIETIES—15 CENTS.**

**No. 24** Contains 25 stamps from South American countries, Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, Bolivia and other good stamps.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 25** Contains 30 stamps from the West Indies. A good packet.  
**25c**  
**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 26** Contains 25 Central American stamps, from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, old Brazil, Salvador and Honduras.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 50** Contains 30 Oriental stamps, all different, including Egyptian official, Japan, Turkey, Roumania, etc.  
**25c**  
**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 61** Contains 25 varieties from Africa alone, including Egypt, Mauritius, and Gold Coast.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 62** Contains 25 varieties from Australia, including all the Australian Colonies.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 60** Contains 25 varieties from Asia alone, including Ceylon, Dutch Indies, Portuguese Indies and Shanghai.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 132** Contains 25 different Mexican revenue stamps. These are very interesting stamps and are popular with many collectors.  
**25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 126** Forty varieties of Cuban postage stamps, 1862 to 1900 inclusive. A bargain.  
**30c**  
**40 VARIETIES—30 CENTS.**

**No. 8** Contains 50 Oriental postage stamps, including Ceylon, Japan, British North Borneo, India, Turkey, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Roumania, Servia, Greece, Hong Kong, Egypt and Finland. One of our best selling packets.  
**35c**  
**50 VARIETIES—35 CENTS.**

**No. 9** Contains 50 different South American postage stamps, almost all the different countries being represented.  
**40c**  
**50 VARIETIES—40 CENTS.**

**No. 133** Contains 80 different United States postage stamps from 1851 to 1900, including Columbia's, Mahah's, Special Delivery, Due Stamps, 1853, 3c. red envelope, etc. **60c**

**80 VARIETIES—60 CENTS.**

**No. 122** This packet contains only stamps of Bulgaria 35 varieties including stamps of issues 1882 to 1896, regular issues and unpaid letter stamps. **75c**

**35 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 123** All from Central American Republics, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, 100 different varieties, a very cheap lot of stamps, mostly unused. **\$1.00**

**100 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 1** Contains 50 different Mexican postage stamps, 1856 to 1900, including varieties of almost all issues. A splendid bargain; worth three times the money. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 117** This packet consists entirely of Porto Rican stamps, 50 different varieties, issues 1882-1899 from 1/2 m. up to catalogue value of 25c. Habilitados, U. S. surcharges, etc. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 118** A packet of Persian stamps only, 40 different varieties all from the domain of the Shah. Issues from 1885 to 1899, 1c. to 1k. values inclusive. **\$1.00**

**40 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 135** A choice lot of 20 Hawaiian stamps, some used and some unused, but all different, including Kingdom, Provisional Government and Republic issues. **\$1.25**

**20 VARIETIES—\$1.25.**

**No. 120** All Philippine Islands stamps in this packet, 50 different kinds from 1882 to 1899 issues, including Habilitados, a choice and desirable lot. **\$1.50**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 136** Stamps of only the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 100 all different and mostly unused. **\$3.00**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 119** A packet containing only the stamps of Cuba, 100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap and desirable packet. **\$3.50**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.50.**

**No. 137** Contains only stamps of the Baby King type of the Philippine Islands. It is a choice run of all varieties 1c. to 25c. issued 1889 to 1896, 45 different varieties, all unused. **\$3.85**

**45 VARIETIES—\$3.85.**

**No. 121** A packet containing only the stamps of Central American Republic of Honduras. It is practically a complete collection, being all the regular government issues from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, including the peso values and officials, 94 varieties. **\$4.00**

**94 VARIETIES—\$4.00.**

**No. 138** Stamps of only the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 225 all different and mostly unused. A Bargain. **\$7.50**

**225 VARIETIES—\$7.50.**

**No. 48** This packet is a better lot of Mexican postage stamps than can be offered by any other concern. It is a first-class bargain for either collector or dealer. Our unexcelled stock of Mexican stamps and our extended business relations with that country enable us to make this liberal offer. **\$15.00**

Every stamp in the above packet, as well as all our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals.

There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the 1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian lithographed, unused; Guadalajara; 1867, Gothic surcharge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unperforated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are well represented. Of the last mentioned series there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c. rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 pesos, also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and 12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete; 1895, 1c. to 50c.; new issue 1900; Officials (scarce, red surcharge); Port de Mar. Officially Sealed, Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square.

**150 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

## MIXED PACKETS.

**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **15c**

**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

**No. 68** The stamps in this packet are about the same as above; it is a mixture superior to that usually sold by dealers as Continentals. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **25c**

**1000 MIXTURE—25 CENTS.**

**No. 140** A mixture of one hundred Mexican postage stamps, a well assorted lot of over twenty-five different kinds. **30c**

**100 MIXTURE—30 CENTS.**

**No. 141** A fine mixture of one hundred Peruvian stamps; twenty different kinds mostly of recent issues, a desirable lot. **40c**

**100 MIXTURE—40 CENTS.**

**No. 142** A good mixture of one hundred, all South American countries; forty different kinds representing all of the South American Republics. **40c**

**100 MIXTURE—40 CENTS.**

**No. 143** A mixture of one hundred Cuban stamps from 1872 issue to and including 1900. Thirty-two different kinds assorted, a fine lot. **50c**

**100 MIXTURE—50 CENTS.**

**No. 139** A mixed packet of one hundred Central American stamps including only Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador. Well mixed, fifty different kinds in each packet. **75c**

**100 MIXTURE—75 CENTS.**

**No. 144** A mixture of one hundred Porto Rico stamps including thirty different kinds, used and unused, surcharged on U. S. stamps, Habilitados of 1898-99, issues of 1876, 1891, 1894, 1896 and 1898. **\$1.00**

**100 MIXTURE—\$1.00.**



**No. 134** This packet contains the "Boss Mixture," 1,000 stamps from all parts of the world, well mixed and sure to give satisfaction. **\$1.06**  
1,000 MIXTURE—\$1.06.

**No. 145** A mixture of one hundred Philippine Island stamps of the regular issues of 1880, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1896 and 1898, none of the cheap newspaper stamps,  $\frac{1}{2}$ m. to 5m. in this mixture. It is a very desirable lot. **\$1.25**  
100 MIXTURE—\$1.25.

**No. 146** A mixture of 300 Latin American stamps one hundred from South American Republics, one hundred from Central American Republics and one hundred from Mexico, over one hundred different kinds well mixed. **\$1.50**  
300 MIXTURE—\$1.50.

**No. 147** An approval sheet mixture suitable for a small dealer, all stamps cataloguing from 3c. to 10c. each, the total value of the lot of hundred stamps, all different, \$6.50; these are less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  catalogue, so they can be sold at 50% discount and your money doubled. When two or more of these mixtures are ordered at once, each will be made different. Stamps all mounted and priced. **\$1.50**  
100 MIXTURE—\$1.50.

**No. 148** A good British Colonial Mixture including both used and unused stamps. Two hundred well mixed stamps from all parts of the world, all British Colonials. **\$2.00**  
200 MIXTURE—\$2.00.

**No. 149** A mixture of U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico. A finely mixed lot of 500 stamps, a splendid lot for a dealer. **\$3.00**  
500 MIXTURE—\$3.00.

**No. 150** A dealer's stock of stamps of 5000 stamps, including over two thousand varieties and guaranteed to catalogue over \$150.00 by Scott's 60th Edition Catalogue. A fine stock for an approval sheet trade. **\$35.00**  
5000 MIXTURE—\$35.00.

Packets and mixtures are not sent upon approval, and cannot be returned for cash or exchanged. We guarantee our packets and mixtures to be exactly as represented. If anything is wrong about them and complaints are made immediately upon receipt, we shall undertake to make them satisfactory.

The packet must be sent back with the complaint so that it may be verified and examined.

It is very seldom we ever have any complaints as our packets are very carefully prepared.

We make these observations because packets are different from single stamps, and we have been imposed upon at times by parties returning or exchanging. Everything we sell is guaranteed to be genuine, and as represented. "Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded." But there must be reasonable cause for dissatisfaction, and we must have the opportunity to correct errors if they occur.

**Hinges.**—Everybody uses hinges. We have the best, 10c. per 1000; 25c. per 3000.

**Sheets.**—Blank approval sheets to hold 25 stamps, 25c. per 100, post free.

#### ABOUT THOSE 546 VARIETIES.

The third page of cover has an announcement that everybody ought to read.

This is what some of our correspondents who have had the book of 546 varieties say about it:

Your 546 variety packet received and I cannot tell you how well I am pleased with the collection, although I have 4,000 varieties in my collection, I found 61 stamps that I did not have, and it paid me well even though I gave the rest away.

HENRY SCHRAMM, B——, N. Y.

The 546 stamps for \$1.50 was received. The condition of the specimens was fine, far above the usual run of stamps of their grade. If you are as careful about these, your finer grades cannot but make a striking impression on your customers, especially if they appreciate taste and system.

JOHN GEERY, New York.

I received the 546 varieties of postage stamps at the low price of \$1.50 last week and was more than pleased with them. Although my collection numbers 2000, there were many in the album which I did not have.

CLAUDE TRAXLER, A——, Ohio.

Your 546 variety packet of stamps came to hand two or three days ago. I am very much pleased with it; with the variety, and with the neat, clean appearance of the stamps.

I do not see how it is possible for you to sell that number of such good stamps at such a price, and so nicely mounted, to enable me to add 148 varieties to my collection, which numbers nearly 3000.

Then I turned it over to a young friend who added 89 to his collection of 1000, besides replacing many stamps with better copies.

It is now in the hands of another collector, and then I shall use the remainder of the stamps with my classes in history and geography.

I wish I could put as many more stamps in my collection at the same price. I want during this winter to fill as many spaces in my album as I can with stamps catalogued at 1c. and 2c.

For several years I have made a good deal of use of stamps in teaching, and in so doing have given away a great many stamps, and have not only created a greater interest in history, geography, etc. among my pupils, but in stamps themselves, and have started a good many young people in the pleasurable and instructive pursuit of stamp collecting. I think much might be written on the subject of the use of stamps in school work.

HATTIE R. STRATTON, M——, Ala.

A very large number of papers of general character are conducting stamp departments which is an indication of the growing popular interest in the profitable and interesting pursuit of stamp collecting.

An enterprising stamp dealer of Chemnitz, Germany, is sending out a very beautifully illustrated album with views of that city, interspersed with advertising matter relating to his own business.

## DEALERS.

We are often asked for wholesale lists. We do not publish one. Dealers who want to buy *cheap* to sell again on sheets cannot do better than to buy our big variety packets and break them up, they are better than any wholesale lot on the market.

A Chicago dealer writes:

Enclosed find \$3.00 for one 800 variety packet This is the fourth one this fall.

Many other dealers are buying our 546, 800, 1,000 and 2,000 variety packets for sheets right along.

Dealers will also find that our **Mixtures** offered under packet numbers, at the end of our packet list contain wholesale bargains that are cheaper than the regular wholesale dealer has to offer.

## ABOUT OUR 800 VARIETY LOT.

Rev. T. Archibald Brooks, of Pajjab, India, writes that he has a collection of over 5,000 stamps in his album, and has succeeded in getting 150 varieties that he did not have from our packet of 800 varieties which he recently purchased, thus having 650 stamps for exchange purposes.

This is remarkable inasmuch as the price of the 800 variety packet is only \$3.00.

I received your 800 variety packet all O. K. Out of it I got 164 stamps that I did not have, 126 of them catalogued \$7.20, the balance were new issues and uncatalogued, and I had a collection of 1900 stamps. But that is not all, my son has a collection of 1500 varieties of his own. He took the balance of the packet and picked out 82 varieties that he did not have, which we think is doing very well for your 800 variety packet.

L. C. LINCOLN, Ass't P. M.  
Dodgeville, Mass.

## FOR THE 2,000 COLLECTION.

After carefully going over your 2,000 variety package bought from you a week ago, I beg to say that it is the best of its kind I have ever seen, and I got my money's worth in every sense of the word. I found many stamps catalogued from 1c. to 25c. each and what pleased me more, with only a few exceptions every stamp in the package was in perfect condition and a picked specimen.

H. G. PAUL, of Kentucky.

## ONE POUND

About 6,000 Foreign Postage Stamps.

POST FREE \$1.00

We have a good Continental Mixture of foreign stamps including some South American and Mexican, that we sell in pound lots at \$1.00 per lot, *post free*. We don't count them but weigh out *one pound* and it is as likely to run over 6,000 as under.

Over 200 varieties in the lot.

The biggest dealer's and trader's bargain ever offered.

I have given you the name of a new collector. I think "Mekeel's Drummer" is just what he needs. I like it very much myself, and have found it to be very useful to me.

GEO. BACHELDER.

## SPECIAL IN U. S. BLOCKS.

The following U. S. Stamps can be supplied *unused*, o. g., singles, blocks or strips, at same price per stamp.

	Net Price Per Stamp
1855-60, 3c. dull red, type II	\$0 08
1861, 3c. dull red	10
1862, 2c. black	30
1867, 2c. black, embossing 11x13	1 95
1869, 2c. dark brown	80
1873, 10c. brown	2 50
1879, 15c. red orange	35
1882, 1c. ultramarine	07
1882, 3c. blue green	10
1882, 10c. brown	20
1883, 4c. blue green	08
1887, 2c. green	05
1887, 3c. vermilion	08
1887, 1c. ultramarine	05
1888, 4c. carmine	08
1890-93, 1c. ultramarine	02
1890-93, 2c. lake	40
1890-93, 2c. carmine	05
1890-93, 3c. purple	05
1890-93, 6c. brown red	10
1894, 2c. pink, triangle I	05
1898, \$2.00 brown, "Omaha"	2 05
Agriculture Department, 2c. yellow	75
War Department 1873, 7c. red	1 65
War Department, 1879, 1c. soft paper	03
Newspaper 1865, 5c. blue, white border	1 75
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. claret, old type	04
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. claret, old type	04
Unpaid, 1894, 10c. claret, old type	18
Unpaid, 1894, 1c. no watermark	03
Unpaid, 1894, 2c. no watermark	05
Unpaid, 1895, 1c. watermarked	02
Unpaid, 1895, 2c. watermarked	04
Unpaid, 1895, 3c. watermarked	06
Unpaid, 1895, 5c. watermarked	10
Unpaid, 1895, 10c. watermarked	15
Unpaid, 1895, 30c. watermarked	50
Unpaid, 1895, 50c. watermarked	80

The three following stamps are of regular U. S. issues and can be furnished in blocks of four *used*.

1867, 90c. blue, <i>grilled</i>	\$7 00
1879, 90c. carmine	75
1888, 90c. purple	75

I think that the "Drummer" is a useful and helpful paper for old and young collectors.

L. V. MEDIAN, Kansas City, Mo.

A friend handed me a copy of your "Drummer," and I think it is the most interesting stamp paper I have seen.

W. FROGNER, Chicago, Ill.

I read the "Drummer" with much interest,

W. F. DYER.

I enjoy your "Drummer" very much. It is a nifty little paper full of news. No collector should be without it.

O. J. de WANNIECK.

Many thanks for the "Drummer." It is a first-class stamp paper, and I shall be glad to receive it whenever published.

EDWARD A. GAMBLE.

I am much obliged for the "Drummer" and like it immensely.

H. F. POWELL.

Your publication, the "Drummer," is very interesting as well as valuable, and have found several new ideas not known before.

F. H. RITTENHOUSE.

Many thanks for the little "Drummer." I enjoy it very much.

K. N. CLARKE.

Why not enlarge it on its general plan and charge a subscription price?

JOHN MARR.

I find the "Drummer" very interesting and full of useful information.

REV. E. W. YAECKER.

Don't forget the "Drummer," as I need that to keep house with.

E. B. PATTERSON.

I think it a valuable acquisition to all collectors.

A. J. EDGELL.

A congress of stamp men meets in Germany every year. Frankfurt-am-Main was the place of meeting for 1900. Mr. M. P. Castle, editor of the *London Philatelist*, attended and gives an interesting sketch of the meeting in the August number of his journal. He concludes with the following:

"The social aspect of the Philatelisten Tag is undoubtedly the main factor herein—it is difficult to induce a couple of hundred people to settle down to serious discussion on a summer holiday—and in the successful and pleasurable reunion of all classes of stamp people the ample vindication of the German Philatelic Congress is to be found."

The "MAFEKING BESIEGED" stamps have given our British collecting friends a lot to talk and read about, but after all they are only a species of War



relics. They possess a certain interest, but that they should rank with regular issues is questionable. The American collectors who will have to get along without them need not feel *very* badly.

The jumping of Orange Free State and Transvaal into full-fledged British colonies means a great deal to the value of the stamps. Thousands of British collectors confine their collecting to the stamps of the British Empire. Under old conditions they did not include these two lots of stamps, now they all want them, so that the tremendous advance in price was by no means strange, and we believe even the latest quotations will see a further advance.

Switzerland, the home of the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union, has issued a series of three stamps of a special design in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Postal Union.

Our illustration makes a description unnecessary.



the significance of the design will be readily understood by our readers.

The set consists of 5c. green, 10c. carmine, 25c. blue. Fine unused copies of the three stamps will be sent for 12c.

A German stamp paper, the *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*, recently published an illustration of an entire envelope used in Worcester, Cape of Good Hope, December 12, 1860. The postage fee, 4 pence, was paid by a triangular 1 penny stamp and half of a triangular 6 pence stamp.

In our humble opinion the catalogue that lists inverted surcharges, double surcharges and varieties of surcharge that consist of omitted periods and such nonsense, is likely to disgust the average collector.

An English catalogue gives a list of twenty-seven such varieties as we refer to above, as a supplement to the list of twelve regular surcharged Orange Free State set of V. R. I. stamps. It is all very nice for



the advanced collector who wants these things, to know that they exist, but for ninety-nine out of every hundred collectors, in America at least, they are a spectacle of disgust, and are out of place in a catalogue of ordinary purposes.

The following varieties of the V. R. I. surcharge on the stamps of Orange Free State are on hand and will be supplied at the following *net* prices:

½ penny.....	\$ 03
1 penny.....	06
2 pence.....	12
3 pence.....	18
6 pence.....	35
1 shilling.....	65
Set of six for.....	\$1 25

These stamps are becoming obsolete, to be succeeded by the Cape of Good Hope stamps, or a new series.

The introduction of these features of an advanced collectors' catalogue, into the American publication for general collectors, has had a bad effect upon many collectors who have followed the old or more rational system of forming a collection.

All efforts at abridged catalogues in the past, have been too radical, a happy medium is what is wanted and like other "long felt wants" is quite likely to come in time.



The Baden-Powell stamps of Mafeking can be regarded only as *locals* at best. Curious relics of this interesting personality of the South African war.

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It has been some time since we have issued a new copy of MEKEEL'S DRUMMER and our mails are becoming burdened with requests for another number.

The forty-six page number first issued about the holidays has continued its usefulness as a price list up to the present time. 72,800 copies of that number reached a corresponding number of stamp collectors and the correspondence and business that ensued has kept us busy.

We issue the DRUMMER as often as the circumstances of business seem to require, and send it *free* to our customers, not obligating ourselves in any way as to its appearance. Its name clearly indicates its mission and we want it to bring us business.



Over ten thousand customers have *personally expressed* an appreciation of the little leaflet and a desire to receive it whenever issued. In the following months we shall no doubt issue it often and we hope that its receipt will be acknowledged by an order, no matter how small.

Our business is conducted wholly by mail and we aim to give the same careful consideration to small customers as to the largest; all are provided for in the system of our business.



A few extracts from our letters:

I am much pleased with the "DRUMMER." Please send it regularly as issued.

H. C. EDGERTON.

I have had the pleasure of looking through your "DRUMMER" and I think it is the neatest and most complete stamp paper I have ever read.

W. H. PEIRCE.

Your "DRUMMER" is better than some papers which we are obliged to pay for. I like it very much.

A. B. WRIGHT.

Your "DRUMMER" arrived this morning, and I must say that I appreciate it very much. No stamp collector should be without it.

CLIFFORD HUNTER.

Very much obliged for the "DRUMMER." It is an excellent little paper.

E. R. LEEKLEY.

Having received a copy of the "DRUMMER," I would like to ask you to send it to me regularly as it comes out, as I find it to be better than most stamp papers I can get.

E. G. KOCH.

I was very much pleased with the "DRUMMER." It has much to interest a collector and will repay a careful perusal.

J. B. GROVE.

Your "DRUMMER" is a hummer.

LEIGHTON R. CORNMAN.

I appreciate your "DRUMMER" more than any philatelic paper I receive.

F. H. FARRELL.

Your little "DRUMMER" was highly appreciated. It is a book of valuable information to collectors.

HUGO DOEDERLEIN.

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Our latest and cheapest offer consists of fifteen hundred different genuine foreign postage stamps, post free, \$9.85. Just the thing to bring an old collection up-to-date. A bargain.

### OUR NEW STAMPS.

The new series of stamps issued by the United States in commemoration of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo are now in use and very popular with the public. Their use is quite as general as was anticipated. They do not wholly succeed the regular issue, as the following from the instructions of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General will show:

"The stamps of the Pan-American series are not intended to be sold exclusively in place of stamps of the regular series, and a supply of the latter must be carried in stock by all postmasters. The Pan-American stamps will be sold to purchasers only when asked for."

The sale to the public is expressly stated to be from May 1st to October 31st, 1901, after which it is understood the remainders will be destroyed.

The following is from a letter to Mr. C. H. Mekeel from General Edwin C. Madden of the P. O. Department:

"Relative to the series of the Pan-American stamps, I have to say that when the Department decided to print the Pan-American stamps in two colors, it designed to retain in the border of each denomination of the Pan-American stamps, the same color that appears as a whole, in a like denomination of the 1894 issue of the ordinary postage stamps. For example, the four and ten cent denominations of the ordinary postage stamps were printed in solid colors, but of two distinct shades, i. e., the four cent in red brown and the ten cent in light brown, and the same colors and shades, so far as possible, were maintained in the borders of the four and ten cent denominations of the Pan-American series. The apparent difference between the shades of brown in the four cent ordinary and the four cent Pan-American are due, as you are doubtless aware, to the character of the engraving. In the stamp of the ordinary issue the engraving is in solid mass which produces, as you also know, great depth of color, while the touch of the engraver in the Pan-American stamps has been light and graceful, thereby producing a much more artistic effect than is evidenced in the ordinary stamps.

"It was especially designed, when the engraving of the dies for the Pan-American stamps was in process, to have this light artistic effect produced throughout the whole series, the result of which is the rendering of a shade between the Pan-American four and ten cent denominations rather less marked (distinct) than follows in the issue of the ordinary stamps of the same denominations."

Some complaint has been made that the 4c and 10c stamps are too near alike, but the Department does not take this view of the matter.

### WE USE THEM

We use only the Pan-American stamps on our mail matter, giving preference to values other than 2c. Collectors will thus have an additional advantage in ordering stamps, albums, hinges, etc., of us, and we will appreciate it if they reciprocate when returning selections.

*Harper's Magazine* for October, 1871 contained an illustrated ten page article on the subject of "Postage Stamps and their Origin," a very creditable article on the subject.

### NO ROYAL ROAD TO STAMP COLLECTING.

"At the outset it is as well to remind those about to collect that there is no Royal Road to Philately, any more than there is to any other study or amusement, such as Latin, Greek, or mathematics, cricket, golf, or whist. Without going into the vexed question of whether Philately is, or is not a science, we may fairly claim that it is an intellectual amusement, training the powers of observation, inducing habits of neatness and accuracy, and forming pleasant occupation for days and hours that have to be spent indoors. Incidentally it leads to some elementary knowledge of geography—the collector is seldom at a loss as to the quarter of the globe in which a small stamp issuing country, or colony, is situated, or as to the mother-country of the most distant possession of European nations—and it not infrequently involves the study of methods of engraving and printing, of the manufacture of paper, and of other branches of general knowledge, which may, or may not, be directly useful, but must in any case tend to open the mind and widen the ideas of the learner. And all this insensibly inculcates habits of study, which are in themselves of immense value."—*The above is from an article by Major Edw. B. Evans, of the British Royal Artillery, who is a well known stamp collector.*

### DEATH OF HARRY BONNETHEAU, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

We notice by the telegraphic reports of the great Jacksonville fire in the newspapers, that Harry Bonnetheau, a real estate dealer, who was well known as a stamp collector, lost his life.

Mr. Bonnetheau has been a correspondent of ours for a number of years, and we regret to hear of his untimely end. He leaves a wife and son who were absent in New York at the time of the catastrophe.

### VISIT FROM MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. Chas. J. Phillips, the head and practical owner of the business conducted in London as Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., has recently paid the United States a visit, extending his trip to all the important cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He spent three days with us in St. Louis during the month of January. While here he looked over some of our choicer stamps, and, although the time did not permit of his seeing them all, he paid us the compliment of saying that no where else had he been able to find stocks of really fine stamps, and he was able to purchase more good stamps of us than all the other places he visited combined. Mr. Phillips bought only to round out his own stock, selecting such stamps as he needed, and when it is considered that the line he had with him was valued at over \$150,000 it is very creditable to our stock to know that he was able to make additions into the thousands of dollars. We have lots of good stamps that Mr. Phillips did not buy and are always glad to extend our relations with buyers of high class stamps.

**FINLAND.**

The stamps of Finland are as good an investment as we know of; they are cheap and uncommon, which is a combination quite unusual.

We have bought a little stock from a Finnish collector who accumulated them carefully for years and then only succeeded in getting comparatively few together.

The used stamps are all *fine* lightly cancelled copies, and the unused ones are o. g. mint state.

The stamps of Finland will show a marked advance in the next catalogues; the series of 1891-92 were used very sparingly by the people, who hate the Russian type.

The regular Russian stamps are now current again in Finland with the value in Finnish currency.

The cheap stamps of series 1889 to 1896 are all very desirable at the present low prices, stamps that can be bought now at a few cents each will cost many times as much in a few years. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue is much better than Scott's in listing this country, and we have given the numbers of both catalogues in the following description, as some varieties are omitted in the American catalogue.

None of the following prices are above those of the American catalogue, and in some cases they are  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the English prices. The English prices are by no means exorbitant, and we only mention this to show that the following is an opportunity not to be lost.

We bought on the basis of American catalogue quotations, and give our customers benefit of the bargain, even cutting these prices whenever it was possible.

This stock will not last long, so we recommend ordering promptly to avoid disappointment.

Stanley Gibbons' Nos.	Scott's 60th Ed. Nos.		<b>Net Prices Each</b>	
			<b>Unused</b>	<b>Used</b>
		<b>1875. Perforation 11.</b>		
64	17	2 p. gray.....		05
73	21a	20p. Prussian blue.....		40
74	.....	20p. deep ultramarine.....		05
75	21	20p. light ultramarine.....		02
76	22	25p. carmine or lake.....		05
		<b>1882. Same, perforation 12½.</b>		
81	25	2p. gray.....		04
84	27	10p. brown.....	1 00	.....
86	28	20p. ultramarine.....		01
87	28a	20p. gray blue.....		02
89	29	25p. rose.....		03
90	30	1 mark, violet.....	4 00	.....
		<b>Compound perforation 11x12½.</b>		
94	.....	20p. ultramarine.....	2 50	.....
		<b>1885. Same, different colors.</b>		
97	31	5p. emerald green.....		01
98	31a	5p. yellow green.....		01

			<b>Unused</b>	<b>Used</b>
99	32a	10p. rose.....		02
100	32	10p. carmine.....		02
101	33	20p. yellow.....		01
102	33a	20p. orange.....		01
103	34	25p. blue.....		01
104	34a	25p. ultramarine.....		01
105	35	1 mark, drab and rose.....	1 00	06
106	36	5 marks, green and rose.....	4 00	.....
107	37	10 marks, brown and rose.....	8 00	.....
		<b>1889-90. Same as last. Clear cut perforation 12½.</b>		
108	38	2p. gray.....	02	02
110	39	5p. yellow green.....		01
111	39a	5p. green.....		01
113	40	10p. carmine(two shades).....		01
115	41a	20p. orange(two shades).....		01
116	42	25p. blue.....		01
117	42a	25p. ultramarine.....		01
119	43	1 mark, gray and rose.....		03
		<b>1892. Same as last. Rough perforation 12½.</b>		
122	.....	2p. gray.....		04
123	.....	5p. green.....		03
124	.....	5p. yellow-green.....		02
126	.....	10p. carmine.....		03
128	.....	20p. orange.....		04
129	.....	25p. ultramarine.....		05
130	.....	1 mark, gray and rose.....		10
		<b>1891-92. Russian type, laid paper.</b>		
133	46	1k. orange yellow.....	02	02
134	47	2k. green.....	03	03
135	48	3k. carmine.....	04	04
136	49	4k. rose.....	05	05
137	50	7k. blue.....	10	03
138	51	10k. blue.....	15	12
139	52	14k. blue and rose.....		15
140	53	20k. blue and carmine.....		18
141	54	35k. violet and green.....		50
142	55	50k. violet and green.....	60	50
143	56	1r. brown and orange.....		1 20
		<b>1895. Type of 1889-90 issue, perforated 14x13.</b>		
148	60	5p. green.....		01
149	61	10p. rose.....		02
150	62	20p. orange.....		01
151	63	25p. ultramarine.....		01
		<b>1900. Mourning stamp, value on back.</b>		
.....	.....	1p. black, red and yellow.....	08	.....
		<b>1901. Russian types.</b>		
.....	.....	2p. orange.....	02	.....
.....	.....	5p. green.....	03	02
.....	.....	10p. rose.....	05	03
.....	.....	20p. blue.....	10	02
.....	.....	1 mark.....		25

All orders from above list for less than \$1.00 worth to be accompanied by addressed stamped envelope.



## SPECIAL OFFERS.

## ABYSSINIA.

1894, ¼ to 16g., seven varieties, complete, unused.....	14 for \$1 00
1896, unpaid, ¼ to 16g., seven varieties, complete, unused.....	

## SOUDAN. (Egypt.)

1897, surcharged on Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1 pia, used set of five.....	\$0 30
1897, surcharged on Egypt, 1 piastre ultramarine, used.....	10
1898, Camel series, 1, 2, 3, 5mil., 1, 2, 5, 10 pia, used set of eight.....	1 25
1898, Camel series, 5 pia, green and orange, used.....	38
1898, Camel series, 10 pia, purple and black, used.....	78

## EGYPT.

## Unpaid Letter Stamps.

1884, 10, 20 paras, 1, 2, 5 piastres, complete, watermarked.....	1 25
1884, 20 paras, vermil., watermarked, unused.....	18
1854, 5 piastre, verm., watermarked, unused.....	80
1886, 10, 20 paras, 1, 2 piastres, complete, unused, unwatermarked.....	50
1888, 2, 5 mil, 1, 2, 5 piastres, complete, unused.....	3 75
1888, four lower values, unused.....	50
1888, 5 pia, grey, unused.....	3 50
1889, 2, 4 mil, 1, 2 piastre, used, set of four.....	10

## FRENCH CONGO.

1900, 40c. brown and green, unused, o. g.....	11
1900, 50c. violet and lilac, unused.....	14
1900, 75c. violet and orange, unused.....	20
1900, 1 fr. lilac and olive, unused.....	25
1900, 2 francs, carmine and brown, unused.....	50
1900, 5 francs, orange and gray, unused.....	1 25

## GIBRALTAR.

1889, 5 pesetas, steel blue, o. g., unused.....	1 00
1889-95, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c, unused, set of six.....	30
1895, 1 peseta, bistre and blue, unused.....	40
1896, 2 pesetas, black and carmine, unused.....	50

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

1853 (No. 9) 5c. blue, thin bluish wove paper, uncancelled.....	7 00
1869 (No. 29) 2c. red, thin wove paper, unused.....	3 50
1883 (No. 49) \$1.00 rose red, used, Maltese cross cancellation.....	4 75

## RUSSIA.

## Offices in Levant.

1900, cat. No. 27, 4 paras on 1 kopec, yellow (error in surch) unused.....	\$0 05
1900, No. 29, 1 pia. on 10k. dark blue, used.....	10

## EASTERN ROUMELIA.

1884, 5 paras, lilac and pale lilac, unused.....	10
1884, 5 piastres, brown and pale brown, unused.....	25 00

## AUSTRIA.

## Offices in Levant.

1896, No. 1014a, 10pa. on 3sid., green surcharge 16 mm., unused.....	3 75
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## DANUBE STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

1866-71, 16s. lilac, perf. 9½, used.....	65
1866-71, 17s. scarlet, perf. 9½, used.....	65
1866-71, 17s. scarlet, perf. 12, used.....	1 00
1866-71, 10s. green, perf. 9½, used.....	20
1866-71, 16s. scarlet, perf. 9½, used.....	75

## UNITED STATES.

1873, (No. 161) 1873, continental print with secret mark, 10c. brown, unused, o. g.....	\$1 75
1888, (No. 218) 1888, 90c. purple, used, fine.....	60

## INDO CHINA.

1892-96, 5 fr. red lilac on lavender, fine used.....	75
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## SIAM.

1887, 2¼a. lilac and blue, fine used.....	06
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## MALAY STATES, FEDERATED.

1901, 3c. brown and black, fine used.....	04
1901, 4c. red and black, fine used.....	04

## DUTCH INDIES.

1899-1900, 25c. on 25c. carmine and blue, fine used.....	03
1899-1900, 50c. on 50c. bronze green and brown, fine used.....	05

## STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

1883, 4c. rose, Crown C. A., fine used (Scott \$1.00).....	25
1899, 4c. on 5c. carmine, fine used.....	03

## ECUADOR.

1898, 20c. yellow, fine used.....	06
1899, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. set of 5, fine used.....	18
1899, 20c. green and black.....	12
Scott's No. 405, 20c. brown, used postally.....	25
" " 414, 20c. vermilion, ".....	25
" " 417, 20c. red, ".....	18
Official 1896, 20c. olive bistre, unused.....	10
" " 50c. " ".....	10
" " 1 sucre " ".....	10
" " 5 sucres " used postally.....	10
" " 1899, 2c. black and orange, unused.....	07
" " 5c. " " ".....	12
" " 20c. " " ".....	15
" " 50c. " " ".....	22

## HAYTI.

1898-99, set of 13 varieties, used postally, all fine, 1c. to 20c. inclusive.....	50
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## SALVADOR.

1896, 15c. on 24c. violet, inverted surcharge used.....	1 25
1898, complete set, 1c. to 1 peso, 12 varieties, unused.....	50

## 60th Ed.

Cata. No.		
1899, 190,	1c. orange-ver. postally used	05
" 191,	2c. carmine, " " "	07
" 192,	3c. em-green, " " "	05
" 193,	5c. blue green, " " "	07
" 195,	12c. purple, " " "	30
" 209,	1c. bistre brown, " " "	04
" 210,	2c. gray green, " " "	05
" 211,	3c. blue, " " "	06
" 212,	5c. brown orange " " "	06
" 213,	10c. chocolate, " " "	08
" 214,	12c. dark green, " " "	15
" 215,	13c. deep rose, " " "	15
" 216,	24c. light blue, " " "	15
1900, 220,	1c. orange, surcharged 1900, postally used.....	25
"	Same variety in small type.....	1 00
" 233,	1c. on 13c. deep rose, postally used.....	12
" 234,	2c. on 12c. dark green, postally used.....	1 00
" 235,	2c. on 13c. deep rose, postally used.....	12
" 240,	1c. on 2c. gray green, postally used.....	10
" 241,	1c. on 13c. deep rose, postally used.....	50

The following are surcharged shield within rays in purple.

1900, 1c. light green, large shield in violet, postally used.....	75
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1900, 2c. rose, large shield in violet, postally used	50
1900, 3c. gray black, large shield in violet, postally used	1 00
1900, 5c. slate blue, large shield in violet, postally used	75
1900, 1c. green, smaller shield in violet, postally used	04
1900, 2c. rose, smaller shield in violet, postally used	05
1900, 3c. gray black, smaller shield in violet, postally used	06
1900, 5c. dull blue, smaller shield in violet, postally used	05
1900, 10c. bright blue, smaller shield in violet, postally used	10
1900, 13c. yellow brown, smaller shield in violet, postally used	20
1901, 1c. light green, surcharged shield in black, postally used	05
Unpaid Letter, 1898, 1c. to 50c. complete set, unused	50
Registration, 1897, No. 451, 10c. dark blue, unused	08
Registration, 1897, No. 452, 10c. carmine brown, unused	08
Registration Return, 1897, No. 476, 5c. dark green unused	08
Official Registration, 1897, No. 566, 10c. dark blue, unused	08
Official Registration, 1897, No. 567, 10c. carmine brown, unused	08
Official Reg. Return, 1897, No. 568, 5c. dark green, unused	08
Official, 1901, following catalogue No. 589.	
" 10c. orange, surcharged, unused	25
" 15c. " " "	30
" 25c. " " "	35
" 1900, surcharged on regular issue.	
" 1c. light green, unused	15
" 2c. rose " "	15
" 3c. gray black " "	15
" 5c. blue, " "	15

Almost any collector who will look over the foregoing list of special offers will be able to send us an order of some kind. We want to hear from you. That is the reason this paper has been mailed to you.

#### "E. R. I." EDWARD REX, IMPERATOR.

The 1 penny Transvaal stamp has been issued with the surcharge, "E. R. I." and is the first British Colonial stamp to reflect the changed crown conditions in Gt. Britain.

#### INVERTED U. S.

The new 2c. U. S. stamp bearing the railway train has appeared in Brooklyn with the center inverted.

How is this to be accounted for? You are informed when visiting the Bureau of Engraving at Washington that every sheet of stamps is carefully examined when printed and you are impressed with the detail of their wonderful system.

How is it possible then for sheets so carelessly printed to be permitted to get out? It is a matter worthy of investigation, and we would advise collectors not to be hasty about paying "long" prices for these errors. "There are others."

#### ECUADOR AND SALVADOR.

After the suspension of Seebeckism in Ecuador and Salvador, the greatest lot of cheap looking postage stamps have been issued in these countries, with surcharges and varieties galore.

But they are postage stamps and portray the state of postal affairs there.

Collectors who scorned the Seebeck labels, turn to these primitive stamps with unusual interest.

Hence an extraordinary demand for all the varieties of Ecuador and Salvador stamps.

We will send what we have of them to customers upon request.

#### THE NEW ZEALAND STAMPS OF RECENT ISSUES.

The illustration given below shows the 1½ penny stamp issued in the khaki color as a commemorative war stamp. The color being that of the uniforms of the soldiers in South Africa.

A valued correspondent in New Zealand comments on the design and we venture to print his letter in full.



NAPIER, N. Z., Dec. 21st, 1900.

I send herewith a few specimens of our new three-halfpenny stamp. Half a glance will show you its artistic merit.

It seems to be an effort to portray an event of contemporary history under the venerable guise of a cock fight. You will see that a monster bird (Mrs. Britannia) is in desperate grapple with a little Boerish chicken, and in spite of size and weight is so far getting the worst of it. Barring outside interference the odds are somewhat in favor of the chicken. He is clearly a game little cock, and has raised the d—l of a dust. Mrs. B. is in distress, and (so the inscription informs us) is howling for help. This is coming in the shape of a legion of furies apparently from the outer darkness. Two Kharkie horsemen figure as a sort of side show. They seem to be in a funk, and evidently have no business there. Something ahead scares them, and so the darn'd simpletons stand stock still as if rooted to the spot. The lowering cloud (overhead of course) through which shines the southern cross, is just a bit-of-an-artist's fancy, intended probably to localize the incident.

Thus I read the picture. I am told, however, that there may just possibly be another rendering of it. Certain fanciful people say that the central figure is the Empire's angel blowing a bugle to summon her children from the ends of the earth to her aid. But this seems to me rather dim, and is altogether too too farfetched. Nor would it, I submit, be artistic, or even decent, to mix up angels with such dirty work. Certainly no angel having any respect for herself would prostitute her lips to this shameful business the Empire has in hand. Any artist of repute would know this.

W. H. WILSON.

The new 1 penny stamp is of more pleasing

character, and we include the lines received from the same correspondent:



NAPIER, N. Z., January 17th, 1901.

Dear Mr. Mekeel:

Our new stamp is of a rather pleasing design, but how Mistress Zelandia became possessed of Mercury's "caduceus" is mysterious, to say the least of it. Probably she has got it by some of those nanky-panky tricks so common in the case of the older goddesses, but why she should have strained the proprieties to become possessed of a symbol of peace at a time when she is fuming with war rage is past my intelligence.

Yours very truly, W. H. WILSON.

The prices of both the above new stamps, as well as other recent New Zealand stamps will be found in the next column.

#### U. S. LOCALS.

Any of our correspondents who come across any rare U. S. Locals may find a ready sale for same with us.

The U. S. Express Companies who carried letters from 1843 to '65 issued many varieties of locals, many more than are represented by the usual catalogue lists, and we are particularly desirous of purchasing uncatalogued varieties.

U. S. Carrier Stamps, which were in use in various cities, and issued by the Local Express Companies, are also in demand, and the local stamps issued by a number of the Confederate Postmasters during the Civil War are also desired. Parties having rarities of this kind for sale would consult their own interests by giving us an opportunity to figure with them.

Collectors possessing any uncatalogued varieties of any of the above which they do not care to sell would confer a favor by giving us information and particulars in regard to same.

We recently came in possession of the following uncatalogued varieties of the Third Avenue Post of the type of illustration annexed. The stamps were



die cut—oval shape—all the 2c. denomination, struck in black on different colored papers, as follows:

- 2c. black on golden buff.
- 2c. black on salmon.
- 2c. black on drab.

## NEW ZEALAND. Set Price Each

1900—1½p. yellow brown, unused .....	\$0 08
1901—1 p. rose, perf., 16, unused .....	08
" —1 p. " " 16, used .....	05
" —1 p. " " 11, unused .....	04
" —1 p. " " 11, used .....	02

NOTE. The London print have the small perforation, 16. the New Zealand local print are perforated 11. The unused copies of all above may be supplied in pairs or blocks. The used copies offered above and below are carefully selected copies.

### 1899-1900. Local print, Perforated 11, Fine used copies.

½p. light green .....	\$0 01
½p. dark olive green .....	01
1p. carmine .....	01
2p. red violet (several shades) .....	01
2½p. blue .....	08
3p. orange brown .....	08
5p. red brown .....	18
6p. rose .....	10
9p. red violet .....	30
1sh. red .....	20
2sh. blue green .....	40

### 1898. London print, Perforated 12½ to 16, Fine used copies.

½p. lilac gray .....	01
1p. brown and blue .....	01
2p. rose brown .....	01
3p. yellow brown .....	09
6p. green .....	10
1sh. red .....	30

### 1891. Queen with Crown.

½p. black .....	0½
5p. olive gray .....	04

### 1882. Old Types, various perfs, Fine used copies.

½p. rose .....	0½
1p. rose .....	0½
2p. violet .....	0½
3p. yellow .....	03
3p. orange .....	03
4p. blue green .....	02
6p. brown .....	02
1sh. red brown .....	03

Above with various advertisements on back will be furnished at same price to those who desire them.

**17 Different** Including the 1½p. War Stamp and 16 entirely different stamps, no perforation varieties, for 25c, post free.

**New Zealand**

## GUAM.

All previous quotations on Guam stamps are hereby cancelled.

All prices on other stamps (except Porto Rico), packets, etc., in our last DRUMMER are current and we solicit orders.

Our latest quotations on Porto Rico will be found on pages 11 and 12.

### THEY SAY.

"I was well pleased with packets 127 and 131. What pleased me especially was the good condition of the stamps." JOHN F. GEIGER.

"Your 546 variety packet was the best bargain I ever got in stamps." HARRY C. PIPER.



### ADVANCE IN QUEEN'S HEADS.

There are many stamps of British Colonials that are *snaps*, at current catalogue prices. The fact is well known that Queen Victoria's portrait will be succeeded on the new issues by that of Edward VII. Knowing this, many collectors have been filling out all "Queen's Head" issues, with the result that many varieties of these stamps have been exhausted in dealers' stocks.

Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., the largest London dealers, state that the death of the Queen has "caused an abnormal demand for Queen's Heads." They also say that in many cases they "have had to replace stock that has been sold out at present catalogue prices and over."

They are selling now at the new prices, that will be given in the new catalogue, that will be issued this autumn.

We have not advanced the prices on any of these stamps, and many bargains will be obtained by collectors who make their purchases of us upon our present terms.

If the leading British dealer has had to buy at catalogue price *and over*, in order to renew his stock of depleted lines, collectors may depend upon it that the advance will be considerable in many instances.

Our stock of British Colonials (Queen's Heads) priced at current catalogue is available for buying collectors at 25% discount for used copies, and 10% discount on unused copies—selected specimens.

We should be very glad to hear promptly from any of our customers who want to fill out these issues.

### WE ARE BUYERS.

Collections containing really *rare* or *scarce* stamps, wanted for *cash*.

Offer us single rarities or odd lots of scarce stamps.

Offer us old U. S. postage, Revenues, both medium and rare.

Parties wishing to realize, will find us ready purchasers for anything good.

No ordinary or cheap stamps wanted.

### Packets and Ready Made Sheets.

Dealers who are prepared to pay *cash* may get of us packets from 50 up to 4000 varieties at prices that *defy competition*. Also ready made approval sheets of good 50% discount stock.

We make no exceptions and will meet the prices of any foreign or American dealer. We are the largest handlers of packets in the world. We can meet any price and give better value on account of our greater resources.

50 varieties, per 100.....	\$ 1.50
100 varieties, per 100.....	3.00
300 varieties, per 10.....	3.50
400 varieties, per 10.....	6.50
500 varieties, per 10.....	8.50
1000 varieties, mounted on sheets, or in envelopes, as preferred, per 10.....	30 00
2000 varieties, in envelopes, per 10.....	140.00

### 546 VARIETIES FOR \$1.50.

This is a sample of many letters we have received:  
 "Your book of 546 different foreign stamps you sent me recently was received in fine condition, and I must acknowledge it was the cheapest bargain I ever received. I had a fair collection, and out of the 546 stamps I received I picked out 225 stamps I did not have in my collection. I then sold the balance for what I paid for the whole book. Hoping others will take advantage of your liberal offer, I remain, very truly,  
 ALBERT MANN,  
 521 Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill."

The stamps referred to in above letter consist of 546 varieties of genuine postage stamps mounted in a neat blank book and sent post free for \$1.50.

The stamps are in *perfect condition*, and arranged alphabetically, showing specimens from all parts of the world.

The lot priced by 60th edition catalogue is about \$7.00. This could be sold by agents and dealers at a *fine profit* and 50% allowed.

### One Pound Mixed Stamps, \$1, Post Free.

A pound (6,000 more or less) packed in a box and prepaid by mail anywhere in the U. S. or Canada. Order one to-day.

Rev. W. E. Johnson, of Elgin, N. B., Canada, under date of Feb. 1st, writes:

"The One Pound Mixture at \$1.00 came to hand. I added 35 varieties to my own collection, about 50 varieties to my son, Scott's, collection, and about 50 more varieties to a collection of my son Edward. In addition I found the following:

France.....	1300	Hungary.....	45
Germany.....	1350	So. Af. Rep.....	1
Belgium.....	900	Chile.....	16
Great Britain.....	350	Mexico.....	17
Bavaria.....	120	Russia.....	18
Wurtemberg.....	120	Cuba.....	6
Austria.....	150		
Italy.....	160		4946
Spain.....	8	For our collections.....	125
Netherlands.....	165		
Swiss.....	170		5071
United States.....	40		

The boys sorted them over under my directions. I am pleased with the pound and they came in fine condition with no delay at the Canada Custom House, free of duty."

To all who are not pleased we willingly refund their dollar and take the stamps back, or give them something else, but to anyone who is looking for Continentals and cheap stamps, the "Pound" cannot but be a satisfactory investment.

We have plenty and can make our shipments by return mail. Send \$1.00 and get a pound of the greatest mixture of Foreign stamps that has ever been sold anywhere in the world at this price.

### OUR 50 PER CENT APPROVALS.

If any reader of the DRUMMER has not had our approval books of 50% discount stamps brought to his attention, he is requested to drop us a line at once telling how many stamps he has in his collection, and we will send a book illustrating our system. These books are intended for *general* collectors, whose collections number 3,000 varieties or less.

We also have remains of old collections with some higher priced stamps that we submit to liberal buyers at 50%.

Under no consideration do we fill want lists at this discount.



**NEW U. S. STAMPS.**

The issue of the new United States stamps, placed on sale May 1st, the date of the opening of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., will be the inspiration of many new stamp collections being started.

The Columbian and Trans-Mississippi series were the means of starting many new collectors and reviving the interest of many old collectors.

An active season in the stamp business is anticipated for the Summer months.

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A new issue of stamps to succeed the present regular issue of United States stamps is probable before many months.

The officials in charge of this department of the postal service have a change of this kind in view, although nothing has yet been done towards the preparation of the new designs. It has been stated that the names of the distinguished personages who will adorn the stamps, will be engraved below the portrait.

**NEW EPOCHS.**

The opening of the new century has marked a period that will be observed by collectors in different ways. We have heard of two classes of collectors who have adopted plans in which the date January 1st, 1901, cuts considerable figure.

Certain collectors who are partial to new issues have taken that date as a starting point, commencing to collect only the new stamps issued in the new century. Others have fixed that date as a stopping point, adding no stamps to their collections issued after that date, only filling in the spaces in old issues.

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The passing of Queen Victoria is expected to produce very much the same result with many collectors of British Colonial stamps, in that collections will be confined to the Victorian era, while others will find the new issues under Edward VII to be a good time to start a collection which may be made reasonably complete.

**NEW APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We are adding new books constantly to our **50% discount series of non-duplicating approval books**. We invite correspondents who have had the first part of the series to send for some of our new books. They contain some **good stamps** not offered heretofore at 50% discount.

**Book No. 43** is the latest. It contains 100 good stamps listing from 5c. to 50c. each on which 50% discount will be allowed. Among the notable stamps may be mentioned a number of Hayti, full sets of Shanghai 1893, regular issues and unpaid; Persia, surcharged series of 1899, high values; Provisionals of British Guiana.

**Book No. 42** was the last book we added to the same series. It contains about \$30.00 worth of good stamps not usually sold at 50% discount. Besides a number of British Colonials there were a number of old Cubans and some Porto Rico stamps not found in our other serial books. Every reader of the **DRUMMER** has seen and should be familiar with our regular series of 50% discount books **Nos. 1 to 13**. They contain about 3,000 varieties from A to Z, including good copies of many cheap stamps.

Collectors whose collections exceed 3,000 may not find many stamps in this series except **Book, No. 12**. This contains about \$45.00 worth of stamps cataloguing from 5c. to 25c. (240 varieties). It will pay you to look over it if you have not seen it.

The three books mentioned above are each registered when we send them out and we expect them registered back to us. They should not be requested by parties who contemplate making purchases of less than \$2.00 each. We will send all of them at once when desired.

**Book No. 30** belongs to our *net* series and consists of novelties, new issues, unused and different from those in our **Nos. 20 and 27**. If you are interested in the German Colonies, Costa Rica, Greece, Orange Colony V. R. I., Paraguay, Phillipine Republic (Revolutionary), South African Republic V. R. I. Turks and Caicos Islands, send for No. 30.

**APPROVAL ACCOUNTS.**

It is very easy for honest people to open an account with us. The following rules must be agreed to, and the information furnished for our records:

If the party is not known to us, a line from a bank or business house of commercial rating will be necessary. We simply require evidence of good standing to protect ourselves from irresponsible parties.

It is easy for any one who is all right to comply with this rule, and the necessity for it in our business is quite apparent to any fair mind.

**Regarding Minors.** It is necessary in all cases where accounts are opened with those who are not of legal age, to have the permission of parent or guardian, as well as references.

**Postage.** We prepay postage on all selections sent out on approval, and we expect the return postage to be fully prepaid by our correspondents.

All approval books must be returned sealed as first-class matter, and where the selection is sent out *registered* it is to be returned in the *same manner*.

We invite correspondence with a view of opening new approval accounts. If you have had approval selections from us, our records will show, and further details are unnecessary.

**PRICES REDUCED!****Quality Improved.**

It has been our aim to sell cheap stamps *cheap*; we sold 1,000 varieties for \$10.00 sixteen years ago, when others asked \$20.00, and the trade was astonished.

The most important reduction we now report, is of our 2,000 variety packet, all foreign postage, \$15.00 post free.

The 2,000 different stamps are carefully selected, containing a stamp catalogued \$1.25 and many others that could never be found in any other dealers' packet. The packet is the greatest bargain that has ever been offered.

This packet is recommended to dealers for approval sheet supplies; the stamps come at less than one-half of any wholesale dealer's list, and may be resold at large discounts and still pay a handsome profit.

**1,000 varieties on sheets, class A, \$4.00 post free.** These lots do not contain any United States stamps—all foreign postage stamps, no postal cards, revenues or reprints. Arranged alphabetically, ready to be priced for sale or arranged in your collection.

Others can imitate us but none can equal the value we give.

Each collection of 1,000 stamps is mounted on twenty different sheets, each holding fifty stamps, with spaces below for pricing.

We have a good 1,000 variety packet *unmounted* that we sell for \$3.75 post free.

**MEXICAN COLLECTIONS.**

Collectors wishing to fill up their collections of Mexican postage stamps, are invited to send want lists by number according to Gibbons', Senf's or Scott's catalogue. We have a very complete stock, and are always liberal buyers of really rare Mexican postage stamps.

We also have a very good stock of Mexican Revenue stamps, and will send selections at very low prices. We are buyers of 10, 25 and 50 pesos of the Documentary series.

**WESTERN FRANKS.**

We have a few Western Franks, some of them quite scarce. Will sell very cheap and should like to hear from any of our readers who are interested in Franks and would like to purchase from an approval selection.

**ADVANCED COLLECTORS.**

We have a choice stock of *scarce* and *rare* stamps, from which we send selections on approval to good general buyers. Prices are reasonable, value and condition always considered. We do not sell dollars for 50 cents. But where a stamp is priced too high, we cut it every time.

**WHY COLLECT STAMPS?**

♦ ♦ ♦ And why not! In the busy, contentious bustle of competition of the day, the brain, strained to its utmost tension, demands the relaxation of some absorbing, pleasure-yielding hobby. Those who have tried it attest the fact that few things more completely wean the attention, for the time being, from the vexations and the worries of the day, than the collection and arrangement of postage stamps. It has an ever-recurring freshness all its own, a scope for research that is never likely to be exhausted, a literature varied and abundant, and a close and interesting relation to the history and progress of nations and people, that insensibly widens the trend of human sympathies and human knowledge.—*Edward J. Nankivell, of London, Eng.*

The brightest and strongest minds in the world can become interested in stamp collecting. The mistaken idea that only young people indulge in its pleasures is one that is entertained by few people who keep abreast of the times.

When your non-philatelic friend asks you what there is in stamp collecting, tell him you find pleasure, recreation, restful relief from business cares, and other things too numerous to mention.

The study of minor varieties is properly the field of the specialist, but the general collector occasionally invades it and sometimes the results are both pleasurable and profitable.

The man or woman with an eye for the beautiful will find much of interest in stamp collecting.—*Extracts from American Philatelic Magazine.*

**WHERE TO LOOK FOR RARE STAMPS.**

There is hardly a young person that has not got a grandmother, an aunt, or some other aged relative who has stored away in some trunk or old bureau drawer reminiscences of early days in the shape of correspondence, which are very frequently found neatly enclosed in their original envelopes tied up in packages in out of the way corners. Many rare and scarce stamps are to be found in such places, especially those on letters from 1843 to 1865, almost all of which have some value, and many of them are quite rare.

In the early days of the postage stamp, envelopes were not at all common; the letter was simply folded and addressed on the back, so that many stamps are found this way on the backs of letters in business files. Parties who have an opportunity to examine the files of old established firms, bankers or other corporations should look up the stamps. A ready market can be found for anything that is rare, and we are always willing to pay the highest prices for rare stamps either singly or in quantities.

Old stamp collections are also purchased, and parties having anything in this line to dispose of should address us before selling them elsewhere.

**PLUGGED MONEY.**

If a man offers you a quarter for a dime, you ask what is the matter with it?

The same question may be asked of many stamp dealers who offer stamps described as good, at absurdly low prices.

Good stamps are readily salable among the trade and an owner has no trouble in realizing, therefore an advertisement that assumes to offer a dollar for fifty cents is an object of suspicion.

Stamp papers of to-day often contain offers of this kind but a little postage and "experience" soon convince a serious collector that "figs do not grow on thistles."

**LOOK OUT FOR THESE!**

Dealers whose advertisements or sheets contain reprints of Heligoland, Samoa Express, Roman States, and rubbish of this class, should be *cut*, they are either ignorant or unprincipled. Reprinted stamps are rubbish in most instances and are not sold by any reputable dealer and where ever they are found other things much worse are likely to be also.

**THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12, 1901.

We should be gratified to secure, as a gift to this Library, the numbers of the **MEKEEL'S DRUMMER**, as currently issued. A complete file from the beginning is especially desired.

The Library has special facilities for placing serial publications before the public. A reading room has been established solely for this purpose.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT PUTNAM,

*Librarian of Congress.*

By ALLAN B. SLANSON,

*Chief of Periodical Division.*

**OUR REPLY.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 16, 1901.

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—In accordance with your request of the 12th, we are sending you under separate cover a complete file of **MEKEEL'S DRUMMER**, and will put you on the mailing list, sending it regularly as issued.

Yours truly,

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.

**A LETTER.**

I have just finished going through the 1,000 variety packet ordered from you some time ago and secured 693 varieties for my collection of 2,100. Was more than pleased at the value given.

H. W. ADAMS,

Traveling Freight Agent St. Louis & San Francisco R. R. Co., Dallas, Texas.

1000 Genuine Foreign Postage Stamps, post free **\$3.75**

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP AND PUBLISHING CO.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.

**AUSTRALIAN NEWS.**

The Australian Federal Postal Conference, composed of the heads of the Postal Departments of the Federating Colonies, was held in Sydney, New South Wales, Nov. 15 to Dec. 14.

Among the recommendations was one regarding a special  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny postage stamp, in each Colony, to commemorate the royal visit of the Duke of York, the design to be a bust of the Duke who is himself a stamp collector.

It was at this conference that the recommendation originated to surcharge all the series of the various states with the initials "A. C.," pending the full new issue for the Australian Commonwealth.

**KING EDWARD VII STAMPS.**

The following is from the *Westminster Gazette*, one of the leading afternoon papers of London:

"Not only stamp collectors but all who send letters by post are interested in knowing when King Edward VII.'s head will appear on the British postage stamp. A *Westminster* representative put the interesting question to the Assistant Controller of the Postal Department at Somerset House, and obtained the not altogether unexpected reply that Government officials concerned in the issue of postage and adhesive stamps at present knew nothing at all about the inevitable change. It was pointed out, however, that the Government stock of the "Queen's head" is, up to date, enormously large, and this supply will certainly not be wasted. In fact it may be practically assumed that the transition from one Sovereign to another, so far as stamps are involved, will be very gradual; indeed, the change may extend over two or three years."

**A DEALERS' SECRET PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.**

We are informed that a dealers' secret protective association has been formed by the leading approval dealers to exchange information about parties who seek to impose upon them and for mutual protection against frauds. It is an organization that will likely prove a great benefit to the dealers who participate. We do not find these things necessary in our own case as we endeavor to know whom we are dealing with before opening an account, and once obtained all information is carefully preserved in our card index system that carries over one hundred and twenty thousand names. Over 30,000 of whom have qualified for approval accounts and can obtain anything they want of us at any time.

**SOMETHING FOR YOU?**

Cuba 1873, 1 peseta, red brown, fine, used.....\$0.75  
(A very scarce stamp.)

Following is only a limited offer:

Porto Rico 1876, 1 peseta (No. 10) fine, used.....\$0.62  
Porto Rico 1890, 10c. rose, unused, o. g......25  
Porto Rico 1890, 20c. red orange, unused, o. g......50  
Porto Rico 1893, 80c. orange, unused, o. g......95  
Porto Rico 1898, 1 peso, green, unused, o. g.....1.10  
Porto Rico 1898, 2 pesos, blue, unused, o. g.....2.00  
Samoa 1901, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 80pt., set of eight, fine, o. g......70

PORTO RICO.

All previous quotations on Porto Rico stamps are hereby cancelled. The following is a net list of what we have in stock at the present moment:

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

**1876 Issue. Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.**

25c. blue gray and black.....	25
50c. ultramarine and black.....	50
1 peseta, black.....	95
1 peseta, black (‡).....	62

**1881 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.**



ALPHONSO

½m. lake.....	03
1m. violet.....	04
2m. pale rose.....	04
4m. bright green.....	07
6m. brown lilac.....	13
8m. ultramarine.....	18

**1882 Issue. Same type without date.**

2m. violet.....	02
4m. brown lilac.....	03
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. gray green.....	04

**1884 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. lake.....	01
1m. bright rose.....	02

**1890 Issue. Type of Baby head of King of Spain.**



BABY KING

½m. black.....	07
2m. lilac rose.....	03
2m. lilac rose (‡).....	04
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	02
3c. slate blue (‡).....	08
10c. rose.....	25
20c. red orange.....	50

**1891-93 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. olive gray.....	01
1m. dark violet.....	02
2m. violet brown.....	02
4m. ultramarine.....	02
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	02
1c. blue green.....	06
2c. red brown (‡).....	04
3c. orange (‡).....	02
5c. blue green.....	07
5c. blue green (‡).....	02
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	07
10c. lilac rose.....	09
20c. lilac.....	12
40c. dark blue.....	37
80c. orange.....	95

**1893 Commemorative Issue. A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.**



3c. dark green.....	68
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**1894 Issue. Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.**

½m. red brown.....	01
1m. blue.....	02
2m. salmon.....	01
4m. yellow brown.....	02

3c. olive (‡).....	04
4c. slate blue.....	06
20c. carmine rose.....	05
40c. claret.....	22

**1896 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. dull violet.....	01
1m. violet brown.....	02
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	05
2c. orange brown.....	02
4c. dark brown.....	04
5c. blue.....	03
6c. violet.....	03
8c. carmine rose.....	06
20c. olive gray.....	08
40c. salmon.....	37

**1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.**

3c. claret brown.....	03
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**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**



BOY KING

1m. orange brown.....	01
2m. " ".....	02
3m. " ".....	02
4m. " ".....	30
4m. " " (‡).....	25
5m. " ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	03
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	50
5c. bright rose.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03
8c. gray brown.....	07
10c. vermilion.....	10
15c. slate green.....	12
20c. maroon.....	20
40c. violet.....	25
60c. black.....	30
80c. red brown.....	37
1 peso, yellow green.....	1 00
2 pesos, slate blue.....	2 00
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1 mil. to 2 pesos, all unused.....	4 50

**1898-99 Provisional Issue. Regular issues of 1891 to 1897, surcharged in three lines, "Habilitado—para—1898 y 99," in rose or purple. The following are all guaranteed.**

1m. violet brown.....	03
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	02
1c. claret.....	03
2c. orange brown.....	04
3c. claret brown.....	08
4c. dark brown.....	08
5c. blue.....	08
5c. yellow green.....	12
6c. violet.....	06
8c. carmine rose, purple surcharge.....	15
20c. olive gray.....	15
80c. black.....	1 25

**Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but made available for postage.**

2c. on 2m. salmon.....	03
2c. dark violet.....	08
2c. red brown.....	07
5c. blue green.....	05
5c. on 1m. dark violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue.....	03

**Provisional for Coamo. A type set stamp issued by U. S. military authority available for postage to all countries. Unperforated.**

5c. black, types I, II, III, IV, each.....	\$ 25 00
Complete sheet of ten types.....	200 00





**United States Stamps, surcharged Porto Rico**  
*in black.*

1c. yellow green.....	03
1c. yellow green (‡).....	02
2c. carmine.....	04
2c. carmine (‡).....	02
5c. blue.....	09
8c. puce.....	13
10c. brown.....	16

**1900 Issue. U. S. stamps surcharged "Puerto Rico" in black.**

1c. yellow green.....	02
2c. carmine.....	03

**POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.****1899 Issue. U. S. postage due stamps surcharged "Porto Rico."**

1c. deep claret.....	20
2c. deep claret.....	20
10c. deep claret.....	40
10c. deep claret (‡).....	20

**PORTO RICO PACKET.**

A fine packet of 50 varieties including many issues; price, \$1.00. Ask for Packet No. 117.

**PORTO RICO APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We have an approval book containing most of the above stamps, priced at the above net prices, which will be sent on approval upon request to correspondents, from which they may make selections. Ask for Book No. 14.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.****(Revolutionary Government.)**

Our last number gave an account of the postage, telegraph and revenue stamps known to have been issued by the followers of Aguinaldo, with illustrations of same.

The article has brought us more interesting facts and some new information.

The stamps were undoubtedly issued for legitimate purposes and must be recognized *philatelically*, even though we do not recognize the Revolutionary Government by which they were issued.

Captain J. M. T. Partello, of the U. S. Army, who is now in the Philippine Islands, has seen used copies that have done postal service. Capt. Partello is a philatelist and newspaper writer of considerable reputation and is in a position to make a proper estimate of the character of these stamps.

The following gentlemen have also added something to our fund of information about these stamps:

Mr. D. H. White, of Los Angeles, Cal., received some of the Aguinaldo stamps from his brother, who is in the army in the Philippines. The stamps were taken from a Lieutenant of Aguinaldo who was captured by Mr. White's brother, who is a Sergeant in the Third Artillery.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Daley, who was Chaplain in the First South Dakota Infantry U. S. Volunteers, writes us that "there is no question about the genuineness of the Aguinaldo stamps." Rev. Mr. Daley is a

philatelist and was in the Philippines with the U. S. Army and secured both used and unused copies. The stamps were and are regularly used by the Insurgents, and were issued for the purpose of practical utility, and not for any speculation or sale to collectors.

Occasionally a returning soldier brings some of these stamps and they are offered very cheap, but the *complete* series for \$1.50 is the lowest offer we have found. We will sell the following five varieties at that price.

They have a certain historical as well as philatelic interest and value.

1 milésima, black, Newspaper Stamp, perforated.  
1 milésima, black, Newspaper Stamp, unperforated.  
2 cents, red, Postage Stamp, perforated.  
2 cents, red, Postage and Telegraph, perforated.  
8 cents, green, Registered Letter, perforated.

**Counterfeits of Rare Stamps.**

There is a "stamp factory" in Italy that is sending out very good counterfeits of many rare stamps, notably the early Swiss Cantonals. These stamps are carefully made and furnished for what they are, either cancelled or uncanceled at 25 to 50c. each. They are bought of the maker by unprincipled people who use them to defraud inexperienced dealers and collectors, usually in exchange for other good stamps.

This method of disposing of the *bad* stamps is followed because it is easier than selling them for cash, and the swindler then realizes cash by selling the good stamps very easily.

There are many dealers throughout the United States who really have very little real knowledge about stamps, and are easily defrauded. It is from them that these counterfeits are finding their way into collections.

Collectors should only buy rare stamps that have been passed upon by one who is competent to judge of genuineness.

We do not believe there is such a thing possible as a successful counterfeit, and the existence of bad stamps is no menace to our pastime. It should teach collectors, however, that it is safest to deal with firms of established reputations, where they always have recourse, rather than with strangers or irresponsible parties.

A case in point was a 4c. Vaud recently shown us by a collector who had bought it of one of the *big discount little dealers*. The stamp was a clever forgery and one that the dealer had secured by a brilliant exchange transaction with a European correspondent who relieved him of all his spare Columbians, Omahas and Periodicals for the stamp that he believed to be all right.

A traveling stamp "shark" recently visited London with some of these Swiss counterfeits. He exchanged hundreds of dollars' worth with some of the small dealers "who always undersell" but when Mr. W. H. Peckitt, the first-class dealer of the Strand, examined the stamps, he instantly recognized their character and pronounced them bad.

The "shover of the queer" came to grief and is now under arrest and will no doubt be punished for swindling.

CHARLES H. MEKEEL,  
President and Manager.

G. D. MEKEEL,  
Supt. of Sales and Exchanges.

# THE STAMP EXCHANGE

ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Stamp Exchange is an Organization with 1480 Members. It Furnishes an Equitable System whereby Collectors may Increase their Collections by the Exchange of their Duplicate Stamps.

THE VARIOUS ACTIVE DEPARTMENTS ARE EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS:

## REGULAR EXCHANGE.

### The System Explained.

**MEMBERSHIP.** Any person of good standing may become a member upon application to the Exchange and by the execution of an agreement to abide by the following rules and regulations. There are no dues.

**THE SYSTEM.** The Exchange supplies special blank books which are designed to hold 100 stamps, for which it charges the member 5 cents each in cash or 10 cents each in exchange.

The member mounts the stamps he wishes to dispose of in the books with gummed hinges and marks them at his own prices, *provided* they are not higher than the current Standard Catalogue.

The Standard Catalogue has been adopted by the Exchange and it is expected that most stamps will be marked at full price, although there is no rule to prevent a member reducing the price of his own stamps if he may choose to do so. The minimum value of a single book should be \$10.00, as it will not be possible for the Exchange to handle small lots profitably.

Immediately upon receipt of the book by the Exchange, it is examined by a competent authority, who passes without prejudice on the actual commercial value and determines a *preliminary credit* based thereon.

This preliminary credit is placed to the account of the member and becomes available at once, and he may select stamps to that amount from the books of other members which will be sent him for the purpose.

The preliminary credit varies from 10 per cent. to 89 per cent. of the marked value, according to the actual commercial value of the stamps.

Books are placed in circulation immediately upon receipt and the time they are out varies from one to ten weeks, according to circumstances, the *average* being less than six weeks.

When the books are retired the account is made up, the commission and insurance deducted, and the stamps not disposed of are returned to the owner, while the actual *net credit* of the proceeds are substituted in the account for the preliminary credit previously allowed.

As the "preliminary credit" is always made upon a conservative basis, the "net credit" is usually greater, so that the retirement of a book means an additional credit to the owner.

To provide security against loss of any character, an insurance fund of ample proportion has been established, and a premium of 1 per cent. of the gross value of all stamps sent to the Exchange is charged to sustain and increase this fund. The minimum charge of insurance of a book is 10 cents.

The profits and expenses of the Exchange are met by a uniform commission of 10 per cent. of the net value of the stamps actually disposed of.

The insurance and commissions are deducted from the amount of credit when the books are retired and are not collected in cash.

(See Rules and Regulations of the Regular System of Exchange for more specific information with regard to the details of above.)

### Department of Purchase.

The Stamp Exchange has cash capital to invest in scarce and rare stamps and collections. Offers are solicited.

We also undertake the sale of stamps or collections on commission, and will make cash advances and guarantee results.

Cheap stamps and ordinary collections are not wanted at any price.

### Department of Sales.

The Stamp Exchange offers collectors a magnificent assortment of desirable foreign and U. S. stamps, such as is equalled only in the stocks of the largest dealers of the world, at prices most favorable to cash buyers. Correspondence solicited and best attention to want lists of good buyers.

Our reserve stock is mounted in classified books, country by country.

### Department of Special Exchange.

Members of the Stamp Exchange may make special arrangements to exchange one class of stamps for another upon an equitable basis.

High priced stamps may be exchanged for low price, or *vice versa*.

U. S. for foreign or foreign for U. S.

Revenues for postage or postage for revenues.

In fact, stamps of any class may be exchanged for stamps of any other class upon terms and conditions that will be made known by correspondence when the statement of what is wanted is made.

In the regular system of exchange (which is described above), the stamps are exchanged for others of the same class, and any other arrangement must be a subject of special correspondence.

#### Counterfeit Detector and Examiner.

All stamps handled by the Stamp Exchange are examined by a competent authority, whose services may be secured at a nominal cost.

1st.—All stamps submitted for opinion must be accompanied by stamped and addressed envelope for return.

2d.—The fee must accompany the stamp—3c. for each specimen, up to ten; 2c. each for eleven or more specimens.

3d.—Special terms for examining entire collections.

This department will also undertake to classify, mount and price lots of stamps for circulation at reasonable terms.

#### Rules and Regulations of the Regular System of Exchange.

I.—MEMBERSHIP. Admission to membership by application on the form supplied for the purpose. A membership card is issued upon acceptance of the application, the card bears a reproduction of a plate of the St. Louis stamps. An interesting souvenir.

Suspension and expulsion are subject to Board of Directors, for violation of rules, dishonest practice of substitution or delinquency in payments.

II.—SECURITY. Members are guaranteed against loss of any kind, whether by substitution, theft or by disaster in transportation. (See VII.—Insurance.)

III.—BASIS OF EXCHANGE. The current standard Catalogue shall be the basis of exchange. No stamps shall be priced higher than catalogue, although members may price their stamps lower if they desire.

Prices must in all cases be affixed by the owner. Where errors are made the Exchange reserves the right to correct prices.

IV.—PREPARATION OF BOOKS. Stamps must be *hinged* in the special books provided by the Stamp Exchange, and mounted on but one side of the page; prices must be in ink below the specimens. Each book has 100 spaces for stamps of ordinary size; in case of large stamps they must be allowed plenty of room and not overlap.

Torn, damaged or defective copies of cheap stamps are worthless and must not be put in books. Reprints and counterfeits are excluded.

Scarce stamps mended or slightly defective may be put in in books where the defect is noted and a reduction half or more made in the price; unless reduction is sufficient, such specimens will be removed.

The Stamp Exchange will not circulate books of cheap rubbish.

There is no restriction as to the price of stamps, but the minimum value of a single book is fixed at \$10.00.

Books partly filled are accepted if the value is \$10.00 or more.

Stamp of different classes should be put in separate books, even if the member has not enough to fill each book.

Duplicates may be placed in books, but this is not recommended.

V.—CLASSES OF EXCHANGE. In the regular system of exchange a member will receive as nearly as possible a class of stamps similar to that which he furnishes. Where stamps of a superior class to those furnished are wanted, it must be a subject of correspondence and arrangement with the Department of Special Exchange.

There is no objection to U. S. stamps being mounted in books with foreign stamps, but where U. S. stamps only are desired in exchange, the member securing same must submit his U. S. stamps in books by themselves to obtain special U. S. credit.

The same rule applies to desirable stamps of any other class, such as "British Colonials," or "United States," etc.; these can only be demanded in exchange when the members' books are *entirely* of the special class desired.

The poorer and not the better class of stamps in a book will determine the class to which it belongs.

VI.—REMOVALS FROM BOOKS. Spaces from which stamps are removed by members from books whether for cash or exchange, must be indicated by initials or a distinctive mark. Upon return the account is audited and a rubber impression of the annexed type is applied to the space. Upon the receipt of selections it is the duty of each member to see that all blank



spaces are duly recorded; failure to make report of any error or omission will entail loss.

Some spaces may bear an impression of the annexed type, in cases where single specimens have been removed from books for special circulation.

VII.—INSURANCE. An insurance fund is maintained from which all losses are paid to members, whether by substitution, theft, or by disaster in transportation.

A premium of 1 per cent on the gross value of all stamps circulated is charged for the benefit of the Insurance fund. The minimum charge on any book is 10 cents.

This charge is made in final settlement with the member when his book is retired, and not collected in cash.

VIII.—CREDITS. Upon the receipt of each book of stamps the manager of the Exchange will determine the "preliminary credit" the owner shall be entitled to, and advise him of the amount. This credit will then be immediately available and the owner may select stamps from the books which will be sent him by the Exchange for that purpose.

The "preliminary credit" varies from 10 per cent. to 89 per cent. of the marked value of the stamps, according to their commercial value.

Stamp Removed from this space has been recorded in accounts of The Stamp Exchange, St. Louis, Mo

After the book has been thoroughly circulated, the account will be made up and the owner advised of the "net credit," which will take the place in the account of the "preliminary credit." The former usually exceeds the latter, as the valuations are made conservatively.

All stamps undisposed of will be returned to the owner.

*Every owner actually receives 90 per cent. of the value of his stamps that are disposed of in other stamps from the Exchange, after the insurance fee of 1 per cent. gross is deducted.*

**IX.—CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.** Books placed in circulation will be retired as promptly as possible.

All members must pay postage on books sent to the Exchange, and the Exchange pays postage on all books it forwards.

Selections sent by the Exchange, registered, must be registered when returned.

**X.—EXPENSE AND COMMISSION.** The Stamp Exchange circulates at its own risk all books. Ten per cent. of the value of the stamps disposed of will

be retained as a commission to pay expenses and the profit of operation.

Members must pay return postage on books submitted to them for approval and register same when received that way.

**XI.—CASH SETTLEMENT.** Whenever a member selects stamps from the books sent him by the Exchange, in excess of the amount that he has been advised as a credit, cash settlement must be made at once, subject to such discounts or terms as may be made when the selection is submitted.

**XII.—PURCHASING MEMBERS.** Members who have no stamps to offer may participate, receiving selections from which purchases for cash may be made, for which prompt cash settlement must be made, subject to discounts that will be fixed by the Manager according to the class of stamps purchased.

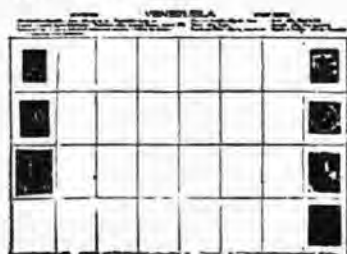
**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** All contracts and obligations of the Stamp Exchange management, are guaranteed personally by the officers and by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. an incorporated company with \$150,000 capital.

## The Stamp Exchange, ST. LOUIS, MO.

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We have a few of the 1897 edition of this popular album; a fine album for those who do not care for recent new issues.

It is a large handsomely bound book, full cloth, gilt lettering.

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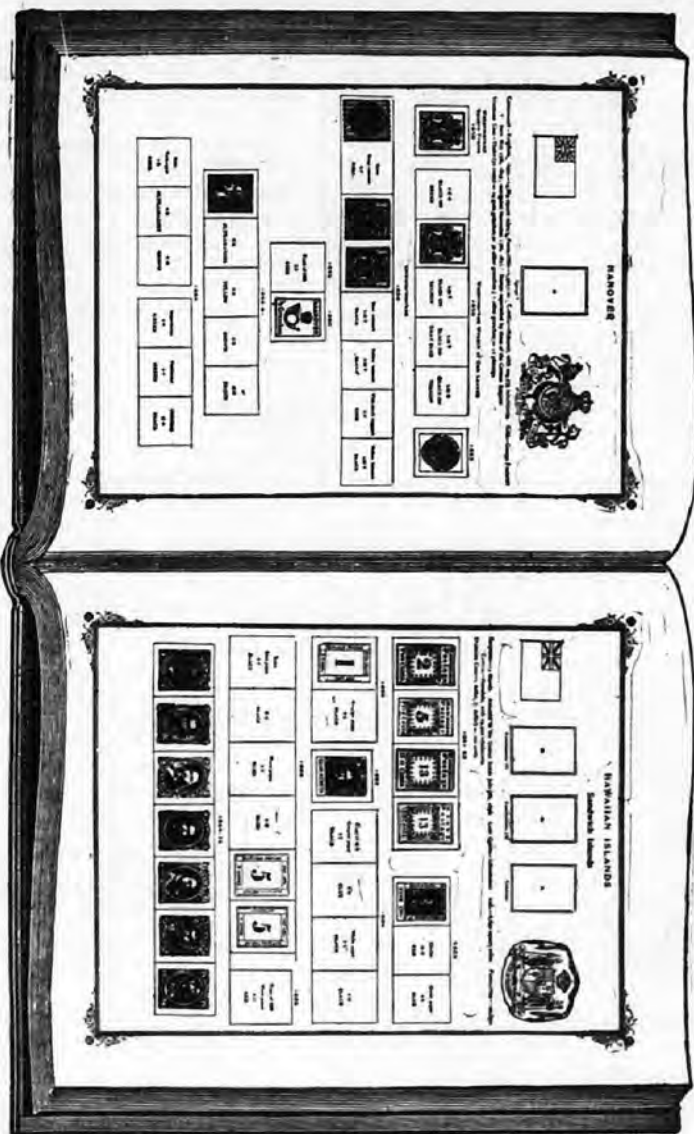
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# MEKEEL'S DRUMMER

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Whole No. 11.

Vol. II. No. 5.

PRICE LIST EDITION, FALL, 1901.

This number is made up largely from plates from previous editions, and is intended only as a price list edition. Soon after New Years we shall issue a new price list, thoroughly up-to-date, and until that is circulated we would request our customers to send their orders from this paper.

PHILATELY is the name applied to the study of stamps as NUMISMATICS is applied to coins.

Its use has never become general, but for the information of those to whom it is a new word we give the definition of it and its companions just as they are given in the Century Dictionary (\*).

PHILATELIC (fil-a-tel-ik) *a.* [philatel-y+ic]. Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat-e-list) *n.* [Philatel-y+ist]. A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELY (fi-lat-e-li) *n.* [*F. philatelie*] intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, *i. e.* of stamps, absurdly formed (by M. Herpin, a stamp collector, in "*Le Collectionneur*" in 1865) Greek *philos*, loving (prop. *philein* love), +*ateles* free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) *a-priv.+telos* tax, duty.

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of making such collections.

## WHY COLLECT STAMPS?

♦ ♦ ♦ And why not! In the busy, contentious bustle of competition of the day, the brain, strained to its utmost tension, demands the relaxation of some absorbing, pleasure-yielding hobby. Those who have tried it attest the fact that few things more completely wean the attention, for the time being, from the vexations and the worries of the day, than the collection and arrangement of postage stamps. It has an ever-recurring freshness all its own, a scope for research that is never likely to be exhausted, a literature varied and abundant, and a close and interesting relation to the history and progress of nations and people, that insensibly widens the trend of human sympathies and human knowledge.—*Edward J. Nankivell*, of London, Eng.

\*Above definitions were written by Mr. C. H. Mekeel for the Century Dictionary about ten years ago upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, the editor-in-chief of that work.

## OUR PRICES.

We use the prices of the 60th Edition Standard Catalogue as a basis for discount on most stamps.

On approval selections of stamps suitable for a general collection, from 10% to 50% discount is allowed according to the actual value. Most of the ordinary used stamps are sold at 50% discount, and even lower in cases where condition is in question.

10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, and 33½% prevail on unused and the scarcer varieties of used stamps in fine condition.

Discounts are fixed in accordance with the *actual value* of the stamps. In some cases superb copies of rare stamps are worth even more than catalogue quotations.

This explanation is necessary in order that it should be understood that "catalogue price" bears different relation to the value of some stamps than to others.

We grade our consignments for approval to customers as near as possible in classes, so that the same rate of discount will prevail on each lot.

Collectors who are filling up a general collection usually commence with the 50% discount class, working up through the 33½%, 25%, to the 10% discount class, in filling their albums.

Collectors who buy from general lots get better average discounts than where they demand special stamps to order. The time and expense of keeping up a stock and picking out stamps on order, confines the discounts on this class of business to from 10% to 25%.

"Want lists" at a greater discount than 25% will in no case be considered.

## AN EASY START.

An interesting calculation of the number of stamps in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, priced 9 pence (18c) each or below was recently made. They number 6,128 stamps and price £109:18:1 (about \$550.00).

The making of *monster packets* the basis of a collection to start with, has been very popular of late, and we have made up a number of special lots of this kind ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 varieties.

We recommend this method, and offer a 5,000 variety collection mounted *free* in the owner's album



for \$250.00. Selected stamps carefully hinged by an expert. A collection of 6,000 varieties for \$375.00, 7,000 for \$550.00.

Our cheaper packets unmounted are as follows:

4,000 .....	\$100.00
3,000 .....	50.00
2,000 .....	15.00
1,500 .....	9.85
1,000 .....	3.75

The above are all genuine postage stamps carefully selected.

We remount old collections into new albums eliminating bad copies, counterfeits, etc., and adding varieties out of our stock. This work is done by trained experts and turned out with dispatch at reasonable prices. Where purchases of stamps to fill spaces are extensive we make no charge for the re-mounting and put in the stamps at lowest prices.

Collectors who are graduating from the regular printed album into blank or movable sheets, may have special countries laid out and mounted for them in accordance with latest approved methods. Where good purchases are made of us for filling in, the expense of the work will be merely nominal. We shall be glad to advise our correspondents upon these matters according to their individual requirements upon application.

#### A LETTER.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.  
FULTON (KY.) STATION.

September 10, 1901.

C. H. MEKEEL S. & P. Co.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your 2,000 variety packet. I find it even better than your claim. You make no mistake when you say it a bargain.

Yours truly,

G. H. EMRICK.

All our packets give satisfaction. See pages 31 to 34 of this paper.



#### IMPORTED GERMAN HINGES.

Many of our correspondents have become accustomed to use the non-peelable German hinge that we imported a few years ago. They have been out of stock recently and to meet the demand we have imported a new supply.

It is the best hinge for approval and exchange books.

They come in boxes of 5,000 which are sent post free for 75c per box.

#### ORDINARY HINGES.

We supply the ordinary hinges, either the "Perfect" or the "Omega" at 10c per 1,000.

#### WE BUY STAMPS.

We buy stamp collections, but they must in all cases be submitted to us for inspection, prepaid by express or registered mail.

Scarce and rare single stamps offered for sale, must invariably be submitted for our inspection, and a stamped return envelope enclosed for our reply.

We are often asked, "WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CATALOGUE PRICES DO YOU PAY FOR STAMPS?"

In reply let us state that the market value of some stamps are 75 per cent less than catalogue, on others 50, 40, 30, 25 and 10 per cent is the discount. As we buy to sell at a profit, our buying prices range from 10 to 75 per cent of catalogue price.

Only after years of experience may one become familiar with the market value of all stamps. We can only deal intelligently when the stamps offered for sale are submitted. There is no such a thing as a printed list of buying prices of all stamps.

Collections, lots and rarities valued and passed upon by an expert for a reasonable consideration. Parties having old and scarce stamps in quantity that they wish to dispose of should submit a sample of each kind, stating the quantity of each that they have, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for our reply. We must insist on this as we are deluged with letters of inquiry about stamps that are of no value. When a stamped envelope is enclosed all inquiries will be answered and reasonable information given as desired.

We are the most liberal buyers in the world of extreme rarities, particularly of U. S. and Confederate Locals, Postmasters' Provisionals and Carrier stamps. Uncatalogued varieties desired. We hold the record of having paid the highest price ever paid by a stamp dealer in the U. S. for a single postage stamp, particulars sent if desired.

Parties who have access to old letter files and correspondence of the years 1843 to 1865 will no doubt find stamps of value. We will send an illustrated list giving information as to what it is best to look for. Many of the rare stamps are shown by illustration. Price 10c post paid.

#### WE USE THEM.

We use only the Pan-American stamps on our mail matter, when they are available, giving preference to values other than 2c. Collectors will thus have an additional advantage in ordering stamps, albums, hinges, etc., of us, and we will appreciate it if they reciprocate when returning approval selections.

#### A DEALERS' SECRET PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

We are informed that a dealers' secret protective association has been formed by the leading approval dealers to exchange information about parties who seek to impose upon them and for mutual protection against frauds. It is an organization that will likely prove a great benefit to the dealers who participate. We do not find these things necessary in our own case as we endeavor to know whom we are dealing with before opening an account, and once obtained, all information is carefully preserved in our card index system that carries over one hundred and twenty thousand names.



### ADVANCE IN QUEEN'S HEADS.

There are many stamps of British Colonials that are *snaps*, at current catalogue prices. The fact is well known that Queen Victoria's portrait will be succeeded on the new issues by that of Edward VII. Knowing this, many collectors have been filling out all "Queen's Head" issues, with the result that many varieties of these stamps have been exhausted in dealers' stocks.

Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., the largest London dealers, state that the death of the Queen has "caused an abnormal demand for Queen's Heads." They also say that in many cases they "have had to replace stock that has been sold out at present catalogue prices and over."

They are selling now at the new prices, that will be given in the new catalogue, that will be issued this autumn.

We have not advanced the prices on any of these stamps, and many bargains will be obtained by collectors who make their purchases of us upon our present terms.

If the leading British dealer has had to buy at catalogue price and over, in order to renew his stock of depleted lines, collectors may depend upon it that the advance will be considerable in many instances.

Our stock of British Colonials (Queen's Heads) priced at current catalogue is available for buying collectors at 25% discount for used copies, and 10% discount on unused copies—selected specimens.

We should be very glad to hear promptly from any of our customers who want to fill out these issues.

### U. S. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Issue of 1895.

Complete set from 1c. to \$100.00 inclusive, unused and fine, original gum, never been hinged or mounted, post free, \$5.00.

The set consists of 12 values all on watermarked paper.

1, 2, 5 and 10c. black.....	} Complete, \$5.00.
25 and 50c. carmine.....	
2.00 scarlet.....	
5.00 ultramarine.....	
10.00 green.....	
20.00 slate.....	
50.00 carmine.....	
100.00 purple.....	

The foregoing series should grace every collection as their sale at this low price was only made possible by the P. O. Department for the benefit of stamp collectors. Their original face value having been \$187.93.

We only have a few sets and we are offering them at the same price (\$5.00 per set) as they were supplied by the Government.

All remainders have now been called in and destroyed, so that no more are to be had of the P. O. Department.

### 546 VARIETIES FOR \$1.50

This is a sample of many letters we have received: "Your book of 546 different foreign stamps you sent me recently was received in fine condition, and I must acknowledge it was the cheapest bargain I ever received. I had a fair collection, and out of the 546 stamps I received I picked out 225 stamps I did not have in my collection. I then sold the balance for what I paid for the whole book. Hoping others will take advantage of your liberal offer, I remain, very truly,  
ALBERT MANN,  
521 Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill."

The stamps referred to in above letter consist of 546 varieties of genuine postage stamps mounted in a neat blank book and sent post free for \$1.50.

The stamps are in *perfect condition*, and arranged alphabetically, showing specimens from all parts of the world.

The lot priced by 60th edition catalogue is about \$7.00. This could be sold by agents and dealers at a fine profit and 50% allowed.

### One Pound Mixed Stamps \$1, Post Free.

A pound (6,000 more or less) packed in a box and prepaid by mail anywhere in the U. S. or Canada. Order one to-day.

Rev. W. E. Johnson, of Elgin, N. B., Canada, under date of Feb. 1st, writes:

"The One Pound Mixture at \$1.00 came to hand. I added 35 varieties to my own collection, about 50 varieties to my son, Scott's, collection, and about 50 more varieties to a collection of my son Edward. In addition I found the following:

France.....	1300	Hungary.....	45
Germany.....	1300	So. Af. Rep.....	1
Belgium.....	950	Chile.....	15
Great Britain.....	350	Mexico.....	17
Bavaria.....	120	Russia.....	18
Wurtemberg.....	120	Cuba.....	6
Austria.....	150		
Italy.....	160		4946
Spain.....	8	For our collections.....	125
Netherlands.....	165		
Swiss.....	170		5071
United States.....	40		

The boys sorted them over under my directions. I am pleased with the pound and they came in fine condition with no delay at the Canada Custom House, free of duty."

To all who are not pleased we willingly refund their dollar and take the stamps back, or give them something else, but to anyone who is looking for Continentals and cheap stamps, the "Pound" cannot but be a satisfactory investment.

We have plenty and can make our shipments by return mail. Send \$1.00 and get a pound of the greatest mixture of Foreign stamps that has ever been sold anywhere in the world at this price.

### OUR 50 PER CENT APPROVAL.

If any reader of the DRUMMER has not had our approval books of 50% discount stamps brought to his attention, he is requested to drop us a line at once telling how many stamps he has in his collection, and we will send a book illustrating our system. These books are intended for *general* collectors, whose collections number 3,000 varieties or less.

We also have remains of old collections with some higher priced stamps that we submit to liberal buyers at 50%.

Under no consideration do we fill want lists at this discount.

## U. S. LOCALS.

Any of our correspondents who come across any rare U. S. Locals may find a ready sale for same with us.

The U. S. Express Companies who carried letters from 1843 to '45 issued many varieties of locals, many more than are represented by the usual catalogue lists, and we are particularly desirous of purchasing uncatalogued varieties.

U. S. Carrier Stamps, which were in use in various cities, and issued by the Local Express Companies, are also in demand, and the local stamps issued by a number of the Confederate Postmasters during the Civil War are also desired. Parties having rarities of this kind for sale would consult their own interests by giving us an opportunity to figure with them.

Collectors possessing any uncatalogued varieties of any of the above which they do not care to sell would confer a favor by giving us information and particulars in regard to same.

We recently came in possession of the following uncatalogued varieties of the Third Avenue Post of the type of illustration annexed. The stamps were



die cut—oval shape—all the 2c. denomination, struck in black on different colored papers, as follows:

- 2c. black on golden buff.
- 2c. black on salmon.
- 2c. black on drab.

## CLEANING OXIDIZED STAMPS.

Rev. R. B. Earee in the *Bazaar* (London) gives the following information about the use of Peroxide of Hydrogen in restoring discolored stamps:

"The process is simple enough. The hydrogen peroxide can be had in either a watery or an ethereal solution. I am inclined to prefer the latter, as it dries quicker, and lasts longer—i. e., the oxygen does not seem to escape from the solution so rapidly, for I find the watery solution soon loses its oxygen.

My *modus operandi* is as follows: I lay the stamp on a piece of paper, and paint the peroxide all over it with a soft paint-brush, stroking the stamp repeatedly with the brush. After a few seconds of this, I dry off the peroxide with clean blotting paper and paint again with some more. This is done again and again, till all the black has changed into the original orange, vermilion, blue, or lilac, as the case may be.

Another way, which, however, is more wasteful, is to put the stamp into a watch-glass, or similar receptacle, and pour a teaspoonful of the peroxide on it, leaving it until the colour has quite come back. In very obstinate cases I have found that the peroxide seems to act more rapidly and more

surely if, between the paintings, the stamp is held to the fire to dry.

Readers must understand that the peroxide will not remove post marks, and will not injure the most delicate colours; it simply restores colours that have turned black."

## YOU MAKE IT.

The following lines in the *American Philatelic Magazine* are very true:

Philately has been called a science and it has been called a hobby. The truth is, it is to each individual collector just what he makes it. The opportunities for research, study and increased knowledge may command the attention of one collector, while another may be actuated merely by a desire to possess the curious, the beautiful, or the scarce.



## ANTIOQUIA.

The rare first issue are priced as follows:

1868, 2½c. blue .....	\$ 70.00
1868, 5c. green .....	75.00
1868, 10c. lilac .....	125.00
1868, 1p. red .....	25.00
1869, 10c. blue (error) .....	75.00

A collector who never expected to get the above rare and expensive stamps recently asked us to secure for him a set of the *reprints*, as space fillers.

Collectors of reprints have found the set a difficult one to obtain complete. We can supply the 2½, 5 and 10c. of 1868 at \$1.00 each, the 1 peso 50c; the 10c. blue of 1869 \$2.50, or the set of five for \$4.75 *net*.

The reprints are from the original plates and were struck off many years ago, they are really scarce and desirable.

## THEY SAY.

"I was well pleased with packets 127 and 131. What pleased me especially was the good condition of the stamps."

JOHN F. GEIGER.

"Your 546 variety packet was the best bargain I ever got in stamps."

HARRY C. PIPER.





COL. CHAS. A. COOLIDGE,

**An American Stamp Collector Who Has Distinguished Himself in China.**

The portrait that we give above is from a good photograph of the gallant Colonel Charles A. Coolidge, who will be remembered as an ardent stamp collector while he was stationed as Captain of the Seventh Infantry at Fort Logan, Colo., and other Western military stations.

Colonel Coolidge is now in command of the Ninth U. S. Infantry in China. It was the members of his regiment that were distinguished for their valor at Tien Tsin, where the late Col. Emerson H. Liscum was killed July 13th. Col. Coolidge immediately succeeded to the command, and is an officer highly esteemed by his men and in military circles.

Col. Coolidge had been a regular correspondent of this company nearly twenty years, having taken a great interest in philatelic literature as well as being a lover of stamps.

A Chicago Sunday newspaper recently published an account written by Col. Coolidge of their entry into the "Forbidden City" in Pekin. The Colonel and his American boys were the first of the allied troops to enter that ancient Chinese "holy of holies."

**BY MAIL ONLY.**

The business of this company is now conducted solely by mail. The largely increased mail business made it impossible for us to handle any office trade.

Our offices for public reception have been closed, and the business removed to a new brick office building erected for our exclusive use.

Hundreds of new collectors are started by these special issues and we expect that the new issue of the U. S. for the Pan-American Exposition will prove no exception to the rule.

We note by the daily press that the issue of certain special stamps in Peru the other day was the subject of cable dispatches to newspapers of the whole world.

**ENTIRE U. S. ENVELOPES.**

Collectors of entire U. S. envelopes who are not very far advanced may get a good lot to select from on approval from us at half of Bartels' catalogue prices.

We want applications from collectors who need entire unused U. S. envelopes.

The day of the *cut square* is passing, and the only way to collect envelopes, is *entire*.

**WHAT IS "FINE?"**

Probably much less than 33½ per cent of all the stamps in existence are what may be termed *fine* in regard to condition.

What is *fine*?

An unused stamp should have the original gum, a clean and perfectly unimpaired surface polish.

A perforated or rouletted stamp should be evenly centered with perfect and regular punctures on the four sides.

A used stamp to be considered *fine*, must be lightly cancelled and have the cancellation so distributed as not to mar the effect of the general design.

Any stamp to be considered *fine* must have the whole surface of the paper on which it is printed, sound and perfect front and back.

The color must be in the original tone, faded or de-oxidized stamps no matter how nearly perfect can never be considered "fine."

**A POSTAL CURIOSITY.**

The following is a reduced facsimile of an envelope recently received from Beyrouth, Syria, Turkey in Asia, prepaid by British Levant stamp 40 paras. The deficiency in address, "St. Louis, Mo.," was added in red ink by New York post-office.

*General office of the World*

Messrs  
*C. H. Mekeel, Stamps & Publishing Company*

DEFICIENCY  
 ADDRESS  
 ST. LOUIS, MO.

*The largest stamps & publishing  
 Concern in the World  
 St. Louis Mo  
 America*



A correspondent recently informed us that he had bought stamps from us for over twenty years, and wrote for a selection for his son who was not born when his father opened his first approval account with the Mekeel concern. This was particularly interesting because he had preserved a letter and price list issued by C. H. Mekeel in 1880 (the first was issued in 1877). During the twenty-three and a half years continued business of C. H. Mekeel, business relations of more or less importance were sustained with over one hundred and twenty thousand collectors in America. These names are preserved in an up-to-date card index, which is a store house of philatelic and personal information.

The cash business of the Mekeel concern has long since passed the million dollar mark, and every book and account has been preserved since the establishment of the business.

Many thousands, yes millions of copies of stamp literature have been issued by this concern.

In 1881 C. H. Mekeel commenced with the *Stamp Collector's Bureau*; in 1885 the *Philatelic Journal of America* was started and published monthly through fourteen volumes. A few years later *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was established, and this paper now published by I. A. Mekeel has supplanted most of the stamp monthlies.

One year, *The Daily Stamp Item* testified to the stamp activity of the period.

Just now MEKEEL'S DRUMMER answers the purpose of keeping ourselves in touch with the thousands of correspondents who favor us with their occasional orders.

Don't buy what you cannot afford. If you cannot afford the luxury of a high-priced collection of stamps, there is still pleasure to be obtained from those that are within your reach.

If you can afford to own rare and scarce stamps, and have a collector's love and interest in them, you are foolish not to indulge it, for there is no other pursuit or hobby that offers such a rational field for both enjoyment and pleasure.

Probably the most famous work on the stamps of the United States was written by the late John K. Tiffany and published in French by the great philatelic authority, J. B. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium. In 1887 Mr. Tiffany re-wrote the book, which was published by C. H. Mekeel. In 1894, a few years before the death of the author, concluding notes were written bringing the work up to 1894, including the Columbian issue.

This book has become a classic, and should be in every collector's library.

"*The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States*," full cloth binding, 320 pages, post free, \$1.50.

Every time we mail sample copies or new printed matter about stamps to any of our old names, we receive many letters from collectors who renew their interest and return for recreation to their old hobby. The DRUMMERS we mail this Fall will no doubt revive many old memories, and we hope to hear from some of our friends.

Buy of stamp dealers of standing and reputation and take advice. There is a mushroom class of petty dealers who are coming and going, who advertise themselves out of proportion to their importance, and whose principal fault is their own ignorance. Many of these intend to be honest enough but they handle rubbish and bad stamps often through ignorance. Who is the sufferer? The collector looking for bargains, buying from a dealer who has no standing or reputation to sustain. A wise collector will place his trade with the first-class well established concerns who make the trade in stamps a regular business.

Ours is a mail order and approval business and you are as near us, for practical purposes, in the most remote part of the United States as you would be in St. Louis. Our location is about the center of population of the United States, and excellent mail facilities afford us the means of doing a very large business.

We are liberal buyers for cash. We sell to all classes, the beginner, the bargain hunter, and the most advanced collector. We exchange through the best system of exchange ever established. We are stamp dealers in every sense of the word and cover every department, and in the stamp line are unlimited.

"Satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded," has been the motto of the Mekeel business since its establishment in 1877, and we have always borne it out. Another equally as prominent guarantee, "All stamps sold by us are warranted and guaranteed to be genuine."

Ordering from a net price list is the most satisfactory way to add to a collection. All of the stamps offered in these pages are in stock and prices are made as low as it is possible for genuine stamps to be sold.

Small orders attended to as cheerfully as large ones, but where the amount is less than \$1.00, a stamped and addressed envelope must be enclosed for the reply.

## 800 DIFFERENT POSTAGE STAMPS.

A good packet to start with is the lot of 800 genuine postage stamps that we sell for \$3.00. About 100 different stamp-issuing countries or colonies represented. We put in 810 stamps to insure full count. The catalogue value is over \$20.00. Every stamp is guaranteed to be genuine.

Buy this packet, pick out what you can use and give the balance away—start a new collector. It will give pleasure to a friend, and every new collector enhances the value of your own collection.

WINNIPEG, MAN.

Gentlemen:—Your packet of 800 varieties for \$3.00 was very good indeed and the best value I have yet received from a dealer in my 11 years experience.

R. F. ROBINSON.

GREAT FORKS, N. D.

Gentlemen:—Your packet of 800 varieties was quite satisfactory. \* \* \* What pleased me was the exceptionally nice condition of the stamps.

Very sincerely yours,

A. T. GESNER.

Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Our stock of foreign stamps is far too large for us to give any idea of it in such a limited space as we now have available, so we have selected certain popular countries from which we solicit orders.

All prices quoted are *strictly net cash*.

All stamps sold by us are guaranteed to be genuine.

### ABYSSINIA.

(AFRICA.)

A country in the north-eastern part of Africa, south of the Egyptian Soudan. The superior portion of the population is more akin to the Caucasian and the Semitic than to the usual Ethiopian negro.

The emperor (Negus Negusti or King of Kings), is Menelek of Shoa who claims descent from Menelek, the son of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba.

The country is about one hundred thousand square miles in area and has about four million population. Although isolated from the Christian world, that has been the religion of its people since the fourth century.



MENELEK



ARMS

**1894 Issue.** Consists of seven values,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16g.; this was followed by a surcharged set for Unpaid Letters of the same values issued in 1896, the whole set of 14 stamps \$0 75

### TRANSVAAL.

No country has been more in evidence than the "Transvaal" in South Africa for the last few years.

We offer the following as two very desirable stamps, at one-half of catalogue, viz :

**1887-92**—£5 dark green, lightly cancelled..... \$3 50  
**1895**—10 shillings, red brown, lightly cancelled..... 75

The stamps of the South African Republic captured by the British were surcharged **V. R. I.** and later **E. R. I.**, signifying the British possession of the country. The following unused copies are offered :

$\frac{1}{2}$ penny, green, V. R. I.....	\$0 05
1 penny, rose and green, V. R. I.....	10
2 pence, brown and green, V. R. I.....	15
$\frac{1}{2}$ penny, green, E. R. I.....	25
1 penny, rose and green, E. R. I.....	04
$\frac{1}{2}$ penny on 2 pence, brown and green, E. R. I.....	15

The  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny green E. R. I. is destined to be a scarce stamp. It was only in issue *two* days when stock became exhausted, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. on 2p. is quite likely to be scarce also as the stock is small.

The last issue of the South African Republic that occurred at Pietersburg early in 1901 is undoubtedly destined to be the rarest of all Transvaal issues.

We have a few postally used copies, also the following, on which we quote *net* prices for fine unused copies :

1 penny, black and rose.....	\$1 75
2 pence, black and orange.....	4 00

A set of the six values,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 4, 6 pence, and 1 shilling, all fine unused copies..... 40 00

### GUAM.

All previous quotations on Guam stamps are hereby cancelled.

### NEW ZEALAND.



	Net Price
	Each.
1900— $\frac{1}{2}$ p. yellow brown, unused.....	\$0 08
1901—1 p. rose, perf., 16, unused.....	08
" — 1 p. " " 16, used.....	05
" — 1 p. " " 11, unused.....	04
" — 1 p. " " 11, used.....	02

**NOTE.** The London print have the small perforation, 16, the New Zealand local print are perforated 11. The unused copies of all above may be supplied in pairs or blocks. The *used* copies offered above and below are carefully selected copies.

**1899-1900.** Local print. Perforated 11. Fine used copies.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. light green.....	\$0 01
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. dark olive green.....	01
1p. carmine.....	01
2p. red violet (several shades).....	01
$2\frac{1}{2}$ p. blue.....	08
3p. orange brown.....	08
5p. red brown.....	18
6p. rose.....	10
9p. red violet.....	30
1sh. red.....	20
2sh. blue green.....	40

**1898.** London print, Perforated  $12\frac{1}{2}$  to 16. Fine used copies.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. lilac gray.....	\$0 01
1p. brown and blue.....	01
2p. rose brown.....	01
3p. yellow brown.....	09
6p. green.....	10
1sh. red.....	30

**1891.** Queen with Crown.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. black.....	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
5p. olive gray.....	04

**1882.** Old Types, various perfs. Fine used copies.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p. rose.....	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
1p. rose.....	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
2p. violet.....	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
3p. yellow.....	03
3p. orange.....	03
4p. blue green.....	02
6p. brown.....	02
1sh. red brown.....	03

Above with various advertisements on back will be furnished at same price to those who desire them.

**17 Different** Including the  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. War Stamp and 16 entirely different stamps, no New Zealand perforation varieties, for 25c. post free.

## FINLAND.

The stamps of Finland are as good an investment as we know of; they are cheap and uncommon, which is a combination quite unusual.

We have bought a little stock from a Finnish collector who accumulated them carefully for years and then only succeeded in getting comparatively few together.

The used stamps are all *fine* lightly cancelled copies, and the unused ones are *o. g.* mint state.

The stamps of Finland will show a marked advance in the next catalogues; the series of 1891-92 were used very sparingly by the people, who hate the Russian type.

The regular Russian stamps are now current again in Finland with the value in Finnish currency.

The cheap stamps of series 1889 to 1896 are all very desirable at the present low prices, stamps that can be bought now at a few cents each will cost many times as much in a few years. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue is much better than Scott's in listing this country, and we have given the numbers of both catalogues in the following description, as some varieties are omitted in the American catalogue.

None of the following prices are above those of the American catalogue, and in some cases they are  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the English prices. The English prices are by no means exorbitant, and we only mention this to show that the following is an opportunity not to be lost.

We bought on the basis of American catalogue quotations, and give our customers benefit of the bargain, even cutting these prices whenever it was possible.

This stock will not last long, so we recommend ordering promptly to avoid disappointment.

Stanley Gibbons' Nos.	Scott's 60th Ed. Nos.	Net Prices Each	
		Unused	Used
<b>1875. Perforation 11.</b>			
73	21a	20p. Prussian blue.....	40
74	.....	20p. deep ultramarine.....	05
75	21	20p. light ultramarine.....	02
76	22	25p. carmine or lake.....	05
<b>1882. Same, perforation 12½.</b>			
84	27	10p. brown.....	1 00
86	28	20p. ultramarine.....	01
87	28a	20p. gray blue.....	02
89	29	25p. rose.....	03
90	30	1 mark, violet.....	4 00
<i>Compound perforation 11x12½.</i>			
94	.....	20p. ultramarine.....	2 50
<b>1885. Same, different colors.</b>			
97	31	5p. emerald green.....	01
98	31a	5p. yellow green.....	01

		Unused	Used
99	32a	10p. rose.....	01
100	32	10p. carmine.....	02
101	33	20p. yellow.....	01
102	33a	20p. orange.....	01
103	34	25p. blue.....	01
104	34a	25p. ultramarine.....	01
105	35	1 mark, drab and rose.....	1 00
106	36	5 marks, green and rose.....	4 00
107	37	10 marks, brown and rose.....	8 00

**1889-90. Same as last. Clear cut perforation 12½.**

108	38	2p. gray.....	02	02
110	39	5p. yellow green.....	01	01
111	39a	5p. green.....	01	01
113	40	10p. carmine(two shades).....	01	01
115	41a	20p. orange(two shades).....	01	01
116	42	25p. blue.....	01	01
117	42a	25p. ultramarine.....	01	01
119	43	1 mark, gray and rose.....	03	03

**1892. Same as last. Rough perforation 12½.**

122	.....	2p. gray.....	04	04
123	.....	5p. green.....	03	03
124	.....	5p. yellow-green.....	02	02
126	.....	10p. carmine.....	03	03
128	.....	20p. orange.....	04	04
129	.....	25p. ultramarine.....	05	05
130	.....	1 mark, gray and rose.....	10	10

**1891-92. Russian type, laid paper.**

133	46	1k. orange yellow.....	02	02
134	47	2k. green.....	03	03
135	48	3k. carmine.....	04	04
136	49	4k. rose.....	05	05
137	50	7k. blue.....	10	03
138	51	10k. blue.....	15	12
139	52	14k. blue and rose.....	15	15
140	53	20k. blue and carmine.....	18	18
141	54	35k. violet and green.....	50	50
142	55	50k. violet and green.....	60	50
143	56	1r. brown and orange.....	1 20	1 20

**1895. Type of 1889-90 issue, perforated 14x13.**

148	60	5p. green.....	01	01
149	61	10p. rose.....	02	02
150	62	20p. orange.....	01	01
151	63	25p. ultramarine.....	01	01

**1900. Mourning stamp, value on back.**

.....	.....	1p. black, red and yellow.....	02	.....
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**1901. Russian types.**

.....	.....	2p. orange.....	02	.....
.....	.....	5p. green.....	03	02
.....	.....	10p. rose.....	05	03
.....	.....	20p. blue.....	10	02

All orders from above list for less than \$1.00 worth to be accompanied by addressed stamped envelope.



# HONDURAS.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, about 43,000 square miles in area, a population of about four hundred thousand people, most of whom are of aboriginal blood.

Rich in mineral wealth but undeveloped to a great extent. The products are mahogany, fruit, cattle, cotton, sugar, tobacco, coffee, indigo, sarsaparilla, hides, india rubber and hard tropical woods.

Discovered by Columbus 1502; conquered by Spain in 1523-36; was a part of the captaincy of Guatemala; in 1839 it became an independent republic. The executive is vested in a president elected for four years.

Spanish is the common language, and the prevailing religion is Roman Catholic.

The name of the country, Honduras, is literally "depths," the plural of *hondura*, depth, from *hondo*, deep, from the Latin *fundus*, bottom. The name is said to refer to the difficulty the first explorers had in finding an anchorage off the coast.

The old Spanish currency prevailed there until 1878, 8 reales = 1 peso. The peso is now divided into 100 centavos. The peso is of about the same value as the Mexican dollar.

The stamps of this country are comparatively inexpensive and are for that reason very popular.

All in following list are all unused except where indicated thus (‡), they being used.

**1865 Issue.** *Small square stamps with arms in center, unperforated.*

2 reales, black on green.....	03
2 reales, black on pink.....	03

**1877 Provisionals.** *Above stamps surcharged new value.*

### TEGUCIGALPA.

½r. on 2r. black on pink, black surcharge.....	80
½r. on 2r. black on green, red surcharge.....	40
2r. on 2r. black on pink, red surcharge.....	80

NOTE.—The above stamps bearing various surcharges were issued in 1877 for use in Comayagua and Tegucigalpa. We sometimes have other copies in stock and will submit such as we have on approval upon request.

**1878 Issue.** *Portrait of a President to left, engraved and perforated.*

1c. 2c. ½r. 1r. 2r. 4r. 1p., set of seven stamps.....	40
4 reales, bright vermilion (1889).....	10
1 peso, yellow (1889).....	15

**1890 Issue.** *Arms in center, perforated.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	40
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**1891 Issue.** *Portrait of a General, values 1c. to 1p. smaller in size than the 2, 5 and 10p., which are in two colors.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, set of above eleven values.....	40
2, 5 and 10 pesos, series of three stamps.....	40

**1892 Issue.** *Central figures represent a group of statuary, Columbus' first view of America*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete set of eleven stamps.....	40
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**1893 Issue.** *Portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	40
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**1895 Issue.** *Figure of Justice, with left hand resting on a shield bearing the Arms.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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**1896 Issue.** *A roughly lithographed series, with a full face portrait of a President.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. 1 peso, complete series of eight stamps (‡).....	25
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**1898 Issue.** *A locomotive and train, value in large tablet at left. Lithographed.*

1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50c. 1 peso, set of eight (‡).....	75
20c. orange (‡).....	05
50c. red orange (‡).....	25

## OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890.** *Stamps same type as regular issue of same date, all printed in pale yellow, surcharged with the word "Oficial" in red.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	40
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**1891.** *Same as above, but design type of the regular 1891 issue.*

1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. 1 peso, complete series of eleven stamps.....	40
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## ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of envelope and wrapper stamps, cut square, issues 1890 to 1895 inclusive.*

38 varieties, envelopes and wrappers 1890 to 1895 complete.....	1 50
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## HONDURAS COLLECTION.

The collection of 94 different stamps listed above in sets from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, and the officials, will be sent for \$4.00, or with the 38 envelopes and wrappers complete making 132 stamps in all for \$5.25.

## H. I. J.

### SOME CHEAP SETS.

<b>HONG KONG</b> 2, 5, 10, Prov. 20c. on 30c., 30 set of five.....	08
Prov. 50c. on 48c.....	06
<b>HORTA</b> ..... 3 different.....	05
<b>HUNGARY</b> ..... 20 different old issues, including 1 florin.....	10
<b>ICELAND</b> ..... 3, 5, 6, 10, 20a. unpaid 5, 10a. set of seven.....	16
<b>INDIA</b> ..... 15 different.....	10
On H. M. S., ½, 1, 2, 4, 8a. 1 rupee and 3 pies, seven stamps.....	10
On H. M. S. above set unused.....	75
<b>ITALY</b> ..... 30 different, including regular issues and unpaid.....	15
<b>JAMAICA</b> ..... 9 different.....	10
<b>JAPAN</b> ..... 16 different.....	10
25 different, including 1 yen.....	25

## APPROVAL BOOKS.

Read page 28 for full information about our Approval Department. For small buyers of 50% discount class we call attention to APPROVAL BOOK No. 5. It contains stamps of Honduras, Hong Kong, Horta, Hungary, India, and Native Indian States.



## MEXICO.

## (NORTH AMERICA.)

We will not use space on this limited page to speak of the history of this country, it is familiar to us all, being our nearest neighbor of all American Republics. Its stamps are of great historical interest, and they are very popular with American collectors.

Our stock is the best and our prices are the lowest.



1856.	Unused	Used
1/2r. blue.....	\$ ...	08
1r. yellow.....	...	04
2r. green.....	...	04

## 1861.

1/2r. buff p.....	30	25
1r. green p.....	...	04
2r. pink p.....	...	04
4r. yellow p.....	75	75
8r. red brown p.....	...	1 25
8r. green.....	...	1 50



1864.	Unused	Used
1r. red.....	02	...
2r. blue.....	03	...
4r. brown.....	03	...
1p. black.....	04	18 50



## Eagle.

1r. blue.....	...	08
1r. ultramarine.....	...	10
2r. orange.....	13	03



## 1866. Lithographed.

7c. lilac.....	1 00	...
25c. buff.....	20	17
25c. red orange.....	...	20
50c. green.....	30	...

## Engraved.

25c. blue (error).....	5 00	...
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## 1867. First type, surcharged "Mexico" in Gothic type.

2r. pink p.....	...	15
2r. green.....	...	25



## 1868. Unperforated.

6c. brown p.....	...	25
12c. green p.....	35	20
25c. blue, pink p.....	...	20

## Perforated.

6c. brown p.....	...	25
12c. green p.....	20	12
25c. blue, pink p.....	...	10



## Thick figures of value with period.

Unperforated.	Unused	Used
6c. brown p.....	12	07
12c. green p.....	...	03
25c. blue, pink p.....	...	02
50c. yellow p.....	...	50

## Perforated.

12c. green p.....	...	10
25c. blue, pink p.....	...	05



## 1872. Unperforated.

6c. green.....	10	15
12c. blue.....	...	04
25c. red.....	...	03

## Perforated.

25c. red.....	...	06
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## 1874-83.



4c. orange.....	08	08
5c. brown.....	04	04
10c. black.....	03	03
10c. orange.....	02	02
25c. blue.....	01	01
50c. green.....	05	05
100c. carmine.....	06	06

On thin paper. Unused Used

4c. orange.....	...	12
5c. brown.....	...	08
10c. orange.....	...	03
25c. blue.....	...	02

## 1879.



1c. brown.....	05	...
2c. violet.....	08	08
5c. orange.....	03	03
10c. blue.....	04	04
25c. carmine.....	04	08
50c. green.....	06	35
85c. purple (with control number).....	50	60
100c. black.....	15	60

## 1882.

1c. brown.....	12	12
2c. violet.....	12	12
5c. orange.....	05	05
10c. blue.....	02	05
10c. brown.....	04	...
12c. brown.....	04	05
18c. red-brown.....	05	07
24c. violet.....	05	10
25c. carmine.....	08	75
25c. red-brown.....	13	...
50c. green.....	18	75
85c. purple.....	37	...
100c. black.....	25	95



## 1882.

2c. green.....	\$ 08	08
3c. red.....	05	05
6c. blue.....	05	05

## 1884.



1c. green.....	...	02
1c. blue (error).....	7 50	...
2c. green.....	...	03
3c. ".....	04	03
4c. ".....	...	03
5c. ".....	...	03
6c. ".....	...	05
10c. green.....	...	01
12c. ".....	...	06
20c. ".....	20	04
25c. ".....	...	10
50c. ".....	03	06
1p. blue.....	06	12
2p. ".....	10	20
5p. ".....	...	2 75
10p. ".....	...	3 50

## 1885.

1c. pale green.....	05	02
2c. carmine.....	...	03
3c. yellow-brown.....	...	03
4c. red.....	37	15
5c. ultramarine.....	...	03
6c. brown.....	15	08
10c. orange.....	20	02
12c. brown.....	37	15
25c. blue.....	2 75	1 00

## 1886.



1c. green.....	02	01
2c. carmine.....	03	01
3c. lilac.....	09	02
4c. lilac.....	08	03
5c. ultramarine.....	07	01
6c. lilac.....	08	03
10c. ".....	04	01
12c. lilac.....	15	10
25c. ".....	1 00	35

## 1887.

3c. scarlet.....	05	02
4c. ".....	12	03
6c. ".....	15	03
10c. ".....	10	01
20c. ".....	75	60
25c. ".....	35	20

# NICARAGUA.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, containing an area of about 50,000 square miles and a population of about 300,000 people, of whom about three-quarters are of mixed blood and the rest Indians.

There are extensive veins of copper, silver and gold but only the latter is worked to any extent. There is excellent pasturage on the eastern slope and the raising of cattle is the principal industry. The soil of the lowlands is well adapted for agricultural purposes and large quantities of indigo, sugar, coffee, maize, cotton, rice, beans and plantains are produced, the latter being the staple food of the people. The principal exports are hides and skins, mahogany and other tropical woods, indigo, coffee, sarsaparilla, etc.



ARMS

Spanish is the prevailing language, Roman Catholicism is the prevailing religion, and the currency (100 centavos = 1 peso) is about the same as the Mexican.

A practically complete collection of Nicaraguan stamps can be obtained at a very reasonable figure and should be found in every album.

All the stamps in our list are unused.

- 1869-80 Issue.** *Small stamps with mountain scenery in ornamental frames. Perforated and rouletted.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c. perforated and same rouletted, complete set of ten stamps..... \$ 40
- 1882 Issue.** *Arms in center, date Mayo 1882, perforated.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c. complete set of seven stamps..... 40
- 1890 Issue.** *Locomotive and telegraph key on shield with arms and date at top.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10c., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1891 Issue.** *Allegorical figure, bee hive and arms, date at top.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1892 Issue.** *Picture of "Columbus in sight of land," date at top.*   
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1893 Issue.** *Mountain peaks on shield, date at upper right.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1894 Issue.** *Allegorical figure, date at right.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10c., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1895 Issue.** *Arms surrounded by weapons and flags, date at right.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., complete set of ten stamps..... 40
- 1896 Issue.** *Map of the country, showing route of proposed canal, date at upper right.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of nine stamps..... 40
- 1897 Issue.** *Same with change of date.*  
 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.** *Arms of "Greater Republics of Central America," arms of Nicaragua below, with corresponding inscriptions. Date in right center.*

- 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

**1896 Issue.** *Large figure of value, "Deficiente" below.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. orange, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.** *Same as above, change of color.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. purple, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.** *Same as above, change of color.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. blue green, complete set of seven stamps..... 40

### OFFICIAL ISSUES.

**1890 Issue.** *Same as regular issue of same date, printed in a uniform color and surcharged "Franqueo Oficial."*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., ultramarine, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1891 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., green, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1892 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., light brown, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1893 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., slate, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

**1894 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., orange, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1895 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10p., green, complete set of ten stamps..... 40

**1896 Issue.** *Surcharge in oval.*

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p. red, complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1897 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., red, complete set of nine stamps..... 40

**1898 Issue.**

- 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5p., carmine, complete set of eleven stamps..... 40

### ENVELOPE WRAPPERS.

*The complete series of Envelope and Wrapper stamps cut square, 1890 to 1892 issues inclusive.*

- 61 varieties, envelopes and wrappers, 1890 to 1895 complete..... \$ 2 00

### NICARAGUA COLLECTION.

The collection of 217 different stamps listed above from 1860 to 1897 inclusive, will be sent for \$8.00, or with the envelope and wrappers, making 278 stamps in all, for \$9.75.

### APPROVAL BOOK.

A good many of the low-priced Nicaragua stamps of different issues will be found in our Approval Book No. 8, of our non-duplicating series of 50% discount books, fully described on page 31. It is a good book to ask for and contains some Porto Rico and other good stamps.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

(NORTH AMERICA.)

This is now one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada. It formerly had an independent colonial issue of stamps, but the regular issues of Canada are now in use.

Area 28,200 square miles, population about 325,000. First colonized by the British in 1761. Following are all unused.

**1860-61 Issue.** *An attractive series. Locomotive on 1c., Queen Victoria on 2, 5 and 10c., mail steamer on 12½c., Prince of Wales on 17c.*



1c. red violet .....	05
2c. orange .....	03
5c. yellow green .....	02
5c. blue green .....	03
10c. vermilion .....	15
12½c. blue .....	25
17c. black .....	10
Series 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17c. six stamps.....	58

## NORTH BORNEO.

(ASIA.)

British North Borneo includes the northern part of the island of Borneo, which, next to Australia and New Guinea, is the largest island in the world. It is 850 miles in length and 600 miles in breadth.

This territory was ceded to a company by the Sultans of Brunei and Sulu in 1877-8 and was subsequently transferred to the British North Borneo Co., to whom a royal charter was granted first of November, 1881.

The government is administered by a Governor, similar to a British Colony with modifications to meet native customs and local circumstances.

Stamps were first issued in 1883, and bore the arms on a shield. On the larger stamps the shield is shown with two natives as supporters. Later an attractive series of picture stamps were issued bearing a native warrior on one, a deer, a peacock, a crocodile and various views on others, these are very popular with the young folks and are found on both the series for 1893 and 1897.

The following are cancelled except where indicated thus (\*).

<b>1886 Issue.</b> <i>Arms on a shield, lettered Postage.</i>	Net Price
1, 2, 4, 8, 10 cents, series of five stamps (*).....	1 40
<b>1887-90 Issue.</b> <i>Same design, lettered Postage and Revenue.</i>	
½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 cents, series of nine stamps.....	15



**1893 Issue.** *Picture stamps, lettered State of North Borneo.*

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of nine stamps.....	60
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**1895 Issue.** *The one dollar stamp surcharged new values in black.*

10c. on one dollar red.....	06
20c. on one dollar red.....	09
4, 10, 20, 30, 40c. each on one dollar red, complete series of five stamps (*).....	1 25



**1897-98 Issue.** *The picture stamps with addition of native characters in inscriptions.*

1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. series of nine stamps	50
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**1899 Issue.** *The values above 3c. of the 1897 issue and the high values of 1893 issue surcharged "4 cents," for use provisionally on account of change in postage rate.*

4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c., series of 6 stamps (*)	1 25
4c. on 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollars, set of six stamps (*).....	1 50

### POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** *Regular issue surcharged "Postage Due."*

2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents, series of eight stamps (*).....	1 50
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## OBOCK.

(AFRICA.)

This is a French Colony on the east coast of Africa, one of the two parts to French Somaliland, which with its dependencies, has an area of about 45,000 square miles, and a population of about 250,000.

A very striking series of stamps for this colony shows a group of the natives in counsel and the higher values a camel scene on the desert. All the following are unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Large stamps with group of natives in centre, on quadrilled paper, unperforated.*

1c. black and red .....	02
2c. brown-violet and green .....	04
4c. brown-violet and orange .....	04
5c. blue-green and brown .....	03
10c. black and green .....	04
15c. blue and vermilion .....	05
20c. orange and maroon.....	06
25c. black and blue.....	08
30c. bistre and green.....	10
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., set of eleven stamps.....	80
1 franc, green and maroon.....	35

## SOMALI COAST.

(AFRICA.)

Djibouti is the name of one of the cities that is also a port to the Protectorate of the Somali Coast on the Gulf of Tajura on the east coast of Africa. A view of this city is shown in the centre of the stamps, which are very large size. Types of the Somali natives are shown in the border supporting the central picture.

All following are unused.

**1894 Issue.** *Large stamps with view of city of Djibouti in centre, and natives in border to right and left.*

1c. black and claret .....	02
2c. claret and black .....	03
4c. brown and blue .....	04
5c. red and blue green .....	03
10c. brown and green.....	04
15c. green and violet.....	05
25c. blue and rose .....	08
30c. brown and rose.....	20
50c. blue and rose.....	18
75c. violet and orange.....	22
1 franc, olive and black.....	30
2 francs, rose and gray.....	65
1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30c., set of eight stamps.....	45

DJIBOUTI



NATIVE



# SALVADOR.

## (CENTRAL AMERICA.)

A republic, containing an area of about 7,000 square miles and a population of about 750,000. It is the most advanced and the most densely populated of the Central American republics.

The mineral deposits are well worked, especially iron and gold. The soil is very fertile and is the best cultivated in Central America, the principal products being indigo, maize, sugar, coffee, tobacco, and cotton. The manufacture of cheese is extensively engaged in, this being a main article of subsistence among the population.

The principal exports are indigo, sugar, coffee, balsam of Peru, fustic and cedar, also hides to some extent.

Like the other Central American republics, Salvador uses the Spanish language, favors the Roman Catholic religion and employs a currency similar to the Mexican (100 centavos = 1 peso). Previous to 1879 the old Spanish currency was in vogue (8 reales = peso).

The stamps are very attractive and can be purchased in sets at very reasonable prices. No collection should be without them.

All the following are unused except where indicated thus (‡), these being cancelled.

**1867 Issue.** Arms in transverse oval, perforated.

1/2r., blue (‡).....	\$	05
1r., red (‡).....		05

**1890 Issue.** Allegorical figure with flag, date at bottom.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of nine stamps.....	40
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**1891 Issue.** Arms with locomotive in foreground, date at lower right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of ten stamps.....	40
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**1892 Issue.** "Landing of Columbus."

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., complete series of ten stamps.....	40
1c. on 5c. gray, black surch. reading down.....	20

**1893 Issue.** Portrait on lower values, Columbian views on 2, 5, 10 pesos; date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., series of ten stamps.....	40
2, 5, 10p., series of three stamps.....	40

**1894 Issue.** Allegorical figure on lower values, Columbian views on 2, 5, 10 pesos; date at upper right or top.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., 1p., series of ten stamps.....	40
2, 5, 10p., series of three stamps.....	40
1c. on 11c. vermilion, black surcharge (‡).....	10

**1895 (1st) Issue.** Stamps surcharged with new coat of arms over portrait; date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
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**1895 (2d) Issue.** New arms in various frames; date at right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
1c. on 30c. deep blue, red surcharge.....	04
1c. on 30c. deep blue, " (‡).....	05
2c. on 20c. dark green, " ".....	08
3c. on 30c. deep blue, " ".....	12
1c. on 24c. violet, " ".....	06
1c. on 12c. red, black surcharge.....	08

**1896 (1st) Issue.** Allegorical figure, date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 60c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
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**1896 (2d) Issue.** New arms on 1, 30, 50c.; buildings on 2 and 15c.; locomotive on 3c.; old arms on 5c.; steamship on 10 and 12c.; lake view on 20c.; water fall on 24c., and portrait of Columbus on 1 peso.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
15c. on 24c. purple, black surch., inverted.....	1 25

**1897 Issue.** Arms of "Greater Republic of Central America" with corresponding inscriptions.

1 and 5c. blue, gold, rose and green, complete set of two stamps.....	15
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1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
1c. on 30c. deep blue, red surcharge.....	04
1c. on 30c. deep blue, " (‡).....	05
2c. on 20c. dark green, " ".....	08
3c. on 30c. deep blue, " ".....	12
1c. on 24c. violet, " ".....	06
1c. on 12c. red, black surcharge.....	08

**1896 (1st) Issue.** Allegorical figure, date at upper right.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 60c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
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**1896 (2d) Issue.** New arms on 1, 30, 50c.; buildings on 2 and 15c.; locomotive on 3c.; old arms on 5c.; steamship on 10 and 12c.; lake view on 20c.; water fall on 24c., and portrait of Columbus on 1 peso.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., 1p., complete series of twelve stamps.....	40
15c. on 24c. purple, black surch., inverted.....	1 25

**1897 Issue.** Arms of "Greater Republic of Central America" with corresponding inscriptions.

1 and 5c. blue, gold, rose and green, complete set of two stamps.....	15
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### UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** Large figure of value, "Franqueo Deficiente" at bottom.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., olive, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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**1896 Issue.** Same as above, change of color.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., red, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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**1897 Issue.** Same as above, change of color.

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c., dark blue, complete series of eight stamps.....	40
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### POSTAL PACKET STAMPS.

**1895 Issue.** Figure of Mercury seated in the clouds surrounding the globe.

5, 10, 15, 20, 50c., complete series of five stamps.....	40
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### ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

A collection of envelope and wrapper stamps, comprising the following varieties:

- 1890, complete series on amber paper, 5 varieties
- 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, complete, 27 varieties.
- 1895, regular issue, complete, 5 varieties.
- 1896, seven varieties, including two surcharges.
- 1897, regular issue, complete, 5 varieties.
- Wrappers complete, 1890 to 1897 inclusive (no blue p. 1890), 28 varieties.
- 77 var. envelopes and wrappers, 1890 to 1897, \$3.75

### SALVADOR COLLECTION.

The collection of 134 different stamps listed above, in sets from 1890 to 1897 inclusive, will be sent for \$5.50; or we will add the envelopes and wrappers as described and send the entire outfit, making a collection of 211 stamps, for \$9.00.

### APPROVAL BOOK.

Those who do not want the complete sets as offered in the above list, are referred to our Approval Book No. 9. There they will find representative values from each issue, including officials and postage dues, marked at catalogue prices and offered at 50% discount.

See description of other contents on page 31. It is one of our most popular books, as it contains Philippines and other good stamps.





## PRICES OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Prices have been attached to this list for specimens in three conditions. First column *unused*. Second column for *fine* copies in used condition. Third for ordinary used copies. This last class are in no wise defective, are fully up to the average of used stamps.

While all stamps are usually in stock, it is best for parties ordering to send a supplementary list.

The following prices are *strictly net for cash only*.

Send a stamped and addressed return envelope with orders less than \$1.00.

### Postage Stamps.

#### GENERAL ISSUE.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1847.</b>			
5c. brown (Franklin) .....	\$ 50	\$ 35	
10c. black (Washington) .....	2 50	2 00	

**1851-56.**

*Type I. Has a curved line outside the labels with "U. S. Postage" and "One Cent." The scrolls below the lower label are turned under, forming little balls.*

*Type II. Same as I, but the scrolls are not turned under.*

*Type III. Same as II, but the curved lines outside the labels are broken in the center.*

1c. blue (Franklin) type I.....	50 00	20 00	15 00
1c. blue, type II.....	2 00	20	12
1c. blue, type III.....	35 00	8 00	5 00
3c. red (Washington).....	1 50	2	1
5c. brown (Jefferson).....	10 00	7 50	
5c. red-brown.....	40 00	10 00	6 50
10c. green (Washington).....	10 00	50	35
12c. black (Washington).....	18 00	1 25	85

**1855-60.**

Same, Perf. 15.

*Type I. There are projections on all four sides.*

*Type II. The projections at top and bottom are partially cut away.*

*Type III. The projections at top and bottom are entirely cut away.*

1c. blue, type I.....	12 00	4 00	2 50
1c. blue, type II.....	8 00	80	50
1c. blue, type III.....	40	10	6
3c. red.....	8	2	1
3c. red (with outer line).....	10 00	20	10
5c. brick-red, type I.....	70 00	9 00	5 00
5c. red-brown, type I.....	20 00	4 50	3 00
5c. brown, type I.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
5c. brown, type II.....	6 00	2 00	1 00
4c. orange-brown, type III.....	4 00	2 00	1 50
10c. green.....	2 00	30	18
12c. black.....	2 00	60	40
24c. lilac.....	5 00	3 00	2 00
30c. orange.....	9 00	5 00	3 00
90c. blue.....	18 00	25 00	17 50

**1861.**

Perf. 12.

1c. blue.....	0 25	0 03	0 02
3c. pink.....	5 00	2 50	
3c. rose.....	10	1	1
5c. buff.....	40 00	5 00	3 50
10c. yellow-green.....	1 40	10	8
12c. black.....	1 50	30	20
24c. red-lilac.....	10 00	80	50
30c. orange.....	4 00	40	30
90c. blue.....	13 50	2 50	2 00

**1862-6.**

2c. black (Jackson).....	0 30	03	02
5c. red-brown.....	15 00	2 50	1 50
5c. brick-red.....	10 00	5 00	
5c. brown.....	3 00	30	
5c. black-brown.....	8 00	40	
15c. black (Lincoln).....	4 00	40	30
24c. lilac.....	3 00	30	

**1867.**

*Same, with embossing covering entire back of stamp.*

3c. rose.....	12 00	8 00	
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	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
Embossing measuring 13x16mm.			
3c. rose.....	\$15 00	\$5 00	\$3 00

Embossing measuring 12x14mm.			
2c. black.....	30 00	5 00	3 50
3c. rose.....	15 00	1 75	1 00

Embossing measuring 11x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	4 00	80	50
2c. black.....	2 00	15	10
3c. rose.....	3 50	3	2
10c. green.....	4 00	50	30
12c. black.....	4 00	30	20
15c. black.....	20 00	3 00	2 75

Embossing measuring 9x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	3 00	50	30
2c. black.....	1 00	8	4
3c. red.....	75	2	4
5c. brown.....	10 00	2 50	1 75
5c. black-brown.....	4 00	4 00	
10c. yellow-green.....	4 00	40	30
12c. black.....	4 00	40	30
15c. black.....	8 00	80	50
24c. gray-lilac.....	12 00	3 75	3 00
30c. orange.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
90c. blue.....	35 00	10 00	8 00

**1869.**

1c. buff (Franklin).....	1 00	45	30
2c. brown (Horseman).....	80	8	6
3c. blue (Locomotive).....	50	2	1
6c. blue (Washington).....	3 00	40	30
10c. yellow (Coat of Arms).....	5 00	55	35
12c. green (Steamship).....	3 00	35	25
15c. brown and blue (Landing of Columbus).....	10 00	2 00	1 50
15c. brown and blue (Picture framed).....	5 00	1 00	75
24c. green and purple (Declaration of Independence).....	10 00	3 75	2 50
30c. blue and carmine (Coat of Arms).....	12 00	1 75	1 25
90c. black and carmine (Lincoln).....	35 00	14 00	8 50

**1870-71.**

*Printed by National Bank Note Company. Head to left in oval.*

Embossing measuring 8½ to 9 and 10½ to 11½mm.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin).....	4 00	0 35	0 25
2c. red-brown (Jackson).....	4 00	8	5
3c. green (Washington).....	1 75	2	1
6c. carmine (Lincoln).....	12 00	2 50	1 25
7c. vermilion (Stanton).....	12 00	2 50	1 25
10c. brown (Jefferson).....	30 00	8 50	6 00
15c. orange (Webster).....	15 00	5 50	4 00
90c. carmine (Perry).....	20 00	5 50	3 00

**1870-71.**

Without Embossing.

1c. ultramarine.....	2 00	10	5
2c. red-brown.....	1 00	2	1
3c. green.....	1 50	2	1
6c. carmine.....	2 50	10	8
7c. vermilion.....	4 00	40	30
10c. brown.....	5 00	10	5
10c. yellow-brown.....	5 00	10	5
12c. dull violet.....	6 00	30	20
15c. bright orange.....	4 00	30	20
24c. purple.....	10 00	1 25	90
30c. black.....	10 00	20	15
90c. carmine.....	12 00	1 00	75

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b>			
<i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.</i>			
1c. ultramarine	\$ 90	\$ 3	\$ 2
2c. brown	1 00	3	2
2c. bark brown	1 00	3	2
3c. green	40	1	1
6c. dull pink	1 00	4	3
7c. orange-vermilion	4 50	40	25
10c. brown	2 50	5	2
12c. blackish violet	7 50	30	20
15c. yellow-orange	7 50	50	20
30c. gray-black	5 00	40	20
90c. rose-carmine	5 00	1 00	90

<b>1875.</b>			
2c. vermilion	80	3	2
5c. blue (Taylor)	1 50	8	5

<i>Printed by the American Bank Note Co.</i>			
<b>1879. Soft Porous Paper.</b>			
1c. blue	80	4	2
2c. vermilion	20	1	1
3c. green	25	1	1
5c. blue	80	3	2
6c. pink	1 20	3	2
10c. yellow-brown (National Plate)	2 00	5	3
10c. brown (Continental Plate)	2 00	3	2
15c. red-orange	40	12	8
30c. full black	1 60		
90c. carmine	5 50	70	50

<b>1882.</b>			
5c. brown (Garfield)	40	2	1
1c. gray-blue, re-engraved	8	1	...
3c. green, re-engraved	12	1	...
6c. rose, re-engraved	1 50	6	3
10c. brown, re-engraved	20	1	...
10c. black-brown, re-engraved	5 00	20	11

<b>1883.</b>			
2c. red-brown (Washington)	6	1	...
4c. blue green (Jackson)	10	2	1

<b>1887.</b>			
2c. green	6	1	...
3c. vermilion	10	8	...
<i>New Design.</i>			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	5	1	...

<b>1888.</b> Same as 1872-83 issue.			
4c. carmine	10	2	...
5c. indigo	40	2	...
30c. orange-brown	55	25	18
90c. purple	1 75	75	...

<b>1890-93.</b> New design, stamps smaller.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	2	1	...
2c. lake (Washington)	40	4	3
2c. carmine	5	1	...
3c. purple (Jackson)	6	2	2
4c. dark brown (Lincoln)	8	1	...
5c. chocolate (Grant)	9	1	...
5c. yellow-brown	10	1	...
6c. brown-red (Garfield)	10	3	2
8c. lilac (Sherman)	12	2	...
10c. green (Webster)	15	1	...
15c. indigo (Clay)	22	5	3
30c. black (Jefferson)	40	6	4
90c. orange (Perry)	1 15	40	30

<b>1893.</b> Columbian Issue.			
1c. deep blue	2	1	...
2c. violet	3	1	...
3c. green	6	4	2
4c. ultramarine	7	2	1
5c. chocolate	8	3	2
6c. purple	10	5	4
8c. magenta	12	3	2
10c. black-brown	16	3	2
15c. dark green	20	16	14
30c. orange-brown	45	25	20
50c. slate-blue	60	45	40
\$1 salmon	2 25	2 00	...
\$2 brown-red	2 00	1 50	...
\$3 yellow-green	3 00	...	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
\$4 crimson-lake	\$ 4 00	...	...
\$5 black	5 00	...	...

<b>1894.</b> Same as 1890-3 issue, with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles.			
1c. pale ultramarine	8	2	.....

<b>1895.</b> Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S. repeated in horizontal rows. All values are found imperforate.			
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1c. blue	2	1	...
2c. carmine, triangle III	3	1	...
3c. purple	5	1	...
4c. dark brown	5	1	...
5c. chocolate	6	1	...
6c. dark brown	7	2	...
8c. puce	9	2	...
10c. dark green	12	1	...
15c. dark blue	17	3	...
50c. orange	55	10	7
\$1 black	1 10	30	20
\$2 sapphire	2 20	1 50	...
\$5 dark green	5 50	1 50	...

<b>1898.</b> Omaha Series.			
1c. green	2	1	...
2c. copper-red	3	1	...
4c. orange	6	3	...
5c. blue	7	4	...
8c. violet-brown	12	5	4
10c. gray-violet	15	5	4
50c. sage-green	60	35	25
\$1 black	1 15	85	...
\$2 orange-brown	2 30	2 00	...

<b>1898-99.</b> Same as 1895 series.			
1c. green	1	1	...
4c. lilac-brown	5	2	...
6c. lilac-brown	7	2	...
10c. yellow-brown	12	2	...
15c. olive	17	3	...

**Official Stamps.**

All, except Post Office, same Designs as General Issues, with name of Department above.

**1873.** *Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard paper. Perf.*

AGRICULTURE.			
1c. yellow	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$1 50
2c. "	75	70	50
3c. "	25	20	15
6c. "	50	50	25
10c. "	4 50	4 00	3 00
12c. "	6 00	5 50	3 00
15c. "	2 75	2 50	1 50
24c. "	4 00	3 00	2 00
30c. "	4 00	3 25	2 50

EXECUTIVE.			
1c. carmine	7 00	7 00	4 00
2c. "	7 00	7 00	4 00
3c. "	4 00	4 00	3 00
6c. "	13 00	13 00	8 00
10c. "	9 00	9 00	6 00

INTERIOR.			
1c. vermilion	20	20	15
2c. "	7	6	4
3c. "	20	7	5
6c. "	40	4	3
10c. "	40	40	25
12c. "	40	35	20
15c. "	60	40	25
24c. "	75	50	35
30c. "	75	60	35
90c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25

JUSTICE.			
1c. purple	1 25	1 00	80
2c. purple	2 50	\$2 50	\$1 70
3c. "	1 50	60	30

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
6c. purple	1 75	75	60
10c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
12c. "	2 50	1 75	1 00
15c. "	6 00	4 00	3 00
24c. "	15 00	13 00	7 50
30c. "	18 00	15 00	10 00
90c. "	25 00	25 00	15 00
3c. bluish purple	1 50	1 00	75
6c. bluish purple	3 00	2 00	...
<b>NAVY.</b>			
1c. ultramarine	90	90	65
2c. "	40	40	20
3c. "	30	15	10
6c. "	40	35	20
7c. "	12 00	8 00	5 00
10c. "	2 00	1 50	1 00
12c. "	1 25	1 00	80
15c. "	2 25	2 00	1 25
24c. "	5 00	3 50	1 50
30c. "	4 00	2 00	1 50
90c. "	12 00	8 00	5 50

**POST OFFICE.**

*Figure of value in Oval, White Paper.*

1c. black	30	30	20
2c. "	20	20	12
3c. "	5	1	...
6c. "	18	10	8
10c. "	1 35	1 35	1 00
12c. "	75	65	40
15c. "	80	75	60
24c. "	80	75	60
30c. "	80	75	50
90c. "	2 00	1 75	1 00

**STATE.**

1c. dark green	2 00	1 75	1 25
2c. "	4 00	3 75	3 00
3c. "	2 00	2 00	1 00
6c. "	1 50	1 50	1 00
7c. "	2 50	2 25	1 50
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
12c. "	3 00	2 75	2 00
15c. "	3 50	3 00	2 00
24c. "	7 50	7 00	4 00
30c. "	6 00	5 50	3 25
90c. "	11 00	10 00	7 50
3c. bright green	60	60	40
6c. "	60	60	40
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
\$2.00 black and green	20 00	20 00	15 00

**TREASURY.**

1c. brown	1 00	12	10
2c. "	25	10	6
3c. "	10	3	2
6c. "	20	7	5
7c. "	2 00	1 25	1 00
10c. "	40	18	10
12c. "	40	15	7
15c. "	30	20	12
24c. "	10 00	3 50	2 00
30c. "	40	20	12
90c. "	1 75	55	40

**WAR.**

1c. rose-red	40	5	3
2c. "	40	6	4
3c. "	...	2	...
6c. "	...	4	...
7c. "	2 00	2 00	1 25
10c. "	75	25	15
12c. "	75	25	15
15c. "	20	18	10
24c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	40	40	25
90c. "	75	75	50

1879. *Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.*

**INTERIOR.**

1c. vermilion	1 00	1 00	...
2c. "	6	2	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
3c. vermilion	4	2	...
6c. "	6	4	...
10c. "	1 05	75	50
12c. "	2 00	1 50	75
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
3c. bluish purple	50	50	...
6c. bluish purple	1 25	1 00	...
<b>TREASURY.</b>			
3c. brown	8	2	...
6c. "	15	8	5
10c. "	40	20	10
30c. "	2 00	75	...
90c. "	4 00	75	40
<b>WAR.</b>			
1c. rose-red	3	3	2
2c. "	3	3	...
3c. "	2	2	...
6c. "	3	3	...
10c. "	20	20	15
12c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	18	15	10

**Carrier Stamps.**

1851. blue on rose (Franklin) reprint	25	...	...
1c. blue (Eagle)	50	1 50	1 00

**Special Delivery Stamps.**

1855-94. 10c. blue	18	10	6
10c. blue ("at any office")	18	5	3
10c. orange	13	5	3

1895.

*Watermarked U. S. P. S.*

10c. blue	12	2	...
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**Newspaper Stamps.**

1865. Colored Border.			
5c. dark blue (Washington)	12 50	...	...
10c. blue-green (Franklin)	3 75	...	...
25c. carmine-red (Lincoln)	3 75	...	...

**White Border.**

5c. dark blue	1 75	...	...
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1875.

*Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard Paper.*

**INDIAN.**

1875. 2c. black	35	35	20
3c. "	50	40	...
4c. "	50	50	20
6c. "	1 75	75	...
8c. "	1 75	75	...
9c. "	8 75	...	...
10c. "	75	75	...

**JUSTICE.**

12c. rose	1 75	1 00	...
24c. "	1 50	1 20	...
36c. "	1 75	2 00	...
48c. "	8 06	...	...
60c. "	6 00	...	...

1879.

*Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.*

	Unused		
2c. black	20	...	...
3c. "	40	...	...
4c. "	30	...	...
6c. "	75	...	...
8c. "	75	...	...
10c. "	25	...	...
12c. red	1 50	...	...
24c. "	1 50	...	...
36c. "	1 50	...	...

Revenue Stamps.

DOCUMENTARY.

First issue. Head of Washington in oval. Various borders.

	Unperforated.	Part Perf.	Perf.
1c. Express red	50	25	04
1c. Playing Cards red	10 00	1 50	1 75
1c. Proprietary red	7 00	75	03
1c. Telegraph red	6 00		08
2c. Bank Check blue	03	05	01
2c. Bank Check orange			01
2c. Certificate blue	10		40
2c. Certificate orange			30
2c. Express blue	13	50	03
2c. Express orange			05
2c. Playing Cards blue	4 00		12
2c. Playing Cards orange			30
2c. Proprietary blue	4 00	1 00	04
2c. Proprietary orange			70
2c. U. S. I. R. orange			01
3c. Foreign Exchange green			04
3c. Playing Cards green			4 50
3c. Proprietary green			06
3c. Telegraph green	75	15	18
4c. Inland Exchange brown			04
4c. Playing Cards violet			6 50
4c. Proprietary violet		1 50	12
5c. Agreement red			02
5c. Certificate red	15	10	01
5c. Express red	25	10	04
5c. Foreign Exchange red			03
5c. Inland Exchange red	10	06	01
5c. Playing Cards red			35
5c. Proprietary red			45
6c. Inland Exchange orange			12
6c. Proprietary orange		45	00
10c. Bill of Lading blue	50	1 75	03
10c. Certificate blue	2 50	1 00	01
10c. Contract blue		70	01
10c. Foreign Exchange blue			30
10c. Inland Exchange blue	3 00	10	01
10c. Power of Attorney blue		30	02
10c. Proprietary			50
15c. Foreign Exchange brown			35
15c. Inland Exchange brown	70	15	03
20c. Foreign Exchange red	75		60
20c. Inland Exchange red	15	07	02
25c. Bond red	3 00	30	08
25c. Certificate red	25	10	01
25c. Entry of Goods red	12	70	06
25c. Insurance red	08	15	02
25c. Life Insurance red	70	1 00	15
25c. Power of Attorney red	15	1 70	02
25c. Protest red	55	1 70	18
25c. Warehouse Rec. red	70	70	40
30c. Foreign Exchange lilac	75		1 00
30c. Inland Exchange lilac	40	50	04
40c. Inland Exchange brown	4 00	20	04
50c. Conveyance blue	1 00	15	01
50c. Entry of Goods blue		1 25	01
50c. Foreign Exchange blue	80	50	30
50c. Lease blue	80	3 00	25
50c. Life Insurance blue	1 75	3 00	03
50c. Mortgage blue	80	70	02
50c. Original Process blue	20		01
50c. Passage Ticket blue	3 00	1 75	10
50c. Prob. of Will blue	1 30	3 00	50
50c. Surety Bond blue	4 00	50	04
60c. Inland Exchange orange	85	60	15
70c. Foreign Exchange green	2 50	60	10
1 00 Conveyance red	20		10
1 00 Entry of Goods red	50		07
1 00 Foreign Exchange red	50		02
1 00 Inland Exchange red	10	3 00	02
1 00 Lease red	1 30		07
1 00 Life Insurance red	2 00		12
1 00 Manifest red	1 00		45
1 00 Mortgage red	70		2 25
1 00 Passage Ticket red	6 00		5 00
1 00 Power of Attorney red	65		05
1 00 Probate of Will red	1 00		90
1 30 Foreign Exchange orange			65
1 50 Inland Exchange blue	20		12
1 60 Foreign Exchange green	7 00		1 50
1 90 Foreign Exchange mauve			80
2 00 Conveyance red	1 50	10 00	08

	Unperforated.	Part Perf.	Perf.
2 00 Mortgage red	1 50		\$0 10
2 00 Probate of Will red			65
2 50 Inland Exchange violet			09
3 00 Charter Party green	80		12
3 00 Manifest green	1 00		18
3 50 Inland Exchange blue	30 00		1 20
5 00 Charter Party red	2 00		20
5 00 Conveyance red	1 00		12
5 00 Manifest red	2 00		2 00
5 00 Mortgage red	2 00		65
5 00 Probate of Will red	7 50		60
10 00 Charter Party green	6 00		80
10 00 Conveyance green	2 75		1 50
10 00 Mortgage green	3 30		80
10 00 Probate of Will green	11 00		70
15 00 Mortgage blue	18 00		5 25
20 00 Conveyance orange	1 35		1 00
20 00 Probate of Will orange	50 00		30 00
25 00 Mortgage red	20 00		3 25
50 00 U. S. I. R. green	6 00		2 00
200 00 U. S. I. R. green and red	30 00		14 00

Second Issue. Head of Washington in oval; small rectangle. Perforated.

1c. blue and black			\$0 55
2c. " " "			02
3c. " " "			25
4c. " " "			45
5c. " " "			06
6c. " " "			1 65
10c. " " "			02
15c. " " "			35
20c. " " "			10

Head of Washington in circle. Same shape as same values of first issue.

25c. blue and black			\$0 02
30c. " " "			55
40c. " " "			45
50c. " " "			02
60c. " " "			60
90c. " " "			55
\$1 00 " " "			08
1 30 " " "			4 00
1 50 " " "			25
1 60 " " "			12 00
1 90 " " "			2 50
2 00 " " "			40
2 50 " " "			30
3 00 " " "			1 00
3 50 " " "			4 00
5 00 " " "			60
10 00 " " "			2 50
20 00 " " "			12 50
25 00 " " "			16 50
50 00 " " "			9 50
200 00 blue, black and red			100 00

Third issue. Same as previous issue. Perforated.

1c. black and claret			\$1 00
2c. " " orange			01
4c. " " brown			80
5c. " " orange			05
6c. " " orange			80
15c. " " brown			35
30c. " " orange			25
40c. " " brown			65
60c. " " orange			65
70c. " " green			50
\$1 00 " " green			05
2 00 " " vermilion			35
2 50 " " claret			50
3 00 " " green			1 25
5 00 " " vermilion			60
10 00 " " green			2 50
20 00 " " orange			12 00

Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange			2 00
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Fourth issue. Perforated.

2c. black and orange (green)			01
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Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange (green)			3 50
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## First issue. Profile of Liberty.

	Silk.	Wmk.	Roul.
2c. blue.....	01	01	18

## Sixth issue. Playing Cards. Rouletted.

Inscribed, "On Hand, Aug. 1894."

2c. lake.....			05
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Inscribed, "Act of Aug. 1894."

2c. ultramarine.....			10
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Wmk'd U. S. I. R.

2c. ultramarine.....			04
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1898.	New.	Used.
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## Postage Stamps of 1895 issue surcharged.

1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in small sans serif capitals.....	10	10
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1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in large Roman capitals.....	03	01
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a, surcharge inverted.....

1 50	1 50	1 50
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2c. carmine, blue surcharge.....	04	01
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a, surcharge inverted.....

25	20	20
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## Periodical Stamps, surcharged: Int. Rev. \$5.00 Documentary.

a Surcharged from bottom to top.

b Surcharged from top to bottom.

\$5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (a).....	7 00	3 00
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5 00 dark blue, red surcharge (b).....	7 00	
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Wmk'd U. S. I. R. rouletted 5%.

½c. orange (battleship).....	08	06
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½c. gray-brown.....	01	01
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1c. pale blue.....	02	01
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2c. rose.....	03	01
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3c. dark ultramarine.....	04	02
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4c. pale rose.....	05	02
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5c. lilac.....	06	01
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10c. dark brown.....	01	01
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25c. purple brown.....	02	02
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50c. slate-violet.....	03	03
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\$1 00 yellow-green (Commerce).....	02	
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3 00 brown-lilac.....	12	
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5 00 red.....	25	
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10 00 black.....	1 25	
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40c. lilac.....	05	
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80c. bistre.....	15	
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## Proprietary Stamps.

## 1871-75. Head of Washington in oval. Perf.

	Violet p.	Green p.
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1c. black and green.....	05	05
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2c. ".....	05	05
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3c. ".....	25	25
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4c. ".....	08	08
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5c. ".....	2 25	3 00
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6c. ".....	85	85
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10c. ".....	5 00	1 25
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50c. ".....	16 00	20 00
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\$1 00 ".....	75 00	100 00
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5 00 ".....	from 200 00	to 325 00
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according to condition.

## 1878 Issue.

	Silk.	Wmk.	Roul.
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1c. green.....	03	02	1 00
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2c. brown.....	03	02	3 30
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3c. orange.....	04	06	2 00
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4c. red.....	08	3 50	
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4c. red-brown.....	05	05	3 00
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5c. black.....	2 00	1 50	35 00
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6c. blue.....	70	40	4 00
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6c. violet.....		1 00	7 00
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10c. blue.....		10 00	7 00
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## 1898 Issue. Roul.

	New.	Used.
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½c. yellow-green (battleship).....	01	01
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½c. pale-brown.....	01	01
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¾c. deep orange.....	02	01
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¾c. deep ultramarine.....	02	01
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1 c. dark green.....	02	02
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1½c. brown-violet.....	08	08
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1½c. dark purple.....	03	02
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2 c. violet-brown.....	03	03
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2½c. lake.....	04	03
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4 c. purple.....	05	05
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5 c. chestnut-brown.....	06	05
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1½c. light blue.....	03	03
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3¾c. slate.....	05	05
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	Unused.	Used.
48c. red.....	4 00	
60c. ".....	3 00	
72c. ".....	7 00	
84c. ".....	8 00	
96c. ".....	7 00	
\$1 92 brown.....	4 00	3 10
3 00 vermilion.....	5 00	4 00
6 00 blue.....	7 00	6 00

## 1885. Same as above.

1c. black.....	15	
12c. carmine.....	60	
24c. ".....	60	
36c. ".....	1 00	
48c. ".....	1 50	
60c. ".....	1 50	
72c. ".....	3 00	
84c. ".....	3 00	
96c. ".....	2 75	

## 1895. Similar designs to preceding but smaller in size. Watermarked U. S. P. S.

1c. black.....	04	
2c. ".....	08	
5c. ".....	12	
10c. ".....	20	
25c. carmine.....	50	
50c. ".....	1 00	
\$2 00 scarlet.....	1 00	

Above together with \$5 blue, \$10 green, \$20 slate \$50 carmine and \$100 purple as sold by U. S. Government—\$5 net.

## Unpaid Letter Stamps.

## 1879. Figure of Value in oval. Printed by the American Bank Note Co.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. yellow-brown.....	25	10	05
2c. ".....	25	10	05
3c. ".....	35	08	05
5c. ".....	60	30	20
10c. ".....	80	20	15
1c. brown.....	08	04	02
2c. ".....	10	06	03
3c. ".....	15	10	05
5c. ".....	20	10	07
10c. ".....	35	10	05
30c. ".....	60	40	30
50c. ".....	4 00	60	30

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. red-brown.....	10	03	02
2c. ".....	08	02	01
3c. ".....	1 50	60	
5c. ".....	30	10	08
10c. ".....	50	05	04
30c. ".....	60	60	40
50c. ".....	2 00	1 25	75

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. bright claret.....	04	03	01
2c. ".....	04	02	01
3c. ".....	10	05	03
5c. ".....	10	08	05
10c. ".....	20	05	03
30c. ".....	60	40	30
50c. ".....	1 00	75	30

## 1894. Figure of value in lozenge shaped frame.

1c. deep claret.....	03	
2c. ".....	05	
30c. ".....	35	

## 1895. Same. Watermarked U. S. P. S.

1c. deep claret.....	02	01
2c. ".....	04	01
3c. ".....	06	04
5c. ".....	10	04
10c. ".....	15	03
30c. ".....	50	30
50c. ".....	80	50

The prices on the list of United States postage and revenue stamps that precede this page are all below the current quotations and are very cheap. *Not cash* in all cases, whether to collectors or dealers. Where \$50.00 or upwards is purchased at one time some concession will be allowed but it will depend altogether upon the list wanted and same must be submitted with the inquiry.

**U. S. Private Proprietary Stamps.**

We do not stock private proprietary match and medicine stamps of either the old or new issues. Such as are on hand, we will supply at 25% discount from current catalogue quotations.

We often buy collections containing these stamps and when we have lots to justify we will submit selections on approval upon request.

**U. S. Envelope and Wrapper Stamps.**

We do not quote prices on cut square envelope and wrapper stamps, although we usually have all varieties in stock.

Want lists from Scott's catalogue may be sent us and we will supply at half of their catalogue prices, good copies used or unused.

**U. S. Local and Carrier Stamps.**

We often have good collections of U. S. Local and Carrier stamps on hand and to such collectors as are interested in these we shall be pleased to submit at any time such as we have on approval at the lowest prices.

Rare locals, particularly uncatalogued varieties, wanted at all times for *cash*.

**U. S. Telegraph Stamps.**

Such copies of telegraph franks as we have on hand at any time will be supplied at *half price*, according to current catalogue quotations. We do not stock them but often get them in collections that we purchase.

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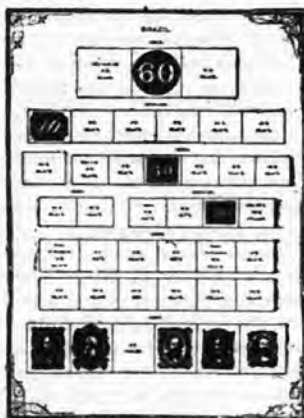
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Express extra, or \$2.39 post free in U. S. or Canada. It is much too heavy to go abroad.

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# PRICES OF STAMPS OF UNITED STATES COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

Many collectors who have heretofore confined their collections to the issues of the United States, have widened the scope of their collecting so as to include CUBA, GUAM, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and PORTO RICO, consequently many of the stamps of these places have become very scarce. We give a list of those that we can supply readily.

The scarce kinds are most always in stock and can be furnished at market value.

## CUBA.

### (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.



ISABELLA

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence. The island is very



ALPHONSO

rich in natural resources. Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.



BABY KING

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors, and are being



BOY KING

added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (†).

<b>1855 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. Blue paper. Watermarked loops.	Net Price each
2 r. p. carmine (†).....	37
<b>1856 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Rough yellowish paper. Watermarked lines.	
½ r. p. greenish blue (†).....	08
1 r. p. green (†).....	50
2 r. p. orange red (†).....	95
<b>1857 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Smooth white paper. No watermark.	
½ r. p. blue.....	02
1 r. p. green.....	04
2 r. p. red (†).....	16
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.	
¼ r. p. black.....	06
¼ r. p. black on buff.....	85
½ r. p. green.....	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon.....	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.	
10c. blue.....	02
20c. green.....	06
40c. rose.....	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac,	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.	
40c. rose (†).....	30
<b>1869 Issue.</b> Same, change of date.	
40c. dull violet (†).....	30

<b>1870 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.	Net Price each
10c. green.....	08
20c. brown.....	04
<b>1871 Issue.</b> Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.	
12c. brown lilac.....	19
25c. blue.....	02
50c. green.....	05
1 peseta, brown (†).....	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.	
12½c. green.....	25
25c. gray lilac.....	04
50c. brown.....	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.	
12½c. brown.....	23
25c. blue.....	02
50c. red purple.....	08
50c. gray.....	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> Arms of Spain, date in label at top.	
12½c. light purple.....	06
25c. blue.....	01
50c. green.....	02
1 peseta, brown.....	20
<b>1876 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.	
12½c. green.....	06
25c. gray lilac.....	02
50c. blue.....	04
1 peseta, black.....	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.	
12½c. gray.....	10
25c. green.....	02
50c. black.....	03
<b>1878 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. blue.....	02
12½c. brown.....	06
25c. light green.....	01
50c. dark green.....	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta,	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. black.....	02
25c. blue.....	02
50c. gray.....	04
1 peseta, brown.....	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.	
5c. green.....	03
12½c. lilac.....	05
25c. blue.....	02
50c. brown.....	02
1 peseta, bistre.....	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> Same type as above, change of date.	
1c. green.....	03
2c. rose.....	75
5c. blue.....	02
10c. red brown.....	02
20c. brown.....	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green.....	04
2c. red.....	07
2½c. brown.....	05
5c. blue.....	04
10c. bistre.....	05
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	15
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps,	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges), 3 stamps,	90

	Net Price each	
<b>1884 Issue.</b> Same type as 1882 issue, change of colors.		
2½c. olive	03	
2½c. violet	18	
10c. brown	16	
20c. olive	20	
<b>1888 Issue.</b> Same type.		
2½c. red brown	05	
10c. lilac gray	23	
<b>1890 Issue.</b> Baby head of Infant King.		
1c. brown (†)	05	
2c. slate blue	05	
2½c. emerald green	10	
5c. olive green	07	
20c. dark violet	08	
<b>1891 Issue.</b> Same type as above.		
1c. olive green (†)	03	
5c. emerald green	02	
10c. claret	06	
10c. claret (†)	06	
<b>1894 Issue.</b> Same type as above.		
1c. violet blue	01	
2c. red	03	
2½c. lilac	02	
20c. brown	09	
<b>1896 Issue.</b> Same type as above.		
1c. lilac brown	01	
2c. claret	02	
2½c. rose	02	
5c. slate blue	01	
10c. emerald green	02	
10c. emerald green (†)	04	
20c. violet	12	
<b>1898 Issue.</b> Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.		
1, 2, 3, 5m. set of four	10	
1c. black violet (†)	03	
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos	7 50	
<b>1898-99 Provisionals.</b> Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.		
NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have a few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.		
<b>1899 Issue.</b> New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.		
1c. on 1c. yellow green	03	
2c. on 2c. red	04	
2½c. on 2c. red	06	
2½c. on 2c. carmine	50	
3c. on 3c. purple	06	
5c. on 5c. blue	10	
10c. on 10c. light brown	20	
<b>1899 Issue (2nd).</b> New and beautiful designs.		
	Unused	Used
1c. green	02	01
2c. carmine	03	01
3c. purple	05	03
5c. blue	08	03
10c. brown	15	05
10c. orange (special delivery)	15	....
<b>UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.</b>		
<b>1899 Issue.</b> Surcharged on U. S. unpaid letter stamps.		
1, 2, 5, 10c. claret, set of four		75
<b>NEWSPAPER STAMPS.</b>		
<b>1888 Issue.</b> Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-Impresos" above, value below.		
½m. black		02
1m. "		04
3m. "		06
<b>1890-98 Issue.</b> Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to right, value below.		
½m. red brown		02
1m. "		02
2m. "		03

	Net Price each
3m. red brown	05
8m. "	14
½m. violet (1892)	02
1m. "	02
2m. "	03
3m. "	05
4m. "	06
8m. "	07
½m. rose (1894)	01
1m. "	01
2m. "	02
3m. "	04
4m. "	04
8m. "	05
½m. blue green (1896)	01
1m. "	02
2m. "	02
3m. "	04
4m. "	04
8m. "	05

**CUBA PACKETS.**

Forty varieties of Cuban stamps, 1862 to 1899. A bargain, price 30c. Ask for Packet No. 125.  
A fine packet of 100 varieties of Cuban stamps, a fine lot, issues 1855 to 1899, price \$3.50. Packet No. 119.

**CUBA APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, when requested. Ask for book No. 16.  
We can usually supply a number of the varieties of Cuban stamps not listed above. Buyers may see anything we have on approval, at net prices, upon request.

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We are often asked for wholesale lists. We do not publish one. Dealers who want to buy cheap to sell again on sheets cannot do better than to buy our big variety packets and break them up, they are better than any wholesale lot on the market. A Chicago dealer writes:  
Enclosed find price of one 800 variety packet. This is the fourth one this fall.  
Many other dealers are buying our 545, 800, 1,000 and 2,000 variety packets for sheets right along.  
Dealers will also find that our Mixtures offered under packet numbers, at the end of our packet list contain wholesale bargains that are cheaper than the regular wholesale dealer has to offer.



## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

(OCEANICA.)

A group of islands in the north Pacific ocean also known as the Sandwich Islands.

First a native monarchy, later a provisional government, then a republic, is now a territory of the United States annexed in 1899.

The regular stamps of the United States are now current in the islands.

The following stamps are all obsolete, are likely to increase materially in value.

We price such as we have both used and unused.

**1864-75 Issue.** Various portraits in oval, with values below and "Hawaii" above.

	UNUSED.	USED.
1c. violet	18	...
2c. vermilion	30	25
6c. green	40	35
18c. dull rose	50	...

**1882 Issue.** Similar to preceding series.

1c. blue	08	...
2c. lilac rose	50	18
5c. ultramarine	...	05

**1883-86 Issue.** Similar, change of colors.

2c. rose	...	03
10c. red brown	...	10
10c. vermilion	90	...

**1889-92 Issue.** Similar to preceding issues.

2c. violet	08	03
5c. black blue	90	...

**1893 Issue.** Regular issues of 1864 to 1886 surcharged in three lines "Provisional—Gov't.—1893."

1c. violet	18	...
1c. blue	18	...
1c. green	03	...
2c. brown	25	...
2c. rose	10	08
2c. violet	05	...
5c. black blue	25	...
5c. ultramarine	10	08
6c. green	25	...
10c. black	30	...
10c. vermilion	35	...
10c. red brown	25	...
12c. black	30	...
15c. brown	55	...
25c. purple	95	...

**1894 Issue.** New designs. Arms on 1c., View of Harbor on 2c., Statue on 5c., Star on 10c., Steamer on 12c., Pres. Dole on 25c.

1c. yellow	03	03
2c. brown	06	03
5c. rose	09	03
10c. green	18	12
25c. blue	45	...

**1899 Issue.** Same designs, change of colors.

1c. dark green	03	03
2c. carmine rose	04	03
5c. dark blue	09	03

## ENVELOPE STAMPS.

**1893 Issue.** Fine view of Harbor, surcharged "Provisional Gov't.—1893" in two lines, cut with large margins.

1c. green and red	18	...
2c. rose and black	18	...
5c. blue and red	18	...
10c. black and red	40	...
Above four envelopes sent entire and unused	1 00	...

## HAWAIIAN PACKET.

A choice packet of 20 Hawaiian stamps, including both used and unused, but all different. Price \$1.25. Packet No. 135.

A book containing most of the varieties priced in above list at the net prices quoted will be sent on approval upon request of responsible parties who are likely to buy liberally. (This is too scarce a book to send to petty buyers.) Ask for book No. 22.

Varieties of the rarer Hawaiian Island stamps are often in stock. Selections of varieties other than those priced above will be submitted on approval at net prices to buyers, upon request.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

(ASIA.)

An archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific Ocean on the east. The Principal island is Luzon on which is the capital, Manila. Area of all the islands is about 114,326 square miles; the population about seven millions, consisting of different Malay tribes; there are also some Chinese and mixed races.

Until Admiral Dewey sailed into Manila harbor May 1st, 1898, and destroyed eleven Spanish men of war he found there, the group belonged to Spain.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

For collectors who wish to fill in the issues of 1889 to 1896 inclusive, the Baby Head Series, we annex the following net prices:



BABY HEAD

American Cat. No.		Our Net Price.
70	1889, 2c. carmine	\$0 02
71	" 2½c. ultramarine	02
72	" 5c. dark blue	20
73	" 5c. olive	12
74	" 8c. yellow green	10
75	" 10c. blue green	25
76	" 12½c. yellow green	15
77	" 20c. salmon rose	20
78	1891, 10c. claret	05
81	1881, 25c. blue	30
82	1892-93, 1c. brown violet	15
83	" 2c. violet	02
84	" 2½c. olive gray	04
85	" 5c. green	06
86	" 5c. brown violet	15
87	" 6c. brown violet	05
88	" 8c. ultramarine	15
90	" 15c. red brown	15
91	" 20c. gray brown	25
93	1894, 2c. dark brown	05
94	" 6c. vermilion	05
95	" 8c. lilac brown	05
96	" 12½c. flesh	10
97	" 15c. rose	20
98	" 20c. violet	15
99	1896, 1c. green	30
100	" 2c. blue	02
101	" 2c. light brown	06
103	" 5c. emerald green	10
104	" 6c. carmine	35
105	" This stamp does not exist.	...
106	" 10c. cinnamon	05
107	" 15c. blue green	15
108	" 20c. orange	15

The above series of 33 stamps, and 12 of the new paper stamps, all type of the Baby Head, a total of 45 stamps, selected copies will be sent for \$3.85.

**PORTO RICO.**

All previous quotations on Porto Rico stamps are hereby cancelled. The following is a net list of what we have in stock at the present moment:

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

**1876 Issue. Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.**

25c. blue gray and black	25
50c. ultramarine and black	50
1 peseta, black	95
1 peseta, black (‡)	62

**1881 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.**



ALPHONSO

½m. lake	03
1m. violet	04
2m. pale rose	04
4m. bright green	07
6m. brown lilac	13
8m. ultramarine	18

**1882 Issue. Same type without date.**

2m. violet	02
4m. brown lilac	03
6m. chocolate	03
8m. yellow green	04
1c. gray green	04

**1884 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. lake	01
1m. bright rose	02

**1890 Issue. Type of Baby head of King of Spain.**



BABY KING

½m. black	07
2m. lilac rose	03
2m. lilac rose (‡)	04
1c. yellow brown (‡)	02
3c. slate blue (‡)	08
10c. rose	25
20c. red orange	50

**1891-93 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. olive gray	01
1m. dark violet	02
2m. violet brown	02
4m. ultramarine	02
6m. rose	02
8m. yellow green	02
1c. blue green	06
2c. red brown (‡)	04
3c. orange (‡)	02
5c. blue green	07
5c. blue green (‡)	02
6c. orange	02
8c. brown	07
10c. lilac rose	09
20c. lilac	12
40c. dark blue	37
80c. orange	95

**1893 Commemorative Issue. A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.**



5c. dark green	63
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**1894 Issue. Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.**

½m. red brown	01
1m. blue	02
2m. salmon	01
4m. yellow brown	02

3c. olive (‡)	04
4c. slate blue	06
20c. carmine rose	05
40c. claret	22

**1896 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. dull violet	01
1m. violet brown	02
2m. yellow green	02
4m. blue green	05
2c. orange brown	02
4c. dark brown	04
5c. blue	03
6c. violet	03
8c. carmine rose	06
20c. olive gray	08
40c. salmon	37

**1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.**

3c. claret brown	03
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**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**



BOY KING

1m. orange brown	01
2m. "	02
3m. "	02
4m. "	30
4m. " (‡)	25
5m. "	02
1c. black violet	03
2c. dark blue green	02
3c. dark brown	02
4c. orange	50
5c. bright rose	03
6c. dark blue	03
8c. gray brown	07
10c. vermilion	10
15c. slate green	12
20c. maroon	20
40c. violet	25
60c. black	30
80c. red brown	37
1 peso, yellow green	1 00
2 pesos, slate blue	2 00
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1 mil. to 2 pesos, all unused	4 50

**1898-99 Provisional Issue. Regular issues of 1891 to 1897, surcharged in three lines. "Habilitado—para—1898 y 99," in rose or purple. The following are all guaranteed.**

1m. violet brown	03
2m. yellow green	02
4m. blue green	02
1c. claret	03
2c. orange brown	04
3c. claret brown	08
4c. dark brown	08
5c. blue	08
5c. yellow green	12
6c. violet	06
8c. carmine rose, purple surcharge	15
20c. olive gray	15
80c. black	1 25

**Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but made available for postage.**

2c. on 2m. salmon	03
2c. dark violet	08
2c. red brown	07
5c. blue green	05
5c. on 1m. dark violet	03
5c. on 1m. blue	03

**PORTO RICO PACKET.**

A fine packet of 50 varieties including many issues: price, \$1.00. Ask for Packet No. 117.

**PORTO RICO APPROVAL BOOKS.**

We have an approval book containing most of the above stamps, priced at the above net prices, which will be sent on approval upon request to correspondents, from which they may make selections. Ask for Book No. 14



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We have referred to him before in these columns as the Honorary President of the Philatelic Society of London. He was jovial and of easy manners, a musician and a lover of music.

He went to sea at fourteen, and by genuine merit rose in the British navy to be the admiral in command of the Mediterranean squadron. The English, seven years ago, were very sorry to have him go to Germany to take the throne of the little duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, which had come his way by virtue of a chain of family relationships that it is not necessary here to recall. He was almost fifty-six years old at the time of his death. His wife was a daughter of the Emperor Alexander II., of Russia. It will be remembered that at the time he chose to accept the throne of a German principality, and took the oath of loyalty to the constitution of the German Empire in the presence of Emperor William, there was a great deal of discussion in England as to his status there. His son and heir, Prince Alfred, died early last year; and the Queen's next son, the Duke of Connaught, who became the heir presumptive, preferred England for himself and his children, and resigned in favor of the young Duke of Albany, who, being recognized as the heir, went to Coburg to receive a German education only a few months ago. This young gentleman, now just sixteen years of age, is the son of the late Prince Leopold, of England, Duke of Albany, Queen Victoria's fourth son, who died in March, 1884. The new Duke, Charles Edward of Saxe-Coburg, is also a stamp collector and the possessor of a well advanced collection.

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packets 85 or 86, and catalogued over \$2.00. One  
who purchases these three packets will have 150 fine  
stamps from all parts of the world, catalogued at  
over \$6.00.

50 VARIETIES—50 CENTS.

**No. 21** Contains 150 varieties of 60c  
foreign stamps, including  
Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Chile, Nicaragua official,  
Colombia, and Mexico, with a No. 2 cloth bound  
Popular Stamp Album, post free

150 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—60 CTS.

**No. 11** Contains 250 different stamps 75c  
including Ha'i, Venezuela,  
Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Brazil, Turkey, Bosnia, India,  
etc. A bargain.

250 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.



**No. 111** Contains 300 varieties of foreign postage stamps, including stamps from Argentine Republic, Cuba, Canada (maple leaf), Chile, Egypt, Japan, Luxemburg, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Porto Rico, etc. **75c**  
**300 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 129** contains 400 different foreign postage stamps from all parts of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa, North, South and Central America and the islands of the sea. **80c**  
**400 VARIETIES—80 CENTS.**

**No. 22** Contains 250 varieties of foreign stamps, including Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, South Africa, Japan, Egypt, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Liberia, Roumania, etc., with a No. 2, cloth bound, Popular Album, post free. **90c**  
**250 VARIETIES AND ALBUM—90 CTS.**

**No. 102** This is a special packet of 400 varieties made up as an inducement for beginners who are about starting a collection. It includes stamps from all parts of the world, among which may be mentioned Mexico, 1884, 1 and 2 pesos, used; Travancore (India), 3 varieties, used; Paraguay official; China, regular issue, 1894; British North Borneo, Uruguay, Newfoundland, etc. **98c**  
 1000 die-cut gummed hinges for mounting stamps is given free with each of these packets.  
**400 VARIETIES AND 1000 HINGES—98c.**

**No. 112** Contains 500 varieties of foreign postage stamps from Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope, Cuba, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Porto Rico, Western Australia, etc. **\$1.20**  
**500 VARIETIES—\$1.20.**

**No. 130** Contains 546 varieties of foreign postage stamps mounted in a neat little album, just the thing to sell out of. This lot marked at catalogue prices would afford the seller a handsome profit even when fifty per cent discount were allowed. It contains stamps from all parts of the world and is the *biggest bargain* of the season. **\$1.50**  
**546 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 113** Contains 800 different postage stamps. Big value for the money. Stamps from all parts of the world. **\$2.50**  
**800 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 114** The best packet of 1000 varieties of foreign postage stamps ever offered. A cheaper packet could be made but no better value for the money is possible. **\$3.75**  
**1000 VARIETIES—\$3.75.**

**No. 151** 1500 different foreign stamps arranged alphabetically and mounted on sheets. Very useful for agents or dealers to sell from, as well as for collectors. **\$9.85**  
**1500 VARIETIES—\$9.85.**

**No. 115** Contains 2000 different postage stamps from all parts of the world. A collection of itself and highly recommended. **\$15.00**  
**2000 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

**No. 152** A collection of 3000 different postage stamps. The best value obtainable. **\$50.00**  
**3000 VARIETIES—\$50.00.**

**No. 116** A big packet of 4000 varieties, a regular collection in itself, being stamps from almost every stamp issuing country or colony in the world. *A great bargain.* **\$100.00**  
**4000 VARIETIES—\$100.00.**

## CLASSIFIED PACKETS.

**No. 131** Contains 25 United States revenue stamps, catalogued three times as much as the price. **15c**  
**25 VARIETIES—15 CENTS.**

**No. 24** Contains 25 stamps from South American countries, Peru, Uruguay, Colombia, Bolivia and other good stamps. **25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 25** Contains 30 stamps from the West Indies. A good packet. **25c**  
**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 26** Contains 25 Central American stamps, from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, old Brazil, Salvador and Honduras **25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 50** Contains 30 Oriental stamps, all different, including Egyptian official, Japan, Turkey, Roumania, etc. **25c**  
**30 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 61** Contains 25 varieties from Africa alone, including Egypt, Mauritius, and Gold Coast. **25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 62** Contains 25 varieties from Australia, including all the Australian Colonies. **25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 60** Contains 25 varieties from Asia alone, including Ceylon, Dutch Indies, Portuguese Indies and Shanghai. **25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 132** Contains 25 different Mexican revenue stamps. These are very interesting stamps and are popular with many collectors. **25c**  
**25 VARIETIES—25 CENTS.**

**No. 126** Forty varieties of Cuban postage stamps, 1862 to 1900 inclusive. A bargain. **30c**  
**40 VARIETIES—30 CENTS.**

**No. 8** Contains 50 Oriental postage stamps, including Ceylon, Japan, British North Borneo, India, Turkey, Bulgaria, Bosnia, Roumania, Servia, Greece, Hong Kong, Egypt and Finland. One of our best selling packets. **35c**  
**50 VARIETIES—35 CENTS.**

**No. 9** Contains 50 different South American postage stamps, almost all the different countries being represented. **40c**  
**50 VARIETIES—40 CENTS.**

**No. 133** Contains 80 different United States postage stamps from 1851 to 1900, including Columbian, Omaha's, Special Delivery, Due Stamps, 1833, 3c. red envelope, etc. **60c**

**80 VARIETIES—60 CENTS.**

**No. 122** This packet contains only stamps of Bulgaria **75c**  
15 varieties including stamps of issues 1882 to 1896, regular issues and unpaid letter stamps.

**35 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.**

**No. 123** All from Central American Republics, **\$1.00**  
Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, 100 different varieties, a very cheap lot of stamps, mostly unused.

**100 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 1** Contains 50 different Mexican postage stamps, 1856 to 1900, including varieties of almost all issues. A splendid bargain; worth three times the money. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 117** This packet consists entirely of Porto Rican stamps, 50 different varieties, issues 1882-1899 from ½ m. up to catalogue value of 2c. Habilitados, U. S. surcharges, etc. **\$1.00**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 118** A packet of Persian stamps only, 40 different varieties all from the domain of the Shah. Issues from 1885 to 1899, 1c. to 1k. values inclusive. **\$1.00**

**40 VARIETIES—\$1.00.**

**No. 135** A choice lot of 20 Hawaiian stamps, some used and some unused, but all different, including Kingdom, Provisional Government and Republic issues. **\$1.25**

**20 VARIETIES—\$1.25.**

**No. 120** All Philippine Islands stamps in this packet, 50 different kinds from 1882 to 1899 issues, including Habilitados, a choice and desirable lot. **\$1.50**

**50 VARIETIES—\$1.50.**

**No. 136** Stamps of only the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 100 all different and mostly unused. **\$3.00**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.00.**

**No. 119** A packet containing only the stamps of Cuba, 100 different varieties from 1855 to 1900, a very cheap and desirable packet. **\$3.50**

**100 VARIETIES—\$3.50.**

**No. 137** Contains only stamps of the Baby King type of the Philippine Islands. It is a choice run of all varieties 1c. to 25c. issued 1889 to 1896, 45 different varieties, all unused. **\$3.85**

**45 VARIETIES—\$3.85.**

**No. 121** A packet containing only the stamps of the Central American Republic of Honduras. It is practically a complete collection, being all the regular government issues from 1865 to 1896 inclusive, including the peso values and officials, 94 varieties. **\$4.00**

**94 VARIETIES—\$4.00.**

**No. 138** Stamps of only the U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, 225 all different and mostly unused. A Bargain. **\$7.50**

**225 VARIETIES—\$7.50.**

**No. 48** This packet is a better lot of Mexican postage stamps than can be offered by any other concern. It is a first-class bargain for either collector or dealer. Our unexcelled stock of Mexican stamps and our extended business relations with that country enable us to make this liberal offer. **\$15.00**

Every stamp in the above packet, as well as all our packets, are warranted to be genuine originals.

There are 150 pronounced varieties. Among the stamps that may be prominently mentioned are the 1856 issue, 1861 issue, 1864 issue, Maximilian lithographed, unused; Guadalajara; 1867, Gothic surcharge; 1868, varieties of the perforated and unperforated; the issues of 1872, 1874, 1878, and 1879 are well represented. Of the last mentioned series there are the 25, 50, 85 and 100 centavos; 1882 issue, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown, 12, 18, 24, 25c. rose, 50 and 100 centavos; 1884, 50c., 1 and 2 pesos, also varieties of the rare unperforated; 1885, 4, 6 and 12 centavos; 1886, 12, 25 centavos; 1887, varieties of pin perforation and ruled lines; 1888, complete; 1895, 1c. to 50c.; new issue 1900; Officials (scarce, red surcharge), Port de Mar, Officially Sealed, Envelopes and Wrappers, cut square.

**150 VARIETIES—\$15.00.**

## MIXED PACKETS.

**No. 69** This packet is a general mixture of everything cheap as of course would have to be the case from the exceedingly low price. It is well worth the price, and many good stamps will be found among them. The stamps are principally European. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **15c**

**500 MIXTURE—15 CENTS.**

**No. 68** The stamps in this packet are about the same as above; it is a mixture superior to that usually sold by dealers as Continentals. This packet can only be sent in the United States and Canada. **25c**

**1000 MIXTURE—25 CENTS.**

**No. 140** A mixture of one hundred Mexican postage stamps, a well assorted lot of over twenty-five different kinds. **30c**

**100 MIXTURE—30 CENTS.**

**No. 141** A fine mixture of one hundred Peruvian stamps; twenty different kinds mostly of recent issues, a desirable lot. **40c**

**100 MIXTURE—40 CENTS.**

**No. 142** A good mixture of one hundred, all South American countries; forty different kinds representing all of the South American Republics. **40c**

**100 MIXTURE—40 CENTS.**

**No. 143** A mixture of one hundred Cuban stamps from 1872 issue to and including 1900. Thirty-two different kinds assorted, a fine lot. **50c**

**100 MIXTURE—50 CENTS.**

**No. 139** A mixed packet of one hundred Central American stamps including only Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador. Well mixed, fifty different kinds in each packet. **75c**

**100 MIXTURE—75 CENTS.**

**No. 144** A mixture of one hundred Porto Rico stamps including thirty different kinds, used and unused, surcharged on U. S. stamps, Habilitados of 1896-99, issues of 1876, 1891, 1894, 1896 and 1898. **\$1.00**

**100 MIXTURE—\$1.00.**

**No. 134** This packet contains the "Boss Mixture," 1,000 stamps from all parts of the world, well mixed and sure to give satisfaction. **\$1.06**

1,000 MIXTURE—\$1.06.

**No. 145** A mixture of one hundred Philippine Island stamps of the regular issues of 1880, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1896 and 1898, none of the cheap newspaper stamps,  $\frac{1}{2}$ m. to 5m. in this mixture. It is a very desirable lot. **\$1.25**

100 MIXTURE—\$1.25.

**No. 146** A mixture of 300 Latin American stamps one hundred from South American Republics, one hundred from Central American Republics and one hundred from Mexico, over one hundred different kinds well mixed. **\$1.50**

300 MIXTURE—\$1.50.

**No. 147** An approval sheet mixture suitable for a small dealer, all stamps cataloguing from 3c. to 10c. each, the total value of the lot of hundred stamps, all different, \$6.50; these are less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  catalogue, so they can be sold at 50% discount and your money doubled. When two or more of these mixtures are ordered at once, each will be made different. Stamps all mounted and priced. **\$1.50**

100 MIXTURE—\$1.50.

**No. 148** A good British Colonial Mixture including both used and unused stamps. Two hundred well mixed stamps from all parts of the world, all British Colonials. **\$2.00**

200 MIXTURE—\$2.00.

**No. 149** A mixture of U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Hawaii, Philippine Islands and Porto Rico. A finely mixed lot of 500 stamps, a splendid lot for a dealer. **\$3.00**

500 MIXTURE—\$3.00.

**No. 150** A dealer's stock of stamps of 5000 stamps, including over two thousand varieties and guaranteed to catalogue over \$150.00 by Scott's 60th Edition Catalogue. A fine stock for an approval sheet trade. **\$35.00**

5000 MIXTURE—\$35.00.

Packets and mixtures are not sent upon approval, and cannot be returned for cash or exchanged. We guarantee our packets and mixtures to be exactly as represented. If anything is wrong about them and complaints are made immediately upon receipt, we shall undertake to make them satisfactory.

The packet must be sent back with the complaint so that it may be verified and examined.

It is very seldom we ever have any complaints as our packets are very carefully prepared.

We make these observations because packets are different from single stamps, and we have been imposed upon at times by parties returning or exchanging. Everything we sell is guaranteed to be genuine, and as represented. "Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded." But there must be reasonable cause for dissatisfaction, and we must have the opportunity to correct errors if they occur.

**Hinges.**—Everybody uses hinges. We have the best, 10c. per 1000; 25c. per 3000.

**Sheets.**—Blank approval sheets to hold 25 stamps, 25c. per 100, post free.

#### ABOUT THOSE 546 VARIETIES.

The third page of cover has an announcement that everybody ought to read.

This is what some of our correspondents who have had the book of 546 varieties say about it:

Your 546 variety packet received and I cannot tell you how well I am pleased with the collection. Although I have 4,000 varieties in my collection, I found 61 stamps that I did not have, and it paid me well even though I gave the rest away.

HENRY SCHRAMM, B—, N. Y.

The 546 stamps for \$1.50 was received. The condition of the specimens was fine, far above the usual run of stamps of their grade. If you are as careful about these, your finer grades cannot but make a striking impression on your customers, especially if they appreciate taste and system.

JOHN GEERY, New York.

I received the 546 varieties of postage stamps at the low price of \$1.50 last week and was more than pleased with them. Although my collection numbers 2000, there were many in the album which I did not have.

CLAUDE TRAXLER, A—, Ohio.

Your 546 variety packet of stamps came to hand two or three days ago. I am very much pleased with it; with the variety, and with the neat, clean appearance of the stamps.

I do not see how it is possible for you to sell that number of such good stamps at such a price, and so nicely mounted, to enable me to add 148 varieties to my collection, which numbers nearly 3000.

Then I turned it over to a young friend who added 89 to his collection of 1000, besides replacing many stamps with better copies.

It is now in the hands of another collector, and then I shall use the remainder of the stamps with my classes in history and geography.

I wish I could put as many more stamps in my collection at the same price. I want during this winter to fill as many spaces in my album as I can with stamps catalogued at 1c. and 2c.

For several years I have made a good deal of use of stamps in teaching, and in so doing have given away a great many stamps, and have not only created a greater interest in history, geography, etc. among my pupils, but in stamps themselves, and have started a good many young people in the pleasurable and instructive pursuit of stamp collecting. I think much might be written on the subject of the use of stamps in school work.

HATTIE R. STRATTON, M—, Ala.

A very large number of papers of general character are conducting stamp departments which is an indication of the growing popular interest in the profitable and interesting pursuit of stamp collecting.

An enterprising stamp dealer of Chemnitz, Germany, is sending out a very beautifully illustrated album with views of that city, interspersed with advertising matter relating to his own business.

## Mounted Collection of 1,500 Different Foreign Stamps.

This collection is carefully mounted on sheets, arranged alphabetically. A very desirable lot suitable for dealers and agents to sell from as well as collectors. Sent post free, \$9.85.

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We have a few of the 1897 edition of this popular album; a fine album for those who do not care for recent new issues.

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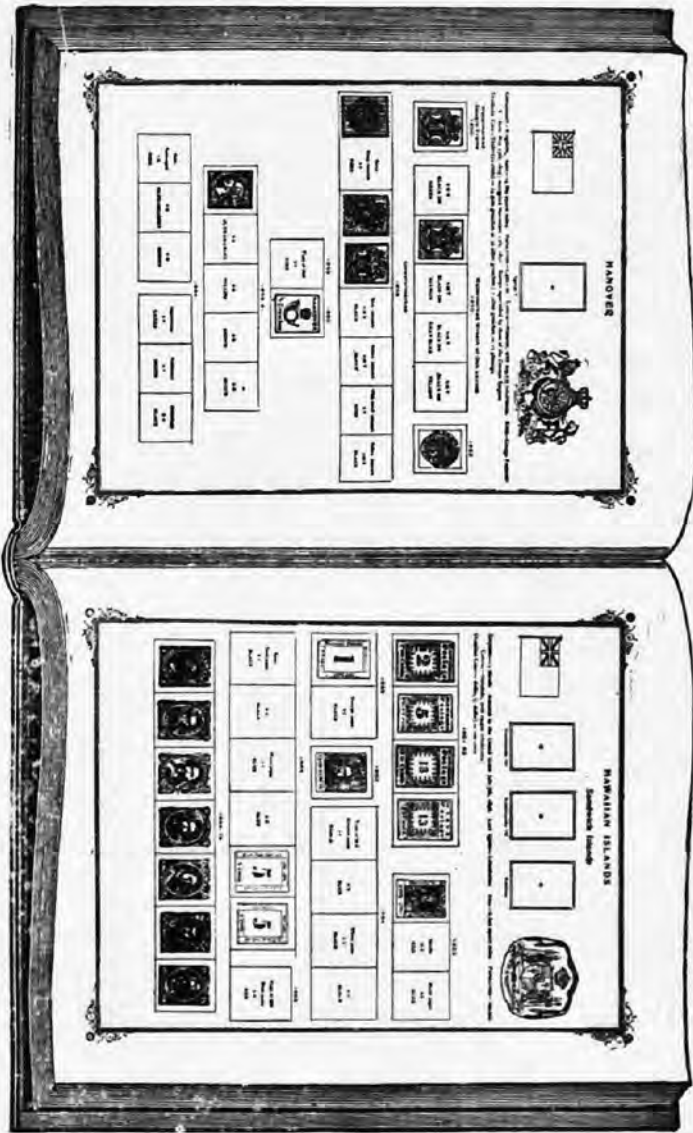
**No. 13** we particularly recommend, because it is bound with stubs in the back to prevent bulging when filled, and it is liberally interleaved with blank pages for new issues. This album is the *greatest bargain* on the market: \$2.50, post free.

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PRICE LIST EDITION, FALL, 1901.

This number is made up largely from plates from previous editions, and is intended only as a price list edition. Soon after New Years we shall issue a new price list, thoroughly up-to-date, and until that is circulated we would request our customers to send their orders from this paper.

PHILATELY is the name applied to the study of stamps as NUMISMATICS is applied to coins.

Its use has never become general, but for the information of those to whom it is a new word we give the definition of it and its companions just as they are given in the Century Dictionary (\*).

PHILATELIC (fil-a-tel-ik) *a.* [philatel-y+ic]. Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat-e-list) *n.* [Philatel-y+ist]. A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELY (fi-lat-e-li) *n.* [F. *philatelie*] intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, *i. e.* of stamps, absurdly formed (by M. Herpin, a stamp collector, in "*Le Collectionneur*" in 1865) Greek *philos*, loving (prop. *philein* love), +*ateles* free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) *a-priv.* +*telos* tax, duty.

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of making such collections.

## WHY COLLECT STAMPS?

\* \* \* And why not! In the busy, contentious bustle of competition of the day, the brain, strained to its utmost tension, demands the relaxation of some absorbing, pleasure-yielding hobby. Those who have tried it attest the fact that few things more completely wean the attention, for the time being, from the vexations and the worries of the day, than the collection and arrangement of postage stamps. It has an ever-recurring freshness all its own, a scope for research that is never likely to be exhausted, a literature varied and abundant, and a close and interesting relation to the history and progress of nations and people, that insensibly widens the trend of human sympathies and human knowledge.—Edward J. Nankivell, of London, Eng.

\*Above definitions were written by Mr. C. H. Mekeel for the Century Dictionary about ten years ago upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, the editor-in-chief of that work.

## OUR PRICES.

We use the prices of the 60th Edition Standard Catalogue as a basis for discount on most stamps.

On approval selections of stamps suitable for a general collection, from 10% to 50% discount is allowed according to the actual value. Most of the ordinary used stamps are sold at 50% discount, and even lower in cases where condition is in question.

10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, and 33½% prevail on unused and the scarcer varieties of used stamps in fine condition.

Discounts are fixed in accordance with the *actual value* of the stamps. In some cases superb copies of rare stamps are worth even more than catalogue quotations.

This explanation is necessary in order that it should be understood that "catalogue price" bears different relation to the value of some stamps than to others.

We grade our consignments for approval to customers as near as possible in classes, so that the same rate of discount will prevail on each lot.

Collectors who are filling up a general collection usually commence with the 50% discount class, working up through the 33½%, 25%, to the 10% discount class, in filling their albums.

Collectors who buy from general lots get better average discounts than where they demand special stamps to order. The time and expense of keeping up a stock and picking out stamps on order, confines the discounts on this class of business to from 10% to 25%.

"Want lists" at a greater discount than 25% will in no case be considered.

## AN EASY START.

An interesting calculation of the number of stamps in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, priced 9 pence (18c) each or below was recently made. They number 6,128 stamps and price £109: 18: 1 (about \$550.00).

The making of *monster packets* the basis of a collection to start with, has been very popular of late, and we have made up a number of special lots of this kind ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 varieties.

We recommend this method, and offer a 5,000 variety collection mounted *free* in the owner's album

for \$250.00. Selected stamps carefully hinged by an expert. A collection of 6,000 varieties for \$375.00, 7,000 for \$550.00.

Our cheaper packets unmounted are as follows:

4,000 .....	\$100.00
3,000 .....	50.00
2,000 .....	15.00
1,500 .....	9.85
1,000 .....	3.75

The above are all genuine postage stamps carefully selected.

We remount old collections into new albums eliminating bad copies, counterfeits, etc., and adding varieties out of our stock. This work is done by trained experts and turned out with dispatch at reasonable prices. Where purchases of stamps to fill spaces are extensive we make no charge for the re-mounting and put in the stamps at lowest prices.

Collectors who are graduating from the regular printed album into blank or movable sheets, may have special countries laid out and mounted for them in accordance with latest approved methods. Where good purchases are made of us for filling in, the expense of the work will be merely nominal. We shall be glad to advise our correspondents upon these matters according to their individual requirements upon application.

#### A LETTER.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.  
FULTON (KY.) STATION.

September 10, 1901.

C. H. MEKEEL S. & P. Co.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your 2,000 variety packet. I find it even better than you claim. You make no mistake when you say it's a bargain.

Yours truly,

G. H. EMRICK.

All our packets give satisfaction. See pages 31 to 34 of this paper.



#### IMPORTED GERMAN HINGES.

Many of our correspondents have become accustomed to use the non-peelable German hinge that we imported a few years ago. They have been out of stock recently and to meet the demand we have imported a new supply.

It is the best hinge for approval and exchange books.

They come in boxes of 5,000 which are sent post free for 75c per box.

#### ORDINARY HINGES.

We supply the ordinary hinges, either the "Perfect" or the "Omega" at 10c per 1,000.

#### WE BUY STAMPS.

We buy stamp collections, but they must in all cases be submitted to us for inspection, prepaid by express or registered mail.

Scarce and rare single stamps offered for sale, must invariably be submitted for our inspection, and a stamped return envelope enclosed for our reply.

We are often asked, "WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CATALOGUE PRICES DO YOU PAY FOR STAMPS?"

In reply let us state that the market value of some stamps are 75 per cent less than catalogue, on others 50, 40, 30, 25 and 10 per cent is the discount. As we buy to sell at a profit, our buying prices range from 10 to 75 per cent of catalogue price.

Only after years of experience may one become familiar with the market value of all stamps. We can only deal intelligently when the stamps offered for sale are submitted. There is no such a thing as a printed list of buying prices of all stamps.

Collections, lots and rarities valued and passed upon by an expert for a reasonable consideration. Parties having old and scarce stamps in quantity that they wish to dispose of should submit a sample of each kind, stating the quantity of each that they have, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for our reply. We must insist on this as we are deluged with letters of inquiry about stamps that are of no value. When a stamped envelope is enclosed all inquiries will be answered and reasonable information given as desired.

We are the most liberal buyers in the world of extreme rarities, particularly of U. S. and Confederate Locals, Postmasters' Provisionals and Carrier stamps. Uncatalogued varieties desired. We hold the record of having paid the highest price ever paid by a stamp dealer in the U. S. for a single postage stamp, particulars sent if desired.

Parties who have access to old letter files and correspondence of the years 1843 to 1865 will no doubt find stamps of value. We will send an illustrated list giving information as to what it is best to look for. Many of the rare stamps are shown by illustration. Price 10c post paid.

#### WE USE THEM.

We use only the Pan-American stamps on our mail matter, when they are available, giving preference to values other than 2c. Collectors will thus have an additional advantage in ordering stamps, albums, hinges, etc., of us, and we will appreciate it if they reciprocate when returning approval selections.

#### A DEALERS' SECRET PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

We are informed that a dealers' secret protective association has been formed by the leading approval dealers to exchange information about parties who seek to impose upon them and for mutual protection against frauds. It is an organization that will likely prove a great benefit to the dealers who participate. We do not find these things necessary in our own case as we endeavor to know whom we are dealing with before opening an account, and once obtained, all information is carefully preserved in our card index system that carries over one hundred and twenty thousand names.

# PRICES OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Prices have been attached to this list for specimens in three conditions. First column *unused*. Second column for *fine* copies in used condition. Third for ordinary used copies. This last class are in no wise defective, are fully up to the average of used stamps.

While all stamps are usually in stock, it is best for parties ordering to send a supplementary list.

The following prices are *strictly net for cash only*.

Send a stamped and addressed return envelope with orders less than \$1.00.

## Postage Stamps.

### GENERAL ISSUE.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1847.</b>			
5c. brown (Franklin) .....	\$ 50	\$ 35	
10c. black (Washington) .....	2 50	2 00	

### 1851-56.

*Type I. Has a curved line outside the labels with "U. S. Postage" and "One Cent." The scrolls below the lower label are turned under, forming little balls.*

*Type II. Same as I, but the scrolls are not turned under.*

*Type III. Same as II, but the curved lines outside the labels are broken in the center.*

1c. blue (Franklin) type I.....	50 00	20 00	15 00
1c. blue, type II.....	2 00	20	12
1c. blue, type III.....	35 00	8 00	5 00
3c. red (Washington).....	1 50	2	1
5c. brown (Jefferson).....		10 00	7 50
5c. red-brown.....	40 00	10 00	6 50
10c. green (Washington).....	10 00	50	35
12c. black (Washington).....	18 00	1 25	85

### 1855-60.

Same, Perf. 15.

*Type I. There are projections on all four sides.*

*Type II. The projections at top and bottom are partially cut away.*

*Type III. The projections at top and bottom are entirely cut away.*

1c. blue, type I.....	12 00	4 00	2 50
1c. blue, type II.....	8 00	80	50
1c. blue, type III.....	40	10	6
3c. red.....	8	2	1
3c. red (with outer line).....	10 00	20	10
5c. brick-red, type I.....	70 00	9 00	5 00
5c. red-brown, type I.....	20 00	4 50	3 00
5c. brown, type I.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
5c. brown, type II.....	6 00	2 00	1 00
4c. orange-brown, type III.....	4 00	2 00	1 50
10c. green.....	2 00	30	18
12c. black.....	2 00	60	40
24c. lilac.....	5 00	3 00	2 00
30c. orange.....	9 00	5 00	3 00
90c. blue.....	18 00	25 00	17 50

### 1861.

Perf. 12.

1c. blue.....	0 25	0 03	0 02
3c. pink.....		5 00	2 50
3c. rose.....	10	1	1
5c. buff.....	40 00	5 00	3 50
10c. yellow-green.....	1 40	10	8
12c. black.....	1 50	30	20
24c. red-lilac.....	10 00	80	50
30c. orange.....	4 00	40	30
90c. blue.....	13 50	2 50	2 00

### 1862-6.

2c. black (Jackson).....	0 30	03	02
5c. red-brown.....	15 00	2 50	1 50
5c. brick-red.....		10 00	5 00
5c. brown.....	3 00	30	
5c. black-brown.....	8 00	40	
15c. black (Lincoln).....	4 00	40	30
24c. lilac.....	3 00	30	

### 1867.

*Same, with embossing covering entire back of stamp.*

3c. rose.....	12 00	8 00	
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	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
Embossing measuring 13x16mm.			
3c. rose.....	\$15 00	\$5 00	\$3 00

Embossing measuring 12x14mm.			
2c. black.....	30 00	5 00	3 50
3c. rose.....	15 00	1 75	1 00

Embossing measuring 11x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	4 00	80	50
2c. black.....	2 00	15	10
3c. rose.....	3 50	3	2
10c. green.....	4 00	50	30
12c. black.....	4 00	30	20
15c. black.....	20 00	3 00	2 75

Embossing measuring 9x13mm.			
1c. blue.....	3 00	50	30
2c. black.....	1 00	8	4
3c. red.....	75	2	4
5c. brown.....	10 00	2 50	1 75
5c. black-brown.....		4 00	
10c. yellow-green.....	4 00	40	30
12c. black.....	4 00	40	30
15c. black.....	8 00	80	50
24c. gray-lilac.....	12 00	3 75	3 00
30c. orange.....	12 00	2 50	1 75
90c. blue.....	35 00	10 00	8 00

### 1869.

1c. buff (Franklin).....	1 00	45	30
2c. brown (Horseman).....	80	8	6
3c. blue (Locomotive).....	50	2	1
6c. blue (Washington).....	3 00	40	30
10c. yellow (Coat of Arms).....	5 00	55	35
12c. green (Steamship).....	3 00	35	25
15c. brown and blue (Landing of Columbus).....	10 00	2 00	1 50
15c. brown and blue (Picture framed).....	5 00	1 00	75
24c. green and purple (Declaration of Independence).....	10 00	3 75	2 50
30c. blue and carmine (Coat of Arms).....	12 00	1 75	1 25
90c. black and carmine (Lincoln).....	35 00	14 00	8 50

### 1870-71.

*Printed by National Bank Note Company. Head to left in oval.*

Embossing measuring 8½ to 9 and 10½ to 11½mm.			
1c. ultramarine (Franklin).....	4 00	0 35	0 25
2c. red-brown (Jackson).....	4 00	8	5
3c. green (Washington).....	1 75	2	1
6c. carmine (Lincoln).....	12 00	2 50	1 25
7c. vermilion (Stanton).....	12 00	2 50	1 25
10c. brown (Jefferson).....	30 00	8 50	6 00
15c. orange (Webster).....	15 00	5 50	4 00
90c. carmine (Perry).....	20 00	5 50	3 00

### 1870-71.

Without Embossing.

1c. ultramarine.....	2 00	10	5
2c. red-brown.....	1 00	2	1
3c. green.....	1 50	2	1
6c. carmine.....	2 50	10	8
7c. vermilion.....	4 00	40	30
10c. brown.....	5 00	10	5
10c. yellow-brown.....	5 00	10	5
12c. dull violet.....	6 00	30	20
15c. bright orange.....	4 00	30	20
24c. purple.....	10 00	1 25	90
30c. black.....	10 00	20	15
90c. carmine.....	12 00	1 00	75



	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used		Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>1873.</b>							
<i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.</i>							
1c. ultramarine	\$ 90	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$4 crimson-lake	\$ 4 00	...	...
2c. brown	1 00	3	2	\$5 black	5 00	...	...
2c. bark brown	1 00	3	2	<b>1894.</b>			
3c. green	40	1	1	<i>Same as 1890-3 issue, with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles.</i>			
6c. dull pink	1 00	4	3	1c. pale ultramarine	8	2	.....
7c. orange-vermillion	4 50	40	25	<b>1895.</b>			
10c. brown	2 50	5	2	<i>Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S., repeated in horizontal rows. All values are found imperforate.</i>			
12c. blackish violet	7 50	30	20	1c. blue	2	1	...
15c. yellow-orange	7 50	50	20	2c. carmine, triangle III	3	1	...
30c. gray-black	5 00	40	20	3c. purple	5	1	...
90c. rose-carmine	5 00	1 00	90	4c. dark brown	5	1	...
<b>1875.</b>				5c. chocolate	6	1	...
2c. vermilion	80	3	2	6c. dark brown	7	2	...
5c. blue (Taylor)	1 50	8	5	8c. puce	9	2	...
<i>Printed by the American Bank Note Co.</i>							
<b>1879.</b>				10c. dark green	12	1	...
<i>Soft Porous Paper.</i>							
1c. blue	80	4	2	15c. dark blue	17	3	...
2c. vermilion	20	1	1	50c. orange	55	10	7
3c. green	25	1	1	\$1 black	1 10	30	20
5c. blue	80	3	2	\$2 sapphire	2 20	1 50	...
6c. pink	1 20	3	2	\$5 dark green	5 50	1 50	...
10c. yellow-brown (National Plate)	2 00	5	3	<b>1898.</b>			
10c. brown (Continental Plate)	2 00	3	2	<i>Omaha Series.</i>			
15c. red-orange	40	12	8	1c. green	2	1	...
30c. full black	1 60	40	50	2c. copper-red	3	1	...
90c. carmine	5 50	70	50	4c. orange	6	3	...
<b>1882.</b>				5c. blue	7	4	...
5c. brown (Garfield)	40	2	1	8c. violet-brown	12	5	4
1c. gray-blue, re-engraved	8	1	...	10c. gray-violet	15	5	4
3c. green, re-engraved	12	1	...	50c. sage-green	60	35	25
6c. rose, re-engraved	1 50	6	3	\$1 black	1 15	85	...
10c. brown, re-engraved	20	1	...	\$2 orange-brown	2 30	2 00	...
10c. black-brown, re-engraved	5 00	20	11	<b>1898-99.</b>			
<b>1883.</b>				<i>Same as 1895 series.</i>			
2c. red-brown (Washington)	6	1	...	1c. green	1	1	...
4c. blue green (Jackson)	10	2	i	4c. lilac-brown	5	2	...
<b>1887.</b>				6c. lilac-brown	7	2	...
2c. green	6	1	...	10c. yellow-brown	12	2	...
3c. vermilion	10	8	...	15c. olive	17	3	...
<i>New Design.</i>							
1c. nitramarine (Franklin)	5	1	...	<b>Official Stamps.</b>			
<b>1888.</b>				All, except Post Office, same Designs as General Issues, with name of Department above.			
<i>Same as 1872-83 issue.</i>							
4c. carmine	10	2	...	<b>1873.</b>			
5c. indigo	40	2	...	<i>Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard paper. Perf.</i>			
30c. orange-brown	55	25	18	<b>AGRICULTURE.</b>			
90c. purple	1 75	75	...	1c. yellow	\$2 50	\$2 25	\$1 50
<b>1890-93.</b>				2c. "	75	70	50
<i>New design, stamps smaller.</i>							
1c. ultramarine (Franklin)	2	1	...	3c. "	25	20	15
2c. lake (Washington)	40	4	3	6c. "	50	50	25
2c. carmine	5	1	...	10c. "	4 50	4 00*	3 00
3c. purple (Jackson)	6	2	2	12c. "	6 00	5 50	3 00
4c. dark brown (Lincoln)	8	1	...	15c. "	2 75	2 50	1 50
5c. chocolate (Grant)	9	1	...	24c. "	4 00	3 00	2 00
5c. yellow-brown	10	1	...	30c. "	4 00	3 25	2 50
6c. brown-red (Garfield)	10	3	2	<b>EXECUTIVE.</b>			
8c. lilac (Sherman)	12	2	...	1c. carmine	7 00	7 00	4 00
10c. green (Webster)	15	1	...	2c. "	7 00	7 00	4 00
15c. indigo (Clay)	22	5	3	3c. "	4 00	4 00	3 00
30c. black (Jefferson)	40	6	4	6c. "	13 00	13 00	8 00
90c. orange (Perry)	1 15	40	30	10c. "	9 00	9 00	6 00
<b>1893.</b>				<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
<i>Columbian Issue.</i>							
1c. deep blue	2	1	...	1c. vermilion	20	20	15
2c. violet	3	1	...	2c. "	7	6	4
3c. green	6	4	2	3c. "	20	7	5
4c. ultramarine	7	2	1	6c. "	40	4	3
5c. chocolate	8	3	2	10c. "	40	40	25
6c. purple	10	5	4	12c. "	40	35	20
8c. magenta	12	3	2	15c. "	60	40	25
10c. black-brown	16	3	2	24c. "	75	50	35
15c. dark green	20	16	14	30c. "	75	60	35
30c. orange-brown	45	25	20	90c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
50c. slate-blue	60	45	40	<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
\$1 salmon	2 25	2 00	...	1c. purple	1 25	1 00	80
\$2 brown-red	2 00	1 50	...	2c. purple	2 50	\$2 50	\$1 70
\$3 yellow-green	3 00	...	...	3c. "	1 50	60	30

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
6c. purple	1 75	75	60
10c. "	2 50	2 00	1 25
12c. "	2 50	1 75	1 00
15c. "	6 00	4 00	3 00
24c. "	15 00	13 00	7 50
30c. "	18 00	15 00	10 00
90c. "	25 00	25 00	15 00
3c. bluish purple	1 50	1 00	75
6c. bluish purple	3 00	2 00	...
<b>NAVY.</b>			
1c. ultramarine	90	90	65
2c. "	40	40	20
3c. "	30	15	10
6c. "	40	35	20
7c. "	12 00	8 00	5 00
10c. "	2 00	1 50	1 00
12c. "	1 25	1 00	80
15c. "	2 25	2 00	1 25
24c. "	5 00	3 50	1 50
30c. "	4 00	2 00	1 50
90c. "	12 00	8 00	5 50

**POST OFFICE.**

*Figure of value in Oval. White Paper.*

1c. black	30	30	20
2c. "	20	20	12
3c. "	5	1	...
6c. "	18	10	8
10c. "	1 35	1 35	1 00
12c. "	75	65	40
15c. "	80	75	60
24c. "	80	75	60
30c. "	80	75	50
90c. "	2 00	1 75	1 00

**STATE.**

1c. dark green	2 00	1 75	1 25
2c. "	4 00	3 75	3 00
3c. "	2 00	2 00	1 00
6c. "	1 50	1 50	1 00
7c. "	2 50	2 25	1 50
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
12c. "	3 00	2 75	2 00
15c. "	3 50	3 00	2 00
24c. "	7 50	7 00	4 00
30c. "	6 00	5 50	3 25
90c. "	11 00	10 00	7 50
3c. bright green	60	60	40
6c. "	60	60	40
10c. "	2 20	2 00	1 25
\$2.00 black and green	20 00	20 00	15 00

**TREASURY.**

1c. brown	1 00	12	10
2c. "	25	10	6
3c. "	10	3	2
6c. "	20	7	5
7c. "	2 00	1 25	1 00
10c. "	40	18	10
12c. "	40	15	7
15c. "	30	20	12
24c. "	10 00	3 50	2 00
30c. "	40	20	12
90c. "	1 75	55	40

**WAR.**

1c. rose-red	40	5	3
2c. "	40	6	4
3c. "	...	2	...
6c. "	...	4	...
7c. "	2 00	2 00	1 25
10c. "	75	25	15
12c. "	75	25	15
15c. "	20	18	10
24c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	40	40	25
90c. "	75	75	50

**1879.** Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

**INTERIOR.**

1c. vermilion	1 00	1 00	...
2c. "	6	2	...

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
<b>INTERIOR.</b>			
3c. vermilion	4	2	...
6c. "	6	4	...
10c. "	1 05	75	50
12c. "	2 00	1 50	75
<b>JUSTICE.</b>			
3c. bluish purple	50	50	...
6c. bluish purple	1 25	1 00	...
<b>TREASURY.</b>			
3c. brown	8	2	...
6c. "	15	8	5
10c. "	40	20	10
30c. "	2 00	75	20
90c. "	4 00	75	40
<b>WAR.</b>			
1c. rose-red	3	3	2
2c. "	3	3	...
3c. "	2	2	...
6c. "	3	3	...
10c. "	20	20	15
12c. "	18	15	10
30c. "	18	15	10

**Carrier Stamps.**

<b>1851.</b>			
blue on rose (Franklin) reprint	25	...	...
1c. blue (Eagle)	50	1 50	1 00

**Special Delivery Stamps.**

<b>1885-94.</b>			
10c. blue	18	10	6
10c. blue ("at any office")	18	5	3
10c. orange	13	5	3

**1895.**

*Watermarked U. S. P. S.*

10c. blue	12	2	...
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**Newspaper Stamps.**

<b>1865.</b>			
<b>Colored Border.</b>			
5c. dark blue (Washington)	12 50	...	...
10c. blue-green (Franklin)	3 75	...	...
25c. carmine-red (Lincoln)	3 75	...	...
<b>White Border.</b>			
5c. dark blue	1 75	...	...

**1875.** Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. Thin hard Paper.

**INDIAN.**

<b>1875.</b>			
2c. black	35	35	20
3c. "	50	40	...
4c. "	50	50	20
6c. "	1 75	75	...
8c. "	1 75	...	...
9c. "	8 75	...	...
10c. "	75	75	...

**JUSTICE.**

12c. rose	1 75	1 00	...
24c. "	1 50	1 20	...
36c. "	1 75	2 00	...
48c. "	8 00	...	...
60c. "	6 00	...	...

**1879.** Printed by the American Bank Note Co. Soft Porous Paper.

	Unused		
2c. black	20	...	...
3c. "	40	...	...
4c. "	30	...	...
6c. "	75	...	...
8c. "	75	...	...
10c. "	25	...	...
12c. red	1 50	...	...
24c. "	1 50	...	...
36c. "	1 50	...	...

Revenue Stamps.

DOCUMENTARY.

First issue. Head of Washington in oval. Various borders.

	Unperforated.	Part Perf.	Perf.
1c. Express red	50	25	04
1c. Playing Cards red	10 00	1 50	1 75
1c. Proprietary red	7 00	75	03
1c. Telegraph red	6 00		08
2c. Bank Check blue	03	05	01
2c. Bank Check orange			01
2c. Certificate blue	10		40
2c. Certificate orange			30
2c. Express blue	13	50	03
2c. Express orange			05
2c. Playing Cards blue	4 00		12
2c. Playing Cards orange			30
2c. Proprietary blue	4 00	1 00	04
2c. Proprietary orange			70
2c. U. S. I. R. orange			01
3c. Foreign Exchange green			04
3c. Playing Cards green		4 50	
3c. Proprietary green			06
3c. Telegraph green	75	15	18
4c. Inland Exchange brown			04
4c. Playing Cards violet		6 50	
4c. Proprietary violet	1 50	12	
5c. Agreement red			02
5c. Certificate red	15	10	01
5c. Express red	25	10	04
5c. Foreign Exchange red			03
5c. Inland Exchange red	10	06	01
5c. Playing Cards red			35
5c. Proprietary red			45
6c. Inland Exchange orange			12
6c. Proprietary orange		45 00	
10c. Bill of Lading blue	50	1 75	03
10c. Certificate blue	2 50	1 00	01
10c. Contract blue		70	01
10c. Foreign Exchange blue			30
10c. Inland Exchange blue	3 00	10	01
10c. Power of Attorney blue		30	02
10c. Proprietary			50
15c. Foreign Exchange brown			35
15c. Inland Exchange brown	70	15	03
20c. Foreign Exchange red	75		60
20c. Inland Exchange red	15	07	02
25c. Bond red	3 00	30	08
25c. Certificate red	25	10	01
25c. Entry of Goods red	12	70	06
25c. Insurance red	08	15	02
25c. Life Insurance red	70	1 00	15
25c. Power of Attorney red	15	1 70	02
25c. Protest red	55	1 70	18
25c. Warehouse Rec. red	70	70	40
30c. Foreign Exchange lilac	75		1 00
30c. Inland Exchange lilac	40	50	04
40c. Inland Exchange brown	4 00	20	04
50c. Conveyance blue	1 00	15	01
50c. Entry of Goods blue		1 25	01
50c. Foreign Exchange blue	80	50	30
50c. Lease blue	80	3 00	25
50c. Life Insurance blue	1 75	3 00	03
50c. Mortgage blue	80	70	02
50c. Original Process blue	20		01
50c. Passage Ticket blue	3 00	1 75	10
50c. Prob. of Will blue	1 30	3 00	50
50c. Surety Bond blue	4 00	50	04
60c. Inland Exchange orange	85	60	15
70c. Foreign Exchange green	2 50	60	10
\$1 00 Conveyance red	20		10
1 00 Entry of Goods red	50		07
1 00 Foreign Exchange red	50		02
1 00 Inland Exchange red	10	3 00	02
1 00 Lease red	1 30		07
1 00 Life Insurance red	2 00		12
1 00 Manifest red	1 00		45
1 00 Mortgage red	70		2 25
1 00 Passage Ticket red	6 00		5 00
1 00 Power of Attorney red	65		05
1 00 Probate of Will red	1 00		90
1 30 Foreign Exchange orange			65
1 50 Inland Exchange blue	20		12
1 60 Foreign Exchange green	7 00		1 50
1 90 Foreign Exchange mauve			80
2 00 Conveyance red	1 50	10 00	08

Unperforated. Part Perf. Perf.

2 00 Mortgage red	1 50		\$0 10
2 00 Probate of Will red			65
2 50 Inland Exchange violet			09
3 00 Charter Party green	80		12
3 00 Manifest green	1 00		18
3 50 Inland Exchange blue	30 00		1 20
5 00 Charter Party red	2 00		20
5 00 Conveyance red	1 00		12
5 00 Manifest red	2 00		2 00
5 00 Mortgage red	2 00		65
5 00 Probate of Will red	7 50		60
10 00 Charter Party green	6 00		80
10 00 Conveyance green	2 75		1 50
10 00 Mortgage green	3 30		80
10 00 Probate of Will green	11 00		70
15 00 Mortgage blue	18 00		5 25
20 00 Conveyance orange	1 35		1 00
20 00 Probate of Will orange	50 00		30 00
25 00 Mortgage red	20 00		3 25
50 00 U. S. I. R. green	6 00		2 00
200 00 U. S. I. R. green and red	30 00		14 00

Second Issue. Head of Washington in oval; small rectangle. Perforated.

1c. blue and black			\$0 55
2c. " " "			02
3c. " " "			25
4c. " " "			45
5c. " " "			06
6c. " " "			1 65
10c. " " "			02
15c. " " "			35
20c. " " "			10

Head of Washington in circle. Same shape as same values of first issue.

25c. blue and black			\$0 02
30c. " " "			55
40c. " " "			45
50c. " " "			02
60c. " " "			60
90c. " " "			55
\$1 00 " " "			08
1 30 " " "			4 00
1 50 " " "			25
1 60 " " "			12 00
1 90 " " "			2 50
2 00 " " "			40
2 50 " " "			30
3 00 " " "			1 00
3 50 " " "			4 00
5 00 " " "			60
10 00 " " "			2 50
20 00 " " "			12 50
25 00 " " "			16 50
50 00 " " "			9 50
200 00 blue, black and red			100 00

Third issue. Same as previous issue. Perforated.

1c. black and claret			\$1 00
2c. " " orange			01
4c. " " brown			80
5c. " " orange			05
6c. " " orange			80
15c. " " brown			35
30c. " " orange			25
40c. " " brown			65
60c. " " orange			65
70c. " " green			50
\$1 00 " " green			05
2 00 " " vermilion			35
2 50 " " claret			50
3 00 " " green			1 25
5 00 " " vermilion			60
10 00 " " green			2 50
20 00 " " orange			12 00

Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange			2 00
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Fourth issue. Perforated.

2c. black and orange (green)			01
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Inverted Medallion.

2c. black and orange (green)			3 50
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First issue. Profile of Liberty.

	Silk.	Wmk.	Roul.
2c. blue.....	01	01	18
<i>Sixth issue. Playing Cards. Rouletted.</i>			
Inscribed, "On Hand, Aug. 1894."			
2c. lake.....			05
Inscribed, "Act of Aug. 1894."			
2c. ultramarine.....			10
Wmk'd U. S. I. R.			
2c. ultramarine.....			04

**1898.**

	New.	Used.
<i>Postage Stamps of 1895 issue surcharged.</i>		
1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in small sans serif capitals.....	10	10
1c. dark yellow-green, red surcharge, in large Roman capitals.....	03	01
<i>a</i> , surcharge inverted.....	1 50	1 50
2c. carmine, blue surcharge.....	04	01
<i>a</i> , surcharge inverted.....	25	20

*Periodical Stamps, surcharged: Int. Rev. \$5.00 Documentary.*

<i>a</i> Surcharged from bottom to top.		
<i>b</i> Surcharged from top to bottom.		
\$5 00 dark blue, red surcharge ( <i>a</i> ).....	7 00	3 00
5 00 dark blue, red surcharge ( <i>b</i> ).....	7 00	

Wmk'd U. S. I. R. rouletted 5%.

½c. orange (battleship).....	08	06
½c. gray-brown.....	01	01
1c. pale blue.....	02	01
2c. rose.....	03	01
3c. dark ultramarine.....	04	02
4c. pale rose.....	05	02
5c. lilac.....	06	01
10c. dark brown.....	01	
25c. purple brown.....	02	
50c. slate-violet.....	03	
\$1 00 yellow-green (Commerce).....	02	
3 00 brown-lilac.....	12	
5 00 red.....	25	
10 00 black.....	1 25	
40c. lilac.....	05	
80c. bistre.....	15	

**Proprietary Stamps.**

**1871-75.** Head of Washington in oval. Perf.

	Violet p.	Green p.
1c. black and green.....	05	05
2c. ".....	05	05
3c. ".....	25	25
4c. ".....	08	08
5c. ".....	2 25	3 00
6c. ".....	85	85
10c. ".....	5 00	1 25
50c. ".....	16 00	20 00
\$1 00 ".....	75 00	100 00
5 00 ".....	from 200 00	to 325 00

according to condition.

*1878 Issue.*

	Silk.	Wmk.	Roul.
1c. green.....	03	02	1 00
2c. brown.....	03	02	3 30
3c. orange.....	04	06	2 00
4c. red.....		08	3 50
4c. red-brown.....	05	05	3 00
5c. black.....	2 00	1 50	35 00
6c. blue.....	70	40	4 00
6c. violet.....		1 00	7 00
10c. blue.....		10 00	7 00

*1898 Issue. Roul.*

	New.	Used.
¾c. yellow-green (battleship).....	01	01
¾c. pale-brown.....	01	01
¾c. deep orange.....	02	01
¾c. deep ultramarine.....	02	01
1 c. dark green.....	02	02
1½c. brown-violet.....	08	08
1½c. dark purple.....	03	02
2 c. violet-brown.....	03	03
2½c. lake.....	04	03
4 c. purple.....	05	05
5 c. chestnut-brown.....	06	05
1½c. light blue.....	03	03
3¾c. slate.....	05	05

	Unused.	Used.
48c. red.....	4 00	
60c. ".....	3 00	
72c. ".....	7 00	
84c. ".....	8 00	
96c. ".....	7 00	
\$1 92 brown.....	4 00	3 00
3 00 vermilion.....	5 00	4 00
6 00 blue.....	7 00	6 00

**1885.** Same as above.

1c. black.....	15	
12c. carmine.....	60	
24c. ".....	60	
36c. ".....	1 00	
48c. ".....	1 50	
60c. ".....	1 50	
72c. ".....	3 00	
84c. ".....	3 00	
96c. ".....	2 75	

**1895.** Similar designs to preceding but smaller in size. Watermarked U. S. P. S.

1c. black.....	04	
2c. ".....	08	
5c. ".....	12	
10c. ".....	20	
25c. carmine.....	50	
50c. ".....	1 00	
\$2 00 scarlet.....	1 00	

Above together with \$5 blue, \$10 green, \$20 slate \$50 carmine and \$100 purple as sold by U. S. Government—\$5 net.

**Unpaid Letter Stamps.**

**1879.** Figure of Value in oval. Printed by the American Bank Note Co.

	Unused	Fine Used	Ordinary Used
1c. yellow-brown.....	25	10	05
2c. ".....	25	10	05
3c. ".....	35	08	05
5c. ".....	60	30	20
10c. ".....	80	20	15
1c. brown.....	08	04	02
2c. ".....	10	06	03
3c. ".....	15	10	05
5c. ".....	20	10	07
10c. ".....	35	10	05
30c. ".....	60	40	30
50c. ".....	4 00	60	30

**1889.**

1c. red-brown.....	10	03	02
2c. ".....	08	02	01
3c. ".....	1 50	60	
5c. ".....	30	10	08
10c. ".....	50	05	04
30c. ".....	60	60	40
50c. ".....	2 00	1 25	75

**1891-93.**

1c. bright claret.....	04	03	01
2c. ".....	04	02	01
3c. ".....	10	05	03
5c. ".....	10	08	05
10c. ".....	20	05	03
30c. ".....	60	40	30
50c. ".....	1 00	75	50

**1894.** Figure of value in lozenge shaped frame.

1c. deep claret.....	03	
2c. ".....	05	
30c. ".....	35	25

**1895.** Same. Watermarked U. S. P. S.

1c. deep claret.....	02	01
2c. ".....	04	01
3c. ".....	06	04
5c. ".....	10	04
10c. ".....	15	03
30c. ".....	50	30
50c. ".....	80	50



# PRICES OF STAMPS OF UNITED STATES COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES.

Many collectors who have heretofore confined their collections to the issues of the United States, have widened the scope of their collecting so as to include CUBA, GUAM, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and PORTO RICO, consequently many of the stamps of these places have become very scarce. We give a list of those that we can supply readily.

The scarce kinds are most always in stock and can be furnished at market value.

## CUBA.

### (WEST INDIES.)

Largest of the West Indian islands, known as the "Queen of the Antilles", with an area of 42,000 square miles and a population of about a million and a half. It was discovered by Columbus, 28th of October, 1492, and first colonized by his son, Diego, in 1514, and remained a Spanish possession until 1898.



ISABELLA

The island is now under the protection of the United States and will remain so until such time as the inhabitants of the island are prepared for independence. The island is very rich in natural resources. Products: Sugar, coffee, tobacco and hard tropical woods.



ALPHONSO

The first stamps issued were designed for use in all Spanish possessions in West Indies, but later there were separate issues for Cuba and Porto Rico.



BABY KING

Cuba will probably become, by desire of its inhabitants, a state of the Union, therefore its stamps are of more than usual interest to American collectors, and are being



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added by most U. S. specialists to their collections.

All of the following stamps are *unused* except those designated thus (†).

	Net Price each
<b>1855 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen Isabella looking to the right. Unperforated. Blue paper. Watermarked loops.	
2 r. p. carmine (†)	37
<b>1856 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Rough yellowish paper. Watermarked lines.	
½ r. p. greenish blue (†)	08
1 r. p. green (†)	50
2 r. p. orange red (†)	95
<b>1857 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Smooth white paper. No watermark.	
½ r. p. blue	02
1 r. p. green	04
2 r. p. red (†)	16
<b>1862-64 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen looking to left. Unperforated.	
½ r. p. black	06
½ r. p. black on buff	85
½ r. p. green	03
1 r. p. blue on salmon	04
<b>1866 Issue.</b> Same type as last. Value in centesimos and date in lower label.	
10c. blue	02
20c. green	06
40c. rose	45
Set of four stamps, including the 5c lilac.	1 25
<b>1868 Issue.</b> Profile of Queen to left. "Ultramar" at top. Perforated.	
40c. rose (†)	30
<b>1869 Issue.</b> Same, change of date.	
40c. dull violet (†)	30

<b>1870 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Queen, date of 1870 in label below.	Net Price each
10c. green	08
20c. brown	04
<b>1871 Issue.</b> Seated female figure. "Ultramar" and date above.	
12c. brown lilac	19
25c. blue	02
50c. green	05
1 peseta, brown (†)	40
<b>1873 Issue.</b> Full face portrait of Amadeus, date in label at top.	
12½c. green	25
25c. gray lilac	04
50c. brown	06
<b>1874 Issue.</b> Same type as 1871 issue, change of date.	
12½c. brown	23
25c. blue	02
50c. red purple	08
50c. gray	04
<b>1875 Issue.</b> Arms of Spain, date in label at top.	
12½c. light purple	06
25c. blue	01
50c. green	02
1 peseta, brown	20
<b>1876 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, dated.	
12½c. green	06
25c. gray lilac	02
50c. blue	04
1 peseta, black	20
<b>1877 Issue.</b> Same as last, lettered "Cuba" at top, dated.	
12½c. gray	10
25c. green	02
50c. black	03
<b>1878 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. blue	02
12½c. brown	06
25c. light green	01
50c. dark green	02
Set of five stamps, including the 1 peseta.	1 00
<b>1879 Issue.</b> Same as last, different colors.	
5c. black	02
25c. blue	02
50c. gray	04
1 peseta, brown	30
<b>1880 Issue.</b> Profile of Alphonso to right, larger head, dated.	
5c. green	03
12½c. lilac	05
25c. blue	02
50c. brown	02
1 peseta, bistre	25
<b>1881 Issue.</b> Same type as above, change of date.	
1c. green	03
2c. rose	75
5c. blue	02
10c. red brown	02
20c. brown	10
<b>1882 Issue.</b> Same type as above, without date.	
1c. green	04
2c. red	07
2½c. brown	05
5c. blue	04
10c. bistre	04
<b>1883 Issue.</b> Same, surcharged with a fancy design.	
5c. blue (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps.	15
10c. bistre (4 different surcharges), 4 stamps.	40
20c. brown (3 different surcharges), 3 stamps.	90

Issue.	Description	Net Price each
1884 Issue.	Same type, as 1882 issue, change of colors.	
	2½c. olive	03
	2½c. violet	18
	10c. brown	16
	20c. olive	20
1888 Issue.	Same type.	
	2½c. red, brown	05
	20c. lilac gray	23
1890 Issue.	Baby head of Infant King.	
	1c. brown (1)	05
	2c. slate blue	05
	2½c. emerald green	10
	5c. olive green	07
	20c. dark violet	08
1891 Issue.	Same type as above.	
	1c. olive green (1)	03
	5c. emerald green	02
	10c. claret	06
	10c. claret (1)	06
1894 Issue.	Same type as above.	
	1c. violet blue	01
	2c. red	03
	2½c. lilac	02
	20c. brown	09
1896 Issue.	Same type as above.	
	1c. lilac brown	01
	2c. claret	02
	2½c. rose	02
	5c. slate blue	01
	10c. emerald green	02
	10c. emerald green (1)	04
	20c. violet	12
1898 Issue.	Head of Boy King to left, date "1898-99" at top.	
	1, 2, 3, 5m. set of four	10
	1c. black violet (1)	03
	Complete series of 20 varieties, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 40, 60, 80c., 1, 2 pesos	7 50
1898-99 Provisionals.	Same as 1896 and 1898 types, surcharged for use in Puerto Principe with new values.	
	NOTE.—These provisionals are very scarce. We usually have a few on hand that will be submitted on approval at net prices, when requested.	
1899 Issue.	New values and "Cuba" surcharged on regular issue United States stamps, in black.	
	1c. on 1c. yellow green	03
	2c. on 2c. red	04
	2½c. on 2c. red	06
	2½c. on 2c. carmine	50
	3c. on 3c. purple	06
	5c. on 5c. blue	10
	10c. on 10c. light brown	20
1899 Issue (2nd).	New and beautiful designs.	
	1c. green	02
	2c. carmine	03
	3c. purple	05
	5c. blue	08
	10c. brown	15
	10c. orange (special delivery)	15

**UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**

1899 Issue.	Surcharged on U. S. unpaid letter stamps.	
	1, 2, 5, 10c. claret, set of four	75

**NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**

1888 Issue.	Head of Alphonso XII to right, "Cuba-Impresos" above, value below.	
	½m. black	02
	1m. "	04
	3m. "	06
1890-96 Issue.	Head of Baby King Alphonso XIII to right, value below.	
	½m. red brown	02
	1m. "	02
	2m. "	03

	Net Price each
3m. red brown	05
8m. "	14
½m. violet (1892)	02
1m. "	02
2m. "	03
3m. "	05
4m. "	06
8m. "	07
½m. rose (1894)	01
1m. "	01
2m. "	02
3m. "	04
4m. "	04
½m. blue green (1896)	01
1m. "	02
2m. "	02
3m. "	04
4m. "	04
8m. "	05

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Forty varieties of Cuban stamps, 1862 to 1899. A bargain, price 30c. Ask for Packet No. 126.

A fine packet of 100 varieties of Cuban stamps, a fine lot, issues 1855 to 1899, price \$3.50. Packet No. 119.

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We have a book containing all but the cheapest of the above stamps, priced at the net prices quoted, that we will send on approval to our correspondents, when requested. Ask for book No. 16.

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Dealers will also find that our **Mixtures** offered under packet numbers, at the end of our packet list contain wholesale bargains that are cheaper than the regular wholesale dealer has to offer.

## PORTO RICO.

All previous quotations on Porto Rico stamps are hereby cancelled. The following is a net list of what we have in stock at the present moment:

All unused, except those indicated thus (‡) which are cancelled.

<b>1876 Issue. Stamps of Cuba 1876, surcharged in black with two script scrolls.</b>	
25c. blue gray and black.....	25
50c. ultramarine and black.....	50
1 peseta, black.....	95
1 peseta, black (‡).....	62

**1881 Issue. Head of Alphonso XII to right. "Puerto-Rico 1881" at top.**



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½m. lake.....	03
1m. violet.....	04
2m. pale rose.....	04
4m. bright green.....	07
6m. brown lilac.....	13
8m. ultramarine.....	18

**1882 Issue. Same type without date.**

2m. violet.....	02
4m. brown lilac.....	03
6m. chocolate.....	03
8m. yellow green.....	04
1c. gray green.....	04

**1884 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. lake.....	01
1m. bright rose.....	02

**1890 Issue. Type of Baby head of King of Spain.**



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½m. black.....	07
2m. lilac rose.....	03
2m. lilac rose (‡).....	04
1c. yellow brown (‡).....	02
3c. slate blue (‡).....	08
10c. rose.....	25
20c. red orange.....	50

**1891-93 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. olive gray.....	01
1m. dark violet.....	02
2m. violet brown.....	02
4m. ultramarine.....	02
6m. rose.....	02
8m. yellow green.....	02
1c. blue green.....	06
2c. red brown (‡).....	04
3c. orange (‡).....	02
5c. blue green.....	07
5c. blue green (‡).....	02
6c. orange.....	02
8c. brown.....	07
10c. lilac rose.....	09
20c. lilac.....	12
40c. dark blue.....	37
80c. orange.....	95

**1893 Commemorative Issue. A special stamp issued to commemorate the discovery of the Island. Design representing the landing party in a boat going from Columbus' ship.**



3c. dark green.....	68
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**1894 Issue. Same type as 1891 issue, change of colors.**

½m. red brown.....	01
1m. blue.....	02
2m. salmon.....	01
4m. yellow brown.....	02

3c. olive (‡).....	04
4c. slate blue.....	06
20c. carmine rose.....	05
40c. claret.....	22

**1896 Issue. Same as last.**

½m. dull violet.....	01
1m. violet brown.....	02
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	05
2c. orange brown.....	02
4c. dark brown.....	04
5c. blue.....	03
6c. violet.....	03
8c. carmine rose.....	06
20c. olive gray.....	08
40c. salmon.....	37

**1897 Issue. Same type, new colors.**

3c. claret brown.....	03
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**1898 Issue. Head of Boy King of Spain with date 1898-99.**



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1m. orange brown.....	01
2m. " ".....	02
3m. " ".....	02
4m. " ".....	30
4m. " " (‡).....	25
5m. " ".....	02
1c. black violet.....	03
2c. dark blue green.....	02
3c. dark brown.....	02
4c. orange.....	50
5c. bright rose.....	03
6c. dark blue.....	03
8c. gray brown.....	07
10c. vermilion.....	10
15c. slate green.....	12
20c. maroon.....	20
40c. violet.....	25
60c. black.....	30
80c. red brown.....	37
1 peso, yellow green.....	1 00
2 pesos, slate blue.....	2 00
Complete series of 20 varieties, 1 mil. to 2 pesos, all unused.....	4 50

**1898-99 Provisional Issue. Regular issues of 1891 to 1897, surcharged in three lines, "Habilitado—para—1898 y 99," in rose or purple. The following are all guaranteed.**

1m. violet brown.....	03
2m. yellow green.....	02
4m. blue green.....	02
1c. claret.....	03
2c. orange brown.....	04
3c. claret brown.....	08
4c. dark brown.....	08
5c. blue.....	08
5c. yellow green.....	12
6c. violet.....	06
8c. carmine rose, purple surcharge.....	15
20c. olive gray.....	15
80c. black.....	1 25

**Regular issues of 1890 to 1897, surcharged "Impuesto de Guerra." These were issued as revenue stamps but made available for postage.**

2c. on 2m. salmon.....	03
2c. dark violet.....	08
2c. red brown.....	07
5c. blue green.....	05
5c. on 1m. dark violet.....	03
5c. on 1m. blue.....	03

## PORTO RICO PACKET.

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## PORTO RICO APPROVAL BOOKS.

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200 VARIETIES—15 CENTS.

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40 stamps from British  
Colonies only. We name some of them: Cyprus, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia, Trinidad, Jamaica, Tasmania, Natal, South Australia, New Zealand, New South Wales, Mauritius, British Guiana, etc.

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an unlucky number, the  
stamps it contains are all right and please every purchaser. There are 40 different kinds from Finland, Colombia, Bulgaria, Egypt, Turkey, Chile, etc.

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of stamps from various  
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ent stamps in this packet,  
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different countries, a nice  
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**No. 143** A mixture of one hundred Cuban stamps from 1872 issue to and including 1900. Thirty-two different kinds assorted, a fine lot. **50c**

**100 MIXTURE—50 CENTS.**

**No. 139** A mixed packet of one hundred Central American stamps including only Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador. Well mixed, fifty different kinds in each packet. **75c**

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HENRY SCHRAMM, B—, N. Y.

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JOHN GERRY, New York.

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CLAUDE TRAXLER, A—, Ohio.

Your 546 variety packet of stamps came to hand two or three days ago. I am very much pleased with it; with the variety, and with the neat, clean appearance of the stamps.

I do not see how it is possible for you to sell that number of such good stamps at such a price, and so nicely mounted, to enable me to add 148 varieties to my collection, which numbers nearly 3000.

Then I turned it over to a young friend who added 89 to his collection of 1000, besides replacing many stamps with better copies.

It is now in the hands of another collector, and then I shall use the remainder of the stamps with my classes in history and geography.

I wish I could put as many more stamps in my collection at the same price. I want during this winter to fill as many spaces in my album as I can with stamps catalogued at 1c. and 2c.

For several years I have made a good deal of use of stamps in teaching, and in so doing have given away a great many stamps, and have not only created a greater interest in history, geography, etc. among my pupils, but in stamps themselves, and have started a good many young people in the pleasurable and instructive pursuit of stamp collecting. I think much might be written on the subject of the use of stamps in school work.

HATTIE R. STRATTON, M—, Ala.

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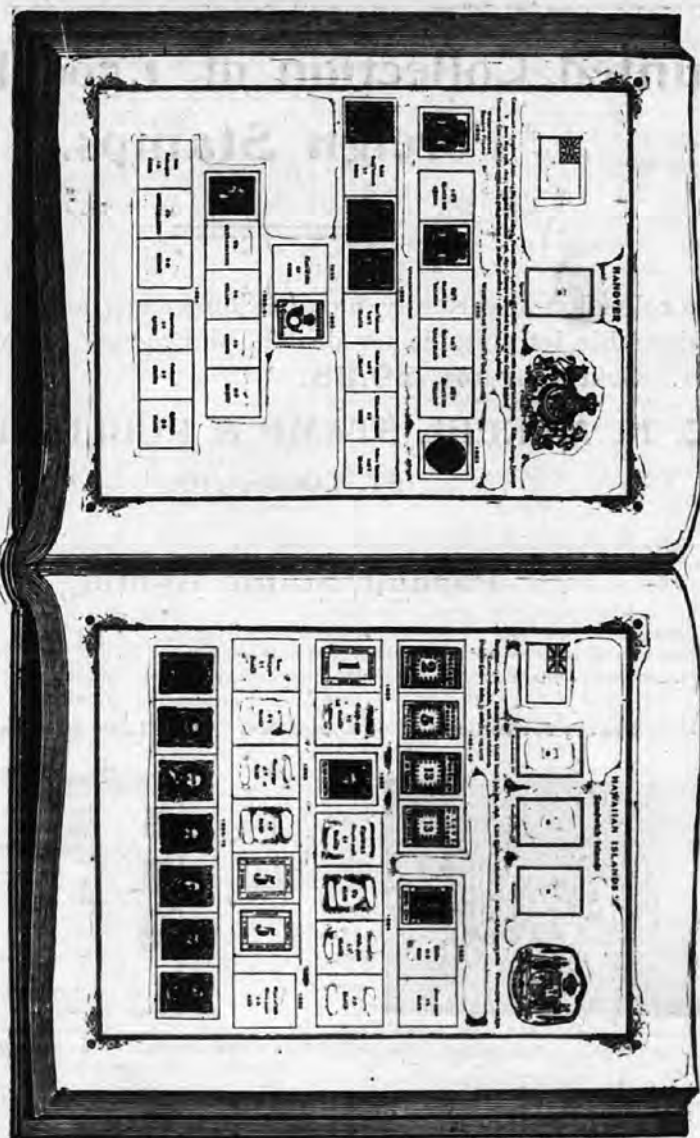
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**Regularly or Occasionally?** When we started the "DRUMMER" it was with the sole intention of putting ourselves in closer touch with our correspondents, and contributing a little general stamp information, in addition to price list and advertising matter on behalf of our business. We had no idea of undertaking a regular publication and our issues have been simply arranged to suit our business convenience. Eleven numbers have been issued, of which over two hundred thousand copies have been distributed free. Over ten thousand individual collectors have expressed in writing their desire to receive the paper whenever issued, and many have expressed the wish that we convert it into a regular publication, showing satisfaction with the contents of previous numbers and observing that a field was open for a publication of this character and offering to support same with their subscriptions. We are ready to undertake the task if the feeling is general, and ask for a fuller expression from our readers on the subject. Shall the publication be a weekly, fortnightly or monthly?



**Experience** If a regular publication is undertaken it will cover the field of legitimate stamp news, both with regard to stamps and stamp people the world over; it will be a free lance and unhampered critic, and of course a so-called house organ, because nothing but the advancement of our business interests would repay the

expense and energy required for a periodical dependent primarily upon subscriptions for its support. The best in stamp literature has always come from the man who is engaged in the stamp business as a regular occupation, either directly or through him as publisher. Experience is the best teacher, and if our C. H. Mekeel takes up the editorial pen again for a regular publication it will be adding to a record that is already an extensive one. His first stamp paper was *The Stamp Collector's Bureau*, issued in 1881 and 1882. The next, *The Philatelic Journal of America*, which was founded in 1885, and ran through fourteen volumes. No doubt more copies of that journal were printed and circulated than of any monthly paper ever published in America. *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was founded in 1891 and published by this concern continually until 1898; it is now continued as an independent trade newspaper by the Mekeel-Redfield-Severn Co. in New York City. *The Daily Stamp Item* was an experiment in 1895; 285 numbers were issued. The DRUMMER you know all about. *La Revista Filatelica* was a Spanish stamp paper that was published for 14 numbers, but the comparatively small number of Spanish-American collectors made it a luxury rather than a profitable enterprise. The requirements of the moment call for a periodical different in many respects from any of the above, and if the matter is undertaken, it will be carried to a successful conclusion. The public and beginners require certain encouragement and informa-

tion about stamps which will result in an increase of the number of collectors. The old timer who devotes himself only occasionally to his stamps, wants to be kept in touch with the movement of affairs. The serious and active stamp student needs a medium through which he can exchange information with his fellows who are working in the same way along other lines. The market is a thing of interest to all, and information about the advance and decrease in values should be promptly communicated. Discoveries and new candidates of old issues for catalogue recognition must be closely scrutinized.



**By Mail Only** The business of this company is now confined entirely to correspondence by mail, the offices for public reception have been closed and the clerical force moved into a new brick building that has been designed and erected expressly for our requirements. A customer in the extreme eastern Canadian provinces or California has the same facility for business with us as a customer in St. Louis. Our location in the center of population of the North American continent, gives us the ideal position for the con-

duct of a business by mail. While we do not care for office trade we shall be none the less glad to meet our correspondents when they happen to be in St. Louis, and have them visit our establishment. Such visits must be arranged by previous appointment. We can always be reached by Bell Telephone, having a local and long distance instrument in our office.



**Use of Pan-Americans** We stated in our last number that we should use Pan-American stamps upon our mail matter while these stamps were in use. Upon several occasions the supply of certain values has been totally exhausted at the St. Louis post office and we have been obliged to use the regular issue stamps on our mail. We mention the matter as an explanation. We shall, however, continue to use the Pan-American stamps upon all mail matter dispatched while they are available, and appreciate reciprocity in this respect. We will buy for cash and pay as much as any reputable dealer offers for any or all the used Pan-American stamps in large or small quantities. Where payment is taken in trade we will allow some what more than other dealers offer. Correspondence on the subject is solicited.

## From the Editorial Chair.

A catalogue that will be a reliable reflex of values is the thing most needed by American collectors at the present time. The so-called "Standard" 60th Edition is very unsatisfactory in many ways. A new company having taken over the business from which that catalogue emanated gives us something to look forward to in the 61st Edition. The date of its issue should be made known as early as possible. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of London, are the publishers of the best catalogue in the English language, but it has heretofore been priced only in English money. The next edition will be issued with prices in American money for

the U. S. trade; we predict for it a large sale and welcome reception.

The interest in the surcharged stamps and blue prints made during the seige of Mafeking seems to continue in England and they are to be the principal feature of an exhibition to be given shortly in London. Patriotism and the war fever contribute to their favor; we predict that their field of popularity will continue to be Great Britain, as outside collectors do not look upon them favorably. They are in the "fancy" class, both on account of the prices at which they are held, and the questionable necessity



of their issue. They are therefore *passed* by most American collectors.

The Earl of Crawford has recently been mentioned prominently in connection with the Philatelic Society of London and has been made a member of the Council of that organization. It will be remembered by such of our readers who follow foreign stamp news that the magnificent collection of unused European stamps made by M. P. Castle, the Vice-President of the above mentioned society, was sold *en bloc* to a purchaser, whose name was not given, for the handsome sum of £30,000 (nearly \$150,000). Considerable curiosity was manifest as to who the purchaser might be; a hint was given that the collection went from "sea to sea"—(C. to C.). Is it the Earl of Crawford?

Some of the "hack newspaper writers" in this country and England made the usual display of ignorance, in discussing the sale of the Castle collection of unused European stamps and the price realized for it. Their conception of the collection was that of an ordinary boy's accumulation of foreign stamps, which when attached to the price was of course incomprehensible to them or their readers. Mr. Castle's collection could be compared with the collection of *gems* of other classes, jewels, paintings or cameos. The collection had been made at the outlay of considerable money in the purchase of perfect specimens, the possession and selection of which are often more difficult than the mere monetary value would indicate. The purchaser no doubt obtained full value in the scientifically arranged collection of unused stamps that filled many volumes. While the average collector does not expect to even approach this accumulation, it is gratifying to know what has been accomplished and that substantial realization of value exists.

The literature of our hobby is growing, and in many languages. A hand-

some volume has been issued to celebrate the jubilee of the issue of the stamps of Denmark 1851-1901. As the title would indicate, *Danske Postfrimærker*, it is printed in the Danish language and is a history of the stamps, envelopes, post-cards and essays of that country. On the score of typography, illustrations, paper or binding, there have been very few books on stamps hitherto published that could compare favorably with it. The author is O. Koefoed. Publisher, Alfred Jacobsen, Copenhagen.

The report of Mr. J. A. Tilleard, Honorary Secretary of the greatest society of stamp collectors in the world, the Philatelic Society of London, was recently published in the official journal, the *London Philatelist*, with a list of the members of that organization.

Reference was made to the travels of the distinguished President of the Society, His Royal Highness The Duke of Cornwall and York, K. G., etc., the Heir Apparent to the British Crown, who is now visiting the Australian colonies of Great Britain.

The report says, "It will be a source of gratification to all our members to know that, notwithstanding the multitudinous duties which must occupy the attention of the distinguished traveler, H. R. H., as President of the Society, will not be unmindful of philatelic interests. There are many matters of doubt in connection with the stamps of several of the colonies included in the tour, and it is the intention of H. R. H. to endeavor to obtain the fullest official information available for the elucidation of various questions in which he is much interested. The results obtained will be communicated to the Society in the course of the ensuing season."

The list of members of the Philatelic Society, London, includes the names of many very well known American stamp collectors, among which may be mentioned E. R. Ackerman, J. M. Andreini, Henry Clotz, F. de Coppett, C. B. Corwin, H. J. Duveen,



J. O. Hobby, Alex. Holland, J. S. Rich and Wm. Thorne, all of New York. Outside of the metropolis the following are some of the other Americans: F. W. Ayer and F. O. Conant, of Maine; J. V. Painter and G. H. Worthington, of Cleveland, O.; N. Haskell Withee and Geo. L. Toppan, of Wisconsin; Dr. S. G. Stein, of Iowa; H. E. Deats, of New Jersey; F. C. Foster, Rev. J. L. Kilbon and M. H. Lombard, of Boston.

The membership includes many well-known collectors in all parts of the world. The professions are represented by the clergy, medicine and law; officers of Army and Navy of many countries and of all ranks; titled personages, Princes, Dukes, Earls, Barons and Sir Knights.

Mr. Fred W. Ayer, of Bangor, Maine, who was very prominent a few years ago, as a collector who bought everything good in sight, is the only American stamp collector whom we have heard of as having met the Duke of York personally as a stamp collector. Mr. Ayer was received by the Duke while he was abroad and the mutual examination of stamps ensued. The meeting was arranged by influential people connected with the London society.

The day is past when simply postal use shall make a stamp *necessary* to a collector. Collectors enjoy the privilege of discrimination and reject such things as are *tainted* by the suspicion of speculation, particularly where the prices are tacked on.

Thousands enjoy the pretty labels of Labuan, North Borneo and the Seebeckized countries and collect them because they are *cheap* even though they know that 99% of the issue is of the same character as picture cards, issued for the profit of a schemer.

We neither blame a collector for including or rejecting speculative stamps, it is a matter for everyone to decide for himself. Information is the province of the press and we give it, then the collector can draw his own lines. The beauty of our pursuit is,

that each may follow his own sweet will and form a collection according to his own ideas. There is pleasure in it for all.

The president of a great corporation, one of the developing giants of American industry, a man whose days are occupied in the manipulation of the business affairs and directing thousands of employees, recently remarked to a friend about stamp collecting:

"I find the greatest relief from nervousness and rest in spending an hour or two with my boy in the evening over his stamp album. We get out the album after dinner and with a selection of approval sheets, study the different stamps and locate them in our book. It is a real pleasure and while I am too tired to read I find rest and enjoyment in the study of our stamps."

What has been the experience of one, has been that of many, and a pastime or pursuit that has been recommended for the educational development of youth has been found to be a recreation for business and professional people of maturer years.

The following is clipped from the *English Weekly Stamp News*:

"Stamp collectors should be filled with gratitude on learning that the ½d. stamp with the portrait of the Duke of Cornwall and York which was to have been issued to commemorate the Royal visit to Australia is not to be printed after all, although the design was prepared."

We see no reason for gratitude from collectors on account of the circumstance mentioned. On the contrary, it is a loss to collectors that such an interesting incident should not have been marked by the ½-penny stamp that was contemplated. We hear from certain sources remarks of regret over almost all pictorial or commemorative issues of stamps, as if these issues were not really the greatest compliment that is paid to our hobby. When the stamps come from countries and colonies of the first rank and are of reasonable denominations such as

are actually required for postal service, they should be welcomed, as they are adding thousands to the ranks of active collectors, and attracting the attention of the uninitiated to the fascinations of our pursuit.

The question was answered in the British House of Commons on June 7th regarding the portrait design of the King for the new postage stamps by Mr. Chamberlain.

The inquiry had been raised, as to whether the advice of the President of the Royal Academy or other distinguished artists had been taken in the matter.

The reply was to the effect that the Postmaster General was the official who is responsible for the new stamps and he had consulted the personal views of the King as to the royal portrait that should be used. His Majesty chose one that was executed last year by an Austrian artist, who had been resident in London and who enjoyed a high reputation in England, and as the portrait was considered to be specially well adapted for the purpose in question, it had not appeared necessary to invite designs from other artists or to seek further advice.

Emil Fuchs was the name of the foreign artist and considerable comment has been indulged in by some of the British press. The following somewhat sarcastic lines appeared in *London Truth*, under the title of "STAMPING IT IN:"

New stamps are wanted. Such a chance  
But seldom can occur  
For casting on poor British art  
So undeserved a slur;  
Thus, if you please, Herr Fuchs they choose,  
An Austrian sculptor he,  
To draw our English King!—oh, what  
An excellent decree!

Not seldom has the Treasury,  
Right glad to play its part,  
Brought down its foot full heavily  
On slighted British art;  
But now, as though to emphasize  
Its policy of spite,  
The heavy foot put down before  
It "stamps" with all its might!

Major Edw. B. Evans, in his editorial in the July number of the *Monthly Journal* makes the following

observation about the above matter:

"A good deal of nonsense has appeared, principally in the non-philatelic press, on the subject of a foreign artist being employed to design British stamps, but it does not appear that anything of the sort has taken place. A certain portrait or bust was, we understand, selected by His Majesty to serve as a model for the head which is to figure upon the stamps; the designing of the latter has, no doubt, all been done by the artists of Messrs. De la Rue & Co. Some people, however, are never satisfied. If a photograph of the King had been taken for this express purpose, it might have been objected that the sun is a foreign artist, who, although he has paid us a fairly long and almost too friendly visit this year, is not really a native of these fog-smitten islands."

The Duke of York and Cornwall has been the recipient of some substantial additions to his stamp collection upon his trip around the world.

At Malta, one of his first stops, he accepted from Baron Festaferata Abela the celebrated collection of stamps which the Baron has been collecting for the past forty years. At Sydney the Philatelic Club presented an address of welcome and a suitable souvenir of his visit in the form of a collection of the stamps of New South Wales, and one of considerable value. We also understand that he has added to his philatelic stores by purchase from a number of the important dealers.

His Highness, as these lines are written, is now in Canada, but we have had no stamp news from that direction, in his connection.

The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* (London), referring to a new publication, observes:

"The danger of these small amateur publications lies rather in the direction of advertisements."

This is as true of American amateur stamp papers as it is in England; almost every publication of that kind contains advertisements of dealers who would not be admitted to the best

mediums. As a dealer may be known by the company he keeps, in his advertising as well as otherwise. The better dealer can correct this evil by more judicious placing of his announcements.

The best papers do not accept the advertisements of any, except persons who are known to be responsible, and are otherwise reliable.

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A number of the smaller monthlies have been running a Mexican advertisement including a 3 centavos 1864 (Eagle) Mexico for \$17.50. It is a counterfeit and we should advise purchasers to recover their money, through the publishers if necessary.

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The death of President McKinley has cast a gloom over the whole country. A black stamp was issued after the death of President Lincoln and President Garfield's portrait appeared on the 5c. dark chocolate issued soon after his death. It is not unlikely that the Post Office Department will use President McKinley's portrait on a new stamp when such are prepared.

The postal union system of colors does not provide for a black stamp among the denominations in general use; the 5 cent stamp, which is blue, for international mails, would most likely be selected for the purpose.

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Newspaper dispatches from Washington about September 25th stated that a special issue of U. S. stamps commemorative of the life of President McKinley was under contemplation at the Post Office Department. But the idea was later abandoned, owing it is understood to the length of time required to prepare the issue and other difficulties.

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The postage stamps used in mailing this number of the DRUMMER requires just a \$100.00 bill, to say nothing of the other costs.

It is sent *free* to our customers, and we hope they will respond.

## OUR 25% DISCOUNT SERIES OF APPROVAL BOOKS

We are introducing a new series of approval books for the season of 1901-2 on which 25% discount will be allowed. These books will be welcomed by thousands who have been through our 50% discount series and whose collections are now so far advanced as to require a decidedly better grade of stamps in filling spaces.

This series will be found to contain many choice stamps seldom if ever found in the approval stocks of dealers.

Any collector who has established himself with our Approval Department, has only to drop us a line to receive any of the following books.

Descriptions of new books will be published in each issue of the DRUMMER.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 51. Contains a fairly good collection of the stamps of Guatemala, all issues from 1871 to 1901. These stamps are cheap, pretty and very interesting.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 52. Contains a miscellaneous collection of "Queen's Heads," all portraits of Queen Victoria from various British Colonies in all parts of the world and many unused.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 53. Contains a fine collection of the stamps of Holland and her Colonies, stamps that are reasonable in price and very interesting.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 54. Contains a collection of the stamps of Salvador, including most of the complete sets, many of the provisionals and used copies of the recent complicated series.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 55. Contains a miscellaneous lot of good stamps from all parts of the world suitable for a general collector, all copies being *postally used*.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 56. Contains a miscellaneous lot of good stamps from various countries, for a general collector, all being *unused* in fine condition.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 57. Contains U. S. Dependencies, Cuba, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Philippines, including both used and unused copies.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 58. Contains only stamps of the British West Indies, both used and unused.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 59. Contains only stamps of China, Chinese ports, Corea, etc., mostly unused.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 60. Contains a choice lot of Uruguay, including many officials, all unused.



APPROVAL BOOK No. 61. Contains almost a complete collection of stamps of Nicaragua, unused.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 62. Contains only the stamps of the United States and departments.

APPROVAL BOOK No. 63. Contains the better U. S. Revenue stamps of all issues.

It will of course be understood that the stamps in the above series are different than those in our 50% series.

So that if your collection is not far advanced it would be desirable to exhaust the larger discount series first.

All rules, terms and conditions which are explained in our announcements by the Approval Department apply to these books.

Boys who have only a little money to spend should not ask for these books. The minimum purchase should be \$1.00 *net*, and the more expensive books which are sent registered, cannot be sent where sales are likely to be less than several dollars.

If you have not seen our circular regarding Approval Department, giving a list and description of our non-duplicating series of 50% discount books, also list of special *net* books, you should ask for a copy. It has been published in previous numbers of this paper.

## APPROVAL FRAUDS

It will seem that dishonest people who seek to make stamp dealers their victims would learn after a while, that it is unprofitable and dangerous.

The latest example was the arrest of Henry M. Rosenbaum of Philadelphia, Pa., who, under various names and by fraudulent representation, obtained of stamp dealers, stamps on approval which he had no intention of paying for.

As this was done through the U. S. mails, his was an offense against the U. S. government and he was held by the U. S. Commissioner on the charge of using the U. S. mails to further a scheme to defraud.

These offenses have been, and will continue to be vigorously prosecuted.

## WHY?

Why should collectors be asked to view two blank spaces in their new albums where the Hawaiian surcharged series shall appear?

Because a single sheet of the 6c green was surcharged in red instead of black, and a single sheet of the 10c red brown was surcharged in the same color.

These two freaks now come out, almost the entire lot having passed when printed into the hands of the *brother of the postmaster!*

His estate has now disposed of them and we suppose they will receive catalogue and album recognition.

They are interesting and valuable to the specialist in Hawaii and perhaps fifty such may possess them if the sheet of fifty is broken up.

But *why* in the name of common sense should the thousands upon thousands of general collectors who will never see these stamps have them thrust upon them among the *legitimate* issue.

Why?

## SPECIAL PRINTINGS OF U. S.

The interrogation on the Hawaiian subject suggests further reforms.

We know that special printings of U. S. stamps occurred both before and after the Centennial Exposition in 1876, and that these stamps would pay postage and many are still good for that purpose.

But why should a catalogue such as is issued for the ordinary collector be burdened by these lists of stamps priced at fancy prices?

The sooner they are cut out of popular lists the better for the general trade in U. S. stamps.

Have you thought about the U. S. grills of various kinds, made by American Bank Note Co., once considered almost unattainable unused, that have come on the market the last few years?

Now collectors are asked to subscribe to a 5c blue Taylor, issue of 1875. It is high time questions were being asked. More anon.



## South African Republic, 1901

Prior to April 9th, the South African Republic government were in practical possession of the whole of the northern Transvaal, 51 post offices, over 100 miles of railway and 500 miles of telegraph being in their control.

The old stamps that were in their hands had all been used up by the end of the year and for a little time they conducted their postal service without any. The necessity of stamps was soon apparent, and as an issue had been authorized, the printing office at Pietersburg, their headquarters, had been instructed to produce them.

ural under the circumstances, but the above are the simple varieties that will be sought for by most collectors.

The three types referred to are shown in our illustrations, they each exist in all values.

The 4 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling values, of each of which only one thousand were issued, are destined to be very rare stamps.

*The Monthly Journal* states that the stamps were printed in the office of the Dutch newspaper, *De Wachter*, the premises of which were blown up by General Plummer's column in April.

Specimens of the stamps that were



TYPE 1



TYPE 2



TYPE 3

The stamps were type-set and consist only of six values,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 4, 6 pence and 1 shilling, illustration annexed, printed in black on colored paper, and each initialed in ink.

The issue took place in March, about £500 worth having been printed, but were not all issued, a quantity being burned when the British troops arrived at Pietersburg on April 9th.

The printing office, presses, type, etc. were all destroyed so that no further issue of stamps are likely to take place.

For real general philatelic interest these stamps far surpass the Mafeking siege stamps, and many less of them really exist.

The simple varieties are as follows:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, green paper, perf'd and unperf'd.
- 1 penny, rose " " "
- 2 pence, orange " " "
- 4 pence, blue " unperforated only.
- 6 pence, green " " "
- 1 shilling, yellow paper, " "

There are three type varieties in the settings and some errors as were nat-

part of the booty taken at the capture of Pietersburg, are referred to as having reached England from officers who were engaged there.

Every stamp issued was initialed in manuscript by the Comptroller of the Currency (paper money also having been issued), the same is shown in our illustrations.

A photograph of the Governmental Proclamation has been sent to us and we reproduce it on the next page with the following translation of same taken from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*:

### GOVERNMENT NOTICE

With reference to the new postage stamps the Executive have decided to issue. It is notified for general information that it shall not be lawful to use these stamps unless they bear the initials of J. T. de V. Smit, who is the official appointed to control the issue of these postage stamps.

(Signed) F. W. REITZ,

State Sec'y.

*Distrikt Middelburg, 8th Feb., 1901.*

OUR PRICES

We use the prices of the 60th Edition Standard Catalogue as a basis for discount on most stamps.

On approval selections of stamps suitable for a general collection, from 10% to 50% discount is allowed according to actual value. Most of the ordinary used stamps are sold at 50% discount, and even lower in cases where condition is in question.

10%, 15%, 20%, 25% and 33 1-3% prevail on unused and the scarcer varieties of used stamps in fine condition.

Discounts are fixed in accordance with the *actual value* of the stamps. In some cases superb copies of rare stamps are worth even more than catalogue quotations.

The explanation is necessary in order that it should be understood that "catalogue price" bears different relation to the value of some stamps than to others.

We grade our consignments for approval to customers as near as possible in classes, so that the same rate of discount will prevail on each lot.

Collectors who are filling up a general collection usually commence with the 50% discount class working up through the 33 1-3%, 25% to the 10% discount class, in filling their albums.

Collectors who buy from general lots get better average discounts than where they demand special stamps to order. The time and expense of keeping up a stock, and picking out stamps on order, confines the discounts on this class of business to from 10% to 25%.

"Want lists" on a greater discount than 25% will in no case be considered.



We Want to Buy

A general collection of 12,000 to 25,000 varieties, for **spot cash**.

In offering same, state the manner of mounting, describe albums, state whether used or unused stamps predominate. List of all stamps cataloging \$10.00 each or over. We will buy smaller collections and rare single stamps, but have a special use for a large general collection immediately, the larger the better. State lowest price.



Postally used copies of this issue are very rare. We have a few, also a collection of the unused which we will sell *en bloc*, it includes all the regular varieties and a number of the errors, with blocks of some of the low values.



SPECIAL U. S. BARGAINS

**U. S. 1869** The full set of Pictorial Stamps, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15 (two var.), 24, 30 and 90c, good average used copies (catalogued \$28.54), a bargain at \$20.00. Will be sold with privilege of return if not perfectly satisfactory.

Single used copy of 90c, black and carmine (Lincoln), embossed 9 1/2 x 9 1/2 mm..... \$10.00

An unused copy without embossing, re-issue No. 132, fine..... \$25.00

**First Issue** We have a fine \$200.00 first issue revenue, green and red, that we can offer for \$12.50; another very fair copy for \$9.50. Either or both, or anything we have, will be sent on approval to responsible parties.

ZULULAND

If you want to buy something worth while, order some of these Queen's heads. The following are some that are marked for a big raise in price.

- 1894-96.
- 3p. lilac and brown, fine, used copy..\$ 20
- 6p. lilac and black, unused..... 25
- 1sh. green, fine, used copy ..... 50
- 2sh. 6p. green and black, unused..... 1 00
- £1 brown on red, fine, used copy..... 11 00
- £5 brown and black on red, a fine lightly canceled copy..... 46 00

## WARNING

Counterfeits of the two following Canadian stamps are being sold in this country, being offered by a party in Buffalo, N. Y.:

1855, 10 pence blue, on thin bluish paper.  
1857, 7½ pence green, on ordinary yellowish paper.

They are *taille douce* engraved and although an expert could recognize their character instantly they would be deceiving to less experienced collectors and dealers, and are therefore dangerous. We will examine for our correspondents any of the above stamps recently acquired, and solicit information as to their source. Anything of this kind would be likely to assist the investigation we are causing to be made.

## WE BUY STAMPS

We buy stamp collections, but they must in all cases be submitted to us for inspection, prepaid by express or registered mail.

Scarce and rare single stamps offered for sale must invariably be submitted for our inspection, and a *stamped return envelope enclosed* for our reply.

We are often asked, "WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CATALOGUE PRICES DO YOU PAY FOR STAMPS?"

In reply let us state that the market value of some stamps is 75 per cent less than catalogue, on others 50%, 40%, 30%, 25% or 10% is the discount. As we buy to sell at a profit, our buying prices range from 10% to 75% of catalogue price.

Only after years of experience may one become familiar with the market value of all stamps. We can only deal intelligently where the stamps offered for sale are submitted. There is no such thing as a printed list of buying prices of all stamps.

Collections, lots and rarities valued and passed upon by an expert for a reasonable consideration.

Parties having old and scarce stamps in quantity that they wish to dispose of should submit a sample of each kind, stating the quantity of each that

they have, and enclose a *stamped addressed envelope for our reply*. We must insist on this as we are deluged with letters of inquiry about stamps that are of no value.

Where a stamped envelope is enclosed all inquiries will be answered and reasonable information given as desired.

We are the most liberal buyers in the world of *extreme rarities*, particularly of U. S. and Confederate Locals, Postmaster Provisionals and Carrier stamps. Uncatalogued varieties desired. We hold the record of having paid the highest price ever paid by a stamp dealer in the U. S. for a single postage stamp.

Parties who have access to old letter files and correspondence of the years 1843 to 1865 will no doubt find stamps of value. We will send an illustrated list giving information as to what it is best to look for. Many of the rare stamps are shown by illustrations. Price 10c, post free.

Just at the present moment we desire particularly to buy a large general collection of 12,000 varieties or upwards, used or unused, or both; stamps must be in fine condition. Write full particulars.



### IMPORTED GERMAN HINGES.

Many of our correspondents have become accustomed to use the non-peelable German hinge that we imported a few years ago. They have been out of stock recently and to meet the demand we have imported a new supply.

It is the best hinge for approval and exchange books.

They come in boxes of 5,000 which are sent post free for 75c per box.

### ORDINARY HINGES.

We supply the ordinary hinges, either the "Perfect" or the "Omega" at 10c per 1,000.



## VARIETY PACKETS

The following are the best series of *variety* packets ever prepared:

**No. 111** Contains 300 varieties of foreign postage stamps, including stamps from Argentine Republic, Cuba, Canada (maple leaf), Chile, Egypt, Japan, Luxemburg, Mexico, Norway, Persia, Porto Rico, etc. **75c**

300 VARIETIES—75 CENTS.

**No. 102** This is a special packet of 400 varieties made up as an inducement for beginners who are about starting a collection. It includes stamps from all parts of the world, among which may be mentioned Mexico, 1884, 1 and 2 pesos, used; Travancore (India), 3 varieties, used; Paraguay official; China, regular issue, 1894; British North Borneo, Uruguay, Newfoundland, etc. **98c**

1000 die-cut gummed hinges for mounting stamps is given free with each of these packets.

400 VARIETIES AND 1000 HINGES—98c

**No. 130** Contains 546 varieties of foreign postage stamps mounted in a neat little album, just the thing to sell out of. This lot marked at catalogue prices would afford the seller a handsome profit even when fifty per cent discount were allowed. It contains stamps from all parts of the world and is the *biggest bargain* of the season. **\$1.50**

546 VARIETIES—\$1.50

**No. 113** Contains 800 different postage stamps. Big value for the money. Stamps from all parts of the world. **\$2.50**

800 VARIETIES—\$3.00.

**No. 114** The best packet of 1000 varieties of foreign postage stamps ever offered. A cheaper packet could be made but no better value for the money is possible. **\$3.75**

1000 VARIETIES—\$3.75.

**No. 151** 1500 different foreign stamps arranged alphabetically and mounted on sheets. Very useful for agents or dealers to sell from, as well as for collectors. **\$9.85**

1500 VARIETIES—\$9.85.

**No. 115** Contains 2000 different postage stamps from all parts of the world. A collection of itself and highly recommended. **\$15.00**

2000 VARIETIES—\$15.00.

**No. 152** A collection of 3000 different postage stamps. The best value obtainable. **\$50.00**

3000 VARIETIES—\$50.00.

**No. 116** A big packet of 4000 varieties, a regular collection in itself, being stamps from almost every stamp issuing country or colony in the world. *A great bargain.* **\$100.00**

4000 VARIETIES—\$100.00.

Order the packet by number and remit the price.

Our motto: "Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded."

## NEW STAMP ISSUING COLONIES

Two new names are added to the list of stamp issuing British Colonies. BRITISH NEW GUINEA and BRITISH SOMALILAND.

As a lesson in geography will say that British New Guinea is an island, perhaps better known as Papua or Papualand, in the Eastern Archipelago and north of Australia. While it is one of the largest islands in the world, its interior is little known, its area being estimated at from 200,000 to 300,000 square miles.

Hitherto the British settlers on the coast of this island have used Queensland stamps, but on account of the Australian federation, a new series for British New Guinea is announced.

The *Australian Journal of Philately* gives the following details of design which is a Papuan Canoe "with native scenery in the background, printed in black, the borders being in color. The stamps are large oblong, size 30 mm. by 25 mm., or roughly  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inches by 1 inch, watermark Maltese cross, perf. 14. They have apparently been engraved and printed in England, and are of superior workmanship."

There are also two postal cards, 1 penny and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  penny, with designs same as the adhesives, which consist of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 4, 6 pence and 1 shilling.

Orders with remittances only, will be booked in advance for the set of which we have ordered a supply. Price, 95c.

The anticipation of a new set of stamps for British Somaliland is made by *Morley's Philatelic Journal* (London) in connection with a series of stamps for fiscal use that has already appeared. The stamps of British East India are used there now. The following interesting geographical and philatelic facts are taken from the above named journal:

"On the extreme east of Africa, stretching southeast of Aden far out into the Indian Ocean, is a vast peninsular, whose broad coast plains are backed by high table lands, and whose inhabitants are wandering Araba, called Somalis." \* \* "to the



west are the mountains of Abyssinia," \* \* \* "to the south the German 'sphere of influence' in east Africa, and to the north the towns of Obock and Jibouti. The French have abandoned the former and use Jibouti instead as their Somali port, and all the stamps of both places are employed there indiscriminately. Five fifty franc stamps will pay for a special camel from Jibouti to Harrar and prepay the answer."

"The currency is in rupees, 15 of which go to the sovereign."

"The Foreign Office having now taken over the Somali coast from the Indian office, it is probable that Indian stamps will shortly cease to be used. I am informed the Colonial office in turn is soon to have final control of the district, so we shall most likely see a full fledged set of De la Rue type, issued under its auspices."

### NEW REVENUE STAMPS FOR PORTO RICO

Collectors of American revenue stamps will no doubt include the stamps of the "possessions" of the United States, so that they will be interested in the new issue for Porto Rico which is described as follows by a correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* in a recent number:

"The cent denominations consist of an arch enclosing the seal of Porto Rico. Above the arch, on either side, are female figures representing Sculpture and Painting together with the legend 'The people of Porto Rico, Excise stamp.' The figures showing the denominations are over the top of the arch, and on either side of the coat of arms, also in the bottom scroll supporting the arch.

"The dollar values consist on the left of a female figure and child, suggesting the union of the States, with the legend, 'The people of Porto Rico, Excise stamp.' In the center is the seal of Porto Rico. The figures showing the denominations appear in each of the upper and lower corners. The words 'Fifty Dollars,' or whatever the denomination may be, appear over the large female figure."

The denominations are 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents; 1, 3, 5, 10 and 50 dollars.

### OUR PRICE LIST

The DRUMMERS of forty odd pages each that we mailed December 25th, 1900; January 1st, and February 25th, 1901, all contained a great deal of price list matter that is still current.

Correspondents having either of

those papers at hand are requested to review them and send us orders. A new printing from practically the same plates was issued as a Price List Edition, Fall 1901, and will serve as our price list until after New Years, when a new and more complete price list will be issued, and which will be sent to all of our correspondents.

The following is the manner in which the chronicler of new issues in Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* treats the Bulgarian stamp which we illustrate. It is stated that the stamps of that type were issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the commencement of the War of Independence in Bulgaria. A curious device in the center is stated to represent

"a Cannon which was made by the insurgents out of a Cherry Tree" (same, no doubt, that George Washington cut down with his little hatchet, on the celebrated occasion when he found himself unable to frame a suitable account of the affair.) Did they fire cherry stones or grape-shot out of it? It is a queer-looking article, and the muzzle seems to point between the shafts of the gun-carriage instead of in the more usual direction—a premature discharge would have fired the horse out!



The latest from the South American Republic of Colombia, now said to be at war with Venezuela, is two very rough looking stamps. The illustrations make description unneces-



sary. The surcharge, showing a succession of S. S.'s, are said to be control marks.

Any customer who adds 5c. to any remittance of one dollar or over will receive one of each for his collection.

## A TIP ON PHILIPPINES

When the U. S. government sold some thirty millions of old Philippine postage stamps some time ago, one might have thought that that would end them, but they still bob up serenely.

The following comes to us from Chicago:

"An army officer in the Philippines has sent to his family in Chicago, with instructions to sell if a fair price can be obtained, some hundreds of thousands of unused Spanish Philippine stamps of the issue 1898-99. The stamps are in unbroken packages, 500 sheets of 100 stamps to the package. The denominations and number of each denomination are as follows:

3 centavos—400,000 stamps in sheets of 100.  
5 milesimas—100,000 stamps, sheets of 100.  
2 milesimas—50,000 stamps in sheets of 100.  
3 milesimas—50,000 stamps in sheets of 100.



## GOSSIP ABOUT INVERTS

As far as known, only four or possibly five sheets of the 1c Pan American with inverted centers are known.

It was first reported that a New York dealer secured a part of a sheet in Connecticut which he sold at an average price of \$25.00 each.

Then a Boston dealer handled what was understood to be part of a sheet at from \$17.00 to \$20.00 each.

Stories were printed about a sheet found in Syracuse, N. Y., and it was stated that they were all used up for postage.

The stamps handled by this company came from Anderson, Ind., where a sheet was found and all but two copies purchased by this company.

The fifth sheet was found at Bessemer, Ala., and the story as we have it from Mr. C. P. Orr, a collector at Birmingham, is about as follows:

This sheet, as all the others mentioned above, was among the first delivery to Postmasters.

Thirty-seven were used for postage and it is understood that the balance,

sixty-three, were carried around in the pocket of a boy for weeks before their value was understood.

About one-third of the copies so carried were worn and dirty and only seventeen that were really fine came on the market.

Out of the whole five sheets (or possibly only four as the Syracuse sheet is not well confirmed) only about 260 in fine condition came on the market, two-thirds of which are already in collections. It is fair to believe that if no more turn up this will be rarer than the \$5.00 State Department stamp now listed at \$135.00.

The 2c invert is rarer than the 1c, the Brooklyn sheet being the only one we have heard of.

As the Bureau of Printing at Washington have been put on their guard since the discovery of these errors no more are likely to be permitted to get out.

Rigid instructions have been given by the P. O. Department for the careful examination of all sheets before they are sent out.



### ANTIOQUIA.

The rare first issue are priced as follows:

1868, 2½c. blue.....	\$ 70.00
1868, 5c. green.....	75.00
1868, 10c. lilac.....	125.00
1868, 1p. red.....	25.00
1869, 10c. blue (error).....	75.00

A collector who never expected to get the above rare and expensive stamps recently asked us to secure for him a set of the *reprints*, as space fillers.

Collectors of reprints have found the set a difficult one to obtain complete. We can supply the 2½, 5 and 10c. of 1868 at \$1.00 each, the 1 peso 50c; the 10c. blue of 1869 \$2.50, or the set of five for \$4.75 *net*.

The reprints are from the original plates and were struck off many years ago, they are really scarce and desirable.

FOOT NOTE. \* To any of our correspondents who wish to secure one of the 1c with inverted centers, we will say that those we have are well centered, original gum and superb in every way. We are selling on a graduated scale, the price is now \$25.00 each and will advance as our stock diminishes. Better take the matter up at once if you are interested.

## Items of Current Interest

The South African Republic ½ penny green with E. R. I. surcharge was exhausted in two days, the 2 pence brown and green was then surcharged "HALF-PENNY" in two lines below the letters E. R. I., and it is believed that it will be soon exhausted and followed by other provisionals, pending the arrival of the new type with head of the King.

A reward of \$250.00 is offered for the return of postage stamps stolen from the P. O. Department Exhibit at the Pan American Exposition the night of July 3rd.

The stamps stolen formed an almost complete collection of U. S. stamps. We hope that the thief will be caught as well as for the recovery of the stamps.

The collectors guide to values, running as a series in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* (London), values the two first Mauritius lettered "Post Office" at £1,250 each for fine unused and £1,000 each for fine used copies.

The number of stamps issued by the South African Republic at Pietersburg were small compared to the number of Mafeking's, and as far as their character is concerned they are of ten times more philatelic value.

The following are the approximate number issued, and even a part of them were destroyed: 4000 each of ½ penny and 2 pence; 15,000 1 penny; only 1,000 each of the 4 and 6 pence and 1 shilling.\*

Wurtemberg is about to surrender its independent postal privilege and use the stamps of the German Empire.

Among some obsolete postal issues, recently placed on sale at Stuttgart, at face value, were 3,500 copies of the 5 marks stamp, black and blue, of the issue of 1881-82.

\*A set of the six values, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6 pence and 1 shilling, all fine unused copies can be supplied by us for \$40.00, if ordered at once.

There has been no inverted centers found of the 4, 5, 8 or 10c Pan American stamps nor do we think there are likely to be.

Reports were circulated about inverted 4 and 5c but they were found to be false when investigated.

The superb collection of Hawaiian stamps belonging to Henry J. Crocker of San Francisco was exhibited with other fine Hawaiian stamps at the meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, September 17th and at the Collector's Club in New York City, the evening of the 28th. It must have been a treat for those who could be present.

The American Philatelic Association, since the death of John K. Tiffany, has continued to decline. The Secretary's report gives 532 members, against 565 last year. Only 253 manifested enough interest to vote at the election. Representation at the convention was insufficient to amend by-laws. The only roll call was on place of next meeting. Springfield, Mass., was selected.

### TRANSVAAL.

No country has been more in evidence than the "Transvaal" in South Africa for the last few years. We offer the following as two very desirable stamps, at one-half of catalogue, viz:

1887-92—£5 dark green, lightly cancelled ..... \$3 50  
1895—10 shillings, red brown, lightly cancelled ..... 75

The stamps of the South African Republic captured by the British were surcharged V. R. I. and later E. R. I., signifying the British possession of the country. The following unused copies are offered:

½ penny, green, V. R. I.....	\$0 05
1 penny, rose and green, V. R. I.....	10
2 pence, brown and green, V. R. I.....	15
½ penny, green, E. R. I.....	25
1 penny, rose and green, E. R. I.....	04
½ penny on 2 pence, brown and green, E. R. I.....	15

The ½ penny green E. R. I. is destined to be a scarce stamp. It was only in issue two days when stock became exhausted, the ½p. on 2p. is quite likely to be scarce also as the stock is small.

The last issue of the South African Republic that occurred at Pietersburg early in 1901 is undoubtedly destined to be the rarest of all Transvaal issues.

We have a few postally used copies, also the following, on which we quote *net* prices for fine unused copies:

1 penny, black and rose.....	\$1 75
2 pence, black and orange.....	4 00

A set of the six values, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6 pence, and 1 shilling, all fine unused copies..... 40 00



## Clippings from the Stamp Press

### NO GUM

The following rather startling prediction comes from the editorial columns of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for September 14th:

"We predict that before many years stamp collectors will cease to be interested in microbe-bearing, insect-inviting gum. The safest way to keep all unused stamps is to soak the gum off immediately they are bought; more stamps have been injured by the gum than by all other agencies combined. Original gum is impossible to prove and is useless for all practicable purposes when once the stamp has been deflected from its original purpose of sticking to a letter."

### GEN. LAWTON ON A STAMP

A newspaper clipping printed in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* gives the following Washington gossip:

"The War Department has been informed that the postal authorities have decided to place a portrait of General H. W. Lawton, the hero who lost his life at San Mateo, in the Philippines, on one of the new issues postage stamps."

### YOU MAKE IT

The following lines in the *American Philatelic Magazine* are very true:

Philately has been called a science and it has been called a hobby. The truth is, it is to each individual collector just what he makes it. The opportunities for research, study and increased knowledge may command the attention of one collector, while another may be actuated merely by a desire to possess the curious, the beautiful, or the scarce.

### REPRINTS

The following very sensible unsigned article appeared in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* of September 12th:

"The collector who desires to make as full a collection as possible of the postal issues of any or of all countries, is often desirous of defining exactly for himself the best attitude to assume towards the numerous reprints and provisional stamps which clamor for a place in his album.

The entire rejection of such stamps from a collection aiming at any sort of completeness is impossible.

For years collectors of United States stamps were disposed to despise the authorized reprints of the 1869 issue made in 1875. The result was that they found themselves to be rejecting a regular authorized re-issue of stamps, since these reprints could be and were used for postage.

The consequence of refusing to collect United States reprints being an incomplete collection of the stamps of this country, many have come to feel a desire to secure as many varieties of United States reprints of all issues they can get. The result of this has been a rapid advance in the value of all such stamps, which have become very difficult to obtain.

While in our own country it may be desirable for the collector to secure both originals and reprints when he can, most collectors will not feel the same way in relation to the stamps of other nations.

One, however, who cannot secure original stamps of foreign countries, either because of their cost or their rarity, will do well to fill the spaces in his album with authorized reprints when they can be obtained.

We often read strong expressions in the philatelic papers adverse to reprints and decrying their collection. It is impossible to reject all reprints, hence the collector will be most consistent who makes a thoughtful distinction between the various classes and collects those which have a real value.

Stamps offered as reprints are either authorized re-issues made by the government originally issuing them, or they are issues made by private individuals who have secured the original plates, or they are in a word, counterfeits.

It is the number of these last two classes foisted upon unsuspecting collectors by parties seeking only their own profit, which have caused such a sentiment against all reprints.

Let dealers refuse to sell any but authorized reprints and make a separate column or some distinguishing mark in their catalogues and price-lists for prices of these, and the righteous prejudice against reprints will disappear."

Send an acknowledgement of the receipt of this paper in the form of an order, or subscription.

There is not very much advertising in it but almost any one may find something they need, if nothing more than hinges.



## TIFFANY LIBRARY SOLD

The following announcement is made by Mr. Chas. J. Phillips of Stanley Gibbons Limited, in their *Monthly Journal*: "I have pleasure in announcing that my firm has purchased, on behalf of a client, the collection of philatelic literature formed by the late Mr. John K. Tiffany."

"This library has just arrived in London, and was contained in thirty-nine large packing cases, and weighed over two tons. It is the most complete library extant up to the date of 1897, when Mr. Tiffany died. The late owner took the greatest pains to secure copies of every stamp book, magazine, pamphlet, and even of every catalogue and trade list issued in any country, and the result is a library of stamp literature that it would be impossible to duplicate, and which, I am sure all lovers of stamps will be glad to know, will be located in London in the possession of a well-known member of the London Philatelic Society."

London is to be congratulated upon securing possession of the finest philatelic library in existence, but we cannot help but feel regret at the loss to America of the same. John K. Tiffany almost made the collection of this library his life work, and he has often expressed to us personally his intention of presenting it to some American institution who would perpetuate it. But Mr. Tiffany died without having made the will that he had intended, and the library was handled as seemed best to the executor of his estate.

There would have been no trouble in locating the collection in some good institution in this country and American collectors would have willingly contributed to the expense of keeping it up.

The Pacific Philatelic Society of San Francisco took action in the matter some time ago and appointed Henry J. Crocker one of the members of a committee to confer with the Tiffany heirs, under the impression that a provision had been made by will for its disposition.

The desire of the Pacific Philatelic Society was to secure the library for

the Mechanics' Institute, which is one of the largest libraries on the Pacific coast.

All of the important philatelists of San Francisco had agreed to support subscriptions for its maintenance and to comply with such terms of the will that was supposed to deal with the matter.



## AUSTRALIANS TO ADVANCE

Great advances are looked for in *fine* Australian stamps. We clip the following from Mr. Phillips' notes in the July *Monthly Journal*:

"The visit of the Duke has, I am informed, given an immense impetus to collecting in Australia. Certainly our Australian friends are keeping their stamps now, for we find it almost impossible to get supplies of anything from down under, whereas a few years back we used to receive large consignments almost weekly.

"I venture to predict a great increase in the value of fine Australians in the near future. The death of Queen Victoria and the federation of the Colonies will undoubtedly tend to draw much attention to this most interesting group, and thus cause a great appreciation to take place in the value of these fine old and most interesting stamps."



## THE LAST WORD

If you have read the first paragraph in this number, and followed the various pages with any degree of satisfaction, you may save time by writing us the following letter:

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

I enclose herewith \$1.00 as subscription to MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR, which will be a weekly stamp paper, the first issue in each month to be a large illustrated magazine number, the understanding being 52 numbers a year or unearned portion refunded.

MR. STAMP COLLECTOR,  
(P. O. Money Order \$1.00 enclosed.)

If the stamp collectors of America want a first-class stamp paper, "it is up to them."

# MEKEEL'S DRUMMER

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## Mekeel's Stamp Collector.

Our correspondents have responded heartily to the suggestion made in the last number, and demand a regular publication. We shall not start it however until after our plans in regular form have been presented. We therefore state that the name of the new paper will be **MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR**, it will be issued and mailed from St. Louis every Wednesday.

The first issue in each month will be a large illustrated magazine equaling in size and character the *Philatelic Journal of America* in its best days. The other weekly editions will be eight page papers, the exact size and style of *this* issue of the **DRUMMER**.

A prospectus and dummy of the magazine edition with table of contents of first number has been prepared, and will be sent to prospective subscribers.

The complete magazine will be sent to subscribers only, no free list or sample copies.

In accepting your subscription we agree to give you a dollar's worth and 52 numbers. Send \$1.00 at once and begin with the first number.



## A Philatelic Name.

We have selected a simple name for our new paper omitting any mention of *philately*. We believe that it is better, since that name has never become generally associated with our pursuit, as far as the public is concerned. The *Philatelic Journal of America* would

otherwise have been selected. That journal completed fourteen volumes. We shall continue the series beginning Volume XV with the new paper. The size will be uniform for library purposes. The **DRUMMER** will be issued until the first number of **MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR** appears. After that it will be discontinued, we hope that each of its readers will at once subscribe to the new paper.



## Correspondents Wanted.

We want a regular correspondent in London, Paris, New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago and San Francisco, who will send news of stamps and stamp folks every week, short and to the point.

We want correspondents everywhere to send news of interest as it develops. Applications for the regular positions should be made at once.



## What They Say

Many subscriptions to the new paper have already been received from the slight notice we gave in the last **DRUMMER**. The first one received was from H. A. BORG-MANN, of ST. LOUIS, who writes, "I am with you on the question of a weekly stamp paper, and enclose \$1.00 as subscription to **MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR**."

W. R. CLARK, of WETHERSFIELD, CONN., writes, "I should like to have you publish a weekly or semi-monthly, you can count on me as a subscriber and I can get a few others for you."

HUGO STAHL, Nat. Military Home, O., writes: "To say that I am pleased with your paper hardly expresses it. As to your anticipated periodical I shall send in my subscription."

CAPT. R. G. ROBERTS, Norwalk, O., says, "I want to see your publication a regular institution."

GARDINER KLINE, Amsterdam, N. Y., says, "I shall be pleased to subscribe to your publication if you decide to make it a regular weekly."

The following letter from Prof. Raymond speaks for itself:

DEAR MR. MEKEEL:

I have just received the last number of the DRUMMER. I hope you will decide to make it regular.

I collect stamps for amusement and find as much pleasure in a 2 ct. as in a \$2.00 stamp. Only I cannot find any information about ordinary stamps anywhere. A paper that would give a complete history of common stamps, and by that I mean all that the term history implies, would do more in my opinion to advance philately than a dozen of the journals who tell about endless varieties, errors, etc., but where the collector for amusement cannot find at all what he wants.

A journal under the able editorship of Mr. C. H. Mekeel, that would condescend to explain the first principles of the philosophy of philately, would be a boon to us uninitiated collectors, and must prove a great success.

You may put me down as a subscriber of your paper from the first number.

Wishing you a great success, I remain, truly yours,  
G. REYMOND.

### ST. LOUIS P. O.

The people of St. Louis may well be proud of the postmaster of the city. He has reformed and improved the service until St. Louis is considered the model post office of the country.

As a sample we print the following unsolicited letter received recently:

POST OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, MO.  
Office of the Postmaster.

August 15, 1901.

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:—My attention has been called recently to the fact that the stamp dealers of St. Louis would appreciate some co-operation from the post office in the way of careful and particular postmarking.

I am glad to announce therefore that at the Bureau of Information, which is open all the time, both night and day, some one

will always be found to extend every courtesy to members of your business. Not only will an exceedingly careful postmark be put on any package or letter which you bring to the Information Bureau, but stamps may be cancelled by attaching them to sheets of paper, thus avoiding the necessity of preparing packages for transit through the mails.

I shall also be pleased to receive at any time suggestions concerning the post office which you may have to offer.

Respectfully,

F. W. BAUMHOFF, Postmaster.

August 17, 1901.

MR. F. W. BAUMHOFF, Postmaster,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—We are in receipt of your courteous letter of the 15th inst., and thank you very much for the information contained therein.

Allow us to express our great satisfaction that the St. Louis Post Office has a man at its head who gives all public interests such intelligent consideration. We remain,

Yours very truly,

C. H. MEKEEL STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.  
C. H. Mekeel, Pres't.

### ABOUT VALUES

Many collectors seem to suppose that *all low-priced stamps* are sold at big discounts.

This is not so, many of the low-priced stamps can only be sold by dealers profitably at about list. On the other hand many of the higher-priced stamps can be sold at the largest discounts.

This proves something that every collector learns sooner or later, that the catalogue is only a comparative guide, and you need experience and a knowledge of *values* in buying.

Place your confidence in a reputable dealer and you will learn. Shop around among the scalpers and you will learn also, but you will have paid more dearly for your experience.

Make up your mind to this on the start, a dealer who offers everything at 50% off, *has not much*. He may sacrifice some things to sell others, but he won't sell a dollar for 50c very often, and you will not do as well with him in the long run as with a dealer who tells you that every stamp has a *value*, and some are *cheaper* at *full* list than others are at 50% discount. We deal in all kinds, and sell to make a profit.



## From the Editorial Chair

Mons. Arthur Maury, the veteran dealer of Paris, conducts an interesting fatherly chat with his readers in the monthly issues of his little paper *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* (The Collector of Postage Stamps). In the August number he suggests work for winter evenings for the French collectors who have a quantity of the Bordeaux issue of France. This is the lithographed series of 1870, that were prepared in that city during the war between France and Germany.

We give a free translation of the portion that will not fail to interest our readers.

"I have just discovered the official proof that there must have been a secret sign for at least one issue of French stamps.

I was looking for something else when I found the following in a document relating to the manufacture of stamps at Bordeaux during the war:

"Mr. Pelligot, chemist, has charge of the quality and of the use of colors; he has taken all necessary precautions to prevent counterfeiting and the washing of used stamps, and has decided upon a secret sign to bring to naught any fraudulent manœuvre."

Well-known secret signs, such as we find on the stamps of Switzerland, Oldenburg or Bremen are repeated upon each stamp of the sheet.

What we must look for on the Bordeaux stamps is a flaw, a dot, a broken line, a slightly wavy line when it ought to be straight, in one word a microscopic detail, or at least very little apparent.

This detail may be the same or it may be different for the various values of one issue.

Mr. Pelligot, whose lectures on chemistry at the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers, I remember very well, is dead; as is the engraver of the Bordeaux stamps, and Mr. Delebecque who managed their manufacture. No revelations are therefore possible; the dies, the plates, the proofs, every-

thing has been destroyed. The problem can only be solved by the patient efforts of collectors at large."

Since our last number we have received an announcement of the 61st Edition Standard Catalogue, to appear in December.

The issue of advanced sheets however to begin at once.

We shall review same as they appear and sincerely hope that some improvement over previous editions may be noted.

We are glad the issue of the catalogue is to be no longer delayed, the sooner it is out the better for the season's business.

Some very dangerous counterfeits of Spanish stamps were shown to us this week by a local dealer to whom they had been sent by a party in Cincinnati. They were evidently from Europe.

The 19c brown and rose of 1865 both perforated and unperforated, used and unused. The colors and details of the 19c were well imitated and accompanied by fine counterfeits of some of the other values of the 1865 issue.

The 2c Pan American with inverted center is quoted in New York by one of the two dealers having a copy for sale at \$100.00. The few that were found in Brooklyn are the only ones that have turned up. The 1c Pan American with inverted center remains firm at \$27.50. Purchasers of either of these stamps at present prices will have reason to congratulate themselves later.

It is quite probable that something of a commemorative character in the way of stamps bearing the portrait of the late President McKinley will be issued by the P. O. Department. Whether it will be of a temporary or permanent character it is difficult to portend.

Rumors of a postal card are now current.



The printing of the stamps of Great Britain bearing the head of the King has commenced. The first sheet was of the ½ penny stamp and was dated September 26th, 1901. It is predicted that some of the values of the King's Head Series will appear by Christmas.

It will be the policy of the British P. O. Department to introduce the new issue as fast as the values become exhausted of the Queen's Head Series.

A correspondent of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, who had seen the first sheet describes the color as "a somewhat sagey green." He further remarks about the portrait that is facing to the left that "the expression upon H. M.'s countenance is unlike that of any known portrait and is by no means complimentary, being strongly suggestive of supercilious contempt, a trait which our King does not possess."

The writer also thinks that it is doubtful whether the new issue will be received with much satisfaction owing to this feature.

We will start a postal card column in our new stamp paper if our readers when hearing of any interesting item of stamp news will drop us a postal card of inquiry or information. For every communication we publish or make use of, we will send the author a newly issued stamp. Such a column is conducted in an interesting manner in the British stamp weekly.

The first 64 page form of the 61st Edition Catalogue differs very slightly from the 60th Edition as far as U. S. regular issues, departments and envelopes are concerned.

The injection as sub-numbers into the U. S. issues of 1873 to 1879 of sundry grilled and cog wheel varieties is a piece of bad judgment upon somebody's part.

These things belong with experimental stamps and in a collection of proofs and essays, rather than a regular stamp collection. It has been simply stated that these things have come from the Post Office Department.

More information would be welcomed by collectors, if it is not forthcoming from parties who should give it, it is not unlikely that it will be made available to the public nevertheless.

It is noted that the 1c and 2c Pan-American centers inverted, and the \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 current issue Revenue Stamps are not priced, the price on the \$30 red documentary is also omitted.

The following advance in prices of U. S. Revenues with inverted medallions are noted, and are well justified by the rarity of the same:

2d Issue,	Old Price.	New Price.
2c blue and black,	\$15.00 to	\$20.00
20c "	"	25.00
25c "	"	40.00
\$1.00 "	"	75.00

3d Issue.

30c black and orange,	35.00 to	150.00
1.00 black and green,	100.00 "	250.00

Proprietary.

4c black and green,	150.00
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With these in view where may we not expect the inverted 1c and 2c Pan Americans to go if no more are found?

Prospectus inviting subscriptions to the stock of a new collectors' company in Western New York is being circulated. The inducement offered by this and other similar schemes, is a special 10% discount to stockholders on their purchases.

If a stamp collector can be led to believe that the investment of \$1.00 or 5.00 as the case may be, in a share of stock, will enable him to get special discounts, that would not be allowed any good customer—he is credulous indeed.

To meet this, we will say that any subscriber to our new weekly stamp paper who remits \$1.00 in advance for his subscription will be allowed the special 10% discount on his purchases, and the same may be applied in the same way as the New York collectors' companies offer to their stockholders.

## Items of Current Interest

A new pictorial 1 penny stamp is to be issued for Bahamas, no information as to design has been received yet.

Huddersfield Free Library and Art Gallery in the town of the same name in England has received by bequest from Robert Holliday, a late resident, a collection of postage stamps, together with a substantial sum of money, the income from which is to "preserve, repair and augment" the collection.

It is stated by the firm who negotiated the sale of the Castle collection that the Earl of Crawford was *not* the purchaser.

The Confederate States Postmaster's Adhesive Stamps are mixed with the handstamped envelopes in the catalogue. The list of stamps would have been better separate, as comparatively few care for the envelopes.

The Proprietary stamps of 1899-1900 issue are listed in the new catalogue rouletted and with "hyphen hole perforation." A complete set, the cheapest way, twenty-nine varieties amount to \$6.84.

It is reported that certain South African Republic stamps with the surcharge V. R. I. have been captured by Boers and used after the V. R. I. had been scratched out and Z. A. R. substituted.

### REVENUE BARGAINS

The following first issue revenue stamps are offered as *special bargains*. They are stamps that are not usually in stock. Good perforated copies.

3c Playing Cards, - - -	\$3.75
4c Playing Cards, - - -	5.50
6c Proprietary, - - -	42.50
\$200 U. S. I. R., black and green,	11.50
Sent on approval to responsible parties.	

### INVERTED CENTERS

We have a block of four 1c Pan American inverted centers, also a few single copies, unused and superb for \$27.50 each, subject to immediate order only.

The price will be sure to advance as it has in the case of the 2c with inverted center. We have a single copy of this rare stamp, price upon application.

### COUNTERFEIT CANADIANS

The party who offered the two counterfeit Canadian stamps from Buffalo is a resident of Toronto, Canada. He claims the stamps came from England several years ago and that he recently became aware of their doubtful character and has sold none.

They are the *taille douce* engraved 1855, 10 pence blue, on thin bluish paper; 1857, 7½ pence green, on ordinary yellowish paper.

Parties who have bought any of these or had them offered will please communicate with us.

### EXCHANGE LIST

Foreign correspondents often ask us for exchange lists.

We do not publish one.

We will accept stamps in exchange however, allowing in all cases as much and some times more than is offered in the exchange lists printed by other dealers.

Send us what you have to offer in exchange and we shall undertake to give you satisfaction.

We like early supplies of *used* new issues even of the commonest varieties, we hope our foreign correspondents will make us shipments.

Subscriptions to the new weekly paper \$1.50 to foreign countries (excepting Canada, Cuba, and Mexico), may be sent in unused stamps of the lowest denominations.

# Clippings from the Stamp Press

## PUBLICITY

Editor Severn, of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, makes the following timely observations:

If there is one consummation devoutly to be wished, it is a true knowledge of stamp collecting by the public. While much has been done to educate outsiders to an understanding of the subject, yet there is much to be done; and it is hoped that the millennium does not have to come before the stamp collector or dealer can tell of the means of his pleasure or livelihood without having to enter into lengthy explanation for the benefit of amused or incredulous listeners. Advertise philately by descriptive articles in the general press, by stamp exhibitions and by all other legitimate forces.



## TESTS OF COUNTERFEITS

Mr. Walter Nathan, an old philatelist, in writing his reminiscences for the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* (London) some time ago made some original remarks about tests of counterfeits worth reprinting:

"Every one knows that the usual tests for the detection of forgeries are the comparison of small differences, usually errors, in the execution of the genuine stamp, with the same lines, letters or dots in the suspected article. \* \* We are in the position of dealing only with such marks as are generally known, and therefore as much within the knowledge of the forger as the honest collector and trader. It has, therefore, always seemed to me that too strict a reliance on detail is in many cases as likely to lead the investigator astray as protect him. This is now especially the case since photography has been called in to assist the forger's nefarious designs, for the sensitive plate will find out, preserve a difference indecipherable to the eye, even when that organ is assisted by a magnifier, or even a microscope. Everyone knows that stars which the most powerful telescopes failed to detect, have been made clear by photography.

Photographic transfers will be the greatest danger to the stamp collector of the future, and a comparison of minute differences will do little to help him. If, however, he follows the plan I have always adopted, giving more particular attention to the general appearance of the stamp as a whole, I think that with practice he will instinctively recognize a bad stamp on sight, and reject it, without being able to assign any particular reason for so doing, if asked. This may seem to the readers a

very unscientific method, but I feel sure it is a good one in many cases. Like most other things it depends in great measure on the person using it, but anyone can find out without loss whether it is a method suitable to his individual instincts, and if not, he must fall back on the minute differences which form the generally accepted tests."



## GOOD ADVICE

The following sage observations are made by Leon V. Cass in *The Columbus Philatelist* for October:

"In my opinion a rare stamp, neatly mended, or a stamp with one perforation missing, is better than a blank space in my album. A stamp perforated on three sides is not, in my opinion, worth any less than one fully perforated. The "condition crank" goes too far in many cases and collectors of limited means will do well to secure many copies this species of collector would scorn to own. Take a common sense view of the condition question and be sure to collect what common sense and your pocket book dictates and you are all right.

"Don't buy stamps offered at the biggest discounts thinking you are getting a bargain, as these are the stamps every dealer can easily obtain and will not increase in value in years to come. The stamps you buy at catalogue or a little less are the ones that yield the profit in the years to come."



## NEW ENGLISH STAMPS

The following is from the Editorial of *Morley's Philatelic Journal*:

"Information reaches us as to the intended design and color of the new 1d. postage stamp bearing the King's head, so that the issue of this stamp appears to be within measurable distance and it will be the herald of changes in the world of stamps which are almost too awful to contemplate. As has been stated for some time the portrait of His Majesty will be taken from a bust by the Austrian sculptor, Fuchs, and we understand the head will turn to the left in a frame of oak leaves on one side and laurel leaves on the other. 'POSTAGE AND REVENUE' will appear at the top and the value at the bottom and these inscriptions will be in black. The color of the rest of the stamp will be the same poor tint 'purple' we believe it is officially designated, as at present, but the stamp will be printed on rose-red paper so as to conform with the Postal Union Convention. The stamp will therefore be in appearance somewhat like the current 6d."



## DESCRIPTION OF OUR 50% APPROVAL BOOKS

We will sell 5,000 varieties of stamps at *one-half* of the regular catalogue prices. The stamps are all fine and well selected.

The whole lot will be sold for slightly less than half, because they catalogue *over* \$500.00 and we supply the lot neatly mounted (in your own album if desired) for \$250.00.

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