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Postcards Around the World.

A novel idea and one that is rapidly becoming popular is the sending of postcards through the mails so as to reach the sender again after having traveled around the world. The best method is to obtain a good thick piece of cardboard about the size of a postcard: writing on the back a number of addresses of friends in all parts of the world in order. Each person as he or she receives the card places a new stamp on the address side and mails the card to the next person on the list. A few cards of this kind are quite interesting curios. Most fellow collectors, even though they are strangers, do not object to the expenditure of a penny to mail the card to the next person. They can start a card at their end to get their own back. A card of this kind is quite a stamp collection in itself, as the stamps of perhaps 14 or 15 countries are represented.

Collecting Oddities.

Nobody is obliged to collect United States imperforate stamps or stamps with inverted watermarks, inverted centers, private perforations, precancellations or anything else that he does not want to, but there are some people who do collect all these things, and, if for no other reason, it may be well worth the little trouble for everyone to look out for these abnormalities and to lay them aside for exchange purposes; the time may come when one wishes he had saved them while he could.

The Year Book of the Metropolitan Association is a creditable publication, issued under the supervision of the secretary. While the book is devoted wholly to the affairs of the society, yet the records are presented so fully that they give an excellent idea of the enterprise and ambitions of the organization planned primarily for the younger collectors.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has signed a warrant returning to the secretary of the treasury three million dollars, the last of the amount set apart from the public funds to assist in defraying the expenses of the postal service for the present year. Reforms in the financial system, it is said, have made the refund possible.

Better send along an ad. for next month. The Stamp Chronicler is the title of a magazine to appear from Philadelphia about October and will be devoted to new issues.

A Few Precancels.

About the latest precancel is the one-cent imperforate precancelled "St. Louis." This stamp was ordered by a St. Louis stamp company and they are now sending out their price lists with them.

Another issue is the one-cent stamp with Shermack perfection No. 3, precancelled "Chicago."

A very desirable precancel of recent issue is the one cent Chicago with the double impression.

The Philadelphia precancels of almost all denominations, by mistake the upper and lower lines were spaced ten mm. apart instead of being fifteen mm. as usual. Books of six of a number of the denomination are found to show pairs of the ten mm. and fifteen mm. on the same block. These are very rare and are bringing a high premium. Not only does this error exist in this present issue, but is also found in the series of 1902.

The one and two cent Jamestown, as well as the thirteen cent 1909 Chicago precancels appear to be scarce, and the collector who owns copies may well count himself very fortunate.

They Are Proud of It.

Postmaster Arthur Fisk received yesterday the die which will be used in the cancellation machine to advertise the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The stamp was at once put into service, and the first letter to bear the inscription was addressed by Postmaster Fisk to his mother, Mrs. Lydia Fisk, at No. 700 Hayes street. The second letter Postmaster Fisk sent to Director-General C. C. Moore.

The stamp bears the inscription "World's Panama-Pacific Exposition, 1915." The advertisement is considered one of the most important items of publicity yet suggested, as the main postoffice cancels about three hundred thousand letters each day.

Postmaster Fisk wrote to Postmaster-General Hitchcock, some weeks ago, and secured permission to use the die. Every letter that went out of the main post office last evening bore the new stamp of the exposition.—San Francisco Examiner.

The Educational Committee of the American Philatelic Society have sent out two splendid articles by W. Dwight Burroughs, entitled "Philatelists Eyes turned to Mexico" and "King George Stamps will soon replace those of Edward.

A clipping or stamp story for the next month will be appreciated.

Springfield, Mass., wants to be awarded the American Philatelic convention in 1912.

P. M. "Why is a baseball player like a stamp collector?"

Severn. "Because he is short of pants?"

P. M. "No, because when he is through with the Majors (varieties) he goes back to the minors.—Stamp Collector.

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A REVIEW

Of the Stamps of United States from 1875-1890.

In November, 1882, slight alterations or changes were made in some of the stamps of the previous series.

On October 1, 1883, the letter postage was reduced to two cents.

In consequence a new 2c stamp was issued and contained a bust of Washington, and was printed in metallic red.

A 4c stamp, bust of Andrew Jackson, was printed in blue green.

The contract with the American Bank Note Company for the manufacture of adhesive stamps expired June 30, 1885, and sealed proposals were invited for a new contract for four years from July 1, 1885. The Bureau of Engraving & Printing, the Franklin Bank Note Company and the American Bank Note Company were the only bidders. The American Bank Note Company again secured the contract to print the ordinary stamps by steam power entirely, and the newspaper, postage due and special delivery stamps by hand roller presses.

For the steam-printed stamps they were paid \$6.99 per thousand. For the postage due stamps \$9.49 per thousand was paid for printing.—Transcript.

Warning.

Warning is again given against the Oaklane, Pa., on Louisiana purchase (St. Louis Fair issue) "Precancel," made some years ago by a collector, probably as an envelope seal. Several copies of this have recently been seen. Collectors should also guard against the Eaton Rapids, Mich., "Precancels," a single line triangle design, which we are informed are but ordinary stamps, cancelled by this peculiar registered matter cancelling stamp.

The four-cent stamps of the Straits Settlements are now being supplied in a rather brighter purple, in order to distinguish them from the 21-cent stamp.

Recently an attorney in Denver discovered among the effects of an estate a family bible in which was an imperforated strip of three of the 5c Jefferson series of 1851 was found, where it had lain probably for the last fifty years. It is on gum and in beautiful condition and should bring nearly catalogue value, as the strip is probably unique. This is only another incentive to read your bibles, boys.

Information Desired.

Can some Chicago reader give me the following information: Is H. J. Schmidt, of 3936 N. Seeley avenue, Chicago, connected with the H. J. Schmidt Stamp Co., 3015 Southport avenue, Chicago? The information will be treated confidentially. T. H. Collins, 285 Orleans street, Detroit, Mich.

Early Mexican Surcharges.

The numbers surcharged on early Mexican stamps were in the nature of a control mark, intended, presumably, to enable the postoffice department to keep tab on the stamp sales in different districts. It has always been a wise practice to keep a sharp supervision over Mexican office-holders of every class, for obvious reasons.

Precancel Notes.

The smallest precancel is that of Brockport, N. Y. The type that was used in cancelling being less than two mm. large.

The biggest type ever used is that of Akron, Ohio, being over six mm. large.

It is reported that an excellent check list of Canadian precancels, in a novel and simple form, is being completed by a well-known St. Louis enthusiast.

The per capita circulation of the United States is \$34.55.

It is reported that a bill providing for the coinage of a two and one-half cent piece has been introduced by Representative Sheppard of Texas.

A postcard of Tonga with divided address side has appeared. The stamp is oval and shows a portrait of the king.

A new venture comes from Gainesville, Ga., called the "Journal of Literature," published by John K. Howard. It lists literature for sale.

Two large oblong labels of Bavaria were issued on June 10th to commemorate the twenty-fifth year of the present regency. They show a portrait of the Prince Regent within a laurel wreath supported by two amorini.

On May 15th, four hundred thousand stamps of 5c. were issued to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, formerly president of the republic. They were lithographed at the mint of paper watermarked "Sun." Perforation 13 1-2.

Larger Paper Desired.

With a little more co-operation from our advertisers we are going to try and issue a larger paper for September. At our present rates Philatelic Atoz advertising will pay you. Your ad. is not placed on an obscure page with a lot of other ads. with no reading matter, such as is the case of some stamp magazines which carry solid pages of ads. Look this copy of Philatelic Atoz over and see if you don't notice every ad. while reading it.

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LOUIS RENAULT, formerly in Philadelphia, has moved to 37 Rue d'Avron, Gagny, Seine & Oise, France. He has secured fine lots of European Mission stamps. Price list on demand.

Stamp Stories

are always in demand, but there is always room for one more. Everybody has one good story or something of interest to tell, and that is the story we want. It may be dramatic or humorous; no matter what its nature we want it if it is a "good story." What we are after is the real stamp story, such as anyone may run across at any moment. If you have such a story to tell: a story big enough to interest our readers, we want to see it.

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GREAT BRITAIN.

The New Set of Stamps Issued in Honor of the Coronation of King George and King Mary.

The most important event of the year in philatelic circles is undoubtedly the issue of a new set of stamps in honor of King George and Queen Mary. The new stamps were issued promptly on June 22d, the values put on sale on that date being the ½d and 1d adhesives and the one-half pence postcard. The English papers announced that the 2d registration envelope was to have been issued at the same time, but by the latest advices say it is not ready.

Each of the three stamps shows a different design in the frame, though the portrait is the same on all. It occupies an oval, larger on the 1-2d than on the 1d. The king faces to the left, showing nearly a profile view, though the right eye is just visible. The portrait is a disappointment, showing the king as he appears in one of the least satisfactory of his portraits. Both face and background are lined alike, which gives the head a peculiar appearance. The 1-2d is printed in a darker shade than that superseded and is therefore much more satisfactory. A fancy frame surrounds the oval containing the portrait, surmounted by a large imperial crown. The top of the frame is turned back at each side, and on the tablets thus formed appear "postage," "revenue." Supporting the oval frame are two dolphins, with tails in the air. "Halfpenny" appears in a long tablet across the bottom of the stamp, the value appearing in figures in the upper corners, at the right and left of the crown.

The head appears on the 1d value in a smaller oval, so as to give room for a large lion couchant, which extends nearly across the stamp between the portrait oval and the tablet containing the value. Large figures of value, unframed, are arranged at either side of the lion. "Postage" and "Revenue" appear on ribbons in the upper corners. The portrait oval is framed in a thick wreath of laurel, tied with ribbon at each side and at the top and bottom, and intercepted at the top by the crown, which is much smaller than on the 1-2d. The color is a dull carmine red, quite distinct from the recent printings of this value.

The sheets of both value are arranged as before, with 240 stamps in two panes of ten rows of twelve stamps. No change is made in the watermark, the perforation being 14½

horizontally and 14 vertically. Both in engraving and printing the stamps are not up to the previous standard of excellence of British stamps.

Postal Savings Banks in Large Cities.

Detroit will have a postal savings bank within the next 30 days if the present plans of Postmaster-General Hitchcock do not go awry, and it is not likely they will.

The department assures us will bring one of these banks to Detroit within a month at least.

Banks will also be started at New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis.

To Tell Chalky Paper.

In the case of unused stamps, it is not a difficult matter to distinguish between the chalky paper and the ordinary variety. In the case of unused stamps, it is not a difficult matter to distinguish between the two sorts of paper. The chalk surfaced variety has a highly glazed surface, it feels thick and in the case of watermarked stamps the watermarked stamps the watermark is almost impossible to distinguish. To be absolutely sure, however, if a silver coin is lightly drawn across one corner of the stamp, it will leave a mark like a pencil mark. This can be easily removed by very carefully applying a slightly moistened handkerchief. Ordinarily paper has no glaze, feels thinner than the chalky variety, and always shows the watermark quite clearly. In the case of used stamps it is almost impracticable to distinguish between the varieties in some cases especially if the stamps have been soaked in water.

About Pikers.

Anyone who keeps a selection of stamps sent to him for exchange on approval is just as much a thief as the burglar who breaks into your house and steals your plate. Against the burglar we have a remedy at law. If we catch him! The philatelic shark does not run away, he still goes on keeping everything that comes to him, and we have no redress. If anyone knows of any means that they can be made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains, let us have it at once, and you will earn the undying gratitude of the philatelic world. Our only weapon at present is publicity, this is good, but all the howling in the world will very seldom bring the stamps back.

We will probably mention some names next month.

NEW ISSUES.

GRENADA: The 1 shilling ship type has been issued in new colors, black on green.

SIERRA LEONE: The 1d stamp printed in the regulation colonial colors, on multiple paper.

PORTUGUESE CONGO: The stamps of Angola have been surcharged "Congo" for use in that country.

NEW ZEALAND: The design for the new King George V stamps has been furnished by the sculptor, Bertram Mackennal.

ICELAND: A Jubilee Set, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Jon Siguidsson, which is on June 17, will be issued shortly. Interesting places and views of Iceland will appear on some of the higher values of the issue.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Owing to increasing patronage the Philatelic Atoz will make a change in its first page. Instead of using an entire page as a title page, we will run a 1½ in. heading across the top, which will give our readers about 22 inches more of space in the paper. In regard to advertising on this page, we will accept a limited amount at the rate of 35c per inch. If you desire to get an ad. in this space, you better send it at once. We could have sold a large space to one stamp company, but in line with our policy to give the small advertisers a show, we are endeavoring to get five or six represented by a one or two-inch ad. Send copy now. A postal card request will bring copy of next issue.

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Some Foreign Precancels.

LUXEMBURG.

In Luxemburg precancelled stamps first came into use in 1900, namely, the 1, 2, 5 and 10 centimes then current. There the precancelling is effected by means of a hand roller, on which the cancelling mark is repeated five times and which is run over the stamps in the sheet. Not less than 200 stamps are sold at one time, and they are to be used on parcels of which 50 must be mailed at once.

Some time later the four and six centimes values were also precancelled, these being done on a printing press. There is but one name to be found upon the stamps, which appears in two forms, Luxembourg-Ville and Luxembourg. To this the date is added, and the whole is enclosed in a rectangular frame. Sometimes the name and date appear without the frame.

About 60 varieties in all are supposed to exist; not including the errors, which may have occurred.

BELGIUM.

Belgium adopted the idea of precancelling stamps as early as 1879, although it was not executed until 1894. The cancelling methods were about the same as those used by Luxembourg. The cancelling mark consists of a rectangular frame, with the name of the city and the date of use. The following are some of the most important varieties which are enumerated in *Der Philatelist*:

Ath 1896, Alost 1901, Bruxelles 1894, Dison 1897, Florennes 1898, Furnes 1896, Grand 1894, Hasselt 1906, Moll 1903, Mons 1895, Orp 1907, Roux 1901, Tongre 1896, Waterloo 1896, Ypres 1896.

These are the earliest dates and later ones are also found. The one and two centimes are the only values that were precancelled; all others being rigidly excluded from this kind of postal use.

Counting the two values and the dates with the several cities named there may be now some 1,000 to 1,200 varieties.—From the *Precancel Monthly*.

A Match.

Postal Clerk—"Beg pardon, miss! Since the new postal agreement you don't need to put a five-cent stamp on your letters to London."

The Miss—"Mind your own business, stranger! These fives match my envelopes!"
—Toledo Blade.

An Old Idea, but a Good One.

A correspondent of *Invention*, London, way back in 1895, says in one of the issues of that journal: "I'm not a philatelist, but by a good chance I became the possessor of a few hundred good genuine stamps. As I am of original mind, I did not gum them into the usual album, but rigged up a special apparatus for the purpose. An endless thin leather belt is driven by means of an electric motor at a very low speed. The stamps were pasted to the band, and this combination was fixed inside a longitudinal box, ornamented externally with velvet and fancy brass nails and rosettes. At a certain part of the box is fixed a small movable brass tube provided with an objective glass. A small electric incandescent lamp, provided with a silvered reflector; is also fixed inside the box. By pressing on the pear-shaped button every stamp is seen magnified many times its size, is succeeded soon by another stamp, and, at the same time, more light is thrown on the subject."

Why not try something like this? The motor costs one dollar, the battery to run it twenty-five cents. The small electric lamp, wiring and button costs about sixty cents. If you are of an inventive turn of mind, a truly "wonder box" can be gotten up by you at an expense of probably less than five dollars.

Belgium's New Set.

We learn from *L'Etoile Belge* that the King Edward stamps will be issued in October next. The proofs have just been finally passed and the work of printing will shortly begin at the printing works at Milnes. The designing and engraving has been done by M. Ed. Pellons, professor at the Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp.

In accordance with the Postal Union regulations the 5, 10 and 25 centimes stamps will be in their present colors—green, brick red and blue. The 1c stamp will be salmon in color, and will not bear the king's portrait, but the design will be composed of a small rectangle containing the figure "1"; the 2c will show the Belgian lion in a double circle with the figure "2" in each lower corner, and the color will be brown. The values from 10c to 15 fr will have the King's portrait; other colors will be 20c olive, 35c brown, 40c green, 50c grey, 1 fr orange, 2 fr violet, 5 fr yellow.

The 40c and 5 fr values were suppressed some years ago, but are being reinstated for

use on telegrams, which may be deposited and carried on tramways.

The old stamps will continue to be current, but the new ones will be issued before the former are exhausted.—*Gibbons Journal*.

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The New Stamps of Great Britain.

B. T. K. Smith in Alfred Smith's Monthly Circular Writes as Follows About Them

No one but the postmaster-general has a good word to say for the stamps issued on Coronation Day. Our own opinion is that they fail chiefly because they represent the combination of a photograph and a frame which have no relation to each other. From his statements in the House of Commons, Mr. Samuel appears to think that the designs are perfection, or, at least, as near perfection as typography will allow. He declines to withdraw the stamps, but promises that with time and experience the printers will improve in their work. In this we think he hardly does justice to Messrs. Harrison; no doubt their press work at its worst is inferior to De La Rue's at its best, but experienced philatelists declare their inability to separate the Edwardian printings of the two firms otherwise than by means of the marginal lettering.

When the King Edward stamps came in we quoted Mr. D. S. MacColl's criticism of them, and turning once more to the Saturday Review we find there an equally acute demolition of the present stamps. "It is true," says the writer, "that the printing is rather coarser than before, but better printing would not improve a bad design. It is true, again, that the likeness is a little heavy but it is not beyond correction in that respect, by a few touches of the graver. Those are really accidental defects compared with the radical wrongness of the whole thing. It is characteristic of an age whose ideas of art rotten with photography that photographic likeness should appear, in the case of a stamp design, to be the first consideration. . . . A photograph, in lieu of study from the original, might well provide material for the head on a medal or a stamp but could only be used as a point of departure, as so much stuff to abstract from. Instead of doing this the artist has modeled upon the head with fine lines like a half-tone block after a photograph. The result is something that cannot possibly be fitted in a design, unless the design of a picture rendered in realistic tones. On the conventional flat field of a stamp it is incongruous . . . the field behind it is covered with the same silly web of lines, and an attempt has even been made in the corners to model the field by "shading," namely, to destroy its sense of flatness! This was more boldly done,

however, in the case of the King Edward stamps.

. . . "If the oval has no relation to the head, the oblong of the stamp has still less relation to the oval. A circle boldly stretched across the field and leaving space for legends top and bottom would be a tolerable arrangement. This oval, dropped upon a field for which it has not been made, has the most trivial effect, and reduces the artist to packing and stuffing up the awkward spaces that are left. The lions or dolphins are stuck in below, a crown dangles above the head instead of being placed upon it; an alternative to the crown, in the shape of a wreath, surrounds the oval; the words "Postage" and "Revenue" are illegible on little twiddly scrolls, "One penny" on a different scale and in different type is duplicated by figures; and the man—Mr. Bertram Mackennal—who makes this jumble is supposed to be a designer and equal to greater tasks.

"Now let us clean it up. First we put the King's crown upon his head and dispense with the superfluous wreath; the oval also we turn out. We reserve a margin all round for legends; and on the rest of the oblong field we draw the King's head in severe profile, all outline and solid—no halftones—and draw it so that the lines of it play agreeably with the verticals and horizontals of the frame. Then we come to the legends. If we had only "postage" and "one penny" to deal with, our design would be a return to the Victorian stamps of the seventies—an excellent model. But the use of one stamp for revenue as well as postage has made a difficulty the designers have never got over. What is wanted is the name of the country, as on foreign stamps, for the fourth time; say "British Realm" at the bottom; the price at the top; "postage and revenue" along the sides. All "shades" and linings of the field should be cleared away. Where the paper does not show white the colour should be full and frank."

We think the more successful appearance of the half penny postcard is due to the fact that it does in some small degree come closer to the critic's suggestions, and that the shade of green in which it is printed is darker than that of the half penny adhesive. The crown is not flattened out of recognition as on the penny stamp, and the royal arms of the heading, too, are a great improvement on the hackneyed form used on its predecessors, though this very improvement is spoiled by the incongruous retention of the old type of lettering for the unnecessary

words "Post Card." The words "Postage" and "Revenue" on the stamps have been rendered wholly unnecessary by the lapse of time, and their removal would lighten the designer's task, though he would still be met with the difficulty of disposing of such a cumbersome locution as "twopence-half-penny."

Willow City, Texas, is very much in the limelight at the present time, by virtue of unsatisfactory dealings reported by several stamp firms. We suggest that caution be exercised as regards sending approval selections to this place.

The Philatelic Lesson No. 5, just issued by the New England Stamp Co. deals with "perforations," and will, no doubt, be sent to any address on request.

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A Stamp Tidy and How to Make It.

To collectors who do not care to go to the expense of made up stock books for holding their stamps, it may perhaps be of interest to give some particulars of a very easily made article that ought to prove of real use to stamp collectors, and particularly to beginners and those who use blank albums.

It is called a stamp tidy, because it is used to keep stamps in order until such a time as they can be finally mounted in an album. The stamps should be quite ready for the album, with the possible exception of the hinges, and should be put in their proper order.

Now for the method of making. The dimensions and sizes here given can, of course, be varied to suit individual tastes.

Each tidy sheet is made of either a whole sheet or a half sheet of what is known as typewriting paper, quarto size, which measures 10x8 inches. This will make up two convenient sizes of tidy. Paper of a thinish nature should be chosen. Twenty or thirty sheets can be had for a few pence and 240 sheets for about a shilling from any commercial stationer.

Take a piece of any handy paper and rule a line about 11 inches long. Carefully mark off spaces at intervals of 1 1-2 and 1-2 inch respectively all along the line. Put the 11-2 inch marks on one side of the line, the 1-2 inch marks on the other. Lay the long edge of the typewriting paper along this line, and fold it at every 1 1-2 inch mark. There will then be five folds across the sheet (for a half sheet four folds). Flatten paper out, place edges again on the ruled line, turn it over, like the leaf of a book, so that it now lies on the other side of the line. Now fold at every 1-2 inch mark. There will be four of these folds, for a half sheet, three. These folds will be in the opposite direction to the other folds. The spaces between the folds, particularly the one-half inch, should be as nearly parallel as possible. The sheet must now be folded down at the fold marks, when it will be seen to have five lines or pockets; half sheet, four lines. As evidence that it has been properly folded, the sheet should now measure about 5 3-4 inches from top to bottom. The half sheet would be about 4 1-2 inches. All that is now necessary to complete it is to seal down the two sides or ends. This is done with strips of ordinary stamp edging. Take two pieces a little longer than length of sheet, and fold down the center. Moist- en one-half and apply to side of sheet; then

do the same to the other side with second piece. This operation has to be done most carefully and also fairly quickly, owing to the nature of the stamp edging. The back of the tidy is now fastened. Moisten the remaining half of edging and bring it down on front. When dry, trim off superfluous ends with scissors.

A set of sheets will last for years, and those who try them will see how useful they can be.—Postage Stamp of England.

O. A. Schuman, of San Francisco, Cal., intends to visit the Vienna exhibition and will leave at once for Europe. His address abroad will be 60 Ring street, Berlin, Germany, but he will not arrive there before September 1st.

All indications seem to point to an early and active fall revival in the stamp business. Advertisers can do no better than send along copy for a Philatelic Atoz ad. With a fair trial the results will pay you.

Annual Year Book.

Annual Year Book of the Southern Philatelic Association has been received. Compiled by R. L. Doak, secretary, and free to all members of the society. This year book for 1911 contains the regulation matter, consisting of constitution, rules governing sales and exchange department, records of the last session, and membership list. It is well compiled and reflects credit upon the society.

A new issue of stamps of Spain in simple design, to be used in connection with postal money orders, is promised.

The 5k and 10k postage due stamps of Austria have been issued. They are on thick unsurfaced paper.

Stamp Stories

are always in demand, but there is always room for one more. Everybody has one good story or something of interest to tell, and that is the story we want. It may be dramatic or humorous; no matter what its nature we want it if it is a "good story." What we are after is the real stamp story, such as anyone may run across at any moment. If you have such a story to tell: a story big enough to interest our readers, we want to see it.

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Different Kinds of Paper.

One of the first things to be considered in the manufacture of stamps is the paper, and when one stops to consider the many different kinds of paper that stamps are printed on, he realizes that the subject of paper as a part of philately is an important one. Below is a brief outline of some of the papers generally met with in stamp collecting:

WOVE—The paper most commonly used in the manufacture of stamps is what is called wove, being of uniform texture, showing no light and dark lines when held to the light.

LAID—Another kind of paper quite often met with in stamps is what is called laid. When held to the light it will show light and dark lines.

THICK—Sometimes we find the same stamp printed on different thicknesses of paper, which sometimes adds to or detracts from the value of the stamp. The difference can be detected very readily by the sense of touch when the stamp is taken between the thumb and fingers.

THIN—The same things that are said of stamps printed on thick paper may be also said of those printed on thin paper, in addition to which it might be said that stamps printed on thin paper are not so often met with.

MANILA—Manila paper is a coarse fiber made of manila or hemp fiber and generally is used in making cheap envelopes and newspaper wrappers. It is usually of a light brown color

SILK—Silk paper in philately is of two kinds. First, that in which one or more

threads extend across the stamp, as found in some Swiss stamps, as described with silk threads; and the other, which shows short silk fibers strewn all over it, as found in some U. S. revenue stamps.

HARD—Hard paper has a smooth even surface, is of very close texture, and is somewhat stiffer than soft paper.

SOFT—Soft paper presents a rather coarser appearance on the surface, and when held to the light it looks slightly porous.

BATONNE - QUADRILLE—We sometimes find a paper with only a few lines showing at a considerable distance apart like the ruling on writing paper. This is called batonne. When we find the "batons" or lines running both ways, forming little squares or rectangles, it is commonly called quadrille paper.

COLORED—Most stamps are printed on white paper. We find some, however, that are printed on colored paper, the color of the paper being designated in the catalogues by italics.

PELURE—A paper used occasionally in the manufacture of stamps is a very thin, semi-transparent paper called pelure.

NATIVE—The stamps of Japan and India are made of paper that has an altogether different appearance from other papers and is called by philatelists native paper.—New England Stamp Company's Philatelic Lesson.

New U. S. Issue.

A new issue of postage stamps has been authorized by the Postmaster General. The head of Washington will appear upon the first six of the series, and the bust of Franklin, the first post master general, will appear with a different border design, upon the last five.

The new issue of stamps is intended to do away with the confusion that has existed for some time owing to the similarity of several of the present issue. All the stamps at the present time are nearly identical, except the one-cent stamp, which bears the head of Franklin, while all the others bear the like-

ness of Washington. Besides, the stamps do not now show their values in Arabic numerals, a plan which has been adopted for the new issue.

Aero Craft for U. S. Mail Is Near.

Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general qualified as an aerial mail carrier on Long Island on Sept. 26th. While a large crowd cheered, the postmaster general took his place in the aeroplane, carrying 78 pounds of mail matter. Without the slightest mishap, the two made a seven-minute flight to Mineola, where, upon a signal, the postmaster general dropped the mail sack to one of Uncle Sam's carriers.

"The time is certainly coming," he said enthusiastically, "when we must depend upon the aeroplane for carrying mail. It is not effective yet, but it is being developed in a marvelous way and I think we shall soon find it practicable."

At Mineola Park the craft was brought low and Postmaster General Hitchcock cast out the pouch. This was picked up by Postmaster Vorheis, of Brooklyn. The two aeroplanes transported a total of 3,650 post-cards, 462 letters and 78 pieces of printed matter.

Lieut. Miller was congratulated on his record-breaking flight by the postmaster general and Mr. Wickersham.

The Robert Haynes Stamp Co. reports unsatisfactory business dealings with Geo. H. Perkins, 200 Candler street, Dorchester, Mass.

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GIVES AWAY COLLECTION.

Edgar Nelton Bradford Makes Great Gift to Battle Creek Sanitarium.

A collection of rare foreign and domestic postage stamps valued in the neighborhood of \$50,000, owned by Edgar Nelton Bradford, stamp collector of New York and Meriden, Conn., will, within the next few months, become the property of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Mr. Bradford has signified his intention of turning the valuable collection over to the Michigan Sanitarium & Benevolent Association on condition that they exhibit the same in the institution for at least 12 years. Some of the rarest varieties are to be found in this collection. One Nova Scotia stamp alone is valued at \$500. The stamps are all in excellent condition and are certainly worth going a long way to see.

The story around the life of Edgar Nelton Bradford reads somewhat akin to fiction. He was a very poor boy and later became a juggler in a circus and took the name of "Nelton." He went out of the juggling business several years ago and then took to the hobby of stamp collecting. Through trades and good luck he has reaped a fortune in the business.

—Stamp Journal.

New Swedish Watermark.

The watermark of a crown, which has been exclusively employed for the postage stamps of Sweden since 1891, is about to be superseded by one consisting of parallel wavy lines (similar to that of the Bavarian stamps), in fact, the current 4 ore stamp has already been issued with this watermark. Meanwhile some of the denominations are being printed upon unwatermarked paper, the 5 and 10 ore current with the portrait of King Gustav, and the 20 and 25 ore in the old type, King Oscar, having been received without watermark. The 10 ore official stamp is also reported with the new watermark like the 4 ore postage stamp.

The existing stocks with the old crown watermark are to be used up in the ordinary course of business.

Don't throw this paper away. Keep it until you are sure you have no further use for it, then hand it to a friend.

Within a short time a system of mail carriage by aeroplane will be put in operation over some of the routes in England.

Hitchcock is Stumped.

Postmaster General Admits He Can Not Locate Indian Chief.

Postmaster General Hitchcock received a request from a man in Alabama to tell him the present address of the chief of the Powhattan tribe of Indians. He said he had found a ring initialed "P. N.," and thought it might belong to Pocahontas or her father, Powhattan. He advised Mr. Hitchcock that if he could locate the present leader of the tribe he would turn the ring over to him.

The postmaster general received also a letter from a man in Rena Lara, Miss., who wishes to know the name and address of the "governor-general of these United States."

Mr. Hitchcock advised his correspondents that he could not furnish the desired information.

Stamp Exchange.

Although Detroit is foremost in all philatelic interests, it has forgotten one of the most important things that is beneficial to a stamp collector. That is, a Stamp Exchange, which gives the collector a chance to trade his duplicates for stamps that he would otherwise have to buy.

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The Stamp Salesman is announced for October 1st. It will be published by E. S. Allen, 18 Cottage street, Newark, N. J.

Ewen's Weekly is officially informed that the stock of 2sh stamps of Transvaal have been exhausted, but a further supply was being printed and was expected in about two months. The 2d shade has been seen in a deeper mauve shade and the 1s with the center in a paler shade of gray. The stamps of the Transvaal and other states are now issued at the General Post Office in Capetown.

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Some Facts About the English Postal System.

The English coronation, like previous occasions of great national rejoicing, has been marked by popular extensions of the services of the postoffice. Prominent along these extensions are reductions in the rates on foreign parcels and increased facilities for small investors to use the post office savings bank to put their savings into consols and other government securities. The rates on over-sea business before the coronation were: for parcels up to five pounds in weight, 5d, or 10c; up to seven pounds, 20c; and for parcels up to eleven pounds, 30c. These rates have been reduced by one-fifth. It is illuminating to compare these rates with the domestic rates in the United States, which amount on a package weighing four pounds (the heaviest that is admitted to the mails) to 64 cents! Mr. Samuel, the British postmaster general, is confident that an increase in business will soon make good the loss in post office revenues occasioned by these reductions. The fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the post office savings bank comes this year—a year in which it is carrying 165,000,000 pounds of deposits — and to mark this anniversary, as well as to mark the coronation of King George, there are two new departures in the savings bank department. Small steel safes are to be distributed to encourage school children to save their pennies. The keys to these money boxes are to be retained at the office from which they are issued, so that the boxes can only be used for depositing until the contents are sufficient to warrant a journey to the postoffice for their transfer to the savings bank account of the depositor. The aim of the second extension of the sphere of the savings department is to make easier the purchase of small amounts of consols. The post office has long been doing this business for the depositors in its savings banks. Twenty-three millions sterling of consols or other government securities bought through the post office were held at the end of the savings bank year in March last, and 164,000 depositors had used the savings banks as their stockbroker. Additional facilities are henceforward to be available at postoffices for this business, with the restriction that not more than 209 pounds of stock may be purchased in one year, and that at no time shall a depositor's holdings exceed 500 pounds. Trade unions and fraternal societies may avail themselves of the extended

facilities, subject to the same restrictions in amount.

The end of 1911 will see the telephone system all over the United Kingdom transferred to the post office, and among the coronation announcements of the postmaster-general was an offer to farmers of unlimited use of the telephone for three pounds a year, subject to the provision that there must not be fewer than five on the line to subscribe to the telephone service.

New Issue of Newfoundland.

Newfoundland has issued an interesting set of stamps. The postal authorities have hit upon the pleasing idea of making the new issue represent a complete portrait gallery of the royal family. The different portraits appearing on each of the values are as follows:

- 1c—Queen Mary 6c—Prince Henry
- 2c—King George 8c—Prince George
- 3c—Prince of Wales 9c—Prince John
- 4c—Prince Albert 10c—Queen Alexandra
- 5c—Princess Mary 12c—D. of Connaught
- 15c—Arms of Newfoundland.

COMING AUCTIONS.

Clark, Hugh M., 536 Postal Tel. Building, Chicago, Ill. Twenty-first auction sale, Tuesday, October 10.

United Stamp Co., 1149-51 Marquette building, Chicago, Ill. Saturday, October 14.

Western Stamp Co., 702 New Omaha National Bank building, Omaha, Neb. Tuesday, October 10. Next sale Thursday, October 26.

Hyderabad is going to have a new issue of stamps soon, owing to the recent death of the ruler. He will be succeeded by his son.

It takes a month to get mail from the U. S. to Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, S. A. From the Pacific side the mail reaches the capital in two days. Owing to slow mail service most business is done by telegraph.

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How I Arranged My Collection of Precancels.

When I started to collect precancels I mounted them according to their denomination, paying no attention to the date or city of issue. The one-cent precancels came first in my album; the twos second, etc.

When I had accumulated several hundred varieties, I decided to arrange my collection different. I arranged it as follows:

I placed all precancels of one state together, and then arranged 10 stamps of each city of that state into sets, placing the early issues of the city first. The city of which I had the most stamps, headed each state. After the normal varieties of a city, I placed the errors, such as double impressions, etc. The precancels of my home state, Pennsylvania, were first in my collection and I made special effort to obtain Pennsylvania precancels.

When precancels are arranged into sets and grouped by cities and states, you take special interest in trying to complete your sets—you want to fill up your vacant spaces and you are more eager to fill up your vacant spaces and you are more eager to make your collection better.—Donald F. Lyebarger in *Precancel Monthly*.

12c Still Under Consideration.

For some time we have been led to believe that a 12c value was to be added to the current set of stamps. In fact, this matter has been so long before the philatelic press that it has been questioned whether any such stamp would ever appear. It has really been a question of "to be or not to be." The following from the Postoffice Department would seem to indicate that the idea has not been abandoned:

"We are advised advised that the matter of issuing a postage stamp of the 12c denomination is being given consideration, but it cannot be stated at this time whether such a stamp will be issued."

The Pacific Stamp News announces its suspension in its September number.

It is stated that a check list of 5,000 or 6,000 precancels be shortly issued in the east, which should give added impetus to the collecting of precancels.

Can any reader give us information as to the whereabouts of Harry M. Palmer, Washington, Ind., Manager New Grand theater. We are unable to get answers to letters sent to him.

Precancel Notes.

Colored ink varieties are very popular among precancel collectors and none seem plentiful. Many a precancel collector has bought "100 in a bundle" stamps just to look over them for precancels. Many scarce 1898 issues have been found in this way. Look over friend's bundles and trade for what precancels you may find in them. Where are those Pan-American precancels? We don't find them by the hundred now. Do you? All commemorative issues, precancelled, appear to be scarce, excepting a few 1c St. Louis World's Fair issue and they are not any too thick. Precancel collecting is on a boom and is attracting the interest of nearly all philatelists. We have received numerous questions as to the number of different United States precancels, excluding errors, between 4,000 and 5,900 would be a good guess.

A new issue of postage stamps has been authorized by the Postmaster General. The stamps will show their values in Arabic numerals.

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The convention badge of the American Philatelic Society consisted of a silver medalion portrait of Henry M. Mudge in bas-relief. It is one of the finest as well as the most expensive decorations ever given as a favor at any past American Philatelic Society convention. There were other favors too numerous to mention.

Leon V. Cass has removed from Southern Pines, North Carolina, to Morganton, North Carolina, where he will continue his stamp business.

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