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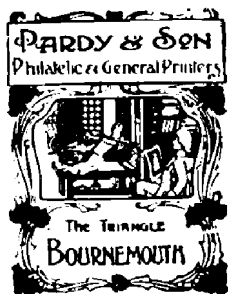
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR BULMER.

At the County of London Sessions, Clerkenwell, on Wednesday, March 6th, James Bulmer, 20, described as a clerk, pleaded guilty to stealing three books of stamps, valued at £20, the property of Charles Daly, a stamp dealer, of 150, Great Portland Street, W. There were in addition three other charges of obtaining stamps by false pretences.

Mr. Arthur Hutton and Mr. Booth prosecuted, Mr. J. P. Grain and Mr. Rowsell represented the prisoner.

Bulmer, it was mentioned, had been qualifying for a position of schoolmaster by studying at St. Mark's College, Chelsea. By means of advertisements he had got into communication with stamp dealers throughout the country, and had by bogus references obtained quantities of stamps. He commenced as long ago as 1897, and he carried it on for some time. From 1898 down to December 24th last he ceased to victimise philatelists. At the end of the year, however, he branched out on a new line. Calling at Mr. Daly's shop in Great Portland Street, he explained to the lady in charge that he had seen Mr. Daly, who would telegraph to her authorising her to hand over certain stamp albums. A telegram arrived and the books were given to the prisoner. Subsequently it was ascertained that no permission had been granted.

When Bulmer was arrested 8,000 stamps were found in his possession. Philately was his one "hobby" of life. Detec-

tive-sergeants Scholes and Gregory recovered the stolen stamps, 8s. worth only having been disposed of.

Mr. Grain strongly and persistently appealed to the Court to deal with the prisoner as a first offender, on the ground that he had forfeited his career, promising as it was, and had been recognised as a steady, respectable young fellow.

His lordship said a bad feature of the case was that he had carried on malpractices under the cloak of his professional studies. He would have to undergo three months' imprisonment in the second division.

THE REMAINDERS OF FIJI STAMPS.

REGARDING Mr. de Grave Sells' note in the last *Fortnightly*, it is suggested to us that in all probability the Fiji stamps he has seen form part of the large remainder bought from the Government by Mr. T. H. Thompson. Portions of this remainder have passed into other hands, and doubtless what Mr. Sells takes to be a leakage at the printers, is merely the steady dispersal of the stamps so long locked up.

WARNING! BOGUS "ERRORS" OF FINNISH STAMPS.

COLLECTORS and dealers (write Messrs. Whitfield King and Co., under date March 12th) are warned against buying so-called errors of the new issue of Finnish stamps which are being offered by printed circular. These consist of the 1 mark stamps with misplaced centre, also with centre missing, the 2 penni printed in green instead of orange, the 5 penni printed in orange instead of green, the 10 penni printed in blue instead of red, and the 20 penni stamp printed in red instead of blue. We have received information that these stamps are quite unofficial, and have been manufactured as a private speculation, without the knowledge or consent of the authorities, and are therefore entirely spurious.

STAMP AUCTIONS AT THE HOTEL CECIL.

MESSRS. VENTON, BULL & COOPER inform us that after their next auction they will cease to hold their sales in St. Martin's Town Hall. The firm have made arrangements for their subsequent sales to take place in the "Blenheim" Room of the Hotel Cecil.

DOM PAUL'S GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

An interesting picture, or pair of pictures, may be seen in Messrs. Bright & Son's shop window in the Strand. They are headed "1902," and beneath this date appear two stamps, ingeniously manipulated to hit off the moral of the moment. The first depicts Mr. Kruger's head on the 3d. Transvaal stamp (instead of the Arms) and below this are the words: "Kruger's Expectations." The second stamp shows a portrait of King Edward VII., and this second effort is entitled "Kruger's Realisations."

CITY STAMP THEFTS : A DISCLAIMER.

WE very willingly give publicity to the following note from Mr. B. L. Williams :—

I noticed in a recent number of your journal an account of Mr. J. Louis' stamp theft. In the description given there is mention of an assistant as being the guilty party. As at the present moment I am an assistant of Mr. Louis (but am shortly about to leave) I should be much obliged if you will publish the fact that I was in no way whatever incriminated in the loss of the stamps.

EGYPTIAN SALT TAX STAMPS USED POSTALLY.

SOME of the oblong Egyptian Government (Salt Department) Stamps postally used have been shown us by Mr. F. C. Penney. The dates on the specimens before us are 28th Sept., 1892, 12th January, 1893, and 9th Nov., 1897. The values we have seen are :

250 milliemes, blue and red.
500 „ yellow and brown.
£1 (Egyptian), carmine and green.

The postmarks show the names of various Egyptian towns, and it seems inconceivable that these obliterations can be of a Fiscal character. Perhaps some reader of the *S.C.F.* can throw a little light on the subject.

MR. CASTLE SAYS £100; SENF SAYS £50.

WE may sometimes go to a police court for a text! In the course of the hearing of the charge against Henri Bauche at Bow Street, Mr. M. P. Castle was called as an expert witness. To him said Mr. Caldecott, the counsel for the defence :

Are all the values of these stamps well known ?

Witness: Yes; I think the unused Vaud is priced in some catalogues—for instance, Senf's catalogue, in which it is valued at £50. I value it at £100.

Mr. Caldecott: Mr. Senf is fifty per cent. lower than your valuation?

Witness: Every catalogued stamp is not on sale. I have two of these stamps, and I don't think Mr. Senf has one. The value is assessed at £50 by Mr. Senf.

Mr. Castle must have been reading his *Fortnightly* on the way up from Brighton that morning. His evidence as quoted above, is a valuable contribution to our study of the subject of Senf's prices.

"ARGUMENTS AGAINST POSTAL COLLECTING."

MR. A. PRESTON PEARCE writes as follows :—

"Referring to an extract from the 'Montreal Philatelist,' appearing on page 208 of your last number, I beg to submit the following arguments against *postal* collecting, with apologies to the Editor of that journal should my style unconsciously lapse into his own :—

'We can only define a postal as a receipt for the payment of a service; many kinds are not even sold to the public, but, like the Postage Due, Officials, &c., are affixed to letters by the officials, and are intended only to serve as a check on the remittances made to the Government by those officials. They might be termed part of a system of Government book-keeping made easy. Who first invented this system, or how long it has been in use, are questions lost in the early history of civilised government. Therefore a postal collection can have no starting point.

'A very large number of postal marks have been impressed on envelopes at various times, e.g., during the American Civil War, which are practically unattainable by a private (or public) collector, hence there can be no attempt at completeness even of known specimens. Many others can hardly be legally obtained by any but the most wealthy individuals, thus forming another large class of unattainables. Some writers attempt to lessen the difficulties by the advice to 'collect only adhesive postals.' Well, some people are so constituted that whenever they try to remove anything it gets torn. Besides, if philately be a science it must be consistent with common sense, and if impressed envelopes, wrappers and post cards are to be rejected, and adhesives only collected, the whole matter becomes ridiculous, being reduced to the childish distinction of gummed and ungummed specimens as the standard of what is collectible and what is not!'"

Mr. Pearce has very amusingly adapted the weapons of the detractors of Fiscalism to the opposite side of the fight, as readers will quickly see if the above is read side by side with the article in "Our Review of Reviews" in our last number.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
INDIA.				
1854. Imperf.				
½a. red	150/	120/		
½a. blue	5/	3/6	1/6	1/3
½a. deep blue	5/	3/6	1/6	1/3
1a. red	4/	2/6	1/9	1/6
1a. deep red	3/	2/3	1/9	1/6
2a. green	17/6	12/6	1/3	1/9
2a. deep green	25/	17/6	1/6	1/1
4a. red and blue	50/	30/	6/	4/
4a. deep red and blue	50/	30/	6/	4/
1855. No wmk.; blued paper; perf. 14.				
8p. lilac	60/	30/	4/	2/6
4a. black	30/	17/6	1/6	1/4
8a. carmine	20/	12/6	1/9	1/6
1856. No. wmk.; white paper; perf. 14.				
½a. blue	3/	2/	1/3	1/2
½a. deep blue	5/	3/	1/4	1/2
8 pies	3/	2/	1/4	1/2
1a. brown	5/	3/	1/4	1/2
1a. deep brown	4/6	2/9	1/4	1/2
2a. yellow-green	63/	42/	140/	100/
2a. yellow	17/6	10/6	1/6	1/4
2a. orange	25/	15/	1/9	1/6
4a. black	7/	4/	1/4	1/3
4a. green	45/	25/	4/	2/
8a. rose	15/	8/	1/6	1/4
8a. carmine	25/	15/	1/6	1/4
1865-74. Wmk. E.H.; Perf. 14.				
½a. blue	2/	1/3	1/1	
½a. deep blue	2/6	1/6	1/1	
½a. blue (die 2)	1/	1/8	1/1	
½a. deep blue (die 2)	1/	1/6	1/1	
8p. lilac	1/6	1/	1/3	1/2
8p. deep lilac	1/	1/8	1/2	1/1
9p. lilac	1/6	1/4	1/1	1/8
9p. deep lilac	1/9	1/6	1/1	1/8
1a. brown	2/	1/3	1/2	1/1
1a. deep brown	2/6	1/6	1/2	1/1
2a. yellow	3/6	2/	1/2	1/1
2a. orange	2/6	1/6	1/1	
4a. green	8/	5/	1/9	1/6
4a. green (2nd type, die 1)	3/	2/3	1/2	1/1
4a. green (2nd type, die 2)	2/6	1/6	1/1	
6a. olive-brown	1/6	1/	1/3	1/2
6a. pale brown	1/8	1/6	1/2	1/1
6a. 8p. slate	7/6	5/	1/6	1/1
8a. carmine	60/	40/	10/	6/
8a. rose (die 2)	5/	3/	1/2	1/1
12a. venetian-red	1/9	1/3	1/3	1/9
1r. slate	10/	6/6	1/6	1/4
1866. Long Fiscal stamp, surcharged POSTAGE in green.				
6a. purple (small surcharge)	35/	20/	7/6	4/6
6a. purple (larger surcharge)	25/	15/	6/6	4/
1882-99. Wmk. star. Perf. 14.				
½ in black on ½a. on green (provisional)	1/		1/	

INDIA.—Continued.

1882-99. Wmk. star. Perf. 14—(continued).

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
3 pies, carmine	/1	/1	
½a. green	/1	/1	
½a. blue-green	/1	1	
9p. rose	2	/1	
9p. bright carmine	2	/1	
1a. plum	/2	1	
1a. bright plum	2	1	
1a. 6p. sepia	2	/1	
2a. blue	1/	/1	
2a. ultramarine	/3	1	
2½ As. in black on ½a. yellow-green (provisional)	6	2	
2½a. green	3	/1	
3a. orange	1/	1	
3a. brown-orange	/4	/1	
4a. olive-green	1/6	/1	
4a. slate-green	15	/1	
4a. 6p. yellow-green	19	/4	
8a. mauve	36	/2	
8a. bright mauve	10	/1	
1r. slate	2/	/1	
1r. carmine and green	1/7	/1	
2r. yellow-brown and carmine	3/2	/6	
3r. green and brown	4/9	/9	
5r. violet and ultramarine	7/9	1/6	

SERVICE STAMPS.

1866. Fiscal Stamps used provisionally.

½a. red-lilac (S.G., type 55) ..	226	15/	15/	10
2a. purple (S.G., type 52) ..	60/	40/	50/	30/
2a. purple (S.G., type 53) ..	80/	45/	60/	35/
4a. purple (S.G., type 54) ..	150	80/	90/	50/
8a. purple (ditto) ..	300/	180/	160/	100/

(To be continued.)

Dilatory Stamp Exchange Secretaries.

CERTAIN Stamp Exchange Clubs are managed in a way that leaves much to be desired. We have received the following very strong complaint from Mr. C. Biggar, of Swanwick, near Southampton, regarding the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange. Under date February 26th, Mr. Biggar writes:—

Some time ago you published a letter in your paper from a gentleman in Cardiff, with reference to the management of Stamp Exchange Clubs. I had hoped other collectors would have had something to say on this subject, and regret that only one letter appeared. With your permission I shall give my experience of a Club I joined about eighteen months ago, The Midland Counties Stamp Exchange, of Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

At the beginning of January, 1900. (nearly fourteen months ago), I sent a sheet to the Secretary, and another a month later. After these sheets were out about six months I wrote about them, but got no reply. I kept on writing at frequent intervals but as no notice whatever was taken of my letters till December 31st, when my January sheet was returned, after being out about a year. The February sheet was returned a few weeks later.

The sales from these two sheets amounted to between £3 and £4 net, but up to the present I have received nothing. I have written to-day saying that if I do not receive payment by return of post, the matter will be placed in the hands of my solicitor.

In some of the stamp papers this club regularly advertises inviting collectors to join!

There are a number of well managed Clubs whose secretaries return sheets in from five to eight weeks along with cheque for stamps sold. I am a member of several and shall be very pleased to give their names to any collector.

Again, under date March 7th, Mr. Biggar writes:—

Thanks for letter received this morning, and I am glad you will insert my letter re Midland Counties Exchange Club in your next issue. Since writing to you I have again written to the Secretary, but as usual he takes no notice of my letter!

The only comment we have to make is that this is not the first complaint we have received regarding the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

Origin of the Postage Stamps of Corrientes.

BY J. MARCO DEL PONT.

THE story of the very curious origin of the stamps of Corrientes appears to be almost, if not quite unknown to collectors, and although much has been written about them at different times, the manner in which they came into existence has never been related. They are very interesting stamps, especially to the citizens of the Argentine Republic, for they were the first that were issued in that country, and this is my reason for wishing to write a brief account of them.

I should commence by stating that the issue of these stamps was really due to the very great want of small change in that country. The monetary system of the Argentine Republic at that period was rather to be termed confusion than system; the national coinage might be said to be practically non-existent, for the minute quantities struck at La Rioja and Cordoba were hardly worth taking into account. The Province of Corrientes had its own paper money, of the value of 1 real and upwards, but it appears that in 1856 there were no notes in circulation of lower value than 1 dollar. For fractions of a dollar, people were obliged to use silver pieces which dated from the times of the Spaniards, and even of these there was too small a supply for business purposes.

The State Printing Establishment, where the notes were printed, was under the direction of Mr. Paul Emile Coni. It was this Mr. Coni who came to Buenos Ayres in 1862 and there founded the great printing business, which exists to the present day, and which has for many years been regarded as the leading house of its kind in the country, owing to the high character of all its work.

Mr. Coni came to the conclusion that the most practical means for getting over the great inconvenience, which the want of small change caused at the Provincial Post Office, would be to issue postage stamps, and, being on very good terms with Mr. Jean Pujol, at that time Governor of the Province, he put this suggestion before him. Mr. Pujol was greatly taken with the idea, and gave Mr. Coni authority to carry it out immediately, with a view to the collection of the charges imposed under the Law of February 18th, 1856.

Mr. Coni undertook the work, but he soon discovered that the task was no easy one, as he knew of no engraver in Corrientes who could produce a plate or die for the stamps. Whilst he was in this difficulty he happened to speak of it one day in the hearing of the baker's boy who was bringing bread to his house, when to his great surprise the lad told him he was quite capable of doing the work for him, as he had been apprenticed to an engraver in Italy, his native country.

Mr. Coni showed him a stamp of the French Republic, which the baker's boy undertook to copy. He gave him a copper plate and ordered him to engrave upon it eight stamps, of the value of one real each, making one dollar for the eight; the engraving to be in relief, for printing by typography.

Several days later the engraver brought the result of his labours, but it was so unsuccessful that Mr. Coni dared not show it to the Governor; he was the more ashamed of the production, as only a few days previously he had boasted of his "find." However, as there was nothing else to be done, he decided on submitting the stamp to Mr. Pujol, who, in spite of the roughness of the engraving, immediately accepted it, in his haste to issue postage stamps.

Mr. Coni, to whom I am indebted for the above information, has unfortunately forgotten the name of his engraver. Serjeant Triquerat, the author of the stamp of New Caledonia, was more fortunate, as his name has been handed down to us!—"Monthly Journal."

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Between Ourselves

SAVE us from our friends! One can fancy the firm of Senf Brothers, of Leipzig, praying to be saved from the doubtful friendship of the "Stamp Collector," of Birmingham. We have no quarrel, personally, with the "Stamp Collector," and anything we may say now must be accepted as reflecting not so much upon the organ of the Birmingham Philatelic Society as upon the German philatelic catalogue whose cause it champions. The "Stamp Collector," then, as a reply to our strictures upon Messrs. Senf's curious methods of pricing, publishes the following ill-advised article in its March issue:—

We referred in our February number to an attack made on the so-called unjustifiable cheapness of prices in Senf's Catalogue—a book highly esteemed on the Continent—and having now received a long letter in defence from the Leipzig publishers, we will translate the closing half of it. Before doing so attention must be called to the preface of the 1900-1 catalogue, where it is stated: All prices are henceforth NETT, without the discount formerly given by Messrs. Senf, a fact which bears directly on the apparently lower prices in the new catalogue.

"The examples given in a letter to the Editor of the stamp paper in question, prove that the inadequately valued stamps are only such as are scarcely or never in the market. In rare cases they change hands from one collector to another, and anyone who disposes of them will not be influenced by catalogue quotations. But the great mass of collectors, by the price given in the catalogue, know, at least, if a certain stamp is worth 5d. or £5, whereas in the omnious dash system (— —, no price), it would not be clear to them what value such a stamp has. We are always endeavouring to edit our catalogue quite impartial. The reproach that our prices are not exactly up to expectations could be made, perhaps, only by some of the older British Colonials, because we have no demand for them over here, and therefore prices are taken over from other previously published catalogues, a course which, we believe, is better still than — — nothing. The calumny as if we thereby wish to buy cheaply must be energetically repudiated. In spite of the price quotations complained of as being too cheap, let the complainers try as much as they like to offer us such stamps at our catalogue prices, and we will not buy them because we have no sale for them.

"But we are always grateful if specialists will draw our attention to errors, and with corrected prices, furnish fresh material for our work. That we hail with pleasure all information of that kind, and use them at once for corrections in our next edition is surely the best disproof of all bad intentions we are charged with."

"Yours faithfully, SENF BROTHERS."

The instances referred to were unused Barbados, 1859, 6d., New South Wales, 1854, 8d., several New Zealand, and similar Old British Colonies. In respect to other countries, better favoured on the Continent, for instance, Europeans, the case is mostly reverse. Only yesterday, in supplying stamps of Austrian Italy, a well-known dealer complained that the 1863, 15 soldi, perf. 14, is much under-priced in the catalogues. Gibbons has it at 9d., and Bright at 10d., but Senf quotes the same at 1s. 2½d., or 50 per cent. more. Further comment is unnecessary.

We have italicised only one clause in the extract from Messrs. Senf's letter. It is enough. Out of their own

mouths are they convicted of more than any reader of the *Fortnightly* has alleged against them. "The inadequately valued stamps are only such as are scarcely or never in the market." It is not the whole truth, but it is enough. As coming from Messrs. Senf themselves it is beautiful. Not only do they admit that stamps are "inadequately valued" in their Catalogue, but they say also that these are the rarer stamps and consequently those which they, as stamp dealers, would be desirous of buying cheaply. "Further comment," in the language of the "Stamp Collector," is unnecessary, most unnecessary, and yet again unnecessary.

As if Messrs. Senf Brothers had not sufficiently damaged their own case, the "Stamp Collector," in its friendly way, chips in with one poor solitary instance of a European stamp being quoted higher in Senf's Catalogue than in "Gibbons" or "Bright"!

Messrs. Senf will better serve their own ends by bringing their defence, London. We have already invited them to publish their explanation in the *Fortnightly*. Again we do so; and because of the above blundering, but doubtless well-meant, article in the "Stamp Collector" we shall defer further reference to the anomalies of the "Postwertzeichen Katalog" to our next number, in the hope that our friends of Leipzig will step forward and face the music.

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In our last issue we announced that every competitor would be given a prize in "Colonial or other stamps" calculated at the rate of 6d. for every subscription sent in.

We have now decided, firstly, that the words "or other" are to be struck out; secondly, we wish to state that we are not going to give away stamps catalogued at 6d., but stamps in MINT CONDITION of 6d. FACE VALUE—a distinction with a very big difference.

Of the stamps we have already for dispatch the greater number are *obsolete*, and as they all bear the head of the Queen, those that are now current will not long remain so.

Those who are content to send in only their own subscriptions and comply with our other condition of sending us the name and address of a stamp-collecting friend will receive a stamp or stamps of sixpence face value. Among the packets we have ready for this class may be found the following:—(1) Transvaal, 1878, 6d. black, cat. 5/-. (2) St. Vincent, 1890, 6d. purple, cat. 2/-. (3) Queensland, 1890, 6d. green, cat. 1/-. (4) St. Vincent, 5d. on 6d. cat. 1/- and Gambia, 1d. crimson, cat. 9d. (5) St. Vincent, 4d. yellow, cat. 1/- and Gambia, 2d. orange, cat. 6d. (6) Queensland, 1890, 2½d. red, cat. 1/- and other stamps of face value 3½d.

To every competitor sending in two subscriptions we will give a St. Helena, 1/- watermarked CC. and Crown (cat. 3/6).

To every competitor sending in three subscriptions we shall give stamps of the face value of 1s. 6d. St. Vincent, 6d. and 1/- of 1890, and Turks Island, 6d. and 1/- (*now obsolete*), are to be found among these selections. Competitors sending in four subscriptions will in like manner receive stamps of 2/- face value, and those sending in five subscriptions will receive stamps representing 2/6.

A complete set of obsolete Gambia will be given to every one sending in six subscriptions and as the face value of these is but 2s. 7d., five pence more will be added to make up the amount to the standard of 6d. per subscription.

It must be understood that as regards the offer of St. Helena 1/-, and of obsolete sets of Gambia, that it is within the bounds of possibility that the offer we are making may be followed by results which exceed our most sanguine expectations. We have, however, an "option," as they call it on Stock Exchange, to purchase a number of these stamps which will, we think, prove sufficient to enable us to keep our promise to the letter.

The cash prizes will in any case be as we have announced. We have not the least idea what number of subscriptions will win a prize of, say, ten shillings. It may be four, it may be forty, for all we know. Should it turn out that anyone sending twenty or more fails to get one of the high prizes, we shall take care that he is at least as liberally treated as those who are able to beat up fewer recruits.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated change, in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Alwur.—The "Monthly Journal" chronicles the 4 anna stamp in a new colour. The type is the same as that of the perforated stamps of 1899, but these are printed from a new stone, the impressions on which are as close together as in the early sheets, and there are now 66 stamps on the sheet, in eleven horizontal rows. The paper and the perforation are the same as in the last edition.

Adhesive. ¾a. emerald-green; *pin-perf.* about 12.

Ceylon.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have received the new 1 rupee 50 cents, rose.

Costa Rica.—In various journals, the new set for this country is announced, and in the "A.J. of P." we find illustrations of same. The stamps are thus described in the "Monthly Journal":—"Each value has a different design, with a central device in black, except for the 50 centimos and 10 colones; the highest value and the 5 and 20 centimos are of oblong shape, the rest are upright rectangular. The 1 cent. has a figure of a gentleman about to take a flying leap off the top of a monument; the 5 cent., a view of 'Puerto Simon'; the 20 cent., 'Teatro Nacional'; the 1 colon, 'Puente de Birris' (a high railway bridge across a valley); and the 10 colones, the Arms of the Republic; the other values bear portraits of gentlemen whose names are given on the stamps."

<i>Adhesives.</i>	1 centimo, black and green.
	2 centimos .. vermilion.
	5 pale blue.
	10 yellow-brown
	20 lake.
	50 .. blue and lilac.
	1 colon, black and olive.
	2 colones .. carmine
	5 brown.
	10 .. brown-red and pale green.

"Colon," it seems, is the new Costa Rica name for "dollar" or "peso."

Fernando Po.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a specimen of the 1c. green of the new set for this Spanish Colony, accompanied by the following description:—

FERNANDO PO.—We only send you a specimen of the 1c., as the set is the same type as the 1899 issue, but dated 1900. The colours of the new sets are as follows:—1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 mil. black, 1c. blue-green, 2c. lilac, 3c. rose, 4c. black-brown, 5c. blue, 6c. orange, 8c. bronze-green, 10c. marone, 15c. deep purple, 20c. brown, 40c. red-brown, 60c. pale green, 80c. indigo, 1 peso chocolate, 2 pesos vermilion.

New Zealand.—We have to thank Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, for a specimen of the Universal Penny Stamp printed in New Zealand. The stamp is some what roughly perforated 11, and on the new watermarked paper showing a double lined star and "N.Z."

1d. rose (Colonial print), perf. 11.

Orange River Colony.—Mr. James Campbell, writing from Bloemfontein, under date, February 8th, kindly sends us the new provisional postcard, first issued in the O.R.C. capital on that date. This is the 1½d. Cape of Good Hope card, with the stamp surcharged in black in three lines, "O.R.C. One Penny," the inscriptions "Cape of Good Hope" and "Cup de Boune Espérance" barred out, and "Orange River Colony Post Card" overprinted in black.

For a Red Penny Stamp.

MR. HENNIKER HEATON SETS FORTH HIS VIEWS AND ASKS A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

IN the following letter to "The Times" of February 21st, Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has much to say on a matter of paramount interest: the British penny stamp.

There is, of necessity, an alteration to be made in our postage stamps. At the same time, there is a strong general desire that there should be a change in the colour of our penny stamps. The question is simply and clearly put by a lady correspondent, who says:—

"I want you to ask Lord Londonderry to let us have the old scarlet penny stamp restored to us. Scarlet, of course, is the Royal colour, and much more appropriate for 'an Imperial stamp' (which the popular and profitable penny stamp now is) than the present ugly washed-out mauve thing, which is, as far as I can make out, universally considered the ugliest of all our stamps."

At the Washington Postal Union Congress in 1898, at which the English and all other Governments of the civilized countries of the world were represented, it was agreed "that it would tend to universal convenience, if not to universal amity, if the postage stamps of equivalent denominations in the various nationalities were of the same colour." Accordingly green was adopted for the half-penny stamp and red for the penny stamp, but England only obeyed the resolution in regard to the half-penny stamp.

The Duke of Norfolk was in favour of issuing a red or deep scarlet Imperial penny stamp, and I believe that Sir George Murray was also anxious to carry out the idea. But it is alleged that the eminent firm of printers who supply the postage stamps for a consideration to the post office put a veto on it by stating the red stamp would cost an enormous sum to print. This objection was not taken by them to the green halfpenny stamp, and why should red cost more than green?

If the difficulty arises through the expense of printing the stamp in fugitive colours, I hope the Postmaster-General will invite me to point out to him how the amount of the proposed additional expense may be saved.

EDWARD VII. DESIGNS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

We learn from Mr. F. H. Oliver, of Messrs. Bright & Son, that three distinct designs for King Edward VII.'s stamps are now being considered by the authorities. The information comes from an authoritative source, but further than this there is absolutely nothing definite to record regarding the impending changes in our stamps.

A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE.

IN the House of Commons, on Monday, March 11th, in answer to Mr. Henniker Heaton.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain said: "The necessary steps are being taken for the issue of new postage stamps, but it is not expected that they will be ready for some months to come. The Postmaster-General would point out to the hon. member that, with the exception of the halfpenny, penny, and shilling stamps, all the adhesive stamps now in use do bear figures clearly indicating their value, and the same plan will probably be continued. In the case of the three stamps particularized, they are of so distinctive a character that it was not thought necessary to print on them the value in figures as well as in words, and the Postmaster-General is not aware of any inconvenience having resulted. He does not think it desirable to submit the designs of the proposed stamps to the public. The Postmaster-General is not satisfied that any sufficient reason exists for altering the colour of the penny stamp, as suggested by the hon. member."

Answers to Correspondents.

THE PRIZE COMPETITION.

G.B., and other.—The terms of the prize competition do not apply to subscriptions at reduced rates to members of certain philatelic societies, &c., but only to fully-paid annual subscriptions of 3s. 3d. each. Read our Editorial article in this number.

H.T.—Yes; even if you should win the £10 prize you would still get the bonus of 6d. *face value* in Colonial stamps for every subscription sent in. Sorry if we have not made this clear.

Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

BY WALTER NATHAN.

(Continued from page 181 of Volume VI).

My next experience was one of those incidents which have occurred to most people, and which are very irritating at the time. A gentleman had a very good collection, and asked about 25% over what a dealer would have made up such a collection for, but the annoying part was that he attached no particular value to the really good stamps in his collection, but thought a wretched set of essays he possessed were worth £100. In vain I offered to relinquish the privilege of owning these rarities if he would take £50, or even £25 off the price of the album. But no! he would neither sell the album minus the essays, nor reduce the price, because he knew that the essays made the collection worth the money. Finally I bought the lot, but at a high price, for the stamps which had determined the price of the collection were worth exactly 12s. 6d.!

Having recorded the purchase of so many good collections, I will now relate how I missed the best lot of stamps I ever had the opportunity of acquiring. It may be difficult for the reader to realise how I could have been so foolish, and I can only offer as an explanation the fact that about the time when the collection was for sale my health had begun to vary considerably, accompanied by phases of impatience and irritation, often without just or reasonable cause. It may also be considered that a constant supply of the best stamps had rendered me confident of always obtaining what I wanted, if not one week then in another. Lord Melbourne once said—"I wish I was as cock-sure of *anything* as Macaulay is of *everything*." But even the advantages of being cock-sure may be over-estimated, and partly through this fault I lost the purchase, for £120, of a collection which would now be worth about £3000.

A collection was advertised for sale, and a long list of desirable stamps appended. The address was near the Paddington Station of the Great Western Railway, and, being so close to my residence, I departed from my usual custom and called on the advertiser. He was out, but I left word that I would pay cab fares if he would call on me the same evening. I received a letter stating he could not call at the appointment I had left, but would do so the following evening. I again called, and again found him out, as he was, as I then learnt, the chief accountant in the Great Western Railway, and was engaged at Paddington Station all day.

Punctually at 7 o'clock a card was brought to me announcing "Mr. Owen, F.S.A., Chief Accountant, Great Western Railway Company."

He was an old gentleman, nearly eighty, and he had labelled his collection with instructions to his executors, and with a list of the principal varieties contained in the album. He informed me that no stamp had been added since 1869, and that there were 1,500 varieties in the book, beside a quantity of English and Spanish essays, which were loose.

Mr. Owen was very agreeable, and with a mistaken kindness insisted on sitting beside me while I went through the book, in order that he might point out the best things.

He had some knowledge of stamps, but with a peculiarity unusual in owners of collections, he kept pointing out stamps to me as forgeries, which, I had every reason to believe, were genuine specimens. My nerves had been out of order all day, and his constant iteration that so and so was a forgery, because it was printed in aniline dye, and aniline dyes were unknown at the date of issue, together with assertions that stamps that I was pretty confident were wrong, were absolutely undoubted, produced an irritation and muddle in my mind which quite prevented my judgment being exercised.

If I could have had ten minutes quiet to go over the pages alone I should have bought the book, as it was I offered him £100—which he declined, and after a very friendly talk it was finally decided that I should let him know my final decision in the morning.

I had not the slightest idea that any one was likely to see the book between that evening and early the next day, but

when I sent round before Mr. Owen left for his office, he sent a note by messenger stating that the collection had been sold late the preceding evening at the price asked—£120.

I cannot, even at this lapse of time, think of my utter stupidity without annoyance.

The collection was in one of Oppens' albums, with stamps stuck down both sides of the page. There were many specimens which were mint as they rested in the book, but which would have lost a portion of gum on taking out. There were also many damaged stamps, and still a greater number that without being damaged could not be classed as fine. Nevertheless the collection was the best all round one I have ever seen among old time collections, and Mr. G. Howe who bought it must have had many an agreeable hour in looking through so fine a bargain. When left quietly after the owner's departure I was able to recall most of the pages, and the following represent some of the things I allowed to slip through my hands for an inclusive sum of £120.

Great Britain, 1d. V.R. mint, 6d., 10d., 1/- 1st issue mint.

Ditto, single specimens of all issues from 1840 to 1869 mint.

Baden, Bavaria, Bremen, France, each country practically complete, and many of the specimens unused.

Hanover, Hamburgh, Denmark and Lubeck nearly as good.

Naples ½t. arms, a perfect used specimen with large margins: ½t. cross (2) and the remainder unused.

Then came the prettiest page in the book—Oldenburgh, complete, unused, in perfect state, with immense margins to each stamp. Saxony 3pf., mint.

Spain had 1c. Madrid, one or two poor 2r., and a fine lot of later issues.

Switzerland contained all the Cantonal stamps but the majority where I believe not genuine.

Tuscany a fair lot, including the 3 lire, but this was so pale as to be scarcely distinguishable.

Wurtemberg a good lot, about half being fine and unused. Ceylon containing most of the imperforate, but no very fine specimen. Philippine Islands, most of the old stamps in poor condition. Mauritius, about 8 post paid, but no very fine specimen. Madeira and Acores, all the imperforate stamps mint. Canada, most of the pence issue, except the 12d., unused and mint; likewise a number of proofs in colours of issue. Newfoundland all orange, and most of scarlet issues, but nothing fine in respect of condition. Nova Scotia 1/- fine and a torn specimen. New Brunswick, two moderate shilling stamps. United States, a fine lot mostly mint. Brazil, the lot. B. Guiana, 1c. and 4c. of the 1852 & 3 issues, and a nice unused lot of later stamps. Buenos Ayres, 23 moderate specimens of the blue ships, and a very poor green. States of Columbia, Mexico, and Peru were good, but I cannot recall anything worthy of special remark. On the other hand the Australasia were exceptionally fine, and such a lot could not now be purchased without much hunting, and large outlay.

In New South Wales there were upwards of 30 views of Sydney. Some poor, and the majority in only moderate condition, but relieved by a superb unused 1d. on bluish paper, and two very fine 2d. plates, 1 and 2. The Laureated were a good lot, and the large 5d. and 8d. imp. were in fine condition. Queensland had the 1d. 2d. and 6d. imp., and a number of unused of later issues. In Victoria, were the 6d. orange figures at sides, the 5/- yellow, the 2d. with fine background and border, the Too Late and Registered, and a host of others which may have contained uncatalogued watermarks, of which there are still some in this Colony awaiting a chronicler. Tasmania and South Australia good, but the gem of the special collections embraced in this book was the magnificent *ensemble* presented under the head of Western Australia. In point of artistic colouring, the page of Oldenburgh presented at first glance, the page to be coveted, but the W. Australians were in perfect condition, and comprised every variety except the 4d. with inverted centre, and a few of the early roulettes. Mr. Owen justly considered these stamps the best in the book.

The above is a short account of a collection I refused to buy for £120; the reader may justly marvel at such an indication of aberration, but I can assure him that his wonder cannot be greater than my own.

(To be continued).

From the Auction Rooms.

A healthy tone prevails in the Philatelic Auction Rooms.



Now, as ever, the competition for really good goods is keen and spirited. An interesting array of stamps are dealt with in the sales we record in this number. Satisfactory prices are the rule, and we may point especially to some interesting items in Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale of February 28th and March 1st.

The suggestion is frequently made to us that all auctioneers should arrange their catalogues alphabetically. May we appeal to all philatelic auctioneers to fall into line in this respect.

Uniformity would very greatly redound to the convenience of all parties concerned.

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS & Co.'s Sale, Feb 4th.

	£	s.	d.
Bavaria, 12kr. lilac, perf.	1 0 0
British Guiana, 1851, 4c. blue, creased	3 5 0
Do. 1862, type set, 4c. blue*, no roulettes	12 10 0
Canada, 6d. grey-lilac, perf. 12	3 12 6
Fernando Poo, 1893, provisional 50c. on 5c. blue, double surcharge	1 16 0
Finland, 1867, 1 mark brown*	1 8 0
Greece, 1876, Athens print, 30 lept. red-brown*	1 0 0
Guatemala, 1881, 2c. with inverted centre*	1 1 0
Japan, 1876, 45 sen. scarlet, a pair*	2 0 0
Do. Another*	1 1 0
Mafeking, Baden-Powell, large head, 3d. blue	1 6 0
Mecklenburg Schwerin, dotted ground, 4/4 sch. red, rouletted*	10 5 0
Nevis, engraved 4d. orange*	1 15 6
Newfoundland, 1/- scarlet vermilion	11 11 0
Nova Scotia, 6d. green	1 10 0
Do. 1/- violet	10 10 0
Oldenburg, 1859, 2gr. black on rose*, thinned	2 15 0
Do. 1861, 1/2gr. moss-green*	3 0 0
Do. Another specimen, used and slightly defective	1 10 0
Portugal, 1st issue, 100 reis, a pair	2 17 6
Porto Rico, 1877, error, 5c. rose	1 18 0
United States, 1869, 24c., without grille*	1 14 0
Wurtemberg, 1858, imperf. with silk thread, 9kr. rose*	4 10 0
Do. do. 18kr. blue*	2 8 0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Feb. 12th and 13th.

Barbados, 1850, 1/- brown black, imperf., a horizontal pair*	3	6	0
Do. wmk. large star (4d.) brownish-rose* no gum	4	15	0
Do. do. 6d. orange vermilion*	2	10	0
Do. do. 1/- black*	1	6	0
Do. 1873, 5/- dull rose	1	7	0
Do. Provisional, 1d. on left half of 5/- dull rose	3	5	0
British Columbia, 1865, wmk. C.C., imperf. 5c. rose, slightly defective	3	15	0
Do. do. C.C., perf., 12 1/2, 1 dollar green on green*	2	4	0
British Guiana, 1852, imperf., 1 cent black on magenta	3	15	0
Do. 1853, imperf., 1 cent vermilion	2	0	0
Do. 4c. dark blue with white line above value, a horizontal pair	1	10	0
Do. 1860, 1 cent brown-red	1	0	0
British South Africa, 1897, £1 black and red-brown on green*	1	9	0
Canada, 7 1/2d. green, imperf.	1	10	0
Do. 10d. blue on thick paper	1	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Triangular 6d. slate*	1	5	0
Do. do. 6d. bright mauve (De la Rue)*	1	7	0
Do. 1/- dark green	0	17	0
Do. 1/- yellow-green, a pair	2	6	0
Do. 1/- emerald-green*, no gum	3	12	6
Do. Woodblock, 1d. scarlet..	3	10	0
Ceylon, wmk. star, imperf., 9d. lilac-brown	2	8	0
Do. wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 16c. lilac	1	0	0
Fiji, 1874-75, 2d. in red on 3d. green (S.G. No. 21)*	2	2	0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, set from 1/4d. to 1/-*	3	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Hong Kong, perf. 14, wmk. C.C., 96c. yellow-brown	1 0 0
Montserrat, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 4d. blue	1 16 0
Nevis, perf. 13, 4d. bright rose*	1 16 0
Do. Do. Another shade on bluish paper*	2 8 0
Do. perf. 15, 6d. grey-black, part gum*	4 0 0
Do. wmk. C.A., perf. 14, green*	4 2 6
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 1	1 12 0
Do. do. 1d. bright red, plate 2	1 1 0
Do. do. 3d. bright green	1 14 0
Do. 1888, wmk. 5/-, 5/- deep mauve*	1 2 0
St. Helena, wmk. C.C., perf. 14 x 12 1/2, 1/- deep green*	1 3 0
St. Lucia, wmk. Star, (4d.) blue*	1 8 0
Do. do. (6d.)	1 8 0
Do. 1883-6, 1/- red-brown*	2 12 6
St. Vincent, 1869, no wmk., 4d. yellow*	2 2 0
Do. do. 1/- brown, badly centered*	2 2 0
Do. 1880-81, 5/- rose-red*	8 5 0
Do. do. Provisional, One Penny in black on 6d. yellow-green*	2 8 0
Do. do. 4d. in black on 1/- vermilion	8 15 0
Do. wmk. C.A., perf. 12, 4d. ultramarine*	2 0 0
Victoria, 1st issue, 2d. lilac	2 2 0
Do. 1854-61, rouletted, 1/- blue	2 8 0
Virgin Isles, perf. 15, 6d. pale rose, heavy postmark	1 18 0

Messrs. VENTOM BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Feb. 14 & 15.

Argentina, 1891, 20 pesos green	..	..	1 12 0
British South Africa, £5 sage-green	..	..	2 12 0
Finland, 1867-70, error of colour, 10pen. purple, brown on grey*, only part gum	..	..	2 4 0
Gambia, 1/- green, defective	..	..	1 2 0
Great Britain, £5 orange with "Registered" postmark	..	..	1 14 0
Mexico, Eagle 3c. brown* without control marks	..	..	1 16 0
Natal, 1875-76, 6 violet with surcharge "Postage" inverted, penmarked	..	..	1 0 0
New South Wales, Sydney view, 2d. blue, plate 1	..	..	1 3 0
Do. do. do. 2d. blue, plate 11	..	..	1 14 0
St. Vincent, wmk. star, 4d. deep blue* badly centered	..	..	1 8 0
Transvaal, Queen's Head, 2/- blue*	..	..	1 10 0
Zululand, 1894-96, £1 purple on red	..	..	1 8 0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, Feb. 20th and 21st, 1901.

Barbados, Wmk. large star, clean cut perf., 1/- black*	1	7	0
British East Africa, 1 anna on 2d.*	2	4	0
Do. on Company 5a.*	3	0	0
Do. do. 4 1/2 and surcharged with 2 1/2 large figures in red*	1	0	0
Ceylon, no wmk., 5d. deep red-brown	1	0	0
Grenada, 2d. "surcharge postage" on 6d. lilac*	1	0	0
Mafeking, Baden Powell large head	1	8	0
Do. 6d. on 3d. Cape of Good Hope	2	4	0
Do. 1/- on 6d. Bechuanaland Protectorate*	2	10	0
Do. 1/- on 4d. Cape of Good Hope	1	10	0
Nevis, perf. 13, 4d. rose* (No. 5)..	1	12	0
Do. do. 6d. lilac* (No. 6)	1	12	0
Do. do. 1/- green* (No. 3)	1	16	0
Do. perf. 15, engraved 4d. dark orange (Nos. 7 & 8)	5	0	0
Nevis, 1/- blue-green* (No. 9)	3	15	0
Do. Litho., 4d. orange, a pair* (Nos. 11 & 12)	8	2	6
Do. do. 6d. lilac* (No. 10.)	4	5	0
Do. do. 6d. dark lilac, a pair* (Nos. 10 & 11)	9	9	0
Do. 1/- dark green, strip of 3* (Nos. 1, 2 & 3)	3	7	6
Do. wmk. C.A., 6d. green*	4	8	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d. blue, penmarked	1	1	0
Do. do. 3d. green	1	2	0
Do. do. another specimen on yellowish paper	1	10	0
Nova Scotia, 6d. yellow-green	1	6	0
Portuguese Indies, 6 on 100r. green*	1	18	0
Straits Settlements, Selangor, Gibbons No. 4, "S" on 2c. brown	1	10	0
Transvaal, 1st issue, 6d. dark blue*	1	12	0
Trinidad, pin perf., 4d. purple*	1	8	0
Do. clean cut perf., 4d. purple*	1	14	0
Do. rough perf., 1/- purple	1	2	0
Victoria, 1st issue, 2d. grey-lilac, with background and border	3	5	0
Do. "Too Late"	1	0	0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 2d. black on pale red, printed on back	2	8	9

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, March 5th and 6th.

	£	s.	d.
British East Africa, 5a. black on grey-blue, perforated on all sides. heavy postmark ..	2	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking Besieged, 1d. on Bechuanaland Protectorate ½d. vermilion, surcharge inverted ..	7	10	0
Ceylon, wmk. star, imperf., 8d. deep yellow-brown, thinned and defective ..	2	15	0
Do. wmk. star, imperf., 10d. orange-vermilion* ..	2	8	0
Dominica, 1886-88, 1/- lilac-rose* ..	1	16	0
Gt. Britain, imperf., 2d. blue, without lines*, without gum ..	1	16	0
Nevis, large perms., litho, 1d. red ..	0	18	0
Do. perf. 15, litho, 6d. grey-black ..	3	15	0
Do. do. 1/- pale green ..	1	12	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 1* ..	8	0	0
Oil Rivers provisional, ½d. in blue on 2½d. (S.G. No. 25)* ..	1	12	0
Queensland, wmk. C. and Q., 6d. apple-green* ..	1	12	0
St. Lucia, wmk. CA., perf. 14, "One Shilling" on the orange stamp* ..	2	6	0
Sierra Leone, 1897, 2½d. on 2/- ..	0	17	0
South Australia, 1871, wmk. V. and Crown, 4d. purple ..	2	15	0
United States, perf. 12, 15c. brick-red, torn* ..	1	7	0
Do. 1869, 90c. carmine and black, faded ..	1	6	0
Western Australia, 1861-62, rough perf. 4d. vermilion* ..	2	0	0
Zanzibar on India, in blue on 1a. ..	1	6	0

Messrs. PUTTIK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

Feb. 26th and 27th.

British South Africa, 1890, £10 brown, fiscally used ..	1	8	0
Do. 1896-97, Buluwayo Provisionals, "One Penny" on 3d. grey, a pair ..	9	0	0
Brunswick, 1st issue, 2sgr. blue, a pair, slightly pinholed*	4	10	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, 5 pesos olive-yellow* ..	11	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, wmk. C.C., 5/- orange* ..	1	18	0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, 6d. on 3d. magenta ..	1	12	0
Do. do. 6d. on 3d. brown on yellow ..	1	12	0
Do. do. Sans-serif surcharge, 1/- on 6d. lilac on red ..	7	0	0
Do. do. 2/- on 1/- green ..	2	12	6
Do. do. a complete set of 19 ..	19	10	0
Ceylon, perf., wmk. star, 8d. yellow-brown ..	5	5	0
Do. do. 1/9 green* ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 2/- blue* ..	1	17	6
Do. no wmk., 1/- lilac, few perms. missing* ..	8	5	0
Do. wmk. C.C., 5d. purple brown ..	1	1	0
Gt. Britain, 1d. red, plate 225* ..	1	6	0
New Brunswick, 1/- mauve, thinned ..	5	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d. grey-blue, plate 3 ..	1	18	0
Do. do. 3d. green on bluish ..	1	18	0
Oldenburg, 1855, ½sgr. black on green ..	1	13	0
Do. 1859, 3gros. black on yellow ..	1	10	0
Queensland, imperf., 6d. green, torn ..	1	13	0
Saxony, 1st issue, 3pf. red, penmarked and cleaned, poor specimen ..	1	13	0
Switzerland, Winterthur, 2½ rappen*, thinned ..	3	0	0
Transvaal, 1877, V.R. Transvaal, roulette, 6d. blue on rose, with inverted surcharge, torn ..	1	10	0
United States, State, 2 dollars* ..	2	6	0
Western Australia, 1854-57, 2d. brown on red*, cut close ..	1	11	0
Do. do. 2d. brown on Indian red, slightly torn ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 6d. grey-bronze, cut close ..	1	8	0
Wurtemberg, 1858-60, 9kr. carmine* ..	1	14	0
Zululand, 1891-94, Natal Revenue Stamp, surcharged, 5/- red and lilac, fiscally used ..	3	3	0
Do. do. 9/- red and lilac ..	3	10	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

Feb. 28th and March 1st.

Antioquia, 1st issue, 2½c. blue* ..	9	0	0
Do. do. 5c. green ..	7	0	0
Barbados, 1878, Provisional, "1D." on half 5/- dull rose ..	7	10	0
Brazil, 2nd issue, 600 reis ..	3	15	0
British Columbia, 1867-69, perf. 14, 10c. lake and blue, off centre ..	2	18	0
Do. do. 10c. lake and blue*, perms. clipped ..	1	12	0
Do. do. 25c. yellow and violet* ..	1	0	0
British Guiana, 1st issue, 12c. black on blue ..	8	0	0
Do. 1852, 4c. black on deep blue ..	3	12	6
Do. 1853, 1c. vermilion ..	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
British Guiana, 1856, 4c. black on magenta ..	15	0	0
Do. 1862, Provisional, 1c. black on rose, border of pearls, No. 16 on plate ..	11	10	0
Do. 1c. black on rose, border of crossed ovals, No. 12 on plate, imperf. on right, cut close at bottom, but roulettes on two sides ..	8	10	0
Do. 2c. black on yellow, border of grapes, No. 24 on plate ..	10	10	0
Do. 4c. black on blue, trefoil border, No. 15 on plate ..	15	0	0
Do. 4c. black on blue, pearl in heart border, No. 1 on plate* and signed ..	11	11	0
British Honduras, 1888, 50c. on 1/- grey ..	2	4	0
Buenos Ayres, 4 pesos vermilion, slightly defective ..	5	17	6
Canada, 1st issue, laid paper, 12d. black ..	66	0	0
Dominica, wmk. C. and CA., 1/- lilac-rose* ..	2	10	0
Gold Coast, 20/- green and red* ..	6	10	0
Gt. Britain, £5 orange, postally used ..	2	0	0
Labuan, 1893, 16c. grey, surcharged with inverted "Six" ..	1	17	6
Montserrat, wmk. C. and CA., 4d. blue ..	2	6	0
New Brunswick, 1/- violet ..	7	15	0
Do. 1/- violet, slightly torn and repaired ..	4	15	0
Newfoundland, 4d. carmine-vermilion ..	5	0	0
Do. 1/- carmine-vermilion ..	10	0	0
Do. 4d. orange, thinned at top ..	1	10	0
Do. 1/- orange ..	12	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate 11, thinned ..	1	6	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown* ..	1	11	0
Do. 1/- violet, no margins ..	6	0	0
Do. 6d. yellow-green ..	2	4	0
Do. 1/- violet ..	8	0	0

News Notes from all Quarters.

Henri Bauche, against whom there are serious charges of defrauding London stamp dealers, will take his trial at the Old Bailey, on Monday, March 25th.

We shall shortly have another Stamp Shop in the City. Mr. Bluett, so long established in Billiter Square, has removed to much larger premises in Crooked Lane, near London Bridge.

New Zealand's penny postage departure has brought about a great increase in the "Island Colony's" mails. It appears that the total of ordinary letters posted in the Colony in the week ending January 13th was 786,351 as against 605,668 for the corresponding week of 1900, or an increase of 30 per cent.

A philatelist has shown us a French 5 centimes Head of Liberty which has been torn across and neatly mended at the back. There is pretty clear evidence that the stamp is one of an entire sheet torn while in the Post Office, and mended with a strip of gummed "edging" by some French official gifted with deft fingers and a frugal mind.

Mr. A Rosenberg, of Woodville, New Zealand, informs us of the receipt of a copy of the 6d. Transvaal, current issue, with the "V.R.I." overprint inverted thus—'I'V'Λ.

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In the case of a competitor sending in only his own subscription, however, we shall expect him to send us also the name and address of some philatelic friend who would be likely to appreciate a smart and newsy stamp journal.

Our plans as to the stamp prizes are not yet completed, but we can already state that every competitor sending in six paid-up yearly subscriptions will receive as a prize a set of the obsolete Gambias (embossed head issue) from ½d. to 1 -

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In the event of a tie for the first, or for any other prize, the Editor will either halve the prize or adopt such other course as may seem to him most desirable. In his own protection the Editor of the *Fortnightly*, as representing the Proprietors of the journal, reserves to himself the final decision of the Competition, and every competitor entering the contest will be deemed to have assented to this essential condition.

Finally, all readers of the *Fortnightly* are cordially invited to compete. Whatever their measure of success, every competitor will secure a prize.

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HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, March 5th, 1901, at 7 p.m. Present: Messrs. Reichenheim (chair), Boyes, Bradbury, Cool, Frenzel, Hall, Mordon, Meyer, Sidebotham, Simpson, Sisley, Standen, Sutherland, Thomson, Ware, and Slade.

Mr. Wrigly was elected an ordinary member of the Society.

Mr. T. W. Hall gave a display of part of his collection of the stamps of Peru (including Pacific Steam Navigation Co.'s stamps and Chilean stamps used during the occupation of Peru by Chile) before an interested and appreciative audience. The display was enhanced by a paper giving valuable information as to many unchronicled varieties, &c., &c., and when the last page had been handed round for inspection, the Chairman passed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hall for the instructive entertainments he had provided for the members. The vote was responded to in felicitous terms, and Mr. Hall promised to help the society on a future occasion. Mr. Walter Morley sent a very fine selection of Peruvian Fiscals for inspection by the members. This was much appreciated and carefully examined, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit the thanks of the Society to Mr. Morley, and to inscribe them on the minutes. The meeting terminated at 9.30 p.m.

H. A. SLADE, *Hon. Sec. & Treas.*
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LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on February 19th—an "At Home" with Mr. Eugene Egly in Victoria Road—the host of the evening read an interesting paper, entitled "Odd Notes on Stamps." That title would not appear, at first glance, to promise a very instructive or exhilarating paper, but Mr. Egly's address proved to be most interesting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him on the motion of Mr. J. H. Thackrah, seconded by Mr. W. Findlater.

A full report of Mr. Egly's paper appears in the "Leeds Mercury," of March 2nd.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

FEB. 14th.—The following were unanimously elected members—Messrs. J. N. A. Mostyre, M.A., LL.B., W. A. Callaghan, W. D. Crick, J. Wilson, C. W. Ruston-Harrison, M. Margoschis, and W. F. A. Peck.

Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. H. Atherley and G. A. Coombs for donations to the library.

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Votes of thanks were given to Mr. W. Morley for a bound copy of Vol. I. of Morley's Philatelic Journal, and to Mr. W. G. Ward for Auction Catalogue.

Mr. C. A. Stephenson then gave a display of "New Issues" which was very interesting, as in addition to some nicely used copies, the collection practically every recent Colonial in mint condition.

We have been very successful in making up our collection of Auction Catalogues, and have completed some sets either priced or unpriced. We should, however, be glad if some one would supply us with Cheveley's Nos. 1, 2, 58, 137, 140, 142, and Thos. Bull's Nos. 28 and 29, either priced or unpriced.

Many members have sent in their photo with autograph, written across the corner. We should be glad if those members who have not already sent would do so at their earliest convenience, as we feel sure it will be a very interesting collecting of photos when completed.

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The resignation of Mr. Hunter was accepted and the Treasurer authorized to transfer his share of stock to Mr. Klemann.

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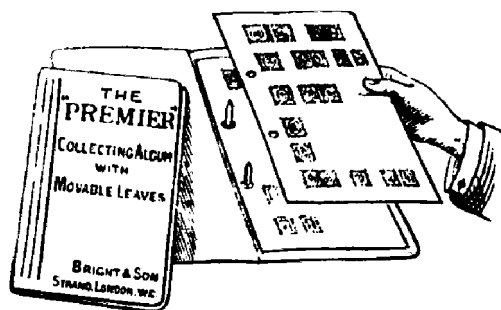
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

WHERE IS HENRI BAUCHE ?

ONE Henri Bauche, described as a commercial traveller, was due at the Old Bailey on Monday last, March 25th, to answer certain serious charges of alleged frauds upon London stamp dealers; but up to the time of going to press with this number of the *Fortnightly*, the accused had not gone through the formality of surrendering to his bail. Under these circumstances we understand that the authorities have followed the usual course of entreating the defendant's bail and issuing a warrant for his arrest.

As a consequence of this contretemps a strange sight was to be witnessed outside the Central Criminal Court in the earlier days of this week. A number of very well known philatelists, both amateur and professional, were to be seen patiently pacing the purlieus of the court, awaiting the time when the person chiefly interested in the prosecution should see fit to put in an appearance. It was cold work.

"FOR A RED PENNY STAMP."

A LEADING provincial newspaper expresses the hope that the King's advice will be taken concerning two subjects now engaging public attention—the new coins and the new stamps.

With regard to the new stamps (the journal adds), Mr. Henniker-

Heaton, ever diligent in his self-imposed office (he ought to have been Postmaster-General), has put in a plea for the restoration—for it would be that—of "royal red." The abrogation of the most striking postage stamp in the world, in point of colour, was like one of Lord Dundreary's unsolved problems—"no fellah could understand it." It would challenge comparison now with the very best of existing stamps. It had reached its glory, with the abolition of the black ground, when some wiseacre at the Post Office made it obsolete. The Postmaster-General, however, does not favour a change of colour, and there the matter ends for the present. A hint from the King might lead him to change his opinion.

On the same subject, "H.A.C." writes to the "Standard" in this wise:—

I was disappointed when reading Mr. A Chamberlain's reply in the House the other day, to find there is no intention of changing the colour of the penny stamp. It was my impression that an arrangement had been come to some time ago that the colour of the half-penny and penny stamps should be green and red, respectively, for Great Britain and the Colonies within the Postal Union.

My chief complaint against the colour of the penny stamp as at present is the difficulty of deciphering anything written across it. I have occasion to give thousands of receipts during the course of the year, and after putting blotting paper on the ink the faint colour resulting is so much the same shade as the mauve colour of the stamp that it is hardly visible. On a red colour, particularly that of the Cape of Good Hope penny stamp, the writing shows up very much more plainly, although blotting paper is applied. I hope that some pressure will be brought to bear upon the authorities to adopt this colour for our penny stamp.

A SLIM PHILATELIC SWINDLE AT LOS ANGELES.

"MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS" reprints two most interesting excerpts from the "Los Angeles Times" of February 27th. The first runs as follows:

Government authorities are investigating what seems to be a wholesale stamp swindle, in which two prominent Eastern visitors, whose names are withheld, were made the victims to the tune of £190. Just how the scheme was worked, or where, is also kept secret. This much is known, that some Los Angeles printing establishment has been manufacturing Mexican stamps of an old date by the score. The plates have been discovered and the entire paraphernalia confiscated.

According to the meagre information available, the stamps were printed here and shipped across the border, where they were sold as genuine, the plates being originals.

The two victims of the scheme were made to believe that the printing was done by order of Mexican government officials in this city (Los Angeles, California), in order to avoid detection, so that

the corrupt officials could reap the full benefit of the face value of the stamps.

Of course more could be printed than the Mexicans knew, and could be disposed of through an agency. The scheme worked like a charm, and stamps to the apparent value of £1,000 were given for the money invested, with the agreement that more would be printed.

An attempt to float the stamps across the border by the dupes resulted in detection, and the arrest of one of the victims. The other returned to Los Angeles last week, sought the proper authorities and the stamp plant was seized as a result of his information. By some slip the informant was allowed to disappear, though he has been traced as far as Phoenix.

THE CHARGE DISMISSED.

Charles T. Luther (runs the second extract) was acquitted of a charge of issuing and passing counterfeit stamps, which was preferred against him at the United States District Court. The charge was dismissed on the motion of the District Attorney, there being a lack of evidence of a violation of the law. Luther was alleged to have sold imitation foreign stamps (cancelled) to collectors.

A SUGGESTED TAX STAMP FOR POSTERS.

"VILLAGE RUSTIC" writes as follows to the "Nottingham Daily Guardian":

On the 10th January I wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer suggesting whether it would not be advisable to levy a tax upon the flaring advertisements which so greatly disfigure the walls of our country town and villages, adding that if no great addition were made to the revenue, such a tax would at least have the effect of abating a nuisance which is becoming quite oppressive. I find from one of the London papers of yesterday (February 21st) that there is some prospect, or at least expectation, that this course will be adopted. If it should be, then strong opposition may be looked for from the tradesmen affected, but I earnestly hope that the public generally will give the Government their hearty support. It seems to me that the only means necessary for carrying out this plan is a stamp, or series of stamps, graduated in price according to the superficial area of the placard, so that with the provision already existing for the issue of stamps, the cost of collection would be almost nothing. Another fact deserves consideration. The tax would not lay a burden upon any one who did not find it to his interest to carry it.

The suggestion, in brief, is for a poster tax-stamp which would be on all fours with the "Affiche" labels of Belgium and other continental countries.

DESTRUCTION OF THE HAWAIIAN REMAINDERS.

THE Washington correspondents of the American weeklies send news of the formal destruction of the remainders of Hawaiian stamps by the U.S.A. postal authorities. A daily paper is quoted by the "Weekly Philatelic Era" as telling the story of the "incineration":—

When the Hawaiian Islands were annexed the Post Office Department sent a man to Honolulu to introduce the American postal system. All postmasters in the islands were instructed to invoice all postage stamps on hand and submit a report to the postal Officer. When the record had been made up, stamps of the United States were sent to the postmasters, and the latter were ordered to forward the entire holdings of Hawaii in stamps to the Postmaster General of the island, who turned them over to the Treasurer, who, in turn, forwarded them to the Postmaster General at Washington.

They came in two large boxes. They were in sheets of 50, 25 sheets in a package, the greater part of the invoice being yet in the original package as sent to Honolulu by the American Bank Note Company. Jan. 14 was the date fixed when the redemption would cease. Before this time Hawaiian stamps in the hands of private parties would be redeemed by the Post Office Department for current United States stamps.

To Mr. George D. Scott, who has been chief of the redemption division for nearly 30 years, and his assistants, the burning of £11,600 worth of stamps was but an incident. Burnings of this sort are of weekly occurrence. To the uninitiated, and more particularly several stamp collectors who witnessed the destruction, the affair took on a melancholy aspect that was a near approach to tragedy. The furnace in which stamps are burned was especially built for this purpose. It is similar in exterior outlines to the ordinary large-sized furnace, having an upper and lower door. The inside is bricked up and at the top a screen is provided that no unburned portions of stamps may escape through the flue and thus out of doors.

To this, "Mekeel's" correspondent adds the information that the Hawaiian post-cards have also died a fiery death.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

INDIA (continued).	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1866. Surcharged "Service"; no wmk.; perf. 14.				
½a. blue	42/	30/	10/6	7/
8p. lilac	55/	40/	17/6	12/6
1a. dull brown	40/	27/6	15/	10/6
2a. yellow-buff	60/	40/	30/	21/
4a. green	70/	50/	35/	25/
8a. carmine	3/	2/3	4/	2/9
Same surcharge; wmk. Elephant's Head; perf. 14.				
½a. blue	15/	10/6	3/6	2/6
½a. deep blue	12/6	8/6	3/	2/3
8a. purple	10/6	7/6	2/	1/6
1a. brown	20/	14/	2/6	1/9
2a. yellow	17/6	12/6	4/	3/
4a. green (1st type)	15/	10/6	10/	7/
4a. green (2nd type)	80/	55/	15/	10/6
1867. Surcharged in larger letters; same wmk. and perf.				
½a. blue	2/	1/3	2/	
½a. deep blue	2/	1/3	1/2	
1a. brown	1/6	1/	1/1	
1a. deep brown	1/3	1/9	1/1	
2a. yellow	1/9	1/6	1/1	
2a. orange	2/	1/3	1/1	
4a. green	3/	2/	1/1	
4a. pale green	2/	1/3	1/1	
8a. carmine (die 2)	1/6	1/	1/2	
Surcharged On H.M.S.; same wmk. and perf.				
½a. blue	1/3	1/9	1/1	
1a. brown	1/	1/8	1/1	
2a. yellow	3/	2/3	1/3	
4a. green (die 1)	2/6	1/6	1/2	
8a. rose	5/	3/6	1/6	
Surcharged On H.M.S. but letter further apart.				
3p. carmine	1/		1/1	
½a. green	1/		1/1	
½a. deep green	1/		1/1	
1a. brown-purple	1/2		1/1	
2a. blue	1/6		1/1	
2a. ultramarine	1/3		1/1	
4a. slate-green	1/6		1/1	
8a. mauve	2/		1/3	
8a. bright mauve	1/9		1/1	
1r. carmine and green	1/6		1/2	
(Many readers of the Fortnightly having reminded us that British South Africa was overlooked in our "Guide to Values" we now remedy the omission. In our next number we shall return to the normal alphabetical order of the series, and deal with Ionian Islands and Jamaica.)				
BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.				
1890-94. Unwatermarked Perf. 14.				
½d. blue and vermilion	1/		1/2	1/1
1d. black	1/4		1/3	1/2
2d. green and vermilion	1/4	1/3	1/3	1/2

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Continued.	Unused mint	Used average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
3d. grey-black and green ..	6	4	8	6
4d. chestnut and black ..	18	16	6	4
6d. blue ..	2/3	1/6	8	1/6
6d. ultramarine ..	1/6	1/	1/6	1/
8d. rose-ultramarine ..	1/4	1/	1/9	1/3
1/- grey-brown ..	3	2/3	1/9	1/3
2/- vermilion ..	5/6	4/	5/	3/6
2/6 purple ..	7/6	5/6	7/6	5/6
3/- brown and green ..	5/	4/	5/	4/
4/- grey-black and vermilion ..	10/	7/6	10/	7/6
5/- orange-yellow ..	12/6	10/	10/	7/
10/- deep green ..	25/		17/6	12/6
£1 deep blue ..	37/6		30/	22/6
£2 rose-red ..	90/		65/	50/
£5 sage-green ..	130/		90/	60/
£10 brown ..	250/		90/	60/

1891. Provisionals. Surcharged in large letters.

½d. on 6d. ultramarine ..	10/6	7/	20/	14/
2d. ditto ..	50/	35/	65/	50/
4d. ditto ..	40/	27/6	65/	50/
8d. on 1/- brown ..	35/	25/	50/	35/

1895. Thick paper. Perf. 12½.

2d. green and red ..	1/	1/8	1/8	1/6
4d. yellow-brown and black ..	1/3	1/9	1/9	1/6

1896-97. Perf. 14

½d. slate and purple ..	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/1
1d. scarlet and emerald ..	1/4	1/3	1/3	1/2
2d. brown and rose-lilac ..	1/4	1/3	1/4	1/2
3d. chocolate and ultramarine ..	1/6	1/4	1/5	1/3
4d. ultramarine and mauve ..	1/6	1/	1/6	1/4
4d. blue and mauve ..	1/8	1/6	1/6	1/4
6d. violet and rose ..	1/	1/9	8	1/6
8d. olive-green and purple on buff ..	1/6	1/2	1/9	1/3
1/- green and blue ..	2/	1/6	1/9	1/6
2/- blue and green on flesh ..	3/	2/6	2/6	1/9
2/6 brown and purple on yellow ..	3/6	2/9	3/	2/3
3/- green and violet on blue ..	4/6	3/9	3/6	2/6
4/- red and blue on green ..	5/6	4/9	5/	3/6
5/- chestnut and green ..	7/	6/	3/6	2/6
10/- slate and carmine on rose ..	14/	12/	13/	9/

Provisionals.

One Penny on 3d. (1st type) ..	120/	90/	90/	65/
Ditto on 4/- (ditto) ..	60/	45/	60/	42/
THREE PENCE on 5/- (ditto) ..	17/6	13/6	21/	16/

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.

Cape stamps surcharged SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.

½d. black ..	1/6	4	1/3	1/10
1d. rose ..	1/9	1/6	1/6	1/
2d. brown ..	1/3	1/	1/6	1/
3d. claret ..	3/	2/3	4/	2/9
4d. blue ..	2/3	1/9	3/6	2/6
6d. violet ..	3/	2/3	4/	2/9
1/- yellow-ochre ..	12/6	9/	8/	5/6

1897. Design slightly altered. Perf. 14.

½d. slate and violet ..	1/2	1/	2	1/1
1d. bright-red and emerald green ..	1/4	1/3	4	1/3
2d. grey-brown and mauve ..	1/5	1/4	1/6	1/4
3d. red-brown and ultramarine ..	1/5	1/4	1/6	1/4
6d. violet and salmon ..	1/9	1/7	1/9	1/6
8d. olive and violet on buff ..	1/	1/9	1/	1/9
£1 black and red on green ..	30/	25/	35/	27/6

1899. Smaller Design. Perf. 14½.

½d. green ..	1/1		1/1	
1d. rose ..	1/2		1/1	
2d. bistre ..	1/3		1/3	1/2
6d. red-lilac ..	1/8	1/7	1/8	1/6
1/- ochre ..	1/3	1/1	1/9	1/6

(To be continued.)

NOTE.—The high values of the 1st issue British South Africa are frequently met with unused, without gum. The majority, however, of such specimens are stamps from which the fiscal cancellations have been removed. Collectors are warned against buying these, except at prices they would give for penmarked copies.

"VALUES AND VARIETIES OF GRIQUALAND."

Mr. B. W. Warhurst has been kind enough to call our attention to an omission from our list of the stamps of Griqualand West. From our introductory article, under the above heading, it will be seen that the 4d. and 6d. stamps exist with Types 3 and 4 surcharged in black. As eleven of Type 3 and one of type 4 are found on the sheet, the prices work out, on the scale we adopted thus:—

SURCHARGED TYPE 3 IN BLACK.

4d. blue (b) mint—40/-	used—20/-
6d. lilac .. 60/-	.. 25/-

SURCHARGED TYPE 4 IN BLACK.

4d. blue (b) mint—150/-	used—80/-
6d. lilac .. 260/-	.. 100/-

We might point out further as regards issue IV. that while in the London Philatelic Society's work it is assumed that the stamps were printed in panes of 60, and while we have shown that two adjacent panes were differently set up, there is no evidence to show that all four panes were not different. If any of our readers can supply us with information on this subject we shall be very grateful.

Answers to Correspondents.

A. G. H. L.—Probably your 1 anna Indian "printed in rose instead of chocolate" is merely a faded specimen of the normal stamp. The £5 Orange Free State, green, fiscal used postally, is worth, according to Gibbons, 15s.

J. E. S.—We do not quite know what it is you require. The Bahamas values were given in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." A specimen without gum, but otherwise mind would be a fine copy.

A. D. L.—Any competitor can, of course, secure new subscribers by actually giving them the 6d. face value in stamps received as premium from the proprietors of the S.C.F. In this way the competitor could probably collect more subscriptions, and would appreciably improve his chance of the £10 cash prizes.

B. W. W.—Very many thanks for your interesting letter re Griqualands. You will see that we have, in this issue, corrected the omission you point out.

B. C.—Yes. (2) Of course if you send in your own subscription for three years we shall count that as three subscriptions and send you stamps of the face value of 1s. 6d. But if you do not intend sending any other subscriptions as well as your own, you should of course send us the names and addresses of three philatelic friends.

News Notes from all Quarters.

Forgers in America have produced imitations of the Porto Rico surcharges on the 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 10 cent U.S.A. stamps. The dimensions of the surcharge are said to be practically the same as those of the genuine, but "any old stamp" seemed to satisfy the thrifty individual, so he has used the 2c. without the triangles in the corners.

The Dresden Philatelic Society, inaugurated in 1877, now has a roll of 1657 members.

There has been some talk of a special Registration Stamp for the United States, but "The Optimist," Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" declares that the idea is now abandoned.

A rare U.S.A. stamp, the 30 cents "grilled all over," sold recently for £30.

The Buffalo Exhibition stamps are to be placed on sale to the public on May 1st.

A newspaper despatch from Rome has it that the new Italian stamps (due for issue forthwith), "are handsomely floriated and the King is represented in three-quarter face."

The "Globe," one of the few newspapers to deal philately in an intelligent way, has quite an interesting leaderette on "Politics and Postage Stamps" in its issue of March 8th.

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There are some few of the oldest subscribers to the *Fortnightly* who have not yet renewed their subscriptions to the paper. Rather than lose such staunch old friends through insufficiency of notice we have continued to send them the *S.C.F.*; but the forgetful ones (there are very few of them, we rejoice to say) must now understand that from this date forth the entries in our subscription ledger will be strictly adhered to. We shall continue and extend the practice of circulating specimen copies of the *S.C.F.* at home and abroad, but in future every postal subscription will "die" when it "expires."

To a busy man, it is a bother to see to all the small etceteras of life, but the *Fortnightly* pays 26 visits a year for the small sum of 3s. 3d., and we think, and others think, that this is good value for money. And, once in the twelve months, it is very little trouble to procure a postal order for 3s. and three penny stamps, and post these, with one's name and address, to the Offices of the *Fortnightly*.

We are still awaiting an answer to the riddle propounded some months ago in the *Fortnightly*: Why is the "Castle" collection of Europeans like an ancient mariner?

Appropos of the Swiss forgeries lately discovered, the instalment of Mr. Walter Nathan's "Reminiscences" published in this number of the *Fortnightly* is of special interest. Mr. Nathan's recipe for the detection of forgeries by intuition is a little startling, but well worth the careful attention of philatelists.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Australia.—It now appears that the much-talked-of Federal Issue may not become an accomplished fact till a matter of five years hence! "an apparent flaw," says the "Australian Journal of Philately," "has been discovered by Sir John Forrest in the Constitution Act which is construed to mean that the revenues of the Postal Departments cannot be amalgamated for five years. This difficulty, however, could be easily overcome by an Amending Act after Parliament meets."

Meanwhile, the scheme to surcharge the issues of the six Federating Colonies "A.C." meets with determined opposition at the hands of prominent Australian collectors. A number of these, headed by Mr. Basset Hull, formed a deputation to wait upon Sir John Forrest, and to ask that gentleman to veto the recommendation. Sir John appears to have hemmed and hawed and said nothing definite, which is not at all surprising, seeing that he is now transferred to another Government appointment and that Mr. J. G. Drake has been appointed Federal Postmaster-General in his stead.

The "Australian Journal of Philately," which has consistently advocated the surcharging of the stamps, defends its attitude on the question, as follows:—

We made the suggestion that the stamps be surcharged "A.C." in all sincerity, believing it to be the proper thing to do, and we see no reason to alter our opinion. The fact that the permanent heads of the postal departments, gentlemen who have had many years experience, have recommended its adoption is for us a sufficient endorsement of the opinion we hold. The argument has been advanced that five years must elapse before we can have a Federal issue of stamps. Must all the States continue to issue their separate stamps without any indication that we are "One People?" The fact that certain things were done or not done in the past is no argument. Apart from the question as to how many additional varieties of stamps will be produced, the subject ought to be considered on its merits.

Natal.—To Mr. F. C. Baker, of Rolvenden, Ashford, we are indebted for the following note:—

It may interest your readers to know that ½d. and 1d. envelopes and a 4d. Registration ditto were issued for the first time in the history of Natal on January 25th. They were in issue for about 45 minutes! and the sale was then stopped, on the ground that it was not the right thing to continue the issue, seeing that it had taken place only after the death of the Queen. All the envelopes have the usual head of the Queen embossed; colours, green, red and blue respectively. When my letter left, 1s. each was being offered for the Registration envelopes.

Victoria.—The new stamps of Victoria are to hand from Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle, of Hunter Street, Sydney. Various old dies have been used for the new set, but in each case a new colour has been adopted. The following list of the new set shows the types of the various stamps by means of the numbers in Gibbons' Catalogue:—

½d., 1873,	Gibbons' Type 21,	green.
1d., 1883	" "	27, rose.
2d., 1881	" "	25, mauve.
2½d., 1887	" "	42, (postage) blue.
3d., 1866	" "	16, orange-brown.
4d., 1881	" "	25, bistre.
5d., 1887	" "	44, (postage) chocolate.
6d., 1865	" "	13, pale green.
1/-, 1873	" "	24, dull orange.
2/-, 1881	" "	26, blue on pink.
5/-, 1868	" "	17, blue and vermilion

(colours transposed).

In the case of the 2½d. and 5d. values the word "Postage" has been substituted for the old inscription, "Stamp Duty."

We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. L. E. Bradbury also for lists similar to the above.

Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

BY WALTER NATHAN.

(Continued from page 6.)

THE recent case of alleged forging of Swiss stamps reminds me that I have scarcely touched on the question of forgeries in these articles. I trust the reader will not conclude thereby that stamp-forgery is quite a modern thing, and that old time collectors were spared the loss and vexation which these visible evidences of misplaced ingenuity have given to the general body of collectors in recent years. On the contrary I am pleased to think that forgeries are becoming less frequent, and the morality of philatelists far better in every way than was the case even ten years ago.

Imitations now-a-days are certainly better executed, but on the other hand the knowledge of the bulk of collectors is greater, and on the whole, I believe, less money is lost, considered in proportion to the increased prices of stamps than in earlier stages of the pursuit.

I cannot say that I have personally ever lost much by forgeries. Not that I claim to be a very good judge. Probably there was more luck than judgment in the immunity which attended practically all my purchases.

Still I have been "done" and have also refused the bait on many occasions. I will give the course I have pursued in judging stamps. I do not recommend it to the general body of collectors, although it has answered well with me, but it may be useful if adopted in addition to the usual methods.

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.

Somewhat the same system is adopted by the Bank of England in educating the eyes of their employees to detect forged Bank of England notes. The Bank possesses large books in which are fixed specimens of all the forged notes which have been placed before the public for many years, and after a careful study of these the beginner is given a bundle of forged and genuine notes mixed, and is asked to pick out the bad ones. The chief tests which are impressed on the student are, paper, watermark, printing, and various errors and secret marks in the genuine notes. Nearly everyone knows some of these marks, namely the small spike on the second letter of the words of value, "five," "ten," "thousand" &c. The forked "f" in "Company of" is also widely known, and both these tests of genuine notes are frequently found in forgeries. Not so a test in the figure of Britannia which I believe has never yet been successfully imitated.

Now with stamps 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 to 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 and 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 recognise 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 reader 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.

I have already mentioned the 4d. on 1/- scarlet St. Vincent with reversed surcharge, which was a forgery. This is a work of considerable artistic merit. The surcharge is as perfect a facsimile of the genuine upright surcharge as it is possible to imagine. So good is it that some of our well known dealers and experts sold the stamp as genuine. They of course returned the money to the purchasers on the character of the stamp being made clear, but the mere fact that such men bought and sold the stamp as genuine will give the reader an idea of the exactness of the imitation.

Between the purchase of this stamp and my next forgery I passed scatheless through two attempts, which I will narrate. An advertisement appeared in the "Bazaar, Exchange and Mart," stating that a gentleman, who had correspondence with Mauritius and the Australian Colonies in 1847-57, was prepared to sell a fine selection of stamps on original envelopes, including six Post Paid and a "pair" of Post Office Mauritius. Now at that time it was pretty well accepted by those who had studied the matter that the "Post Office" issue had been made in singly printed stamps, and, therefore, the advertisement was bogus on its face. But on the other hand the word "pair" is sometimes used to convey the idea, not of two stamps in unsevered condition, but of two single stamps on the same piece, letter, or envelope. The affair seemed worth looking into, and I went to the address, in the North of London, given in the advertisement. On the outside it had the appearance of a private house, but on being ushered into the front room I found myself in the midst of a heterogeneous collection of articles, which made the place resemble an old curiosity shop, or the lumber room of a museum which was about to undergo rearrangement. South Pacific canoes and weapons, Maori nularullas, Japanese enamels, Chinese gongs, ivories, jade and brass work were thrown together in chaotic heaps all over the room.

With some difficulty I found a seat, and then the owner of all these treasures began a long story of his birth, education, and travels. If I had been collecting material for a romance, no doubt his conversation would have been entertaining and edifying, but as I had come to buy stamps, I could not for some time find the reason for so much talk as a prelude to business. Being, however, in no particular hurry, and having obtained permission to smoke, I sat listening to his unceasing flow of words, until a feeling of somnolence began to steal over me. Suddenly the idea occurred to me that perhaps I was being mesmerised (hypnotism was a word which had not then dribbled from medical circles into general use), and I sat up alert; but the thought that I only had about 17/- in cash, and my cheque book, with me, reassured me, and I allowed the flow of words to continue. Having, as he said, just sketched his personal adventures, he began to give me the history of his progenitors with such prolixity that he evidently intended to trace his descent from the Crusaders, even if he did not go as far back as Noah. With all courtesy, I intimated that I had a home, to which I wished to return at some period of my life, and that if he would kindly defer the remaining portion of his highly interesting narration until I could again pay him a visit, with a few hours to spare, I should like to see some stamps. He was not at all offended, but at once dropped his personal and ancestral experiences, and began talking of his goods, saying that most of his stamps were not yet unpacked, and he would like to know how much I would give each for Post Office Mauritius, of which he had about six in all.

I told him I must see the stamps before I could give an idea of the sum I would be prepared to pay. He fumbled about a large packing case and produced one of Senf's albums which he asked me to look through while he searched about for others. While inspecting the book, which contained a few good genuine stamps besides a mass of forgeries, a double rat-tat came to the street door, and a telegram was brought in and handed to the old gentleman. This he opened, and immediately held up for my inspection. It purported to come from Herr von Ferrary and offered £100 each for post office Mauritius.

(To be continued).

My First Visit to a Stamp Auction.

AN IMPRESSION: BY A "MERE OUTSIDER."

WALKING one evening, about five o'clock, in a street not a thousand miles from that mecca of provincial journalists—Fleet Street, I kicked against a pamphlet lying on the pavement. Curiosity tempted me to pick it up. I did so. From the outside cover I learnt immediately that it was a catalogue of an "Auction of Postage Stamps" to be held that same evening in the immediate vicinity. "Good gracious!" I exclaimed mentally, "this must be one of those places frequented by people known as Philatelists, and where postage stamps are sold at such fabulous prices. Did I not see the other day, in that most reliable and always to be read journal, the "Daily Mail," that a stamp was sold for £140. Here is a unique opportunity of visiting a similar mart, of gratifying my curiosity and increasing my store of wisdom. I will go." Accordingly I went. The catalogue directed me to a huge block of offices. I entered their portals, ascended the stairs and found the auction room, with the able assistance of that Badeker of a catalogue. There was no stalwart janitor at the door to deny me admittance, so tremblingly I entered. The usual triangle of tables with the auctioneer's rostrum at the base were familiar to me. The room was crowded. The seats round the tables were full. I noticed a chair vacant in a corner. I glided to it and observed the room and its occupants. Naturally my eyes were first turned to the auctioneer. "The age of young men, again," I mused. No grey bearded man was he, but young, clean shaven, spick and span. Modern and up-to-date from the top of his fair hair to as far down his fancy waistcoat as I could see. "Lot 24," he exclaimed; gentlemen, I have 10/- bade for this. 10/., eleven, thank you, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20/-, thank you sir; 20/- for the last time—going, going." Bang goes the little hammer. "Cash, sir, thank you." A murmur to the clerk at his side. The aged retainer, who hands round the various lots for inspection, and looks like a peripatetic advertisement for Tatcho, takes the money from the successful bidder. I am astonished. A sovereign for a postage stamp! "Cheap lot that," remarks a smart dapper little man, my neighbour. I assent vaguely. My astonishment increases later at the amount the lots are sold for. Five, seven, ten pounds, being given for one stamp, and then 5/- for twenty. "Curious inconsistency," I muse. I gaze at my catalogue. I wonder at the "CC.'s," "wms.," and "imps.," scattered through it, as unintelligible to me as the runic letters or one of Poe's cryptograms.

At this point, I observe bottles of what is apparently whisky mysteriously appearing. I am given a glass and a "scotch and soda." Excellent! I raise my glass to drink our auctioneer's health. He interprets that movement to be a bid for the lot then under auction. Before I can expostulate it is knocked down to me. The inevitable "Cash Sir!" I murmur "yes." I part with half-a-sovereign and receive in exchange a stamp, which I am keeping as a souvenir of that evening. After this exciting incident, I determine to avoid the gaze of the ubiquitous auctioneer and so start observing my fellow bidders. Instinctively my gaze is drawn to a group of men clustering round one side of the rostrum. They form a little group apart. Strangely enough they seem very little interested in the auction but talk and joke amongst themselves. However, now and then, after a cursory glance at a lot, one or another will catch the auctioneer's eye and give a slight nod. That lot will be bought by the nodder although perhaps he will have to nod more than once. I noticed the number of lots bought by one or other of this little group; I look at them more closely. "These must be the dealers" I think. Their personalities interest me. A large, stoutish man of foreign appearance seems to be the chief of them. He has an air of opulence, evidenced by his well groomed appearance, and the handsome diamond ring he displays as he caresses his carefully trained moustache. Next him sits a young clean shaven man; his face is clear cut and stamped with eager

animation. He seizes hold of the lots as they are passed round for inspection, and gazes at them searchingly. He seems on terms of easy familiarity with the auctioneer; once he addressed him by, I believe, a nickname! Next him again is a man wearing pince-nez with a heavy face and fair complexion. Often this man seems in doubt as to purchasing a lot and seeks advice from his neighbour, who gives it him laughingly. At the back of these three are two other men; One, a young short man with gold-rimmed pince-nez, who seems to provoke amusement amongst the others; and the second, a heavily built man with gold-rimmed spectacles and a general air of authority. By the time I had finished my observations and got back to my catalogue I found the auction had advanced a pace. The final lots were disposed of rapidly, a general shuffle and dispersal as the last lots were put up and with a "thank you very much, gentlemen, I hope to see you all again at my next sale" from the auctioneer, the auction was at an end.

I wandered out into the street, wondering and musing at this, my first glimpse of a Philatelic Auction.

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

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REFERRING to a Lecture to Young Philatelists, by Mr. Basil Hamilton, quoted in our columns from the "Montreal Philatelist," Mr. Ralph Wedmore writes us as follows:—

In a recent number of the *Fortnightly* there was some excellent advice to young speculators—I beg pardon, philatelists. The lecture, however, contained one bit of advice which I beg to question—namely, to purchase several copies of the low values of a new issue.

Had this advice been given by Mr. Seebeck or the treasurer of, let us say, Samoa. I should not have been surprised, but as a piece of disinterested counsel it is given I presume with the idea that the youthful philatelist shall obtain some "unearned increment" on stamps, which, though common at time of issue, may afterwards become rare. Now it is notorious that the low values are at present issued in much greater quantities than needed for postal requirements to meet this peculiar demand from young philatelists, and older ones, who ought to know better. The only beneficiary is the population of the countries of issue, whose taxes must in many cases be appreciably lightened by the altruistic actions of these philatelists.

I feel certain that it is better policy to buy a recently issued stamp, when it has proved to have a certain rarity, say at half-a-crown, than to hold a large quantity of common stamps in the hope of a rise in value in some of them, only to find that others have been playing the same game!

We think Mr. Hamilton, when he spoke as he did, had it in his mind to advise an accumulation of low value stamps with a view to the discovery of shades, varieties, &c., rather than as a speculation. On the question of speculation, Mr. Wedmore's views as expressed above, are unexceptionable. It cannot be too clearly pointed out that speculation is not philately, and that the collector who combines the two must take the gambler's risk.

"It has been said that stamp collecting teaches geography. We are convinced that it does nothing of the sort. If it did, the schoolboy would not take it up with such eagerness." These are not our sentiments, but those of the "Daily News," which has recently devoted a long, and in part serious, editorial to the subject of philately.

Rowland Hill's "Bit of Paper."

GENESIS OF THE PENNY POSTAGE STAMP, FOR WHICH WISE MEN PROPHESED A SHORT LIFE.

IN view of the change which will soon be made in the design of our postage stamps (remarks the writer of a special article in the "Daily Express"), it is interesting to glance back through the years of their existence.

The first real attempt to issue postage stamps to the public on the principle now in vogue was made in 1837, when Mr. Knight suggested that a wrapper should be sold on which the Queen's head was embossed. Mr. Rowland Hill adopted this idea, but thought it would be better to use "a bit of paper, just large enough to bear the stamp, and covered at the back with a glutinous wash."

With these crude suggestions to work upon the Lords Commissioners issued an appeal to "artists, men of science, and the public generally," to send in sketches or ideas for the furtherance of the scheme. And in reply to this somewhat naive appeal we find that they received nearly 3,000 drawings, of none of which did they approve.

For a short time the matter rested in abeyance. Then, by greater luck than judgment, somebody sent in a design, which took the form of the young Queen's bust upon a black ground for the penny and upon a blue ground for the twopenny stamp.

This stamp might almost be called a "rough proof" of the ones we use in the present day. For the first forty years Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Petel, of Fleet Street, were the printing contractors, and it is estimated that during that time they produced over 23,000,000,000 stamps.

Preparations and experiments took up much time, and it was not until May 1840 that postage stamps were sold "over the counter." More to curiosity than anything else may be ascribed the rush which took place to buy them upon the first day of issue; two thousand five hundred pounds' worth were disposed of within twenty-four hours.

That the scheme would be a hopeless failure was a foregone conclusion among the wise men of the day. People who had formerly sent their letters to be paid for on delivery could hardly be expected to go to the trouble of buying stamps and affixing them to the envelopes, they argued. Besides, the only safeguard for the delivery of letters lay in the fact that no money was paid until the note had reached its destination.

How far these predictions came true is shown by a complaint which was soon made to the contractors by the Postmaster General that the stamps were badly printed. The contractors, however, said that no blame could be attached to them, as they were required to print double the number contracted for.

It seems that a new difficulty now cropped up. The cancelling mark was too easily removable, and it was found that stamps were being used over and over again.

Experiments were made in cancellation and the colour of the penny stamp was changed to red, or to the various shades of red. And to the cry that these colours came off upon wet fingers, the reply was given in all earnestness that this was one of the greatest safeguards against cancel-mark obliteration and subsequent re-use.

The brick-red Queen's head was not changed until 1879, when the present mauve-coloured penny stamp was placed before a long-suffering public. Yet, notwithstanding the fastness of the dye, there was a general outcry against the "wishy-washy" shade in which it had been printed.

This, however, soon quieted down, as it was felt that Mr. Fawcett, who had been sent to the Continent on a philatelic expedition by the G.P.O., had chosen the most serviceable colour both from an artistic and utilitarian point of view.

From the Auction Rooms.

A healthy tone prevails in the Philatelic Auction Rooms.



Now, as ever, the competition for really good goods is keen and spirited. An interesting array of stamps are dealt with in the sales we record in this number. Satisfactory prices are the rule, and we may point especially to some interesting items in Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale of February 28th and March 1st.

The suggestion is frequently made to us that all auctioneers should arrange their catalogues alphabetically. May we appeal to all philatelic auctioneers to fall into line in this respect.

Uniformity would very greatly redound to the convenience of all parties concerned.

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, of Feb. 28th and March 1st.

Continued.

	£	s.	d.
Philippine Islands, 1863, 1rl., reddish violet, surcharged "Habilitado," etc., slightly thinned..	4	12	6
St. Vincent, 1880, Provisional 1d. in red on half 6d. blue-green, a pair*	15	0	0
Do. wmk. star, 5/- rose-red*	10	0	0
Do. 1881 provisional 3d. in red on half 6d. yellow-green, a pair*	3	0	0
Do. do "One Penny" on 6d. yellow-green*	3	3	0
Trinidad, 1863, perf. 13, 1/- bright mauve ..	2	12	6
Turks Islands, 1873-79, 1/- lilac ..	13	0	0
Do. Provisional, 2 1/2d. on 1/- dull blue type, 10*	10	0	0
Do. do 2 1/2d. on 1d. dull red type, 10*	8	0	0
United States, St. Louis, 5c. black on greenish grey ..	11	10	0
United States, ditto, 10c. black on greenish grey ..	13	10	0
Do. 1869, 90c.* ..	3	10	0

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS & Co.'s Sale, 4th March.

Austria, Newspaper stamps, 1851-56 (Head of Mercury), 30kr. rose ..	7	0	0
Gt. Britain, 1862, small letters, 3d. rose, plate 3 (white dot in frame)* ..	5	5	0
Do. 1857, no letters, 6d. lilac, imperf. Postmarked Demerara (A. 03.) ..	2	17	6
Do. £1 wmk. anchor ..	2	10	0
Do. £1 purple brown, wmk crown, with specimen ..	2	17	6
Do. £1 green, "I.R. Official" ..	2	5	0
New South Wales, 1850, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate 2	1	12	0
Nova Scotia, 6d. green, bisected diagonally, and used as 3d. ..	1	5	0

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE, March 12th and 13th.

Antioquia, 1st issue, 2 1/2c. blue* ..	7	5	0
British Honduras, wmk. C.A., 6 in red on 10c. mauve and 6 in black on 10c. mauve, both with inverted surcharges and used together on original ..	10	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 4d. blue ..	1	11	0
Do. 1900, "Mafeking Besieged," 6d. on 3d. magenta ..	1	14	0
Do. Do. Sans-serif surcharge, 1/- on 6d. lilac ..	7	5	0
Do. 2/- on 1/- green ..	2	10	0
Do. On Bechuanaland Protectorate, 6d. on 3d. brown on yellow ..	1	11	0
Ceylon, imperf., 9d. purple-brown on entire ..	4	0	0
Do. 2/- blue, thinned ..	2	12	0
Great Britain, £1 purple-brown, wmk. Crowns, a vertical pair* ..	6	5	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 2	2	8	0
Do. Another on bluish ..	1	12	0

	£	s.	d.
Transvaal, 1877, July, V.R. Transvaal, red surcharge, 3d. mauve, imperf., cut into at top ..	6	15	0
Do. do. 6d. blue, imperf., with inverted surcharge, slightly torn* ..	7	15	0
Do. do. 6d. blue, roulette, inverted sur., damaged ..	8	5	0
Do. do. 1/- green, roulette, inverted sur., thinned ..	9	5	0
Do. do. do. do. variety with wide spacing, damaged ..	7	10	0
Do. 1879, V.R. Transvaal, 1d. red on orange, variety showing small T ..	3	15	0
Do. 1900, £5 green* ..	6	0	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 1 soldi yellow on grey, strip of 3* ..	4	17	6
Do. do. 2 soldi red on azure, a pair ..	14	0	0
Do. do. 60 crazie red on azure, no gum, cut into ..	15	10	0
United States, 1861, 3c. scarlet, penmarked ..	4	7	6
Do. 1869, 90c.* ..	1	0	0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 2d. brown on Indian red ..	2	14	0

**Messrs. VENTOM BULL & COOPER'S Sale,
March 14th and 15th.**

Antigua, wmk. C. and CC., 2½d. red-brown* ..	1	12	0
Canada, 7½d. green ..	1	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblocks, 1d. red ..	4	12	6
Do. do. 4d. pale blue ..	3	12	6
Do. do. 4d. blue ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue, slightly thinned ..	6	10	0
Do. 1863-64, 1/- emerald-green* ..	3	3	0
Do. do. another, used copy ..	1	1	0
Ceylon, first issue, 4d. rose, imperf. ..	8	0	0
Do. do. 8d. brown, imperf. ..	9	10	0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown, imperf. ..	2	2	0
Do. do. 2/- blue, imperf. ..	5	0	0
Do. wmk. star, 4d. dull rose, clean cut perf. ..	1	10	0
Do. do. 8d. yellow-brown ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 8d. brown*, part gum ..	4	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, used ..	2	12	0
Do. 1872-80, perf. 12½ x 14, 2 rupees 50c. lilac-rose* ..	5	10	0
Gt. Britain, £5 orange ..	1	12	0
Guatemala, 1881, 2c. brown and green, inverted centre, a horizontal pair* ..	2	2	0
India, 1st issue, ½ anna red, 9½ arches* ..	6	2	6
Mafeking Besieged, set of 19 ..	19	0	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion on bluish, early state, a horizontal pair, used on entire ..	19	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, early state ..	9	0	0
Do. do. another specimen ..	6	10	0
Do. Greek Border, 1d. red ..	3	5	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, a horizontal pair ..	2	12	6
Do. 1891, Provisional, 2c. on 38c. with inverted surcharge (Gibbons' 121)* ..	1	6	0
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, cut close and thinned ..	3	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d., plate 11 ..	4	0	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown* ..	2	16	0
Do. 1/- violet, cut into ..	4	5	0
Oldenburg, 2nd issue, ½gr. black on green, thinned ..	1	8	0
Persia, 1881, lithographed, 25c. dull green* ..	2	18	0
St. Helena, wmk. C. & CC. perf. 12½, 6d blue* ..	1	18	0
Do. do. perf. 14, 6d. blue* imperf. at top ..	1	7	0
St. Luica, 1st issue, 6d. green ..	2	0	0
Do. 1885, 1/- red-brown* ..	3	10	0
Turks Islands, Provisional, 2½d. on 1/- dull blue, type 13* ..	10	10	0
Do. do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac, type 11* ..	9	0	0
Do. do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac, type 6, short fraction var.* ..	3	7	6
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, 1/- rose carmine with single-lined frame* ..	2	10	0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, March 19th and 20th.

Gambia, wmk. C.C., perf. 14, 1/- green ..	1	14	0
Gt. Britain, wmk. Maltese Cross, 20/-, very fine ..	1	5	0
Malta, no wmk., ½d. yellow on bleute paper ..	1	1	0
Nevis, perf. 13, 4d. rose* ..	1	6	0
Do. perf. 15, litho., 4d. orange* (No. 4 on plate) ..	4	10	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown ..	1	8	0
Oldenburg, 1859, ½gr. black on green* ..	2	17	6
St. Vincent, no wmk., 4d. yellow* ..	1	18	0
Trinidad, wmk. C.C., 1/- blue-lilac ..	2	10	0
Western Australia, 2d. black on red, cut into ..	1	7	0
Do. wmk. C.C., perf. 12½, 1/- sage-green* ..	0	19	0
Do. 1895, half-penny in red and in green, on 3d. brown* (S.G. No. 111) ..	4	4	0

National Collection for India.

SUGGESTED AT CALCUTTA AS A FITTING MEMORIAL
OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

WE have to thank a correspondent for a Calcutta daily newspaper containing a strong plea for the creation of an Indian National Stamp Collection, apropos to the erection of the new Victoria Hall in that city.

There are many who are not even stamp collectors themselves, who would welcome, as a very desirable attraction to the galleries, a complete national collection of the stamps of India, and if possible, of Afghanistan, of the purely Indian Native States, and of the Island of Ceylon. The postage stamp is essentially a product of the Victorian era, and Indian stamps have all along been interesting and well worthy of the land they serve. A collection of all the Indian issues of Her late Majesty's reign—postal, telegraph and fiscal—arranged as is the great national general collection in the British Museum on sliding glass-protected panels would take up but little room and prove as an exhibit of popular interest second to none in the whole building. Few can amass a really fine collection of Indian engravings, or even coins or medals, but the stamp appeals to all irrespective of race or age, sex or creed. As a humanising element in our complex social economy, it has few rivals, and the "Queen's head" of the past has a right to enshrinement in all the varying phases of its fascinating charm within the coming Queen's Hall. It is probable that a specimen of every single issue of the reign could still be procured though several will not be available for long. Most of the stamps might easily be obtained by asking for them from the Government of India, and experts could readily indicate the whereabouts of any not to be so obtained. Beginning with Sir Bartle Frere's famous "red, white and blue" Scinde Dāk trio, on through the early lithographed issues to those of the several De-la-Rue series; by post-cards and envelopes, officials with their surcharges, telegraphs and fiscals and surcharged provisionals, the issues (also surcharged) of the six conventioned Native States, Chamba, Faridkhot, Gwalior, Jhind, Nabha, and Patiala and the special "China Expeditionary Force" (C.E.F.) set, and not forgetting essays, trial proofs, the belated six-anna stamp, (which can now never appear) and the few interesting forgeries which have been inflicted on us, a permanent and highly attractive collection might be placed on view at small cost, the value of which would infallibly increase with the growth of time.

It is suggested in conclusion that the Philatelic Society of India would readily assist in the formation of the collection.

A County Council's Stamp.

THE following is an extract from a report of the Southampton County Council:—

I would recommend that a stock of postage and receipt stamps be kept in the accountancy department, and that the chief officials of the respective departments issue orders on the accountancy department for their requirements, and that a perforating stamp bearing the initials of the Southampton Corporation, viz., S.C., be purchased to perforate all stamps before being issued.

In the near future, should a philatelist discover a British stamp perforated "S.C.," and straightway congratulate himself upon the discovery of a new "official" issue, he will be somewhat mortified to learn the true facts of the case.

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Prizes Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9	£3	"
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The Second Prize of £5 cash is allocated to readers resident outside the United Kingdom, whether in the Colonies or any foreign country. No consideration of distance need debar any philatelist in any part of the globe from entering this Competition.

Numerous other Prizes of Stamps, etc., and a Prize for Every Reader no matter how small the result he shows!

WHAT THE COMPETITOR MUST DO.

Briefly, THE OBJECT OF THE COMPETITION is to increase the Postal Subscription List of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly," and the PRIZES will be awarded to those who procure and send to the offices of the "Fortnightly" the greatest number of prepaid *yearly* subscriptions at 3s. 3d. each.

The first prize will go to the competitor securing the largest number of subscriptions, and so on with the other cash prizes set forth above; but every competitor, even though he secure only ONE subscription (and even though that subscription be his own), will be given a prize in Colonial stamps, calculated at the rate of 6d. for every subscription sent in. By this we mean 6d. *face value*, and as the great majority of the stamps will be "Queen's Head" Colonials, this is an important point to remember.

In the case of a competitor sending in only his own subscription, however, we shall expect him to send us also the name and address of some philatelic friend who would be likely to appreciate a smart and newsy stamp journal.

As an instance of the stamp prizes, we may mention that every competitor sending in six paid-up yearly subscriptions will receive as a prize a set of the obsolete Gambias (embossed head issue) from ½d. to 1-, and other stamps to make up the 3/- face value.

GENERAL NOTES ON THE COMPETITION.

The Competition begins forthwith and remains open until June 30th, 1901. That is to say June 30th, 1901, is the latest date at which letters received at the offices of the *Fortnightly* can be regarded as eligible for the Competition.

Competitors need not, however, wait until June before sending in. It will be better not to wait at all, but to begin sending in at once as the subscriptions are received. All subscriptions as they come to hand will be carefully credited to their senders. No competitor need fear that his sendings will be overlooked or mislaid.

Envelopes containing subscriptions should be clearly marked "Competition" and addressed :-

THE MANAGER,
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63/64, CHANCERY LANE, LONDON, W.C.

Whatever the results of the Competition may be the Cash Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the terms of the contest. Should the highest number of subscriptions sent in by any competitor be only six, or even less than that, the first prize of £10 cash would be awarded to the sender thereof.

In the event of a tie for the first, or for any other prize, the Editor will either halve the prize or adopt such other course as may seem to him most desirable. In his own protection the Editor of the *Fortnightly*, as representing the Proprietors of the journal, reserves to himself the final decision of the Competition, and every competitor entering the contest will be deemed to have assented to this essential condition.

Finally, all readers of the *Fortnightly* are cordially invited to compete. Whatever their measure of success, every competitor will secure a prize.

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Mr. E. W. Shackell gave a capital paper on the Stamps of Greece and the Ionian Isles, and displayed his collections. The President and several of the members also exhibited their collections.

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The Conduct of a Stamp Exchange.

BY THE REV. HAYMAN CUMMINGS.

IT may be permitted for an Exchange Secretary to write a word or two on this subject.

There are bad Exchange Clubs and bad Secretaries. They act and re-act on each other. It is not easy to discover which is cause, and which is effect, but when found there is only one remedy—to avoid them.

Still there is something very real (to a Secretary!) in a Secretary's difficulties and worries even in a well managed Exchange.

The rules are well considered and formulated with precision—so far—good; but some of the members (one does not know which, until the mischief's done), who will not take the trouble to keep to the rules, and the Secretary suffers.

It may be, some think, that the Secretary is paid to work the Society, and that the commission paid on sales, whether 5% or 10%, is a very generous return for his services. They would form a different opinion if they were to try the Secretary's work for, say, two or three packets.

Anyhow, the time comes when two or three days pass and no word of the packet. Then another day! No post card; the Secretary worries himself, writes a card of enquiry to each of A, B and C, only to find in a day or two that A kept the packet four days and then sent it on to next member, but without any post card to the Secretary.

Let the Secretary fine that member according to rule, and in a dudgeon, and with a dreadful snarl on paper to the Secretary, the offender leaves the Society. No loss, perhaps; but the Secretary suffers.

A collector, some months ago, posted an exchange packet, £160 net value, without registering. It was not lost or stolen, for a wonder; if it had been, what a fight would have ensued as to

who should pay; and the cost of fighting it, too! The Secretary promptly removed that collector's name from the list of members, but gave great offence in the doing it.

As illustrating both sides of the question I should like to give my own experience as Secretary of an Exchange, which has passed through the slough of despondency, and has lived to see brighter and more prosperous days.

The South Oxford Exchange, founded by me in 1892, went along very quietly for a time, but after some years, there seemed to be three or four members, who, as if it were a principle with them, never paid until they were obliged, with the result that credit members waited impatiently for their money; and meanwhile slated the Secretary, who got the odium for the delay.

By the time the Secretary's patience was exhausted, and he had decided to shunt the unreliable members, three or four of the advanced collectors on the postal list, whose sheets contained the best stamps, had left the club, and in the end the Secretary decided to re-model the whole thing.

For some months he sent out no packet at all, then a fresh postal list was made up, with ten or a dozen of those past members who had always been reliable, and a few new ones.

At the end of three months, one or more of the new members, became a little dilatory, took no heed of the rule "debt balances to be paid in seven days." The Secretary was keen for the reputation of the Exchange, and paid all the credit balances, notwithstanding, and waited himself more or less patiently for the laggard member, good but dilatory.

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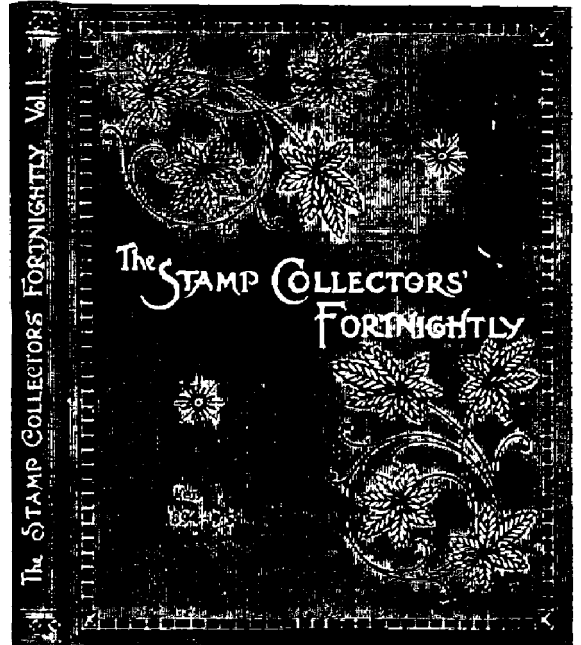
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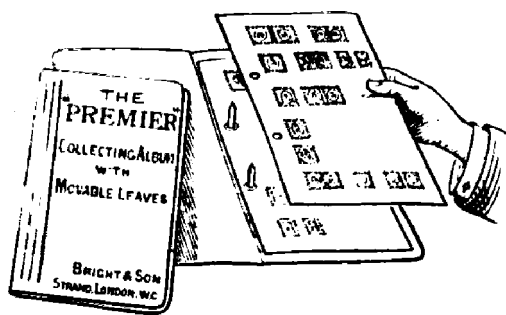
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

A PHILATELIC WELCOME FOR THE DUKE.

THE leading Sydney philatelists have been considering the question of holding a special stamp exhibition, under the auspices of the Sydney Philatelic Club, as a means of doing honour to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York. The "Australian Philatelist" is inclined to throw cold water on the scheme, pointing out that "the august visitor is both an expert as well as a keen Philatelist, versed in the plums of collections, and that he has seen, and has perhaps in his own collection, stamps that the majority of the members of the Sydney Philatelic Club have never set eyes upon."

THE "DUKE OF CORNWALL" COMMEMORATIVE STAMP.

The "Australian Philatelist" hears on good authority that a stamp to commemorate the Duke of Cornwall's visit to Australia, is already in course of preparation. The design is simply that of the current half-penny green N.S.W. with the Queen's head removed and the Duke's substituted. The stamp will not be issued until His Royal Highness's arrival in the colony.

BRITISH STAMPS ON SALE IN INDIA.

STATEMENTS have appeared in the newspapers to the effect that penny British stamps are to be placed on sale in India,

for the convenience of persons desiring to prepay replies to their letters to England. The "Philatelic Journal of India" now states that the stamps will be on sale at the Presidency Post Offices of Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras. They will be sold at one anna each, and will doubtless be found useful, not only for the purpose mentioned above, but also to make up broken amounts in British postal orders.

THE AMERICAN TAPLING.

THERE is a Taping in New York City. From the latest report of the New York Philatelic Society we cull the following:

Extracts from a series of letters bearing on the permanent exhibition of a collection of stamps in New York City were read. A gentleman whose identity is thinly veiled proposes to donate his magnificent stamp collection valued at about forty thousand dollars to some public institution where proper provision will be made for its safe keeping and continued growth. The question debated was where could such a collection be exhibited to the best advantage to educate the general public.

It is not always an easy matter to present a munificent gift to the public. It seems that the authorities of the principal public institutions in New York are not keen upon accepting the charge of the stamp collection offered by the gentleman with the thinly-veiled identity. The Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist," commenting on this matter, says:

The average man would think that there would be no difficulty in making a present worth forty thousand dollars on these terms, but results have proved otherwise. The trustees of the most suitable institutions for displaying a collection of this character do not look upon a forty thousand dollar gift as of much importance especially when conditions are attached to it, and they are not interested in stamps anyway.

It is pointed out that the authorities of our own British Museum declined to accept the Taping Collection unless it was "accompanied by a sum of money sufficient to bring in enough interest to pay for the care of the gift." But such a maintenance fund cannot be expected from the present would-be donor, and so—what is to be done? The "Metropolitan Philatelist" invites its readers' suggestions, and it is to be hoped that American philatelists will devise some means of taking advantage of the splendid offer made by one of their number.

AUSTRALIAN PHILATELISTS DENOUNCE POSTAL ABUSES.

We have already referred to the hostility evinced by Colonial philatelists to the scheme for surcharging the Australian stamps "A.C." pending the issue of the Federal series. On Mr. Parry's initiative the members of the Sydney

Philatelic Club have now identified themselves with a series of "suggestions" to the postal authorities, aimed against this and other possible abuses of the postal system. The suggestions are so well framed and cover so much important ground, that we give them here, *verb. et. lit.*, adding only the hope that the Postmaster-General of New South Wales, to whom they are to be submitted, will receive them as the serious opinion of a considerable section of the community. The suggestions, ten in number, run as follows:—

1. That all stamps, postcards, &c., at present in use in any State, remain in use as now issued, until such time as the Commonwealth stamps are ready for issue.

2. That no stamps, postcards, &c., be surcharged with the letters "A.C." as recommended by the Postal Conference, as by so doing, stamps of any one State may be used in any other State, thus opening the way for great confusion for postal officials, and also great danger of forgery.

3. That on the issue of the Commonwealth stamps, all previous issues of stamps, postcards, &c., of the various States be withdrawn and destroyed by responsible officials, and certificates be given of the destruction of the same.

4. That all plates, engravings, stereotypes, &c., used in the production of such stamps, be rendered unfit for further use.

5. That all watermarked paper used in the production of State stamps be withdrawn and destroyed, or used up in the making of postal notes.

6. That no stamps of any kind, postal, telegraphic, or postage due, be sold to the public at less than their face value, cancelled or uncanceled.

7. That every stamp sent to the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, or given to any individual, be imprinted with the word "SPECIMEN" in perfectly legible type.

8. That obliterators be used that will cancel the stamps plainly, but not destroy them, and similar to those now used in the chief offices of the United States, Canada, New Zealand, &c.

9. That the members of the Sydney Philatelic Club place their services at the disposal of the Postal Department for reference or consultation.

10. That a deputation consisting of the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Gilles, and Mr. Parry, wait upon the Postmaster-General and place these suggestions before him.

THE BEST STAMP COLLECTION IN WASHINGTON.

MR. C. F. ROTHFUCHS has been telling the members of the Boston Philatelic Society, in the form of an interesting paper, How He Became a Dealer. Speaking of his own city of Washington, Mr. Rothfuchs says:—

The most valuable collection in Washington is owned by an English gentleman, who has visited nearly every country on the globe, and started collecting about 1865. It was about 1891 when I last saw his collection. At that time he said that his collection cost him over £3,400. This does not seem so very high now, but when you consider that most of the unused stamps issued between 1865 and 1891, he bought at face, at the post offices during his travels, such as St. Vincent, 1880, 5s., now listing £15; St. Helena, 6d., now listing £3; St. Lucia, 1s., now listing £5; and hundreds of other stamps which have advanced in price, you can then form an idea of the magnitude of his collection.

The paper from which the foregoing is extracted, is published in full in the "Weekly Philatelic Era."

"TIERRA DEL FUEGO'S ONLY STAMP."

It has been pointed out to us, apropos our references to this stamp, that the label in question is catalogued, not in the "Scott" Catalogue alone, but also in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue of "Locals." Well, we have never disputed the existence of a *Local* stamp of Tierra del Fuego.

An interesting paragraph relating to our references to this stamp appears in the February "Monthly Journal." We are told that the greater part of the paragraph we quoted from the "A.J. of P." in the *Fortnightly*, originally appeared in Messrs. Gibbons' journal, and re-appeared not long afterwards in an American paper as *part of a letter from a correspondent in Patagonia!* The italics are not ours, but the "Monthly Journal's."

May we hazard a guess that the American paper in question is the "A. J. of P.," which is the organ of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, whose catalogue is one of the most steadfast friends of the Tierra del Fuego stamp? Philately is not such a desperately serious pursuit but that we may

indulge ourselves in an occasional laugh, and these little side lights on commercial philately are vastly amusing.

By the way, we are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for a letter on this subject, informing us that they have a specimen of the Tierra del Fuego stamp used on the entire envelope.

STAMPS AT AUCTION IN CALCUTTA.

HEREUNDER we reproduce from the "Philatelic Journal of India" a selection of the prices realised at the Calcutta Philatelic Company's last auction, "translating" the figures at the rate of 1s. 4d. to the rupee.

- India, 1854, 1 anna, strip of 3,* 13s. 4d.
 Do., 1865, 1 anna, block of 12,* 10s.
 Do., do., 2 as. orange, block of 6, 23s. 4d.
 Do., small Service, 2 as. E. H. pair,* 24s.
 Do., H. M. S., 1874, 8as., block of 4,* 13s. 4d.
 Chamba, 2, 3 and 5 rupees,* 48s.
 Do., Ser. 8 as., same error,* 13s. 4d.
 Gwalior, 2, 3, and 5 rupees, 24s.
 Nabha, 2, 3 and 5 rupees,* 37s. 4d.
 Puttialla, 2 as.* "Auttialla," 13s. 4d.
 Patiala, 4 as. "State" only, used, 29s. 4d.
 Do., 6 as., small A in "State,"* 6s. 8d.
 Cashmere, 2 as. orange, block of 4, 40s.
 Deccan, 1868, 1 anna, imperf., 8s.
 Jhind, 1874, 8 as.* (thin paper), 46s. 8d.
 Afghanistan, 1288, shahi, plain circle, 20s.
 Ceylen, 1862, 5d., C.C., myrtle, 13s. 4d.
 Do., 1888, 2 cents (no bar) on 4c. lilac-rose,* (S. G.'s No. 167), 16s. 8d.
 Do., On Service, 1R. 12c., 11s. 4d.
 Queensland, 1868, 1/- green-grey, pair, 20s.
 France, 1877, 5 francs, lilac,* 9s. 4d.
 Ceylon, 1885, 5 cents on 4c. lilac-rose, 13s. 4d.
 Vancouver, 1865, 10c. imperf., 26s. 8d.
 Deccan, 1868, Serkari, *black*, 1 anna, pair, 40s.
 Deccan, 1871, Serkari, *red*, ½ anna, block of 10,* 33s. 4d.
 Deccan, 1871, 2as. block of 9,* 42s.
 Do., 3as. strip of 3,* 32s.
 Do., 12as. pair,* 26s. 8d.
 India, 1883, 1 rupee, block of 6,* 16s.
 Gwalior, red surch., 2as. pair, showing both types of Hindi, 26s. 8d.
 Gwalior, 9 pies 13¼mms., block of 6,* 60s.
 Nabha, Ser. 8 as, small A in "State," 13s. 4d.
 Cashmere, ½ anna, vermilion, (1883) on laid, block of 4,* 14s.
 N. S. Wales, 1898, 6d. emerald, block of 4,* 23s. 4d.
 N. S. O. S. 7½d. (on 6d.), block of 4,* 23s. 4d.
 N. S. O. S. 12½d. (on 1/-), block of 4,* 26s. 8d.
 Barbados, 1852, dark-green, imperf., 16s. 8d.
 Sierra Leone, Postal Fiscal, 6d. purple (S.G.'s No. 101), block of 20,* 133s. 4d.

THE "PEACE AND COMMERCE" DESIGN OF FRANCE.

In the course of an article on the new French stamps in a Parisian newspaper (remarks the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain") there is an interesting reference to the meaning, or want of meaning, in the design of the stamps which they replace, known as the Peace and Commerce type. That design was the work of the artist M. Sage and was created in 1875. It is stated that M. Sage was particularly requested to produce a design which would not represent any particular form of government. The then Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, M. Buffet, was a careful man, and did not wish to involve the country in the expense of a new design, should the Republic be suddenly re-converted into an empire!

The "Philatelic Journal of India" explains the phenomenally large sale of Indian ½ anna stamps. It appears that the mild Hindoo has taken to these low value stamps greedily, as he gets more of them for his money and finds them useful along the flaps of his envelopes where an ordinary person would use seals or wafers. "The idea of making the Government supply free wafers (adds our contemporary) is, to say the least of it, ingenious."

The V.R.I. Surcharged of the late Orange Free State.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB,
BY THE PRESIDENT,
COLONEL W. D. C. WILLIAMS, P.M.O.

ON the 13th March, 1900, Lord Roberts with his army entered and occupied Bloemfontein.

The Post Office and Treasury were at once taken possession of by the Intelligence Department of the Army, and arrangements made for all the then current Orange Free State Stamps, both at the Post Office and in the Treasury, to be at once surcharged "V.R.I." with the figure of value.

This work was carried out by Mr. Curling, a general printer in a large way of business at Bloemfontein. The machine used was an American press, called the "Pearl"—only capable however, of printing a pane of 60 stamps (one quarter of the whole sheet) at each stroke. The greatest care was taken to prevent errors. Prior to any sheet being surcharged, several impressions were taken off on blank paper, the results carefully scrutinised, and all errors that did occur can be fairly put down to the slipping of type during the process of printing. On 19th March, six days after the occupation, the ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 1s. values came out, and were sold at the post office.

On 21st March the 4d., 6d. carmine and 5s. appeared. On 24th March the 6d. carmine were all disposed of. There were only 30 sheets in all of 240 stamps per sheet available for surcharge—but there were at least three distinct printings of this value during their brief existence of three days.

The 6d. blue, was issued on the same date that saw the end of the 6d. carmine, viz.: the 24th March.

On 30th March the 2d. value came to hand.

On 2nd April the 3d. value was on sale—this completed the series.

The actual number of stamps which were available for surcharge on the entry of the British troops, was given to me by the officials at Bloemfontein on 26th March 1900, and in regard to many values, was considerably less than those quoted below—which are taken from the latest official return on 2nd June; but this can be accounted for, as a number of stamps came in from outside post offices, as they fell into the hands of the British—these numbers were not very great, as it was the Boer habit to destroy stamps prior to evacuating a town. The return given me on 2nd June, which I believe has already been published, as to the number of sheets available (240 stamps per sheet) is as under:

½d.	1d.	2d.	2½d.	3d.
5770	13100	5130	80	4270
4d.	6d. red.	6d. blue.	1s.	5s.
310	30	2800	1830	970

With the exception of the 2½d., no value had all its sheets surcharged in one printing, and the 2½d. has also another peculiarity, in that it is the only value, as far as I know, in which there is marked difference as to the depth of spacing between the "V.R.I." and the figure of value—wide at the top of the pane, and gradually narrowing down until the two almost touch at the bottom of the pane. The quarter sheet exhibited shows this very clearly. The sheets of the various values were surcharged in separate printings according to postal requirements, the printer receiving a certain number of sheets of different values one day, and other values later on. It was generally accepted when I was in Bloemfontein that the printings, which showed marked distinctions, were carried out in the following order:

- 1st printing. Stops level with bottom of letters.
- 2nd " Stops mixed, some high, some low.
- 3rd " Stops higher up and smaller.
- 4th " Stops low down, but much heavier than first printing.

The list above differs somewhat from that given in Bright's last catalogue under the head of "Types." Is not the term "Print" more correct than that of "Type" in these cases? I am writing however to Mr. Curling at Bloemfontein to ask if he can definitely state in which order the various printings appeared.

Now a few words about the rare "Brown penny," V.R.I. surcharge, and the yellow 1s. similarly dealt with. When the British took over the postal arrangements, the National Bank of South Africa at Bloemfontein had a number of O.F.S. stamps on hand, and asked permission to have them surcharged "V.R.I." by payment to the Imperial authorities.

This was granted and the work carried out by the official printer. Amongst the stamps were a few brown pennies and yellow shillings of the previous issue, and these went along to the printer with the others. "Black and White" of 4th August, 1900, stated that there were only 8 stamps of the 1d. value and 20 of the 1s. This is under the mark, for I have the authority of the printer to state that he surcharged over 50 of the 1d. value and 100 of the yellow 1s.

As soon as the Intelligence Department discovered that an obsolete issue had been surcharged in error, every endeavour was made to get in all the copies that had left the printer, and with marked success, although some did pass through the post in the ordinary way—specimens of which I have seen. I am indebted to Major O'Meara, R.E., Chief of the Intelligence Department at Bloemfontein, for the specimens I am able to exhibit to the Society this evening.

All stamps printed for the National Bank were surcharged on both sides—and many have pin-holes through them, showing where certain small blocks of stamps were affixed to the frame. This double printing is one great guide against fraudulent copies.

Before concluding, a few words *re* "Commando Stamps," (as to whose postal value there seems some doubt), may be of interest.

I take it that the Commando Stamp is a genuine postage stamp, and not one issued merely for "the private speculation of a chemist" as stated by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons.

Their history is this. In the very early days of the war all letters from Boer Commandos were sent unstamped, but franked by the Boer Commandant. As the Boer forces increased this became somewhat of a task and the Commandants and Mr. Hochapfel, a chemist in Bloemfontein, who had gone out on Commando with the Boers as principal of their Field Post, was directed to produce a stamp which would answer the purpose—hence the Commando stamp. The entire envelopes shown with dates of 26th October and 31st October, 1899—some 5½ months prior to British occupation, rather dispel the speculative theory.

With these few remarks on the V.R.I. surcharges of the late Orange Free State, I conclude.—From the "Australian Philatelist."

The Rev. Lyman Beecher, father of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, was once asked which were the three most useful works, and he replied, "Shakespeare, Milton, and the Bible." An English curate was recently asked a similar question, and he replied, "The Bible, the Dictionary, and Stanley Gibbons, Part I."

"As a revenue-producing agency" the "Sydney Morning Herald" considers philately "entitled to respect," but the journal is good enough to add that stamp collectors can doubtless justify their existence on higher grounds than this.

"Antipodes" writes to the "Daily Mail":—"Why not issue new British stamps in the form of the Union Jack, and thus send our letters out under the fold of the English flag?"

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LEST some of our readers should miss it, we reprint from "The Postman's Knock" column of "The Our Principal Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser" (Birmingham) the following most dreadful fulmination:—

The "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly," of March 16th, gives prominence to a tissue of libellous falsehoods concerning the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange. When the new proprietary acquired the other privileges of the paper it might, with advantage, have foregone the degraded instinct for journalistic garbage which so disgraced the old series! At least so thinks the POSTMAN, and all decent people will agree with him!

Anyone who can read between the lines will readily understand that this sort of thing merely amuses us. Since the word "privileges" has been used, however, we will mention, for the benefit of those in Birmingham and elsewhere whom it most concerns, that the *Fortnightly* counts as its principal privilege the protection of philatelists at home and abroad.

It is, by the way, only fair to state that since our last reference to the subject of the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange, Mr. Biggar has received payment of the amount due to him.

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READERS of the *Fortnightly*, being pre-eminently persons who know a good thing when they see it, are going into our great Prize Competition with a will; but though the entries are good in number the individual efforts so far put forth do not amount to much.

There is still plenty of room at the top, and anyone coming in now (and bringing some energy with him) has a splendid chance of securing one or another of the best prizes. The unique feature of this competition—*viz.*, a prize for every competitor, in exact proportion to the work done—should commend itself to all; and we confidently look for a further accession of competitors now that the terms and advantages of the contest have been made quite clear.

As more than once explained we give a valuable premium for every subscription sent in, even though it be only a new or renewed subscription for the competitor himself; but we must repeat that when the competitor sends in only his own subscription he must, to secure the premium, send us also the name and address of a philatelic friend.

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Elsewhere in this number we publish some further communications on the subject of catalogue prices. Messrs. Senf, of Leipzig, whose cataloguing methods have been freely criticised in the *Fortnightly*, have not seen fit to make any reply to us direct. It will please them to know that they

have a sturdy champion in Mr. Fred Hogen, of Sydney, who considers that Senf's Catalogue "reflects the market value of stamps far more correctly" than that of Stanley Gibbons! We are glad to hear all sides, and it is not impossible that Mr. Hogen may find a seconder, or seconders, among the readers of the *S.C.F.* Full and open discussion, not to say exposure, is the best and surest remedy for philatelic grievances. We shall be happy to publish all the letters we receive on this subject. And the more the merrier!

The paper on Orange River Colony, by Colonel Williams, published in this number, will be read with particular interest. Not only is Colonel Williams well known as a philatelist, and as President of the Sydney Philatelic Club; he has also his personal experiences in South Africa during the war to lend authority to his contribution.

On the subject of our "Collectors' Guide to Values" (which, we regret, is crowded out of this number), Mr. E. H. Selby writes as follows:—

You will I know, pardon my calling your attention to the omission from the list of stamps of India, in your issue of March 30th, of two Service stamps, *viz.*—

½a., die II., blue	1	Surcharge
6a., 8 pies, slate	1	Larger letters, 1867.

The latter, in mint state, is undoubtedly a rare stamp. I have also come across the ½a. blue, die II., with the small service surcharge used, and considering the date of issue of this stamp, this appears a very interesting variety.

Another reader points out the omission from our British South Africa list of the ½d. blue and mauve, 1897, with design slightly altered. "The prices of the 1896-97 issue," he adds, "I consider in many instances far too high."

The Business Side of Philately.

MESSRS. KIRKPATRICK & PEMBERTON are "extending." The firm have taken over the premises and business lately carried on as the Metropolitan Stamp Exchange, at 104, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.

A supplementary packet for 1901, brings Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son's famous "Rowland Hill" Packet-Collection quite up-to-date. This supplementary envelope contains a hundred varieties of used and unused stamps from all ends of the earth. Latest issues from Orange River Colony, Northern Nigeria, Caymen Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, the various German Colonies, etc., etc., are included, and the price for the packet of a hundred picked specimens is only six shillings.

"Unreserved" Stamp Auctions.

London, 3rd April, 1901.

To the Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

Dear Sir,

At the conclusion of a sale held recently by a well-known firm I overheard an argument between a collector and the auctioneer, the former accusing the latter of persistently taking his bids at more than he intended them to be or in auction parlance "running him up." This the auctioneer at first denied but finally remarked "If you put lots in at five shillings and follow them up to thirty I shall run you—you can't do that with me." It had been announced from the rostrum that the stamps were to be sold without reserve—can you inform me if an auctioneer has the right to "run" bidders under these circumstances! It appears to me that a buyer is entitled to have a thirty shilling lot knocked down to him at five shillings if there is no higher bid, but this seems to be quite contrary to the practice at stamp sales and nobody can fail to observe that at most of them there is some person, connected with the firm of auctioneers selling, ready to bid if anything is "going too cheap."

I am, Dear Sir, etc.,

TEN YEARS A COLLECTOR.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Argentine Republic: Two new values of the current set are to be chronicled:—

- 3 centavos orange.
- 15 " blue.

Also the 30 centavos has undergone a change of colour, being now printed in rose.

Bermuda: We think it has not been made clear in the *Fortnightly* that for the purposes of the "one farthing" provisional a special printing of the shilling stamp was made—in grey instead of bistre. According to the "Monthly Circular," by the way, there were £250 worth of the provisional Farthing stamps put on sale, and £235 worth were purchased by three speculators; "they will consequently be of great value to collectors," says the writer of the letter, who is one of the said speculators, and who fixes the "present market value" at one shilling per stamp, wholesale! "A little patient letting-alone will do wonders in a case like this," is Major Evans' philosophical comment in the "Monthly Journal."

Chili.—From Mr. Fred D. Walters, of Valparaiso, we have the new 1 centavo bill stamp, which is at present available for postage. The large rectangular stamp is vermilion in colour, and is inscribed "Republica de Chile—Un Centavo—Impuesto," with the national arms in the centre.

Crete has taken unto itself a set of unpaid letter stamps, which, in point of design, are almost a replica of the ordinary postage stamps of Norway. The values are 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 50 lepta and 1 drachme, all in red.

Denmark.—Our thanks are due to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for the latest new Danish stamp—the 24 öre brown. Design, etc., as usual.

Portuguese Colonies.—We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for the following novelties:—

- MACAU: 5 avos brown.
- 10 " slate-blue.
- 15 " yellow-green.
- TIMOR: 10 avos slate-blue.
- 20 " brown on straw.

Salvador.—From Mr. Weber "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies" learns that the surcharge on the current stamps of Salvador, which has heretofore been very indistinct, now comes more clearly printed. The surcharge, which has been called a sunburst, is now seen to consist of an anchor surrounded by rays, and against the anchor is a shield bearing the letters "D. G. C." in an oblique panel. These initials stand for *Deo Gratia Constitutione*—"God bless the constitution."

TURKEY.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have received specimens of a complete new issue for the Ottoman Empire. The stamps are somewhat reminiscent of the first Turkish issue, but are smaller and on white wove paper. The design is the same for each of the three sets described below:

For Internal Postage.—5 paras violet, 10 do. green, 20 do. carmine, 1 piastre blue, 2 do. orange, 5 do. lilac, 25 do. chocolate 50 do. light-brown.

For International Postage.—5 paras bistre, 10 do. yellow-green, 20 do. lilac-rose, 1 piastre lilac-blue, 2 do. blue, 5 do. buff, 25 do. green, 50 do. yellow.

Unpaid Letter Stamps.—10 paras black on red, 20 do. black on red, 1 piastre black on red, 2 do. black on red, 5 do. black on red.

For newspaper postage the values up to 5 piastres of both the Internal and the International sets have been overprinted with a Turkish inscription in black.

The Coming New Stamps.

LITTLE NEWS BUT MUCH NONSENSE.

In various newspapers one finds varying versions of the following excuse for the non-appearance of the red 1d. British stamp:—

A London correspondent learns from a high postal authority that the difficulty which lies in the way of providing a Royal red stamp for the penny denomination is one of chemistry. It is said that no ink of that tint procurable at a reasonable price is fast to sunlight, water, and exagents, and it is of supreme importance that the postage stamp most frequently used should be, in postal phraseology, treble fast, because otherwise it would be affected by the action of the saliva, if not also by atmospheric moisture.

Now this talk of chemical difficulties in the way is surely the veriest nonsense. In almost every other civilised nation in the world the recommendation of the Postal Union that stamps of the face value of one penny or ten centimes should be coloured red has been loyally adopted. England alone among the great powers of Europe lags behind, and simply because (we are asked to believe) that there is a difficulty as to the printing ink! No such difficulty experienced is experienced elsewhere; only in England is it impossible to produce a satisfactory red penny stamp! Preposterous. The Postmaster-General's apologists must find some more reasonable story than this.

"DAGONET" WANTS A RED STAMP.

Whatever is going to happen to the new stamps (writes "Dagonet" in "The Referee") it is earnestly to be hoped that we shall overcome official opposition and obtain the abolition of the present hue in the penny one. The dear old dark red was a warm colour that gave cheerfulness to the breakfast-table. There was "heart" in it. The present lilac is a cold-blooded abomination, and an eyesore to anyone with artistic perceptions. It goes with nothing. One penny stamp lying on a table destroys the whole scheme of colour in a room. The most elegant envelope becomes common directly the penny stamp is affixed. The penny stamp is such a familiar object that it should be specially designed to add to the joy of life. The receipt stamp promoted to postal dignity only adds one more ugliness to the dull environment of daily life.

WHY WE HAVE MAUVE STAMPS.

"Wide Awake," a regular contributor to an important Sunday newspaper, "The People," is responsible for the following balderdash:

The indefatigable Mr. Henniker-Heaton, about whom, I think, Postmaster-generals (*sic*) must dream whenever they have indigestion, wants the old red colour to be restored to our ordinary penny stamps. So do I; but I feel pretty sure we shan't get it. The sickly mauve under which we now grow bilious was, I understand, introduced in order that in all countries in the Postal Union stamps of about the same value should have the same colour.

How do these things get into the papers? "Wide Awake" should change his pseudonym.

REVISED RATES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE "STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY."

Pages of Two Columns.				
	For 1 insertion.	6 insertions.	12 insertions.	26 insertions.
Whole Page ..	£4 0 0	£3 10 0	£3 0 0	£2 10 0
Half Page ..	2 2 0	1 15 0	1 12 6	1 10 0
Quarter Page ..	1 2 6	1 1 0	0 17 6	0 15 0
One-Eighth Page ..	0 12 6	0 11 0	0 10 0	0 8 6
Pages of Three Columns.				
	For 1 insertion.	6 insertions.	12 insertions.	26 insertions.
Whole Column ..	£1 10 0	£1 5 0	£1 2 6	£0 18 6
Half Column ..	0 17 6	0 15 0	0 12 6	0 10 0
Quarter Column ..	0 10 0	0 8 6	0 7 6	0 6 6
Special Inch Spaces (matter unalterable).				
12 insertions	£1 0 0 for net cash in advance	
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Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

BY WALTER NATHAN.

(Continued from page 13.)

Of course the wire purporting to come from Mons. Ferrary might have been perfectly genuine, but it at once struck me that someone had left the house soon after I entered it, and that the seemingly endless conversation might have been to occupy the time necessary to the dispatch and receipt of the wire, which opinion was strengthened by its recipient carefully keeping his thumb over the office of origin while he showed it me. I told him that the gentleman sending the wire was a far better judge of value than I, but that if I were satisfied with the specimen I would at any rate take one at £10 increase on the offer received. He replied that he would send one to my house on the morrow, and in the meantime what would I give for the album in my hands?

I did not want the album, but was curious to understand the affair, so I gave £5 for it, with which he was satisfied, and proceeded to tie it up in brown paper. He also kindly sent for a cab, and carried the parcel for me while I got into it. Promising I should hear from him on the next day, we parted. On my opening the album the next day I found that every stamp of value had been removed, and I think that old gentleman missed his walk in life when he forsook the certain fortune he would have secured as a conjurer, for I never saw a neater trick done with more celerity on any public stage.

Needless to say I never saw the Post Office Mauritius.

The next time I was "done" was in a far more straightforward manner. A person called in the gloaming and asked if I would like to buy a pair of Sydney Views, handing me an envelope containing two pairs and a single in very fine condition. He asked 12/6 each stamp. I told him I did not like the look of them, but he had so plausible a tale that I bought a pair for 25/-, telling him that if I were satisfied with them by daylight I would buy more. The stamps turned out to be the now well-known imitation of Plate 1. They were very well done, the border being the point which should have declared them bad. He returned the next day, and when I told him they were bad, asserted he also was a victim. I warned him against selling more, and put up with the loss of the 25/-.

The next imitations offered me were some imperf. Ceylon, with very fair star watermarks, but Ceylon was a Colony of which I had had so very many stamps that it did not require a second glance to determine their character. I gave him a note to Mr. Cheveley, who was then President of the Philatelic Protection Society, and that gentleman impounded the stamps, and I believe put a stop to what might have been a dangerous imitation.

My few other purchases of forgeries present no interesting feature. I have had plenty in general collections, and bought one or two Europeans on expert advice! I had also business with a gentleman who subsequently had the honor of being entertained by Her Majesty for three years or so, in recognition of his ingenious imitations of stamps. But I am bound to confess he never offered me a single forgery, but on the other hand showed me superb Cape wood blocks, 7½d. Canada, and other magnificent specimens of rare and genuine stamps.

THE 9D. BROWN IMPERF. CEYLON.

Although it may seem almost an impertinence on my part to confirm the opinion of the eminent authority who recently wrote that he did not believe in the existence of the 9d. Ceylon, imperf., brown or bistre-brown shade, yet, as I have seen so very many of the star watermark Ceylon, both imperforate and perforated, perhaps I may be pardoned for giving my opinion.

To prove a negation is always difficult, and the mere fact that I, or any one else, has seen a Ceylon 9d. imperf. on original cover of any shade save the lilac-brown would prove little. But the following fact may be of some use as evidence. I have had several specimens of the bistre-brown stamps, perforated, and on two of them were minute marks of a peculiar character. Each of these two stamps had

enormous margins, sufficient to allow the perforations being taken off, and yet leave "grand margins on all sides" of an apparently imperforate character. Both of these stamps passed from my hands in a perforated condition, and within three years both of these same stamps were offered me as imperforate varieties. In addition to these two, which presented to me unmistakable evidences of identification, I have had many of the brown and bistre-brown with enormous margins. Indeed, no other variety of perforated Ceylon stamps seems to have the same width of margins as the 9d. Another instance of the fact that the means to do ill-deeds, makes ill-deeds done! Of course the production of a pair of imperf. 9d. brown Ceylon on original cover would prove both my opinion and that of the eminent authority already mentioned to be wrong; but pending the production of such a pair I would certainly advise my readers to have nothing to do with any imperf. 9d. Ceylon of any shade, save the lilac-brown.

THE ETHICS OF STAMP-MENDING.

These remarks on cutting stamps remind me of an instance of repairing.

Everyone knows that rare stamps are often repaired, and in the last year of the old century a collector complained to me most feelingly that the skill bestowed on the work was such that it made a minute inspection of stamps an arduous task. Of course, all our responsible dealers and auctioneers always specify that such and such a stamp has been repaired, and when this is done I regard repairing as a perfectly legitimate employment of skill. But when once the stamps leave these honest hands, their future employment is uncertain, and they often go into collections as stamps in pristine condition. Personally, I believe that mending stamps is unprofitable when sold honestly as "mended," but profitable when the fact is dishonestly concealed; and I will cite the case of the only stamp I ever had mended. I had a beautiful copy of the first issued 1/- Great Britain, with gun and enormous margins. Unfortunately one of the silk threads had cut through the stamp. I sent it into auction with its one obvious defect, and a reserve of £5. It was not sold, but the auctioneer, in returning it, submitted a private offer of £4. This I refused, and sent the stamp to an extremely clever gentleman in Paris, who, of all menders of stamps, is, I believe, the most skilful. The stamp was returned to me beautifully mended; in fact, the division made by the thread was indecipherable. Yet, when this stamp was again offered at auction, with, of course, the fact of its having been mended noted, it only realised £1 18s. 0d. As I had paid 10 francs for the repair, I came to the conclusion that mending stamps was unprofitable, and have never had any mended since.

(To be continued).

Senf's Prices, and Others.

"PRO BONO PUBLICO'S" LIST OF LEIPZIG "BARGAINS"—
A GROWL AT GIBBONS, AND A CRITICISM OF
CATALOGUES GENERALLY.

CORRESPONDENTS continue to testify to the justice of our comments upon the curious pricing to be found in Messrs. Senf Brothers' Catalogue. A further instructive list of stamps underpriced in "Senf" is that furnished by "Pro Bono Publico," as under:—

Ceylon, 1s., no wmk., unused	£10
N.S.W., laureated, 8d. orange on blue, unused	£20
Do. 1854-56, 3d. green, imperf., unused	50/-
Do. do. 6d. brown, unused	30/-
Do. 2d. blue, wmk. "5," unused	50/-
Do. 1s., wmk. "8," unused	£15
Do. 1860, 6d., perf., wmk. "5," unused	50/-
Do. "Registered," imperf., unused	75/-
New Zealand, 1863-66, 1s., wmk. star, dark green, unused	25/-
Do. 6d. red-brown, imperf., wmk. N.Z., unused	£5
Do. 1s. green, perf., N.Z., unused	50/-
Do. 1866, 6d. blue, perf. 10 x 11½	50/-
Do. 1d. brown, wmk. N.Z., unused	£25
South Australia, 1855, 1d. dark green, unused	£5
Do. do. 1d. yellow-green, unused	£10
Do. 6d. dark blue, unused	75/-
Do. 6d. slate-blue, unused	£5

Victoria, 1857, 2s. green, unused	£7/10
Do. 1860, 6d. orange, perf., unused ..	£5
Do. do. 3d. blue, perf., unused	50/-
Do. 1862, 3d. blue on laid paper, unused ..	£10
Western Australia, 6d. gold bronze, unused ..	£17/10

The better Colonial stamps generally, "Pro Bono Publico" declares, are much underpriced in "Senf"; and, as regards Transvaals, many collectors would probably be glad enough to fill all their vacant spaces at Leipzig prices—if only they could!

Still, everyone has the privilege of trying. We suggest to readers of the *Fortnightly* that they attempt to purchase from Messrs. Senf, on the basis of their own catalogue, any or all of the underpriced stamps to which we have called attention in these articles. Afterwards, the result may make interesting reading in our columns.

"RARITY IN COMPARISON IN PRICE."

Under this heading, Mr. Fred Hagen's journal, the "Australian Philatelist," of Sydney, indulges in a prolonged growl at Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue. As the fullest discussion of the subject of catalogue prices must certainly conduce to the benefit of the amateur philatelist, we reprint our Colonial contemporary's article, with this proviso, that we do not necessarily identify ourselves fully with the conclusions arrived at.

The rarity of some Australian stamps, and the low prices at which they are listed in various catalogues has long been a source of perplexity to the Australian collector and dealer. In many instances the dealer, observing how scarce many low priced stamps were, was forced, if he wished to keep any in stock, to charge catalogue price for them, though the greater number of Australians are sold at from 33 1/3 to 50 per cent. off English catalogue prices.

Below we give a list of stamps that our publisher finds it difficult to stock, and will be only too happy to purchase at catalogue prices as many good copies as any catalogue issuer or dealer cares to sell.

If this article meets with success in producing any of the stamps required, we shall continue it in future numbers of this journal; if it does not, it simply implies that these stamps (and many others) are very much underpriced in catalogues for some reason best known to the issuers, and that they have no intention whatever of selling those stamps at their list prices.

Gibbons' No.		Gibbons' 1900 Catalogue.	
		s	d.
New South Wales,	545	5s. purple O.S.	5 0
" "	544A	9d. brown O.S. unused	10 0
New Zealand,	85	4d. carmine	6 0
" "	86	4d. yellow ..	2 6
" "	89-90	1s. green ..	1 0
" "	99	6d. blue ..	0 6
" "	108	1/2d. rose N.Z. unused	1 0
" "	111	1/2d. rose, no wmk., unused	1 6
Queensland,	12	1d. carmine ..	6 6
" "	17	" Registered "	6 0
" "	52	1s. red violet ..	8 6
South Australia,	33	2s. carmine rouletted ..	5 0
" "	61	2d. orange, wmk. star, rouletted	1 0
" "	85	2d. orange, wmk. V & C ..	0 4
" "	520	6d. blue O.S. ..	0 9
Victoria,	134	10d. slate. ..	20 0
" "	164	9d. brown V & C ..	7 6
" "	165	8d. on gd. brown ..	7 6

In the case of the 9d. O.S. unused N. S. Wales listed at 10s., our publisher is prepared to pay considerably more than this price; only one half-sheet (60) was ever issued, of these 40 were used for postage the balance were purchased by Mr. Hagen, and he has now 9 in stock. Now it is impossible that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons can have sufficient genuine copies of the 9d. O.S. in stock to offer them at 10s. each.

In conclusion the "Australian Philatelist" expresses the astounding opinion that Messrs. Senf Brothers' catalogue "reflects the market value of stamps far more correctly" than Stanley Gibbons.

"ALL CATALOGUES ARE UNRELIABLE."

MR. J. B. NEYROUD writes as follows on the subject of catalogue prices generally, and the scarcity of fine specimens in particular:—

"I am glad to see that you are at present discussing the prices of

stamps in the catalogues. As a specialist of nearly every Country during the last 20 years, I have long since come to the conclusion that the prices of many stamps in all the catalogues are quite unreliable. Many rare stamps have been wilfully underpriced for years past. I need only mention English stamps (used) in fine condition. In Messrs. Gibbons' last catalogue the 2/- brown is priced 55/- and the 1/- green I.R. Official 20/-. I have only been able to obtain two really fine copies of the former and one of the latter, during the last 4 years after looking through many stock books, auction lots and specialists' collections. The same remarks apply to nearly every other variety (2 1/2d. lilac-rose, blue paper; 9d. emblems; 1/- green, plate 4, etc.) Every specialist who has looked through the stock books of Messrs. Gibbons and other dealers year after year, and looked in vain for fine copies of many stamps, cannot but wonder why the prices of many of the varieties are never increased but even lowered!"

News Notes from all Quarters.

"Ewen's Weekly" tells us of a variety in the recently issued 1/4d. on 1s. of Bermuda. This takes the form of a defective "G" in the word "farthing," the variety occurring twice on each sheet.

Councillor C. Townley, of Islington, having written to Mr. Henniker-Heaton, M.P., suggesting an international postage stamp, Mr. Henniker-Heaton has replied pointing out that England would lose by the change. He says:—"Under the Postal Union each country keeps all its own postage receipts. Under this arrangement England enormously benefits. Englishmen write five letters abroad and only receive four. The British Government receive postage on five letters, and only deliver four. The foreigner receives postage on four letters and delivers five."

Mr. A. H. Stamford, President of the Bradford Philatelic Society, is the "Well-known Philatelist" of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," for March. Mr. Stamford, we learn, became a philatelist himself as the result of buying a small collection for his daughter!

At its meeting on March 15th, the London Philatelic Society unanimously passed the following resolution, which was afterwards telegraphed to the Duke of Cornwall: "The Philatelic Society of London in meeting assembled respectfully wishes the President *bon voyage*." To which on the following day His Royal Highness replied as follows: "I thank the Philatelic Society for kind message—GEORGE."

Mr. Hadlow has shown us (the "London Philatelist") specimens of Queensland, 1899, with the black roulette only, in used condition. These were found in a large parcel of the perforated and plain rouletted stamp and clearly establish the fact of their postal employment. Mr. Hadlow has not yet seen the black and plain conjoint roulette postmarked, but there seems a probability of its existence also.

"What next?" Asks the "Australian Journal of Philately." "The New Zealand Government have issued trade discount stamps, which will be redeemable at any post office."

Some idea of the extent of philately may be gathered from the following list of the number of journals published in the various countries:—United States, 78; Great Britain, 26; British Colonies, 10; German Empire, 37; France, 32; other European, 99; South America, 13; total, 295. These figures are exclusive of hand-books, catalogues, and other works on philately.

As a result of persistent complaints, the French Minister of Posts recently instructed the engineers of his department to design a penny-in-the slot stamping machine. Two types are now being experimented with. In one, after the coin is inserted, the machine wets and affixes the stamp automatically if the letter is properly placed. The other weighs the letter, shows the amount of postage required and immediately upon the insertion of the price the stamp is printed directly from inked plates. Both machines are speedy and effective. Every French post-office will be provided with several as soon as they can be manufactured.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President - MR. WALTER SCOTT.

IN the report of the March meeting of this Society published in our last number, it was mentioned that this month's meeting would be held on the 9th inst.

The Secretary writes us that this date has been altered to Tuesday next, the 16th inst.

The stamps of Brazil which are to be dealt with at this meeting will doubtless prove an interesting study.

Official Address:—371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, April 2, 1901, at 7 p.m.

Present—Messrs. Sidebotham (in the chair), Boyes, Bradbury, Cool, Dry, Ebrebach, Frentzel, Jacoby, Kuttner, Mardon, Melville, Meyer, Simpson, Standen, Sutherland, Thomson, Wane, Slade, and one visitor.

Business being concluded, the Chairman announced that he had great pleasure in handing round Mr. Vernon Robert's collection of the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope for inspection. For upwards of an hour members were engaged in the pleasurable occupation of examining this magnificent collection which as is known to all the philatelic world—abounds in unused woodblocks, errors of colour, strips, blocks, and quarter sheets of all the triangles in perfect condition, &c., &c. On the proposition of Mr. Frentzel, seconded by Mr. Meyer, the Hon. Sec. was requested to convey to Mr. Roberts the appreciation of the members for the assistance and courtesy shown to the Society and to record a very hearty vote of thanks in the minutes.

A Sub-Committee was elected to make proper arrangements for the annual dinner which will be held on May 7th and which promises to be a great success.

Discussion and private exchange brought the meeting to an end at 9.15 p.m.

H. A. SLADE, *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*, Ingleside, St. Albans.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At a free meeting in Clapham Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole delivered a lecture, entitled, "14,000 miles in search of V.R.I.'s." This was intensely interesting, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. Mr. Poole exhibited many great rarities. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

THE SECOND ANNUAL DANCE.

The second annual conversazione and dance attracted a merry company of some hundred odd happy souls to the Raleigh Hall, Brixton, on Saturday evening, March 9th. The proceedings commenced with the usual short musical programme, consisting of a delightful pianoforte overture by Miss Esther Molton; an elocutionary recital, "My first and last appearance," was amusingly given by Mr. John Stanley; sentimental songs, prettily rendered by Miss Rosa Crooks; an excellent instrumental performance in the shape of a violin duet, by Messrs. G. and W. Phillips; the whole concluding with the very laughable farce, "Number One Round the Corner," in which Messrs. S. and V. Marsh proved themselves a pair of very diversifying entertainers indeed.

There was an excellent programme of dances provided, the special feature being the "Philatelic Quadrilles."

CROSBY BLUMSUM, *Hon. Secretary*, 7, Carminia Road, Upper Tooting.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the last Meeting, held at the Patent Library on March 19th, there was a good attendance, and a number of novelties were shown by Mr. J. W. Duffield, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. Eugene Egly, Mr. H. M. Hepworth (President) and others.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on Wednesday, February 6th, at the Wharnclyffe Hotel, Mr. G. H. Hunt occupied the chair, in the President's absence. The evening was devoted to an exhibition of the stamps of Great Britain, the principal collections shown being those of Messrs Hunt, Peace, Metcalfe, and Chapman.

Exchange Clubs.

"THE CANTON," CARDIFF.

NOTWITHSTANDING the prolific growth of Exchange Clubs during the last few years, many of which are not worth their names, the "Canton" has maintained its position.

Started in 1890, many have been the changes experienced during the eleven years the Club has existed, but to-day it stands as firmly as ever it did. This, doubtless, is due to the persistent pegging away of the Secretary, whose affection for philately cannot be limited to the monetary considerations of an exchange for, as Mr. Cummings said in his article contained in the last issue of the *Fortnightly*, the commission paid on the members' sales is by no means a return to the Secretary for labour expended by him.

Like the South Oxford the "Canton" Club has had its days of depression caused probably by the general slump in matters philatelic. This period has probably passed, and there should be plenty of scope for the development of properly worked Exchange Clubs.

The "Canton" is based upon rules similar to the majority of Exchange Clubs.

Terms of Membership are an entrance fee of 1/- and a commission of 5% on members' net sales, with a minimum fee of 1/- to those whose commission does not total 1/- in a year.

The pricing of stamps is on the old exchange system of 50% discount. Four years ago net pricing was adopted, but did not meet with success; the members, therefore, decided to revert to the old system.

Sheets are returned to their owners directly each Packet has completed its circuit. The February sheets were sent back to members on the 26th March.

Accounts were settled monthly until the beginning of this year, when the members decided to have quarterly settlements, after the return of the March, June, September and December Packets. All balances due to members to December last have been paid.

Inspection of Packets is taken in turn by contributing members, who precede non-contributors on the postal list.

The present membership is twenty-nine, one-third of which was with the Club at its start in 1890.

Care is exercised in the admission of members, as the fact of there having been only one unworthy member on the roll in eleven years proves. The extent of this member's bad conduct was the nonpayment of

a mere trifle due to the Club, which did not affect any other member.

The Secretary is Mr. W. A. Jutsum, of 371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff, a well known collector of seventeen years standing, who, in addition to being a member of most of the leading Stamp Clubs, is Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Cardiff Philatelic Society.

Any collectors of good standing will be gladly welcomed as members by the Secretary.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE December packets have returned from circulation and the sales amount to £201 14s. 6d.—a satisfactory average of upwards of £50 per packet. Accounts were submitted and sheets returned within four days of receipt. Three packets, containing 151 sheets and valued in the aggregate at £1688 14s. 8d., were despatched on the March circuit in good time. Some very good sheets were contributed—especially in South Africans and North Americans—but the rule was infringed in two instances as regards bulkiness of sheets, and they were consequently returned. Experience shows that the Club contains a number of purchasing members who will always take rare and medium stamps at reasonable prices, and were corresponding selections to be sent, the sales would show a rapid increase. Five new members were elected during the past month, bringing the total muster roll up to nearly 300. Collectors of every degree are always welcomed, but reliable references must be sent with every application to ensure bona-fides and to conform with the rules. Club stationery should be used as far as possible, and change of address should be notified without delay.—*Secretary*: H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE OXFORDSHIRE STAMP EXCHANGE.

ESTABLISHED in 1892 as the South Oxford. All stamps marked at nett prices.

The January packet of 18 sheets, value £118 nett, started on the 5th of the month, and returned to the Secretary on February 16th. Sales, £12 9s. 11d. All accounts paid by the 26th February.

The February packet, 12 sheets, value £140, is now nearing the end of the round.

The March packet, 18 sheets, £160, started on the 5th inst.

All accounts are settled every month, prompt. Rules from the Secretary, REV. H. CUMMINGS, Littlemore, Oxford, who will arrange to report packets and sales in these columns in future.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 64th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday, March 11th.

President: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Calman, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$384.65, exclusive of \$1,000 bond was received.

The report of the House Committee was read and received.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Board reconsider its action of last meeting in dropping the name of Mr. Brown from the membership roll.

The names of two applicants for membership having been posted the required length of time, their names were balloted upon and Messrs. Meyers and Tows were declared to have been unanimously elected subscribing members of the Club.

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In the case of a competitor sending in only his own subscription, however, we shall expect him to send us also the name and address of some philatelic friend who would be likely to appreciate a smart and newsy stamp journal.

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GENERAL NOTES ON THE COMPETITION.

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II.

THERE are a few points that have been raised by those who have written on this subject in the *S.C.F.* which deserve attention.

Some of the suggestions made have been valuable, and others are of a most impractical nature.

While it is quite true that energetic Secretaries are very glad to give information to enquirers, it would be impossible to carry out Mr. Jutsum's suggestion (*S.C.F.*, p. 92), and publish, once a month or indeed at all, a list of Clubs with the dates of returned sheets, and balances paid in each. We should require to have a Censor of Exchange Clubs for this.

Mr. G. Johnson points out very truly, that some of the most unsatisfactory Exchange Clubs, are those which most regularly advertise "accounts settled promptly."

The remedy here is with the members themselves, they can cease to send sheets, and intending applicants can and should ask the Secretary for references to old members.

As to the numbers in a Club, the first writer holds that there should be no more than 30 members in one section, another advocates 60 or more.

It may be good for a Club to have 60 or even 100 members, but there is a very strong feeling that 60 is too many for a postal list of members to see the packets; and the reasons are more than one.

For (1) the length of time in circuit. Allowing two days for each member (and no margin for delays). A postal list of 60 means 120 days, 130 say, before sheets are received back—nearly five months, far too long. Collectors will not part with their good stamps on approval for so long a time, and perhaps in this way we may account for the absence of the best stamps from the ordinary Club packet.

Three months, as Mr. Jutsum points out, is quite long enough, and with 30 members, or even 38 or 40, it is a sufficient time. Then (2) with a postal list of 60, the members at the end of the list get very little chance of taking anything worth having.

The first ten who see the packet absorb the bargains, the next 20 will certainly clear from the sheets anything that may be beyond the ordinary run of stamps, and those that are left are just the every day lot of poor and medium copies, which no one would be likely to buy at the prices marked.

The last 60 days of that packet's journey is so much wasted time and postage.

One other point, and a vital one. We call these "Exchanges" and "Exchange

Clubs," and a writer in the *S.C.F.* has urged that they should be limited to the "legitimate field of exchange" operations—that auctions, or private treaty, or advertisement columns, is the proper medium for the collector who wants to "sell" stamps.

It is easy to add, this rule applies equally to the "buyer only," and to keep both of these out of an Exchange Club is at once to destroy its usefulness, and run counter to its "raison d'être."

It is true that those who send sheets, and who also purchase from the sheets of others, are the ideal members of a club, and their accounts will fluctuate but a few shillings in the total on one side or the other, debtor or creditor month after month, but I have in mind, a collector who for 9 years has been a member of an exchange, who has never sent in a single sheet, and who usually purchases £3 to £5 worth from every packet he sees.

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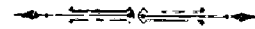
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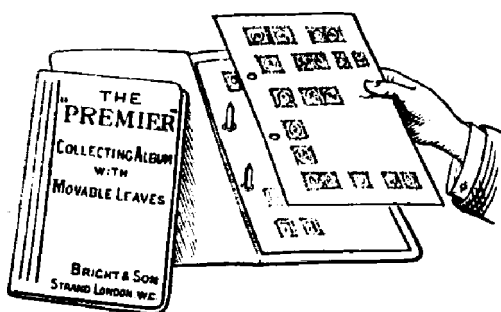
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OH, HENRI, WE HAVE MISSED YOU!

As a matter of form, the ushers of the Old Bailey, on Monday last, called the name of Henri Bauche. But they called in vain.

Henri Bauche finds that his ideas on certain points are sadly in conflict with those held by the powers that be in this country. So, with exquisite politeness, he has saved an English judge and jury the trouble of examining the charges against him. The Frenchman, in other words, has taken "French leave," and this fact being at length demonstrated to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, Henri Bauche's bail has been finally and irrevocably estreated.

Were we a sporting journal, we might felicitate Mons. Bauche on a good run for his (friends') money.

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The address given is in Antwerp; but both this and the name of the British philatelic publication inserting the advertisement we at present withhold for obvious reasons. But in justice to our more reputable contemporaries we should state that the paper is one only recently established and one that consists of advertisements only. Fortunately it is a print that can have but a very small circulation.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

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2a. blue	1/4
2½a. yellow-green	2/6
3a. orange	1/4
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. brown-bistre	1/9
8a. mauve	1/6
8a. bright mauve	1/1
12a. brown or red	1/6
1r. grey	5/1
1r. carmine and green	2/1
2r. yellow-brown and carmine	7/6
3r. green and brown	11/1
5r. violet and ultramarine	18/1

Surcharged "Service" in addition.

½a. green	1/1
1a. violet-brown	1/2
2a. blue	1/3
3a. orange	1/4
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. brown-bistre	1/9
8a. mauve	1/6
8a. bright mauve	1/1
1r. grey	10/6
1r. carmine and green	2/1

1886-95. Faridkot State.

½a. green	1/1
1a. violet-brown	1/2
2a. blue	1/3
3a. orange	1/4
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. bistre	1/1
8a. mauve	2/1
8a. bright mauve	1/6
1r. grey	5/6
1r. carmine and green	2/6

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2a. blue	1/6
3a. orange	1/9
4a. olive-green	1/1
6a. bistre	1/6
8a. mauve	4/6
8a. bright mauve	3/6
1r. grey	6/1
1r. carmine and green	2/6

Gwalior.

1885. Black Surcharge, Native inscription 13 to 14 mm. long (S.G. type 1).

½a. green	2/6
1a. violet-brown	5/1

GWALIOR.—Continued.

1½a. sepia	30/
2a. blue	4/
4a. green	42/
6a. bistre	50/
8a. mauve	55/
1r. grey	60/

The same, but with Native inscription 15 to 15½ mm. long.

½a. green	17/6
1a. violet-brown	45/
1½a. sepia	75/
2a. blue	32/6
4a. green	80/
6a. bistre	90/
8a. mauve	95/
1r. grey	105/

1886-89. Red Surcharge, Native inscription 13 to 14 mm. long (S.G. type 2).

½a. green	1/2
2a. blue	1/6
4a. green	3/1
1r. grey	5/1

The same but surcharged in black.

½a. green	1/4
9 pies carmine	6/1
1a. violet-brown	1/3
1½a. sepia	1/4
2a. blue	1/3
3a. orange	1/3
4a. olive-green	1/4
6a. bistre	1/1
8a. mauve	4/6
12a. brown on red	10/6
1r. grey	£7

The same type surcharged in red but Native inscription 15 to 15½ mm. long.

½a. green	1/8
2a. blue	2/3
4a. green	10/6
1r. grey	12/6

The same but surcharged in black

3 pies carmine	1/1
½a. green	1/1
9 pies carmine	20/
1a. violet-brown	1/2
1½a. sepia	1/3
2a. blue	1/4
2½a. green	4/1
3a. orange	1/4
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. bistre	1/9
8a. mauve	1/6
8a. bright mauve	1/1
12a. brown on red	1/6
1r. grey	3/1
1r. carmine and green	2/1
2r. yellow-brown and carmine	5/1
3r. green and brown	7/1
5r. violet and ultramarine	10/1

1895. Service Stamps. Surcharged in black, Native characters.

½a. green	1/1
1a. violet-brown	1/2
2a. blue	1/3
4a. olive-green	1/6
8a. bright mauve	1/1
1r. carmine and green	2/1

"Jhind" State.

1885. Surcharged in black with S.G. type 1.

½a. green	1/8
1a. violet-brown	1/3
2a. blue	1/1
4a. green	3/6
8a. mauve	50/
1r. slate	60/

NOTE.—The high values of the hind State, 1885 issue, have been reprinted but these can be detected by the closer spacing.

(To be continued.)

Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

BY WALTER NATHAN.

(Continued from page 22.)

THE year 1890, with which, in strict chronological order, I should now be dealing, presented three features of great interest and importance to stamp collectors.

In the first place, it was the year in which Mr. N. F. Seebeck signed his contract with numerous South American States to supply postage stamps of an original design for each successive year, on the understanding that the surplus stock at the end of the term of currency should be his, to dispose to collectors and dealers at any price he determined. This price was, I believe (I never was a purchaser), 50 cents, or 2/- for the unused mint set.

The immediate result was to arouse public attention to a danger to philately, which had been to a certain extent dormant since the days of the "116 Hamburg Locals for 1s.," and of "250 varieties of United States Private Offices for 2s. 6d." These abuses had been killed, but if countries boasting a more or less legitimate government were to multiply stamps solely for philatelic consumption, where was the thing to end? and how could the longest purse and the most indefatigable patience stand the strain?

So acutely was this felt that a "Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps" was established. This society had a strong list of Officers, including E. Stanley Gibbons, J. B. Moens, C. J. Phillips, F. R. Ginn, W. Brown, G. C. Butler, Edwin Clark, E. B. Evans, R. B. Earee, the late Harold Frederic, M. Giweld, H. Hilckes, W. Hadlow, C. Whitfield King, W. H. Peckitt, Alfred Smith, H. Stafford Smith, J. Scott Stokes, W. T. Wilson and the late W. A. S. Westoby, with Gordon Smith as Secretary. The primary objects of the Society were "To discountenance and prevent the dealing in, issue, and collecting of any stamps which were issued wholly or in part for unnecessary or speculative purposes; to decide what stamps should be so classed; to exclude such from all catalogues, albums, &c.; and generally to take such steps as should lead to the prevention of such issues, or to their suppression by dealers and collectors when actually issued.

The Society, however, seems to have very quickly realised that its efforts were abortive, as some time after, a circular stating that the Society had been entirely re-organized was dated from The Philatelic Society of London, and signed by Herbert R. Oldfield, as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. The subscription was reduced from 5s. to 2s. 6d., but the flood of Jubilee and Commemorative issues shortly after the re-organization seemed to show that the Society had been unable to affect either the issuing countries or the trade.

Midway between the establishment and re-organization of the Society, Mr. Seebeck had addressed a plaintive letter to the "London Philatelist" in which he asserted that his stamps were by no means either speculative or unnecessary, that he made a set of stamps for use in a country, and that after they had ceased to be current he merely sold the remainder in the same manner as the most respectable British Colony; that he never went in for "the making of rarities" by leaving out dots, letters, placing surcharges upside down, &c.; and that his stamps ought not to be the subject of excommunication by the Society.

Since the time when the idea of such a Society was approved by the leading representatives of the dealing and collecting interests there have undoubtedly been more unnecessary and speculative stamps issued than since 1840 up to that date.

It is much to be regretted that no means have yet been brought to bear on the sources of what cannot but be considered as illicit supplies to the albums of stamp-collectors.

Yet collectors are themselves to blame.

If, as a body, they declined to purchase, dealers would soon cease to stock, and countries to issue. But while gentlemen and ladies will give as much as £35 for a set of 19 or 20 labels, and estimate the respective values of a surcharge printed in black at 4d., and the same surcharge printed in black and red at £10, it is against all human

nature to expect that such issues should cease. Unnecessary and speculative issues have been, and are, the great danger to the permanence of Philately, and although the inherent vitality of the pursuit has carried it with increasing vigor through enough rubbish to sink a ship, any individual or society which can hit upon expedients to lessen the evil will merit grateful remembrance on the part of all those interested in maintaining stamp collecting on a solid foundation.

The other features of 1890 claiming notice were of a nature favorable to Philately.

One was the increased facilities with which accessories to the pursuit could be procured, and the other the beginning of that appreciation of values, especially in the stamps of the West Indies, which reached its culminating point in 1896. The consideration of prices can be deferred, but the question of accessories may be briefly touched on.

Those collectors who, from their, so to speak, philatelic birth, have been accustomed to the magnificent albums of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Messrs. G. Hamilton Smith & Co., and other publishers; to perforation gauges, tweezers, millimetre scales, pocket books with slips for the insertion of stamps, &c., cannot well conceive how much these things add to the comfort of collecting. But old time collectors, who had none of these helps, know that the increase in the number of collectors is due in no small degree to these little aids.

It took, for instance, a long time to secure a thoroughly good pair of tweezers. Those at first sold had the points quite smooth, and the stamps slipped about in their ineffective grip. Then the other extreme was resorted to, and the points so roughed that an embossing was unwittingly placed on all stamps they handled. Now, although an embossing on the back may increase the value of a U.S. postage stamp, one on the face of a fine "Two Pence" Post Paid, Mauritius, is not exactly a desideratum; and among other stamps of mine there exists one of these with a well defined mark of the tweezers' grip.

At the present time, however, I think there is little to grumble at in the accessories placed before collectors, although I have not yet found a pocket-book to compare with the one which Mr. Wildsmith presented to me about this time, and subsequent supplies of which I obtained from Mr. Peckitt. It was a small oblong book of brown colour, with a representation of a Wurtemberg stamp, in black, upon its face.

(To be continued).

OBsolete Dies of British Stamps.

In a recent issue of the "London Gazette" there appears an order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue giving notice that the use of the dies for printing certain adhesive postage stamps and Inland Revenue stamps is discontinued. The Board of Inland Revenue now explains that this notice does not, as appears to have been thought in some quarters, refer to the change of dies that has been rendered necessary by the demise of the Crown. It refers only to the placing out of currency of certain obsolete stamps and stamped envelopes, such as the Mulready covers and envelopes.

THE ONLY TRUE LANGUAGE OF STAMPS.

A PUZZLED correspondent writes from Ashburton to the editor of a London weekly paper to know if he understood the so-called "language of stamps." To this query the editorial reply is:

Yes, I am an expert. When the stamp is where it ought to be, namely, in the top right-hand corner of the envelope, and straight, it shows that the sender is neat and sensible. When it is on the flap of the envelope, thus serving as a seal, it denotes suspicion and extreme caution. When the stamp is on the wrong corner of the envelope, or upside-down, or crossways, it means that the person who affixed it is probably blind. Should no stamp whatever be affixed, it means: "I am careless," or, possibly, "I am mean." There are other "stamp-languages," I believe, but this is the one taught by professors in all the leading universities, and no others are genuine.

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FOR some reason or other the *Fortnightly's* big Prize Competition has not caught on to the extent we had wished and hoped. Either the majority of our readers are too prosperous to be tempted by the prizes we offer or they holding are aloof from the competition for some reason which cannot at present be fathomed by anyone on the staff of this journal. The competition (the details of which appear on the special leaflet circulated with each copy of this number of the *S.C.F.*) is surely a sufficiently straightforward and businesslike contest, the terms of which have been set forth in unmistakable language and which (we are half afraid) almost tiresome iteration.

If we ask our readers to help us by beating up recruits for the army of *Fortnightly* readers, we, at the same time, guarantee to each recruiting-sergeant an ample reward for his trouble.

And the special feature of the Competition is a prize for every reader. This is no empty catch-phrase but a simple assertion of fact. A philatelic premium well worth the having is guaranteed to every reader sending in one or more prepaid yearly subscriptions to the *Fortnightly*. No effort, however small, goes unrewarded. Even though the competitor sends us only his own subscription (whether it be a new subscription or the renewal of an old one) he will still be given the premium of mint unused Queen's Head Colonial stamps of the face value of 6d., provided he sends us the name and address of a philatelic friend.

Whatever be the final result of the competition, its terms, as regards the distribution of the cash and other prizes, will be strictly adhered to. But as the competition stands at the present moment the cash prizes are like to be awarded for very little work. A new competitor, beginning now, and putting a little "elbow grease" into the work would have in sporting parlance, "nothing to beat."

We should like to appeal to *Fortnightly*-readers to regard this competition as being very far removed from the usual newspaper contests of the aimless and useless order. In desiring to widen our circle of readers and friends (and to pay big prizes for the help given us in that direction) our real aim is to better the *Fortnightly* and to make it stand out as the leading exponent, and above all a worthy exponent, of British Philately.

It is again asserted that the Post Office Department of the United States is considering the question of changing the design of the regular issue of postage stamps. It is probable that the name of the person will be printed under the head, and it has also been suggested to give the date of his birth and death. Another change proposed is to engrave the year of issue of the particular series of stamps.

Schweizer Reneke Siege Stamps.

COLONEL CHAMIER TELLS THE STORY OF THEIR CREATION AND USE, WITH DETAILS OF THE ISSUE.

DURING the investment of the Schweizer Reneke garrison by the Boer forces last year, all communication with the outside world was cut off save by the precarious agency of native runners. In these circumstances Colonel Chamier, the commanding officer, commandeered all the available postage stamps in the hands of the principal storekeepers, gave them a curious makeshift overprint of the word "Besieged" and issued them, as narrated in the interesting letter published below, to the members of the beleaguered garrison.

From Messrs. Bright & Son we have received a sample of the Schweizer Reneke issue, this particular specimen being the 1d. Transvaal stamp, postmarked "12 Sep 00." The obliteration is the normal postmark of the town, inscribed "Schweizer Reneke, Z.A.R.," but across the stamp—vertically, in the specimen now before us—is a rough rubber-stamp surcharge, "Besieged."

To Messrs. Bright's purchasing agent in South Africa, Colonel Chamier addressed the following most interesting letter, dating the same from Kimberley on February 20th last:—

I am in receipt of your letter of 12/2/01, making certain enquiries as to the official issue of Schweizer Reneke Siege Stamps.

On the 19th August, 1900, the garrison at Schweizer Reneke was invested by a large Boer force. All communications with the outer world were cut off on the 21st August. Letters and despatches had to be carried by native runners—I found it necessary to limit the number of these letters sent by runners, and I issued orders that no letters would be forwarded unless officially stamped. Stamps could only be procured from the two local stores—(Mr. Sterns and Mr. Tilbrooke). I called these in, and issued them, as required at face value.

The following is an exact account of the number thus issued:—

Cape 1d. ..	..	368
" ½d. ..	..	529
Transvaal 6d. ..	..	178
" 2d. ..	..	568
" 1d. ..	..	1572
" ½d. ..	..	781
Total ..	..	3996

Also 4 Cape 1d. Stamps (issue with Table Mountain).

4 " ½d. " old pattern which I cannot describe, as I am not a stamp collector myself.

The stamps employed were (1) The Z.A.R. Post Office Official steel stamp, which gave "Schweizer Reneke Z.A.R. and date in centre. (2) An india-rubber stamp, "BESIEGED," which we made up out of a collection of old letters found in the Post Office (these two stamps were used in conjunction).

I think forgery will be difficult, as I kept the steel stamp whilst my staff officers kept the india-rubber one.

The whole supply of stamps was exhausted before the end of September, and no further issues could be made, although the garrison was not finally relieved until 9th January, 1901.

The only genuine date therefore will be August and September, 1900.

Probably complete sets would be very hard to obtain as quite 3,300 were bought by the non-coms. and men of the garrison, and these were forwarded on letters to their friends in all parts of the world. Possibly many found their way to Mr. Stern.

I have no doubt that the stamps you purchased from Mr. Stern were genuine.

This letter contains strong internal evidence in support of Colonel Chamier's statement that he is not a stamp collector. His reference to "the stamps employed" in the passage we have italicised obviously relates to (1) the steel postmarking stamp used in obliterating the stamps, and (2) the india-rubber surcharge of the word "Besieged."

Where, we wonder, are the four Schweizer Renekes surcharged on the penny Table-Mountain Capes, and where the corresponding quartette of the ½d. Capes of the "old pattern," as the unphilatelic Colonel hath it? These would be stamps worth finding!

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Italy.—Various of the daily and weekly newspapers contain interesting references to the forthcoming new stamps of Italy, which, it appears, are now "on the Press" and may be expected to materialise on letters from the Sunny South at any moment. It seems that His Majesty King Victor Emmanuel III. has struck some very novel notion in connection with this issue. A writer in the "Lady's Pictorial" goes so far as to state that the king, having a very modest opinion of his own good looks, will not allow his own head to appear on the stamps at all, but has ordered that Queen Elena shall enjoy that honour. There is dissension among the prophets, however, for the "Newcastle Daily Chronicle" tells us that:

Queen Elena's effigy is also to grace the "franco-bollo" of Italy; and as there can be nothing on the obverse side of a postage stamp, it follows that the design will be so arranged as to place the heads of the king and his consort in loving company together. The idea must strike one as pretty, and it is certainly original, as it has not been the custom to have anything more on stamps than the portrait of the sovereign. It would be interesting to know what King Edward might think of the innovation, and whether he, too, would like to follow suit with Queen Alexandra by his side. The nation would assuredly offer no objections. There is no more popular lady in the land than Queen Alexandra; and we should all be delighted to see her face in conjunction with that of the King on the postage stamp of commerce.

To which sentiment we shall permit ourselves to say "hear hear!" adding only a pious hope that the suggestion may not produce an oblong atrocity like the Diamond Jubilee issue of Canada!

New South Wales.—"Proofs of the Duke of York Commemoration stamp have been submitted," says the "Australian Journal of Philately." "They are similar to the present N.S.W. ½d. with the late Queen's head removed and a full-face portrait of the Duke inserted."

Southern Nigeria.—Neat and pleasing are the stamps issued for this "newly partitioned" British Colony. Queen Victoria's head is shown in a central oval, and the portrait of Her late Majesty is of the real and not the ideal kind. Mr. W. H. Peckitt has kindly sent us the following values:

½d. pale green and black.	¼d. olive green and black.
1d. carmine	6d. violet
2d. brown	1/- black and green.

Transvaal.—From Bloemfontein, O.R.C., under date, March 22nd, Mr. James Campbell, writes us as follows:

By a letter received from the Transvaal to-day and bearing date 20th inst., I find that the surcharge there has been altered to E.R.L., the only value so surcharged which has come under my notice as yet is the 1d. one.

I do not anticipate that the O.R.C. Administration will introduce the new surcharge, although I believe there are a few sheets of several values unsurcharged, their object being to keep down speculation.

From a fairly reliable source I hear that that the order for the new stamps, on the death of the Queen, was cancelled *pro tem* and that it is proposed to have a design appropriate to the new reign.

A TEN DAYS' AUCTION IN PARIS.

FROM May 20th to May 30th, stopping presumably for meals and an occasional rest, Mons. Albinet, assisted by that well known Paris dealer, Mons. Jules Bernichon, will be selling the stamps of the late Mons. E. Linck, otherwise Robert, at the Hotel Drouot, Paris. Our readers can judge of the importance of this sale from a detailed announcement in the *Fortnightly's* advertisement columns.

Why are Used English Underpriced?

MR. ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM'S VIEWS ON ONE PHASE OF THE GREAT CATALOGUE QUESTION.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have perused with much interest Mr. J. B. Neyroud's remarks in your last *Fortnightly*, under the heading, "All Catalogues are Unreliable." I take Mr. Neyroud's remarks to fall under two heads.

1. Many rare stamps are Underpriced.
2. There is a great scarcity of Fine Used Copies of many stamps.

With the second point I heartily concur, having looked through scores of leading dealers' stock books, Exchange Club sheets, private collections, etc., etc., and although I have specialised in Used English for very many years, I am still trying to improve on some of my plates. There is truly a great scarcity of Fine Used English stamps, especially as regards the early 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1s. and 2s. stamps, and not only of the rare varieties, but also of the commoner stamps in the above values.

As regards his first point, I must differ somewhat from Mr. Neyroud. It is not so much, I think, that rare stamps are underpriced, as that rare stamps in a very mediocre state of preservation are priced at lower figures than they should be, and *would be*, if they were in fine condition, and this fact is in harmony with point 2. I cannot say, e.g., that a 2s. brown English, heavily obliterated or badly centred, should be priced at anything like what it should be if it were a fine used copy, and, as your correspondent says, it is not to be wondered at that dealers try to dispose of such stamps at lower figures than if they were fine.

I venture to suggest that if, say, the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, had any A1 copies of the 2s. brown, used, to dispose of, those specimens would not be underpriced, but would be marked, if anything, above catalogue. I, for my own part, would sooner pay a reasonably higher price for stamps used in fine state, than less for stamps which, though rare, are so heavily obliterated or cut, or unevenly centred, etc., etc., as to very much depreciate their value and interest. It is this scarceness of rare stamps used, in fine condition, which causes these same stamps not in A1 condition to be underpriced, but unlike Mr. Neyroud, I cannot blame owners for underpricing, as they know full well that true specialist collectors of used English will not have such stamps in their collection, if they can possibly help it. I have further come to the conclusion that the second of the two points above is also applicable to both rare, medium and common stamps in almost every country, certainly in the more important Philatelic countries, and every year it seems to me to become more and more difficult to procure fine used stamps of the early issues.

Our own English stamps are, I think, noted for being generally very heavily obliterated, and anyone who has studied them will agree with me in this assertion. It is true, I also collect obliterations upon the stamps themselves, many of these naturally being heavy ones, and in this case I like them as being representative, but I also collect fine used stamps, and the latter come first in my large lot of English. As a keen collector of used stamps, I am not able to judge of unused beyond what I have, of course, seen in stock books, etc., etc., but I venture to say I have seen far and away more fine copies unused with original gum, than used specimens that could justly be called "fine," and, of course, these unused have been priced naturally at very much higher prices; but, apart from this fact, it seems to me that if one has the cash, and is willing to spend it, one can far more easily acquire unused English than fine used English. The latter, although the cheaper, are the harder to procure and pick up. I should think over 90 per cent. of our used English stamps, especially as regards the issues named previously, are in a condition to be called far from A1; hence the rarer varieties amongst these must be underpriced to effect a sale.

How hard it is to get a really fine used complete set of the ordinary 1d. red plate number! Some plates are fairly easy to acquire, others, and especially Plate 225, extremely

difficult. And although dealers can sell complete sets for a very few shillings, in what condition can such sets be? I have heard of collectors paying very much higher prices in order to secure sets in fine condition, and I would do likewise. From the dealer's point of view, however, it is a natural action to sell a set containing many plates with heavy obliterations at a figure very much below catalogue value. They would not sell a complete used set containing only fine copies at any such low figure, I warrant, for some plates in good condition require finding, and, with a dealer, time means money.

Apologising for the length of this letter, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM, B.A.

No "A.C." Surcharges.

AUSTRALIAN STAMPS WILL REMAIN UNALTERED FOR THE PRESENT, AND WILL NOT BE SURCHARGED "A.C."

AT last we have a definite pronouncement on the subject of the stamps of the Australian "States."

On February 25th, in accordance with a resolution of the Sydney Philatelic Club, a deputation from that club, consisting of Mr. Van Weenen (Vice-President), Mr. Parry, Mr. Gilles, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Basset Hull), waited on the newly appointed Federal Postmaster-General of Australia, the Hon. J. G. Drake. Their object was to introduce to Mr. Drake's attention certain suggestions framed by the Sydney Philatelic Club. These suggestions we published verbatim in the last number of the *Fortnightly*.

Mr. Hull apologised for the absence of the President of the Club, Col. W. D. Williams, who was on duty, and stated that the deputation wished to refer to some suggestions relative to the Commonwealth Postage Stamps, a copy of which had already been submitted for Mr. Drake's perusal. The Club wished it to be understood that they made these suggestions respectfully and without any desire to attempt either to direct or dictate to the authorities. The members had made a study and hobby of Philately, and their sole desire was to endeavor to protect the stamps of Australia from anything that might tend to bring them into philatelic disrepute. They particularly wished to emphasise the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th paragraphs of their suggestions. The other matters, not being urgent, might stand over for consideration.

Mr. Drake replied that he recognised stamp collecting as an occupation or institution, but could not undertake to carry on the Postal Department in accordance with the views of collectors, nevertheless he accepted the suggestions put before him in the spirit in which they were offered, and would keep them by him for reference when the several matters therein mentioned were being specifically dealt with. He did not intend to make any immediate alteration in the State stamps, and he had no intention whatever of having them surcharged with the letters "A.C.," as suggested by the Postal Conference. Nothing in the way of issuing or selling stamps for the purpose of raising revenue otherwise than through the legitimate channels would be permitted. With regard to obliterating stamps, he could make no promise, as it was necessarily a matter for consideration in the protection of the revenue, and postmarks should be designed to effectually cancel the stamps.

Mr. Parry referred to the desirability of using the word "specimen" on all stamps given away or used for official exchanges.

Mr. Drake said that he understood that all such stamps were obliterated in some way, but would look into the matter.

The deputation having expressed themselves as quite satisfied, particularly with regard to the assurance that no stamps would be surcharged "C.A.," thanked the Minister and withdrew.

We are indebted to the "Australian Journal of Philately" for the above details.

The Federal Postmaster-General of Australia, the Hon. J. G. Drake, says: "I look upon stamp collecting as an excrescence so far as the postal department is concerned."

Mr. J. Dalgarno, who succeeds Mr. S. H. Lambton as Deputy P.M.G. for New South Wales, is a philatelist, and boasts a collection whose value runs well into four figures.

Our Review of Reviews.

A Trio of New Stamp Papers.

Stamp journals come and stamp journals go, but very few of them go on for ever. How many of the new ones now lying before us will be still in the land of the living a year from now? All, we sincerely hope, for there is plenty of room for all, provided they be ably and honourably conducted.

Two new philatelic journals published at home are the "Philatelic Monthly Referee" (R. T. Morgan, Upper Norwood), and the "Scottish Philatelic Advertiser" (Queensferry, N.B.) This latter, as its title indicates, is a mere advertising sheet, a form of publication we have never been able to comprehend. But the "Philatelic Monthly Referee," although only two months old, shows signs of developing into quite an acceptable exchange. Its leading feature, at present, is a serial article on the stamps of Hayti, by Mr. Fred J. Melville.

From Columbus, Ohio, comes the "Columbus Philatelist," published monthly by Mr. George W. Linn. This is a small paper—size about 5 inches by 4—but it is well printed, and is a bright, newsy little sheet, and one that evidently means to make up in merit what it lacks in millimetres.

Rare Stamps Buried in Barbados.

A Barbados newspaper, quoted in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' "Monthly Journal," gives currency to the following curious story:—

Stamp collectors (in Barbados) were wild two weeks ago when they learnt that thousands of valuable old stamps had been thrown away on the reef as rubbish. It appears that the records of the Official Assignee's Office, in the shape of bankrupts' ledgers, day books, account books, &c., had accumulated during the last fifty years to such an extent that they were some ten years ago removed to a room in the Court House. This room had also got filled up, and a short time back the Official Assignee decided to have the old ledgers carted away to the reef and buried. But, besides the old books, there was a vast mass of correspondence from England and various West India Islands relative to bankrupts, and numbers of old and valuable stamps remained on the envelopes, as in those days the stamp collecting craze had not yet arisen. It is one of the peculiar ironies of fate that, when we have so many persons in our midst smitten with the philatelic mania, and when such heavy catalogue prices are offered for old West India stamps, a mine of unexplored stamp wealth should have remained hidden away in this musty old lumber room. But the manner in which they were brought to light was even more peculiar. The order to throw away the ledgers was taken to mean clearing away everything in the room. Deep trenches were dug on the reef and some twenty cart loads of old ledgers and correspondence deposited therein. The matter would have possibly been forgotten but for the fact that a few street arabs picked up some of the envelopes that had blown away, and finding stamps on them determined to search for others. Dozens of these grubbing arabs were soon at work, and they unearthed thousands of stamps. But the methods of the philatelist and the street arab are very different, and the latter's treatment spoiled hundreds of splendid specimens. When, moreover, a block of five or six was found on one envelope, a scrimmage usually ensued and the victor often only secured a useless fragment. But, even with all this, a few well-known purchasers have secured hundreds of stamps at prices which should leave them a very handsome margin of profit.

Commenting on this, the "Monthly Journal" remarks:— We have since been informed by a correspondent recently in Barbados that when the Government heard of this matter, they had the lot of ledgers, correspondence, etc., dug up and burnt."

India as she is Catalogued.

In a very valuable little contribution on the subject of Indian stamps, the Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of India" draws attention to certain shortcomings in the treatment of "India" by the latest English and American catalogues, those of Messrs. Bright & Son and the Scott Stamp and Coin Company respectively. "Bright's list he pronounces the better of the two; "but" he adds, "we regret to see a 6 annas of the current set catalogued. As we have said more than once before, it does not exist. Alas! we must now add that it is never likely to appear at all."

In *Afghanistan* (proceeds Mr. Stewart Wilson) we would ask for the removal from "Bright" of the first "stamp" and its illustration. Its history is on record in Vol. 1. of our Journal, and it is certain that it was never used postally, if at all. "Scott" is not up to date as regards recent discoveries of 1877 (1294) stamps or the earlier issues of Abdur Rahiman on wove papers. The illustrations (A 22, A 23, A 24) and description (Nos. 191—195) of fiscals pure and simple require to be eliminated.

In *Bhor* both catalogues illustrate and describe 4 stamps (2, 4, 8 annas and 1 rupee) which are fiscals pure and simple.

We are glad to find *Bikanir* absent from "Scott." "Bright" catalogues the good old essays and fiscals, but with a note that their postal use is doubtful. The list and note may advantageously be omitted.

Both catalogues make a most unholy hash of *Bussahir*, for which we perhaps should not blame them overmuch. It is, however, odd that "Bright" should illustrate Type II. of the ½ anna value and not list it at all. He also ignores Type II. of the 2 and 4 annas values, while "Scott" adds Type II. of 3 stamps (8 and 12 annas and 1 rupee) which do not exist at all. We observe, by-the-way, that "Scott" uses Type I. of the 8 annas to illustrate both types! As we have said before, the designs are ready for Type II. of these three higher values, but so far they have not been issued.

In *Faridkot* we recommend to "Scott" a wholesale elimination of the bogus Native "stamps," retaining only the four given in "Bright." No others were ever used postally.

It is refreshing to find traces of careful study of Mr. D. P. Masson's book in the *Kashmir* lists in both catalogues, though a good deal more revision is required in "Bright." It is a pity, e.g., to find reproductions of the official forgeries of the circular stamps masquerading in a serious catalogue, and also an incorrect plate of the "single die" ½ anna. Re-issues, too, are hopelessly mixed up with original stamps, and the dates of many issues are quite wrong, e.g., the circular oil-colour stamps are of 1877 and not of 1874, and the Jamnu rectangular oil-colours are not of 1884 which is a date three years after they had become obsolete. As regards the 1878-94 issues both catalogues await Mr. Masson's Part II, but we may remark that "Bright" reproduces the illustration of the 4 annas stamp of this issue to illustrate the 8 annas stamp, an error likely to impose on a beginner.

Kishengarh is new to Philately, but has been so prolific that we may pardon the perfectly useless lists in both catalogues.

In *Nandgaon* the first two "issues" are shown in both catalogues, though it has been made clear in this Journal that neither was used postally.

Poonch is a State of which, so far, but little is known philatelically. But surely "Bright" need not have given us the funny picture of the 1st issue, or put it down to 1884. In fact "Bright's" dates in this State are all a bit odd.

Talcher never issued stamps at all. Mr. Bhuri Chandra's seal on an Indian stamp was never a matter of interest to anyone except to his servants if they wanted to steal his stamps and found them all "ear-marked" as it were. Only one other word. Jhind is in the Punjab, but is hardly synonymous with it, as "Bright" has it (*vide p. 251* and the Index). As well could Rutlandshire be confused with the British Isles.

From the Auction Rooms.

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

March 26th and 27th.

	£	s.	d.
British Bechuanaland, 1889, One Half-penny on 3d. lilac *	1	8	0
Do. do. 2 6 green ..	4	7	6
British Central Africa, 1891-93, £2 rose-red *	6	2	6
Do. do. £5 green * ..	6	2	6
Do. 1895, £1 orange * ..	2	12	0
British East Africa, 1891, "½ anna A.D." hand stamped and initialled on 2a. vermilion..	6	15	0
Do. do. "1 anna A.B." MSS. surcharge on 4a. brown ..	5	10	0
Do. 1895 Company's stamps 1a. green ..	2	2	0
Do. do. do. 5a. black on blue ..	5	17	6
Do. do. do. 2 rupees, red ..	3	7	6
Do. do. do. 5 rupees green ..	2	6	0
British Guiana, 1852, 1c. magenta, defective ..	3	15	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta ..	11	0	0
British South Africa, 1890, £1 blue *	1	12	0
Do. Buluwayo Provl. One Penny on 3d. grey *	4	4	0
British South Africa ditto, One Penny on 4/- grey ..	2	8	0
Canada, 1851, 12d. black*, defective ..	19	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, Woodblock, 1d. scarlet, creased	4	10	0
Do. do. 1d. blue, error, defective ..	40	0	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue, creased ..	6	10	0
Do. do. 4d. red, error, defective ..	12	0	0
Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 4d. rose, thinned ..	5	2	6
Do. do. 8d. brown, slightly torn ..	6	10	0
Do. do. 9d. purple-brown ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 1/9 green*, no gum ..	2	12	0
Do. 1861, 1/9 green* ..	4	12	6
Do. 1872-80, wmk. C.C., 2 rupees 50c. lilac-rose, perfs. clipped ..	2	0	0
Gibraltar, 1889, error, value omitted, carmine *	8	17	6
Great Britain, 1840, V.R. 1d. black *	8	8	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, without lines*, no gum ..	3	15	0
Do. 1847-54, octagonal, 6d. violet, cut close *	3	0	0
Do. do. 1/- green, die 2*, only part gum ..	3	7	6
Do. 1854-57, 2d. blue, plate 6* ..	6	0	0
Do. 1876-83, 5/- rose, plate 2*, no gum ..	1	10	0
India, 1854, ½ anna red*, no gum ..	5	12	6
Labuan, 1860, 6 in red on 16c. blue*, thinned ..	4	0	0
Do. 1891, 6 cents on 40c. amber with inverted surcharge* ..	4	10	0
Mauritius, 1859, large fillet, 2d. dark blue, defective ..	6	6	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve, defective ..	6	17	6
Newfoundland, 1857, 1/- scarlet ..	11	0	0
Do. 1860, 1/- orange, torn ..	6	7	6
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 1	2	10	0
Do. do. 1d. red, plate 2, thinned ..	2	8	0
Do. do. 2d. pale blue, plate 1 ..	2	5	0
Do. do. 2d. deep blue ..	4	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, error, "Crevit" omitted ..	2	18	0
Do. do. 2d. grey-blue, plate 3 ..	2	2	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 3, 1st retouch ..	2	8	0
Do. do. 2d. blue on wove, the variety fan with six segments ..	2	6	0
Do. do. 3d. green on bluish ..	2	17	6
Do. 1851-53, Laureated, 2d. blue, stars in corners, variety "Waces" ..	4	7	6
Do. 1854, 3d. green, error of wmk. 2 ..	10	0	0
New Zealand, 1855, 1/- green ..	2	7	6
Do. 1862-63, pelure paper, imperf., 1d. vermilion	2	4	0
Do. do. perf., 1d. vermilion, defective ..	9	0	0
Do. do. 1/- green ..	3	5	0
Do. 1872, wmk. N.Z., perf., 1d. brown ..	19	0	0
Niger Coast, 10/- in vermilion on 5d., on piece of original	7	5	0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1d. brown ..	1	9	0
Do. do. 6d. yellow-green ..	1	6	0
Do. do. 1/- purple, cut rather close ..	6	10	0
St. Helena, 1864-74, wmk. CC, perf. 12½, 1/- green, short bar* ..	1	15	0
St. Vincent, 1880, wmk. star, 5/- rose* ..	11	10	0
Do. do. 4d. in black on 1/- vermilion ..	7	5	0
South Australia, 1870, wmk. star, perf. 10, 3 pence in red on 4d. blue*, off centre ..	3	3	0
Transvaal, 1900, V.R.I. £5 green* ..	5	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Turks Islands, 1873-79, wmk. star, 1/- lilac, perfs. missing	5	10	0
Do. 1881, Provisionals, 2½d. on 1/- blue, type 10*	9	0	0
Do. do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac, type 11*			
part gum	13	0	0
Zululand, 1882-92, 5/- carmine	1	19	0
Do. 1894-96, £5 black and purple on red*	6	12	6

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British Bechuanaland, 1888-89, "Protectorate" in small type inverted on ½d. vermilion	1	5	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 2/- blue, imperf.*	11	0	0
Do. 2 rupees 50 cents	2	6	0
Gt. Britain, 1840, V.R. 1d. black*	7	15	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, no lines, a horizontal pair	8	15	0
Do. 1862, 1/- green, plate 2, with hair lines in corners, imperf.*	3	0	0
Lagos, 1885-87, 5/- blue*	5	5	0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow	2	15	0
New South Wales, "Sydney View", 2d. blue, retouch of plate 2, No. 15	1	16	0
Do. do. do. No. 16 on plate	2	0	0
Do. do. do. No. 20 on plate	1	18	0
Do. do. 3d. green on laid paper	1	14	0
New Zealand, Pelure paper, 2d. blue, imperf.*	7	0	0
Philippine Islands, 1869-74, surcharged "Habilitado por la Nacion," 2 reales blue of 1863	4	0	0
St. Lucia, 1st issue, 6d. green	1	17	0
Switzerland, Poste Locale, 2½r. black and red, central cross without border	4	0	0
Transvaal, 1876, hard surfaced paper, 6d. bright blue*	2	6	0
Do. 1871-76, 6d. blue on thick paper, with wide roulette all round	3	10	0
Do. 1878, V.R. slanting, 1d. red on orange, roulette*	16	0	0
Western Australia, 1861-62, 4d. vermilion, rough perf.*	4	0	0

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Afghanistan, 1873-74 (dated 1290-91) Shahi purple, a horizontal pair*	4	10	0
British Central Africa, 1898, £10 yellow, postally used	9	10	0
British Columbia, CC, perf. 14, 1 dollar green*	2	15	0
British East Africa, 3rd issue, 5a., perforated on all sides*	3	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, Triangular (De La Rue) 1d. blood red*, a pair	2	8	0
Do. do. 4d. milky-blue, a pair*	2	4	0
Do. do. 6d. bright mauve, a pair*	3	17	6
Do. do. 1/- dark green (1855 issue), a pair*	7	15	0
Do. Woodblock, 4d. blue, showing retouched die in right corner, fair	2	12	6
Ceylon, imperf., 9d. lilac-brown	4	10	0
Do. do. 2/- blue	4	4	0
Do. wmk. CC, 2d. emerald green*	1	7	0
France, 1853-60, imperf., 1f. carmine, a pair	1	8	0
Gt. Britain, 1858-64, 1½d. lilac-rose on blue paper, a horizontal pair*	2	8	0
Nevis, wmk. CA., 6d. green, defective*	2	15	0
Newfoundland, 1868-73, 5c. black, block of 15	7	13	6
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red on laid paper	1	14	0
Niger Coast, ½d. in green on 2½d. (S.G. No. 25)	1	9	0
Oldenburg, 1861, ½g. on brown*	1	4	0
St. Vincent, no wmk., compound perfs., 1d. rose-red	5	0	0
Do. perf. 11 to 12½, 6d. blue-green, a pair*	2	12	0
Do. 1880, wmk. star, 6d. yellow-green*	1	18	0
Do. 1881, Provl. ½d. in red on left half, 6d. yellow-green	1	12	0
Do. One Penny in black on 6d. yellow-green, creased*	2	12	6
Do. 4d. in black on 1/- vermilion	8	10	0
Do. 1881, wmk. star, 4d. ultramarine*	2	6	0
Do. 1883-4, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 4d. bright blue,* no gum	1	16	0
Do. CA., perf. 12, 4d. ultramarine*	2	4	0
Do. do. 6d. bright green, a pair*	1	14	0
Do. 1885, 4d. red-brown*	5	10	0
Schleswig-Holstein, 2sch. red*	1	10	0
Spain, 1865, 10c. rose and blue, frame inverted	6	10	0
Switzerland, 1851, Neuchatel, 5c. black and red	1	14	0
United States, Justice, 90c. purple*	4	15	0
Victoria, 1862, wmk. words, 3d. marone*	1	18	0
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Virgin Islands, 1883, CA., perf. 14, ½d. yellow-buff	1	2	0
Do. do. 6d. pale mauve, earliest shade	1	0	0
Western Australia, 1857, imperf., 2d. brown-black on red	3	5	0
Do. do. 6d. black-bronze, early impression	3	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1st issue, 18kr.*	1	7	0

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Barbados, 5/- dull rose*	2	8	0
British Central Africa, £1 deep blue*	4	15	0
Do. £2 rose-red*	6	10	0
Do. £5 sage-green	6	0	0
Do. 1892-94, Provl., 1d. on 2d. sea-green and vermilion, double surcharge*	3	10	0
Do. 1895, £1 orange*	3	7	6
Do. do. another copy, used	1	14	0
Do. do. £10 vermilion*	12	0	0
Do. do. £25 blue-green*	25	0	0
British Guiana, 1856, 4c. black on magenta, corners clipped	5	15	0
Buenos Ayres, 4 pesos vermilion*	17	10	0
Fiji Islands, 1874, 12c. rose with Roman V.R.	1	6	0
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Do. do. 2d. blue, error, Penoe, thinned	12	15	0
New Brunswick, 3d. red*	1	15	0
Nova Scotia, 3d. blue, a strip of 3*	4	4	0
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Queensland, 1st issue, 6d. green, imperf., creased*	4	10	0
St. Lucia, 1st issue, 4d. blue	1	14	0
St. Vincent, Provl, 4d on 1/- vermilion	8	12	6
Spain, 1851, 5 reales, rose*	2	15	0
Do. Madrid, 3 cuartos, bronze, used on entire	12	10	0
Switzerland, Neuchatel, 5c. black and red, slightly torn*	3	12	6
Do. Zurich, 6 rappen black, horizontal lines	1	5	0
Transvaal, 1877, 6d. blue on rose, inverted surcharge*	3	3	0
Tuscany, 1st. issue, 2 soldi brick-red, 2 specimens, used with 1 soldo lemon and 2 and 6 crazie	11	15	0
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BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

April 11th. Display with Notes. South Australia, by Mr. R. Hollick.

The following were unanimously elected members:—Dr. T. H. Gibbs, Messrs. F. W. Ayre, H. Mountray-Read, A. F. Cobb, B.A., J. Dixon, C. S. Nicklin, A. Wallace.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, J. E. Joselin, H. W. Plumridge, J. Edwards, C. W. Martin and W. Hadlow, for valuable donations to the Library.

It was decided to subscribe for the continuation of Scott's Advanced Catalogue and to purchase an oak bookcase at the contract price of £11 10s. od.

The following were elected a programme sub-committee:—Messrs. R. Hollick, T. W. Peck, W. F. Wadams, J. A. Margoschis, and G. Johnson.

It was decided to accept the invitation of the Birmingham and Midland Institute, to hold our next exhibition of stamps at their *Conversazione* on Jan. 14, 15, 16, 17, 1902, when at least 7000 members and subscribers will be present. This should be a splendid opportunity for displaying our philatelic treasures to everybody who is any anbody in Birmingham and its neighbourhood. The committee of the B.P.S. was appointed as the Exhibition committee with power to add to their numbers.

Further particulars will be published in due course.

Mr. Hollick then gave a very interesting exhibition of the stamps of South Australia, illustrated by his fine collection of nearly every variety including a very fine lot of departmentals.

The sales from the monthly packets (which have averaged over £2000 a month for the whole year), have been heavier than for a long time past. Australians, South Africans are to the fore, but every country seems to have had its share of patronage and the general collector is in evidence once again. This is good for philately for "specialising" is in many cases only another term for "selling out" everything that is fairly "up" in the catalogues.

Will members going away for their holidays be sure to give proper notice to the Hon. Sec., as it is impossible to stop packets at a day's notice.

Hon. Sec and Treas., Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the above Society was held in Clapham Hall, on Saturday, April 13th. The usual business of the evening was preceded by the reading of a gracious message from His Majesty the King, in reply to the Society's letter of condolence on the lamentable death of Her late Majesty the Queen and congratulations on His Majesty's accession to the throne.

As there was no lecture arranged for this meeting various discussions on philatelic matters were started, which proved to be very interesting, nearly all those present taking part.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, April 27th, in Clapham Hall, Old Town, Clapham, S.W., at 8 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.

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SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on April 18th at the Wharnccliffe Hotel, the president, Mr F. H. Metcalfe, occupying the chair. The Rev A. W. Roosmalen read an interesting paper

on the stamps of Venezuela. He described the various issues, illustrating the same with his collection, which was practically complete. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The Talk of the Trade.

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III.

THE obligations of the Secretary and Members of a Stamp Exchange are mutual. In the well managed, not to say ideal, Club, the members will be scrupulous in the strict keeping of rules.

The small pin-pricks of callous members will tax the patience of a good Secretary, and sometimes go far to the making of a bad one.

Plenty of collectors delay their payment of debit balances, and would forget them, if possible, altogether, because they are but 7s. or 10s.—so small in amount. They forget that ten such amounts withheld unduly, prevents the settlement of a credit balance of £4 or £5 perhaps, and brings down obloquy upon the unoffending Secretary.

I believe the experience of most Secretaries proves that the members whose account run to £'s pay much more punctually than those whose debit-balance is under twenty shillings.

This brings me to the text of this paper, viz., that if the members will themselves generally keep to the rules as to promptitude and despatch, the Secretary will be found no whit behind them, and to this end, the following may be taken as a brief summary of the methods and safeguards which will make a sound and workable Exchange:—

1. As to the Secretary. Let him despatch his Packet punctually, on the appointed day, not, as one often finds, a week or a fortnight late. Let him wait for no sheets, those that come after date can be placed in the next month's packet or returned to the owners.

Let him watch his Packet's course, and mark those who delay its journey, and fill in fictitious dates in the postal lists.

Let him pay his credit balances within 10 days of the return of the Packet, and let him publish (in the S.C.F. of course) a small summary of the packet, when started, when returned, its value, amount of sales, and date of settlement.

Lastly. Let him refer to members for a character.

So much for the Secretary. The members will rise to his level. Those who will not keep rules, who, a second or third time forget to send a postcard, or to enter takings, or who put the packet aside for a week and forget that they have done so, the Exchange will gain if they are omitted from the list, and so careless and haphazard are they, that probably even at this they will not complain.

An Exchange thus managed will soon find itself on a higher level than most, better stamps will flow in, and a distinctly superior, because more careful, class of collectors will seek membership.

The great drawback to many otherwise decently managed Clubs, apart from unwieldy numbers on the postal list, of members who are no good, who neither

buy nor sell, is the supply of rotten stamps the sheets exhibit.

I recently saw a packet of an Exchange, which for obvious reasons I cannot name, with over 70 names on the postal list, a packet consisting of nearly 40 bulky sheets, and totalling up in price to some £300 nominal gross value.

The friend to whom it came was first on the list, he is one who, if the stamps are there, does not mind purchasing £10 worth from a packet, and on this occasion though first choice was his, after "reading" (this word expresses it exactly) through the multitude of pages before us, his whole takings were 2s. 10d.

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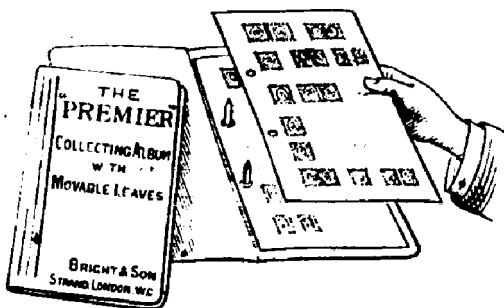
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

A GERMAN PHILATELIST VENTS HIS SPLEEN.

MR. WILLIAM BROWN, of Salisbury, is among the least insular of Englishmen; so that the post-card he has just received from a splenetic Berliner of the name of Kunzke is particularly ill-deserved. Herr Kunzke delivers himself in this wise:—

I tell you for the last time that you have not to send me anything more, as I consider it as the greatest offence to receive a letter from an Englishman. I buy from the low German Boers, for which I have sympathy, &c., whereas the so-called England does not exist any more for me. As an Englishman you will understand this German letter well!!!

We are constantly being told that the men of other nations have no reason to be an Englishman, and perhaps there is some truth in the assertion. But we have always thought, and have always liked to think, that the philatelists of all nations are superior to petty international amenities. We are sorry for Herr Kunzke of Berlin.

WANTED AN IMPERIAL POSTAL CURRENCY.

The chief use for an Imperial penny postage stamp—good for a penny anywhere within the limits of the British Empire—would be its handiness as a means of remitting small sums.

There is no doubt that British subjects in far off parts of the Empire would often like to be able to send small amounts for articles they see advertised in the home newspapers. In the stamp-collecting world, if such people had a "petty cur-

rency," such as the British postage stamps are at home, it would save them much trouble, and enable them to get what now perhaps they have to do without.

A Singapore paper, which makes this suggestion for the sake of residents in the Straits Settlements, points to what has lately been authorised as an experiment in India. As already announced in the *Fortnightly*, the Presidency post-offices of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Rangoon, and (during the season) Simla are now supplied with British penny postage stamps on sale to the public. If there is a demand to encourage it this will be extended to other offices in India. And perhaps what is being done in India will ultimately be done in other parts of the British Empire. But the ideal solution is the British Imperial Penny Postage Stamp.

GOOD BYE TO THE 4½d. BRITISH STAMP.

The British 4½d. stamp, first issued in September, 1892, has for months been under a vague shadow of impending dismissal, its occupation being almost gone. It has figured, however (writes Mr. W. S. Webb, in the "Philatelic Chronicle"), in the list of current stamps given in the "Post Office Guide" in each quarterly edition up to and including that for the first quarter of this year; and the current issue of the Guide (published on the 1st inst.) is the first to omit it.

THE RASCALLY STAMP-CLEANING ADVERTISEMENT.

In the last *Fortnightly* we pilloried a rascally announcement inserted in a British advertising sheet by a person giving an address in Antwerp, offering to sell "particulars concerning a new method" of cleaning pen cancellations from stamps. We hardly expected that the advertisement would appear again, but to our astonishment it is re-inserted in the succeeding issue of the advertising sheet in question. We forbore, and we still forbore, to mention the publication that persists in circulating this advertisement, but we appeal to Messrs. Bright & Son, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Mr. Walter Morley, and other prominent dealers who are also advertising in the paper to withdraw their patronage forthwith, unless a distinct pledge is given that no such announcement as this Belgian adventurer's recipe for stamp-cleaning appear in its pages in the future. All the harm we personally wish the little sheet in question is that it may speedily die of that fatal journalistic complaint, an impaired circulation. In British philatelic publishing we have no room for a paper which lends its space to a direct incitement to fraud.

We thank "E.H.," "J.T.C.," and others for their letters on this subject.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Everyone sending 3/3 for one year's Postal Subscription to the S.C.F. can obtain free mint British Colonial Stamps, all bearing the late Queen's Head and mostly obsolete, to the face value of 6d. by giving the name and address of a philatelic friend.

FIND THE ANSWER—IF THERE IS ONE.

THE latest fashionable insanity, or inanity, has moved an irreverent reader of the *Fortnightly* to submit the following so-called riddles for solution:—

What made Percy Bright?
When was Whitfield King?
Why did the Panther Peckitt?

"I can send you some more when these are guessed," he cheerfully adds, and we are duly grateful. Moreover, we shall try to receive all answers sent in by our readers in a spirit of christian forbearance.

A SIDE-LIGHT ON THE "SCHOOLBOY" TRADE.

"TRUTH," an able and admirable journal, but one that is a thought too fond of finding fault, has this philatelic par in its issue dated May 2nd:—

A father sends me a letter received by his son, a school-boy ten years of age, from — & Co., a firm of stamp dealers. The child seems to have had a sheet of postage stamps on approval, which — & Co. valued at 11s. 4d. In their circular—a printed one—the firm request the immediate return of the sheet or remittance of cash, and, at the same time, notify that, "If you will remit cash for the whole sheet the sum of 5s. will be accepted as payment if remitted at once." The father says his boy sent the sheet back some time ago, forwarding at the same time payment for certain stamps which he had kept; but, however, that may be, — & Co., are now offering to take 5s. for goods originally priced to the boy at 11s. 4d. Even if this sort of trade with children is conducted honestly, it is open to serious objections; and parents and schoolmasters ought to use every means in their power to prevent youngsters being relieved of their spare cash by these harpies.

We strongly dissent from "Truth's" application of the offensive word "harpies." We do not think that any reputable stamp dealer could rightly be called a harpy; but at the same time the firm who are taken to task by "Truth" place themselves in a ridiculously false position by offering to take 5s. for goods supposed to be worth 11s. 4d. We do not at present mention the firm by name; but they have possibly seen the paragraph in "Truth," and will probably see this reference thereto in the *Fortnightly*. It would be interesting to hear their explanation of what, on the face of it—and as the facts are presented in "Truth"—appears to be a most curious method of doing business.

CYCLIST'S SWAPS STAMPS IN A THUNDERSTORM.

THE member of the Birmingham Philatelic Society to be pictured and paragraphed in the latest number of the "Stamp Collector" is Mr. T. Whitmore Peck, one of the Vice-Presidents. "It was not till 1894 that Mr. Peck seriously entered the ranks of Philately," we are told.

In 1896, Mr. Peck was elected on the Committee of the Society, and in 1900 was chosen as Vice-President in company with Mr. Pimm.

Sheets of Nevis and stamps of that ilk have not come his way and, although he now possesses a magnificent Colonial Collection, the "Goddess of Snips" has smiled on him but once. One day while cycling in Scotland, Mr. Peck was caught in a heavy thunderstorm, and being many miles from his destination, he sought shelter in a wayside cottage, in conversation with a lady visitor, Mr. Peck learned she had recently returned from Perak, "the Goddess of Snips smiled," and the fair lady produced some old Perak and Straits stamps, which changed hands and now grace the pages of our subject's album.

Quite romantic. Reading it, one thinks instinctively of Peter Piper. Mr. Peck, he picked a peck of—pickled Peraks? No, no, that won't do!

Mr. William Pimm, to return to serious matters, has also recently been the subject of a pleasant personal article in our Birmingham contemporary. This gentleman is the senior of the B.P.S.'s two Vice-Presidents. He has been collecting for thirty-nine years, and has something to show for it. At the open-air Stamp Bourse in the Champs Elysées, Paris, he has picked up many bargains, but, so far as we can discover has had no philatelic adventures in thunderstorms.

Outside Philately, Mr. Pimm is an artist of no small distinction. He has won prizes both for oil and water-colour work. He has made a hit as a cricketer, too; many hits, in fact, and not a few of them useful "boundaries."

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*, This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

NOTE.—All the following Stamps being of recent issue it is superfluous to give prices for copies without gum. Used copies are worth rather more than unused specimens.

INDIAN NATIVE STATES.—Continued.

1886. Surcharged FEEND STATE.			
½a. green (red surcharge)	..	..	15/
1a. violet-brown (black surcharge)	..	..	10/6
2a. blue (red surcharge)	..	..	12/6
4a. green (ditto)	..	..	12/6
8a. mauve (black surcharge)	..	..	15/
11. slate (red surcharge)	..	..	17/6
1886. Surcharged FHIND STATE in red.			
½a. green	..	..	30/
2a. blue..	..	..	30/
4a. green	..	..	30/
11. slate..	..	..	30/
1886-98. The same, but surcharged in black.			
½a. green	..	..	1/
1a. violet-brown	..	..	2/
1½a. sepia	..	..	3/
2a. blue..	..	..	3/
3a. orange	..	..	4/
4a. olive-green	..	..	6/
6a. bistre	..	..	9/
8a. mauve	..	..	1/6
8a. bright mauve	..	..	1/
12a. brown on red	..	..	1/6
11. slate	..	..	5/
11. carmine and green	..	..	2/
21. yellow-brown and carmine	..	..	17/6
31. green and brown	..	..	30/
51. violet and ultramarine	..	..	50/
Service Stamps.			
<i>Surcharged with S.G., type 4 in black.</i>			
½a. green	..	..	1/2
1a. violet-brown	..	..	1/3
2a. blue..	..	..	2/6
1886. Surcharged FEEND STATE SERVICE.			
½a. green (red surcharge)	..	..	17/6
1a. violet-brown (black surcharge)	..	..	20/
2a. blue (red surcharge)	..	..	21/
1887. Surcharged FHIND STATE in red.			
½a. green	..	..	50/
2a. blue	..	..	50/
1887-97. The same but surcharged in black.			
½a. green	..	..	1/
2a. blue..	..	..	1/3
4a. olive-green	..	..	1/6
8a. mauve	..	..	1/6
8a. aniline mauve	..	..	1/
11. carmine and green	..	..	2/

Nabha State.

1885. *Surcharged in black (S.G. type 1).*

½a. green	1/2
1a. violet-brown	2/
2a. blue	2/
4a. green	6/6
8a. mauve	42/
1r. slate	35/

1887. *Surcharged NABHA STATE in red.*

½a. green	1/2
2a. blue	1/
4a. green	3/6
1r. slate	17/6

1887-94. *The same but surcharged in black.*

½a. green	1/1
9 pies carmine	1/6
1a. violet-brown	1/2
1½a. sepia	1/3
2a. blue	1/3
3a. orange	1/9
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. bistre	1/7
8a. mauve	1/
12a. brown on red	1/6
1r. slate	4/
1r. carmine and green	2/
2r. yellow-brown and carmine	7/6
3r. green and brown	9/
5r. violet and ultramarine	15/

Service Stamps.

1885. *Surcharged in black with S.G. type 3.*

½a. green	1/2
1a. violet-brown	1/3
2a. blue	3/

SERVICE

1887. *Surcharged NABHA STATE in red.*

½a. green	1/6
2a. blue	1/9

1887-90. *The same, but surcharged in black.*

½a. green	1/1
1a. violet-brown	1/2
2a. blue	1/3
3a. orange	1/9
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. bistre	1/6
8a. mauve	1/
12a. brown on red	1/6
1r. slate	6/
1r. carmine and green	2/

Puttialla State.

1884. *Surcharged in red with S.G. type 1.*

½a. green	1/3
1a. violet-brown	1/3
2a. blue	1/3
4a. green	3/6
8a. mauve	35/
1r. slate	21/

1885. *Surcharged PUTTIALLA STATE in red.*

½a. green	1/3
1a. violet-brown (black surcharge)	1/3
2a. blue	1/8
4a. green	4/
8a. mauve (black surcharge)	2/
1r. slate	5/

1892-99. *Surcharged PATIALA STATE in black.*

3 pies carmine	—
½a. green	1/1
9p. carmine	1/9
1a. violet-brown	1/2
1½a. sepia	1/3
2a. blue	1/3
3a. orange	1/4
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. bistre	1/9

8a. bright mauve	1/4
12a. brown on red	1/6
1r. carmine and green	2/
2r. yellow-brown and carmine	25/
3r. green and brown	35/
5r. violet and ultramarine	45/

Service Stamps.

1885. *Surcharged with S.G. type 4.*

½a. green ("Service" in black, the rest in red)	1/6
1a. violet-brown (ditto)	1/3
2a. blue (ditto)	7/6

SERVICE

1887. *Surcharged PUTTIALLA STATE.*

½a. green ("Service" in black, the rest in red)	1/3
½a. green (black surcharge)	1/1
1a. violet-brown (do.)	1/2
2a. blue (red surcharge)	1/4

SERVICE

1892. *Surcharged PATIALA in black.*

SERVICE

½a. green	1/1
3a. orange	1/4
4a. olive-green	1/6
6a. bistre	1/9
8a. mauve	1/
12a. brown on red	1/6
1r. slate	2/

(To be continued.)

The Financial Side of Philately.

IN Messrs. Whitfield King & Co's. "List of Philatelic Novelties" for May one finds the "Mourning" stamps of Finland quoted as 7d. the pair. (Somebody in Finland, by the way, must be making something out of all this grief!) Messrs. Whitfield King also quote prices for all the varieties of Maleking (except Mr. Turner's Baden-Powell with head to right), the total of their quotations for used specimens of the nineteen stamps being £32 8s.

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Some exceedingly handy books, called the "Premier Moveable-Leaf Collecting Albums" are being put on the Market by Messrs. Bright & Son. There is a simple filing device whereby one can readily remove, insert, or transpose the various leaves of these paper-covered books. The sheets inside are of fairly stout paper, feint ruled "quadrillé" on one side only. The thing is one that should catch on with the philatelic public. The collecting Albums are made in two sizes—post 8vo, and quarto; and Messrs. Bright contemplate extending the range both of price and style at an early date.

QUITE A NINE-DAYS' WONDER.

A fine procession of rarities will come up for disposal at the auction sale of the Linck collection at the Hotel Droust, Paris—allusion to which has already been made in the *Fortnightly*. The catalogue of the sale, as compiled by Mons. Jules Bernichon, is a volume of 60 pages, prefaced by four pages of photographic illustrations. Some of the gems of the sale are.

- Reunion (Types I. to IV. of the 15c. and Types III. and IV. of the 30c.)
- France; various pairs showing one stamp of the pair. Also a specimen of the error 15c. Head of Ceres in the colour of the 10c. in an unsevered pair with the normal 10c. stamp.
- Moldavia, 27, 54, and 108 paras.
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These be but a few of them, mark you, selected haphazard. The catalogue teems with important items, and the sale, as befits a sale of such importance, is to be of a very deliberate function, lasting for nine whole days, from Monday, May 20th, to Thursday, May 30th. Full particulars of the sale will doubtlessly be supplied to any *Fortnightly* reader on application to Mons. Jules Bernichon, 54, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

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Will the ideal philatelic catalogue ever be published? We hope it will, but we are dubious. If the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs is to be remedied it will be necessary for coats to be taken off, sleeves rolled up, and work done.

The field of suggestion is full to over crowding. Schemes galore have been mooted by philatelic journalists and others, but no sooner is the full beauty of each successive proposition made manifest than it is quietly dropped by its authors and complacently forgotten by everybody else. It is so easy to work out a scheme, "whether it be to revolutionise stamp-collecting or to run an air ship to Mars. Anyone can suggest things. The trouble is that schemers are not workers, and so it happens that although the ideal Collectors' Catalogue has been planned and devised even down to the number of its pages, by sentimental schemers in this country and the States, no move has yet been made to set the machinery of compilation in motion.

Before us, as we write, is an extract from an American paper known as "The Stampman," suggesting that the Scott Stamp and Coin Company should "request the American Philatelic Association to appoint an advisory committee to assist the publishers in getting out their catalogue." Now this looks like the germ of a promising idea. The author of the suggestion, this writer in "The Stampman," goes on to say: "The details I have not worked out"—now, isn't that charmingly characteristic of the armchair reformer? "The details I have not worked out!" These people who are in a great hurry to revolutionise things never do work out details; they never work out anything except sufficient high falutin "copy" to fill a given space.

There is another man with suggestions to make on the staff of the "Australian Philatelist." His particular panacea for the catalogue trouble is a fearful and wonderful thing. Listen! He wants a World's Official Philatelic Catalogue published, the cost of which should be defrayed out of a fund to which all the leading stamp societies of the world would contribute. By the same token, of course, all the leading societies of the world would join in the work of compiling the book!! To this gentleman it is sufficient to put only one pertinent question: At what time in the Twenty-First century does he think the World's Official Philatelic Catalogue would be ready?

This matter of a Collectors' Catalogue needs to be taken up either by one man, a man of distinct philatelic eminence and unimpeachable reputation, or by a Society such as the Philatelic Society of London. But the Philatelic Society of London has declined to be bothered with the Collectors' Catalogue.

So there you are! Or, rather there you are not. The need for a Collectors' Standard Catalogue is generally admitted,

but the people willing to undertake the work are yet to be found.

Messrs. Senf Brothers, of Leipzig, have addressed to the Editor of the *Fortnightly* a letter which we shall deal with in our next number. It (the letter) is short but crisp.

"The Postman" of the "Philatelic Chronicle" (Birmingham), again commenting upon the "S.C.F.'s" desire to protect its readers against dilatory Exchange Club Secretaries, says quite plaintively: "It must be remembered that we poor provincials are not yet educated down to the ideals of the new gutter literature." Poor "Postman!" It is a hard case. And in the circumstances we must say that it is quite handsome of him to speak of "the *Fortnightly* intellect" in the way he does. It is almost offering the other cheek to the smiter.

"Philatelic Facts and Fallacies," of San Francisco, treating of certain stamps of Monaco, alludes to the "5c. and 10c. stamps of that Republic"! Republic, indeed! spell "Philatelic" how you will, good "F. F. and F.;" lacerate the feelings of philologists to your heart's content; but leave us—do, please, leave us a few of the picturesque anachronisms of this effete eastern hemisphere. They are silly, but we like them. Monaco embraces Monte Carlo, and Monte Carlo can afford to keep up a Prince on the money it wrings from the devotees of Chance. Republic, indeed!

New Issues crowded out.

Will it be William Tell? or Helvetia?

DESIGNS for new Swiss postage stamps, contributed in open competition, have recently been placed on exhibition in the Helvetian capital, Berne. In the "Schweizer Briefmarken Journal," just to hand, we find good reproductions of some of the prize-winning designs, together with a chatty account of the competition, the jury appointed to adjudicate upon the designs, etc., etc. William Tell figures in some of the designs, but in the majority, and in many of the most artistic efforts, "Helvetia" is typified by the conventional female head or figure.

Curiously enough, the jury, being unable to agree as to the bestowal of the first prize, decided not to award a first prize at all! The second prize, which, in the circumstances, must rank as the first prize, was awarded to Mons. Ch. L'Eplattenier, of Chaux-de-Fonds, whose William Tell is calculated to please who like their art served hot and strong. The same competitor received also the fifth prize for another design showing a female representation of Helvetia. The face here at once catches the eyes; it is strong, yet wistful.

Answers to Correspondents.

T. W. J. (Natal): Many thanks for notes regarding New Issues, which, however, we had already received.

H. C. (Merton): The "Institut Hamburger Borsen" labels are the veriest trash, and not worth the paper used in their manufacture. There is only one place for such rubbish—a fireplace, and one with a good fierce fire in it!

A.G.H.L.: We do not as a general thing undertake to value stamps through the S.C.F. The Bavarian you mention is worth, used, from 10s. to 15s., according to condition.

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Gambia, old type embossed
2004* 1d. crimson (S.G. 29)
2005* 1d. pale crimson (S.G. 30)
2010* 3d. grey (S.G. 29)
2012* 4d. brown (S.G. 31)
2014* 6d. slate green (S.G. 32)
2016* 1s. violet (S.G. 33)

Gold Coast, first type (C)
2017* 1/4d. pale green (cat. 1)
2019* 1d. rose-carmine (cat. 2)
2020* 2d. grey (cat. 6d.)
2022* 2 1/2d. pale blue and green (cat. 1)
2023* 3d. bright olive-yellow (cat. 1)

Lagos, first type.
2025* 2d. blue, Crown C
2026* 1s. orange, Crown C

Sierra Leone, first type (C)
2027* 1/4d. dull green (cat. 1)
2028* 1d. carmine (cat. 1)
2029* 1 1/2d. lilac (cat. 5d.)
2031* 4d. brown (cat. 1/2)
2032* 6d. brown-lake (cat. 1)
2036 1s. red brown (S.G. 45)
2037* 2 1/2d. ultramarine (S.G. 46)
2038* 3d. yellow (S.G. 47)
2039 2 1/2d. on 1/- lilac gum, cat. 5/

Niger Coast, 1893.
2045* 2 1/2d. carmine (S.G. 48)
Niger Coast, 1894. C
2048* 1/4d. green (S.G. 49)
2050* 2d. lake (S.G. 48)
2052* 5d. purple (S.G. 50)

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

Canada.
2061* Map stamps, 2c. 1.
2062* " " " 2c. de
2063* " " " set of
2064* Surcharged 2c. on 1d.
2065* " " " 1d.
2066* Maple leaves, 1/4c. bl.
2069* " " 1c. green
2070* " " 5c. blue
2072* " " 10c. purple
2073* Figures, 2c. violet,
2074* Small type, 1882, 82, 1d. (S.G. 51)
2075* Figures, 1c. green
2076* " " 2c. rose (S.G. 52)
2077* " " 3c. rose (S.G. 53)
2078* " " 5c. blue (S.G. 54)
Newfoundland.
2081* 1/4c. black, dog's head
2082* 2c. orange, codfish
2083* 3c. grey, Queen's head
2084* 5c. blue, seal (No. 1)

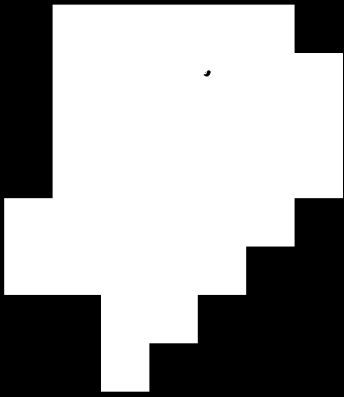
SOUTH AMERICA

Cape of Good Hope (No. 1)
2101* 1/4d. black (No. 65, 1)
2102* 1d. rose-red (No. 66)
2103* 2d. ochre (No. 67)
2104* 2 1/2d. on 3d. magenta
2105* 1d. on 2d. ochre (No. 68)
Orange Free State, unused
2106* 1/4d. orange (No. 69)
2107* 1d. purple (No. 70)
2108* 2d. magenta (No. 71)

number, name of colony, and price.

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Number	Name of Colony	Price
2452*	1d. carmine (No. 23)	0 3
2453*	1d. grey (No. 22)	1 9
2454*	6d. orange (No. 25)	8 6
2455*	4d. grey (No. 40)	3 0
2456*	6d. red-brown (No. 42)	7 6
2457*	1s. lilac (No. 43), rare	27 6
2458*	1/4d. dull green (No. 11)	0 2
2459*	Full sheet of 20	3 3
2460*	1d. carmine-rose (No. 13)	0 2
2461*	2 1/2d. ultramarine (No. 16)	0 6
2462*	4d. grey (No. 18)	0 8
2463*	1s. deep lilac (No. 21), rare	19 6
2464*	1d. rose, full sheet of 24	8 6
2465*	(No. 34)	0 5
2466*	4d. brown-red (No. 37)	4 3
2467*	6d. deep violet (No. 39)	5 3
2468*	1/4d. purple	0 11
2469*	1/4d. dark blue	0 11
2470*	1/4d. pale pink	0 10
2471*	1/4d. pink	0 9
2472*	1/4d. yellow-green	2 9
2473*	1/4d. green	1 9
2474*	1/4d. brown	0 8
2475*	1/4d. brown and blue	0 8
2476*	1/4d. buff	0 5
2477*	1/4d. blue	0 4
2478*	1/4d. dull violet	0 4
2479*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. rose	0 2
2480*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2481*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2482*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2483*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2484*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2485*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2486*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2487*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2488*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2489*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2490*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2491*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2492*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2493*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2494*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2495*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2496*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2497*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2498*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2499*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1
2500*	1/4d. and Star, 1d. yellow	0 1



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MAY 11, 1901.

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4 atts. carmine, nett 2d.
8, 10, 12, 24 atts. set of 4, 1/8 nett.

New Japan, 1 1/2 sen. blue, 1d. each; block of 4, 3d.
Siam, provisional 3 on 12 atts, 1 1/4d. each.

GREEK PROVISIONALS.

30 on 40 lepta, 1861 (cat. 9d.)	...	0	5
40 on 2 lepta, stone, 1861 (cat. 8d.)	...	0	5
50 on 40 lepta, buff, 1861 (cat. 9d.)	...	0	6
1 dr. on 40 lepta, 1886 (cat. 1/6)	...	1	0
2 dr. on 40 lepta, 1886, perf. 1 1/2 (cat. 3/-)	...	1	9
3 dr. on 40 lepta, 1861 (cat. 4/-)	...	2	9
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FINE USED COPIES.

Ecuador.
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10c. blue & black, perf. 15 (new issue), nett 4d.
20c. green and black, perf. 15, nett 6d.
Bolivia, new 1, 2, 5 (green), 10, 20 and 50c., fine set of 6, nett 1/6.
Bolivia, new 5c. red, nett 2d.
Costa Rica, new 20c. lilac and black (with view of national theatre, second finest theatre in the world), nett, 5d.
Mexico, new 1, 5, 10, 20c., fine set of 4, 4d.

LATEST ARRIVALS.

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Pane of 60, with full margins, 2 ..
Sheet of 120 (as issued), 4 ..
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St. Helena, current type (set 35).
This set can now again be supplied (1/4d. to 10d. complete, nett 2 3/4).
Mauritius, 4c. lilac on yellow, just issued, 1d.
Block of 4, 4d., per dozen, 11d.
Mauritius, low values, old colours.
1c. lilac and blue, per dozen, 4d.
" " pane of 60, 1/6.
2c. lilac and orange, per dozen, 7d.
" " pane of 60, 2/6.
3c. lilac and violet, per doz. 10d.
" " pane of 60, 3/6.

NOTE.—The above 1, 2 and 3c. will shortly become obsolete.

Uganda, 5 rupees, brown, mint 8/6.
Ceylon, 1r. 50c. rose, can now be supplied, per dozen, 27/6; entire sheet of 60, very fine, £6 15s. (face value, £6.) A few of the old surcharged 1r. 50c. on 2r. 25c. grey are still on hand at 3/9 each.

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Great Britain, 1/- green, just obsolete, 1/9 each (mint).

Straits, 4c. rose, wmk. Crown CA. (Gibbons' No. 44), mint, 2d. each.

Southern Nigeria (expected shortly).
Lagos, high values.

2/6 green and carmine, 2/11 nett.
5/- green and blue, 5/10 nett.
10/- green and brown, 11/8 nett.

Lagos, sets, 1/4d. to 1/-, nett 5/2 1/2.
India, new colours.

3 pies, grey, 1/4d. each; block of 4, 1 1/4d.
1/2a. light green, 1d. each; block of 4, 3d.
1a. rose, 1 1/4d. each; block of 4, 6d.
2a. violet, 3d. each; block of 4, 11d.
2 1/2a. ultramarine, 4d. each; block of 4, 1/3.
Set of 5, 1/4, 1/2, 1 and 2 1/2 as., nett 8d.

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Fiji Islands.
1/4d. dark greenish grey, perf. 11 x 12, 1d. each.
2d. bright green, perf. 11, 3d. each, 2/8 per dozen.

2 1/2d. pale brown, perf. 11 x 12, 4d. each.
4d. bright lilac, perf. 11, 6d. each.
5d. pale blue, perf. 11 x 10, 7d. each.
6d. rose, perf. 11, 8d. each.

5/- black and rose, perf. 10, 5/10 each.
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Bahamas, 1/- green, CC 14, nett 1/4; block of 4, 5/6.
Br. Guiana, 2c. lilac and orange, nett 2d.; block of 4, 7d.

Cape, 1d. rose, 1893, nett 2d.; block of 4, 7d.
Ceylon, 15c. sage-green, nett 5d.; block of 4, 1/6.

Hong Kong, 2c. pink, nett 2d.; block of 4, 8d.
" 10c. lilac on red, nett 5d.; block of 4, 1/6.

Ceylon, 2c. green, nett 2d.
" 3c. brown and green, nett 2d.
" 4c. pink, nett 5d.
" 8c. yellow, nett 6d.

Cook Islands, 1d. brown, nett 3d.
" 1 1/4d. lilac, nett 4d.
" 2 1/2d. rose, nett 5d.

British Honduras, unsurcharged.
5c. blue, nett 6d.
10c. lilac and green, nett 1/6.
25c. red brown and green, nett 3/6.

British South Africa (small type).
4d. olive green, 5d. nett, 4/8 per dozen.

Trinidad.
5/- green and orange, nett 5/10; block of 4, 23/4.
20/- green and carmine, nett 23/4; block of 4, 93/4.

NOTE.—The 5/- violet chronicled recently as a new issue does not appear to have been issued yet, and we are therefore reducing price of 5/- green and orange temporarily. We have for sale an entire sheet of 50, with full margins, price £14 11s. 8d. nett.

Turks and Caicos Isles.
2/- violet, nett 2/4; block of 4, 9/4.
3/- carmine, nett 3/6; block of 4, 14/7.

Ceylon High Values.
1r. 50c. rose, nett 2/5; block of four, 9/7.
2r. 25c. blue, nett 3/7; block of four, 13/11.

Malay Federated States (new types, oblong).
1c. green and black, 1d.; block of 4, 3d.
3c. brown and black, 1d.; block of 4, 4d.
4c. pink and black, 1 1/4d.; block of 4, 6d.
5c. red and black on yellow, 2d.; block of 4, 8d.

5c. blue and black, 3d.; block of 4, 11d.
10c. violet and black, 4d.; block of 4, 1/3.

Malay Federated States, new types, in sets.
1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 20c., set of 7, 1/5 nett.

Victoria, old types in new colours.
Complete set, 1/4d. to 5s., nett 11/8. (Expected by the mail in on Monday.)

Queensland. (Thick paper.)
2/6 vermilion, cat. 5/-, nett 2 11.
5/- deep rose, cat. 10/-, nett 5/10.
10/- brown, cat. 15/-, nett 11/8.

1/- deep green, cat. 30/-, nett 23/4.
Tasmania (Queen's Heads).
2/6 brown and blue, nett 2/11.
5/- lilac and red, nett 5/10.
10/- lilac and brown, nett 11/8.

Straits Settlements, 10c. slate, 5d. nett.
Mauritius, 6c. on 18c.; a few are left at 2d.
Malta, 1/4d. green, REVENUE, 1d. each.

Hong Kong. Low values.
2c. green, 1d.; block of 4, 3d.
4c. grey, 1 1/4d.; block of 4, 6d.
5c. blue, 2d.; block of 4, 7d.
10c. blue, 4d.; block of 4, 11d.

NOTE.—The 2c. and 10c. are in the new colours, the 4c. and 5c. in old colours. The latter will soon be obsolete.

Br. Guiana, 2c. lilac and orange (old), 2d. each.
" 2c. lilac and carmine (new), 1 1/4d. each.

Seychelles, 2c. red-brown and green (new), 1d. each; 3d. per 4.

St. Lucia, 2d. blue and orange, 3d.
N. Borneo, 2c. green and black, 1d.
" 4c. carmine and black, 2d.

Labuan, 2c. green and black, 1d.
" 5c. blue and black, 2d.

British Guiana. Entire envelopes.
New 2c. pink, embossed, grey paper, 2d. each.

Ceylon. Low values in sheets (full margins).
3c. green, pane of 60, nett 2/11.
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5c. lilac, pane of 60, nett 5/10.

Straits Settlements.
4c. on 8c. blue, 2d. each; block of four, 7d.

Malta, 1/4d. view of Valletta Harbour.
1/4d. red-brown, wmk. Crown CA., 1d. each; block of four, 3d.

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NOTE.—The above watermarks are as seen from the backs of the stamps, "Crown AC." being on this side the normal one. The watermarks are very distinct.

Canada, 20c. sage-green, 1/- each; block of four, 3/11.

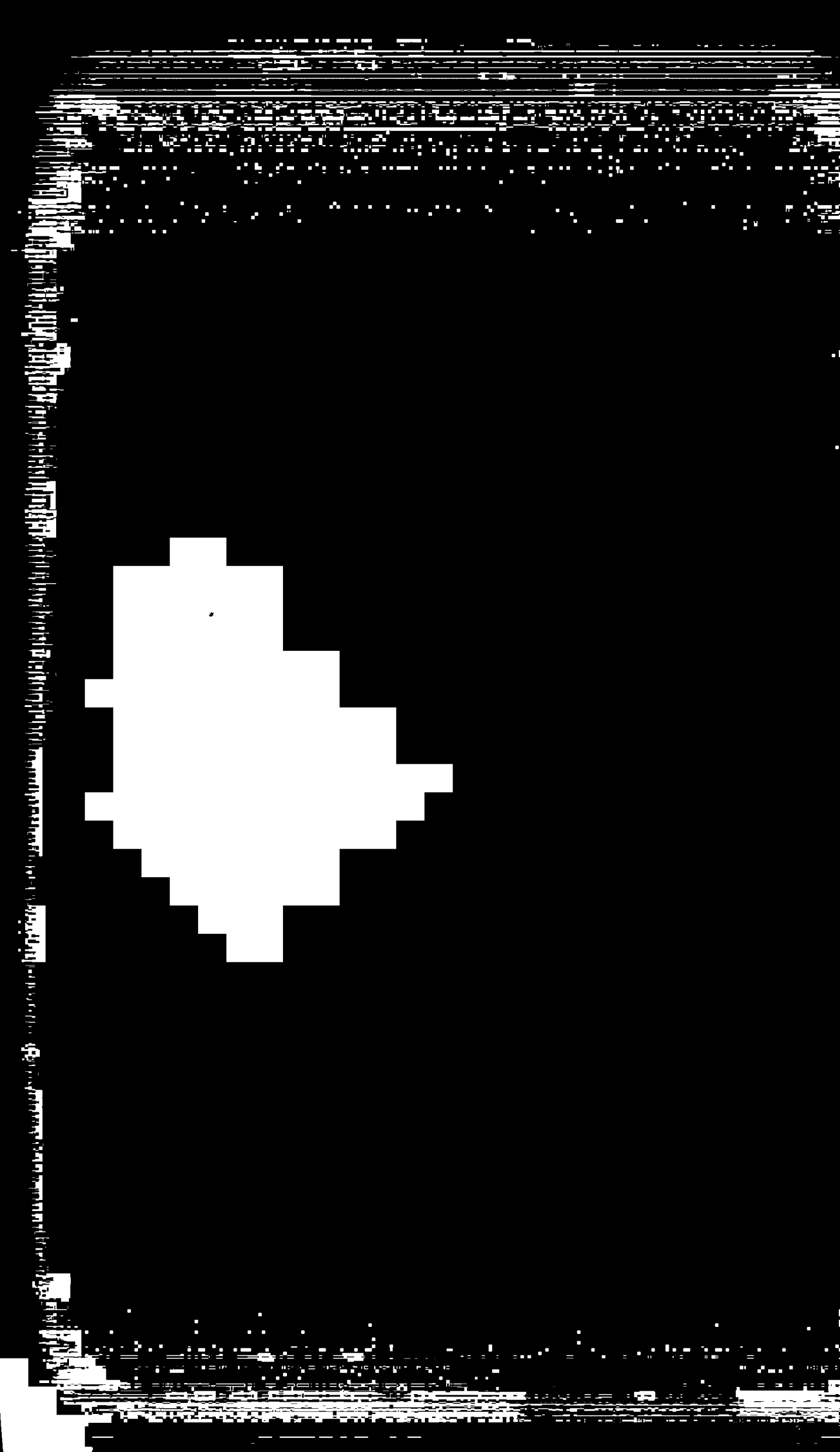
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15c. lilac, 11d. nett.
15c. lilac, off centre at sides, 9d. nett.

Queensland.
2/- brown, old type, 2/6 each; block of four, showing variety "LA" joined, 10/6 nett. (This variety occurs only once in each block of four throughout the sheet). The colour is a bright red-brown.

New Zealand, "Universal Penny Postage."
1d. carmine, London print, 4d. each.

British Guiana, old type of 1878.
6c. brown, face value 3d., nett 4d.
6c. brown, in blocks, 3/6 per dozen.

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4d. green, wmk. NZ and star (single lined), 5d. each, 4/8 per dozen. (This stamp is now issued on the new paper with double-lined NZ watermark).



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Cape, 1d. rose, 1893, nett 2d.; block of 4, 7d.

Ceylon, 15c. sage-green, nett 5d.; block of 4, 1/6.

Hong Kong, 2c. pink, nett 2d.; block of 4, 8d.

" 10c. lilac on red, nett 5d.; block of 4, 1/6.

Ceylon, 2c. green, nett 2d.

" 3c. brown and green, nett 2d.

" 4c. pink, nett 5d.

" 8c. yellow, nett 6d.

Cook Islands, 1d. brown, nett 3d.

" 1 1/2d. lilac, nett 4d.

" 2 1/2d. rose, nett 5d.

British Honduras, unsurcharged.

5c. blue, nett 6d.

10c. lilac and green, nett 1/6.

25c. red brown and green, nett 3/6.

British South Africa (small type).

4d. olive green, 5d. nett. 4/8 per dozen.

Trinidad.

5/- green and orange, nett 5 10; block of 4, 23/4.

20/- green and carmine, nett 23/4; block of 4, 93/4.

NOTE.—The 5/- violet chronicled recently as a new issue does not appear to have been issued yet, and we are therefore reducing price of 5/- green and orange temporarily. We have for sale an entire sheet of 50, with full margins, price £14 11s. 8d. nett.

Turks and Caicos Isles.
2/- violet, nett 2/4; block of 4, 9/4.
3/- carmine, nett 3/6; block of 4, 14/4.

Ceylon High Values.
1r. 50c. rose, nett 2/5; block of four, 9/7.
2r. 25c. blue, nett 3/7; block of four, 13/11.

Malay Federated States (new types, oblong).
1c. green and black, 1d.; block of 4, 3d.
3c. brown and black, 1d.; block of 4, 4d.
4c. pink and black, 1 1/2d.; block of 4, 6d.
5c. red and black on yellow, 2d.; block of 4, 8d.
5c. blue and black, 3d.; block of 4, 11d.
10c. violet and black, 4d.; block of 4, 1/3.

Malay Federated States, new types, in sets:
1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 20c., set of 7, 1/5 nett.

Victoria, old types in new colours.
Complete set, 4d. to 5s., nett 11/8. (Expected by the mail in on Monday.)

Queensland. (Thick paper.)
2/6 vermilion, cat. 5/-, nett 2 11.
5/- deep rose, cat. 10/-, nett 5/10.
10/- brown, cat. 15/-, nett 11/8.
£1 deep green, cat. 30/-, nett 23/4.

Tasmania (Queen's Heads).
2 6 brown and blue, nett 2 11.
5 - lilac and red, nett 5 10.
10/- lilac and brown, nett 11/8.

Straits Settlements, 10c. slate, 5d. nett.
Mauritius, 6c. on 18c.: a few are left at 2d.

Malta, 1/4d. green, REVENUE, 1d. each.

Hong Kong. Low values.
2c. green, 1d.; block of 4, 3d.
4c. grey, 1 1/2d.; block of 4, 6d.
5c. blue, 2d.; block of 4, 7d.
10c. blue, 4d.; block of 4, 11d.
NOTE.—The 2c. and 10c. are in the new colours, the 4c. and 5c. in old colours. The latter will soon be obsolete.

Br. Guiana, 2c. lilac and orange (old), 2d. each.
" 2c. lilac and carmine (new), 1 1/2d. each.

Seychelles, 2c. red-brown and green (new), 1d. each; 3d. per 4.

St. Lucia, 2d. blue and orange, 3d.

N. Borneo, 2c. green and black, 1d.
" 4c. carmine and black, 2d.

Labuan, 2c. green and black, 1d.
" 5c. blue and black, 2d.

British Guiana. Entire envelopes.
New 2c. pink, embossed, grey paper, 2d. each.

Ceylon. Low values in sheets (full margins).
3c. green, pane of 60, nett 2 11.
4c. yellow, pane of 60, nett 4 8.
5c. lilac, pane of 60, nett 5 10.

Straits Settlements.
4c. on 8c. blue, 2d. each; block of four, 7d.

Malta, 1/4d. view of Valletta Harbour.
1/4d. red-brown, wmk. Crown CA., 1d. each; block of four, 3d.
1/4d. red-brown, wmk. Crown AC., 1d. each; block of four, 2d.

NOTE.—The above watermarks are as seen from the backs of the stamps, "Crown AC." being on this side the normal one. The watermarks are very distinct.

Canada, 20c. sage-green, 1/- each; block of four, 3/11.

Canada, old types (many soon become obsolete).
15c. lilac, 11d. nett.
15c. lilac, off centre at sides, 9d. nett.

Queensland.
2 - brown, old type, 2/6 each; block of four, showing variety "LA" joined, 10 6 nett. (This variety occurs only once in each block of four throughout the sheet). The colour is a bright red-brown.

New Zealand, "Universal Penny Postage."
1d. carmine, London print, 4d. each.

British Guiana, old type of 1878.
6c. brown, face value 3d., nett 4d.
6c. brown, in blocks, 3/6 per dozen.

New Zealand, old type.
4d. green, wmk. NZ and star (single lined), 5d. each, 4/8 per dozen. (This stamp is now issued on the new paper with double-lined NZ watermark).

Unused British Colonial Stamps.

Every patriotic British Collector takes an interest in the stamps of Great Britain and her Colonies, and desires to have them well represented in his album. The best specimens are those in perfect unused condition, and it is our endeavour to enable collectors to obtain in England what they require at very nearly the same price they would have to pay in the Colonies, in other words, at a very small premium on face value. By purchasing these sets under such conditions a collector will not only obtain an excellent foundation for his collection, but will have the satisfaction of knowing that his money is invested and not spent. In addition, every purchase, however small, means a contribution to the wealth and welfare of our Colonies.

Notwithstanding all the arguments brought forward by old-fashioned Dealers in favour of the Collection of Used Specimens, there is no gainsaying the fact that

UNUSED STAMPS ARE THE STAMPS OF THE FUTURE AND THEREFORE THE BEST INVESTMENT.

£100 invested in Unused Colonial Sets in 1891, would now produce £575.

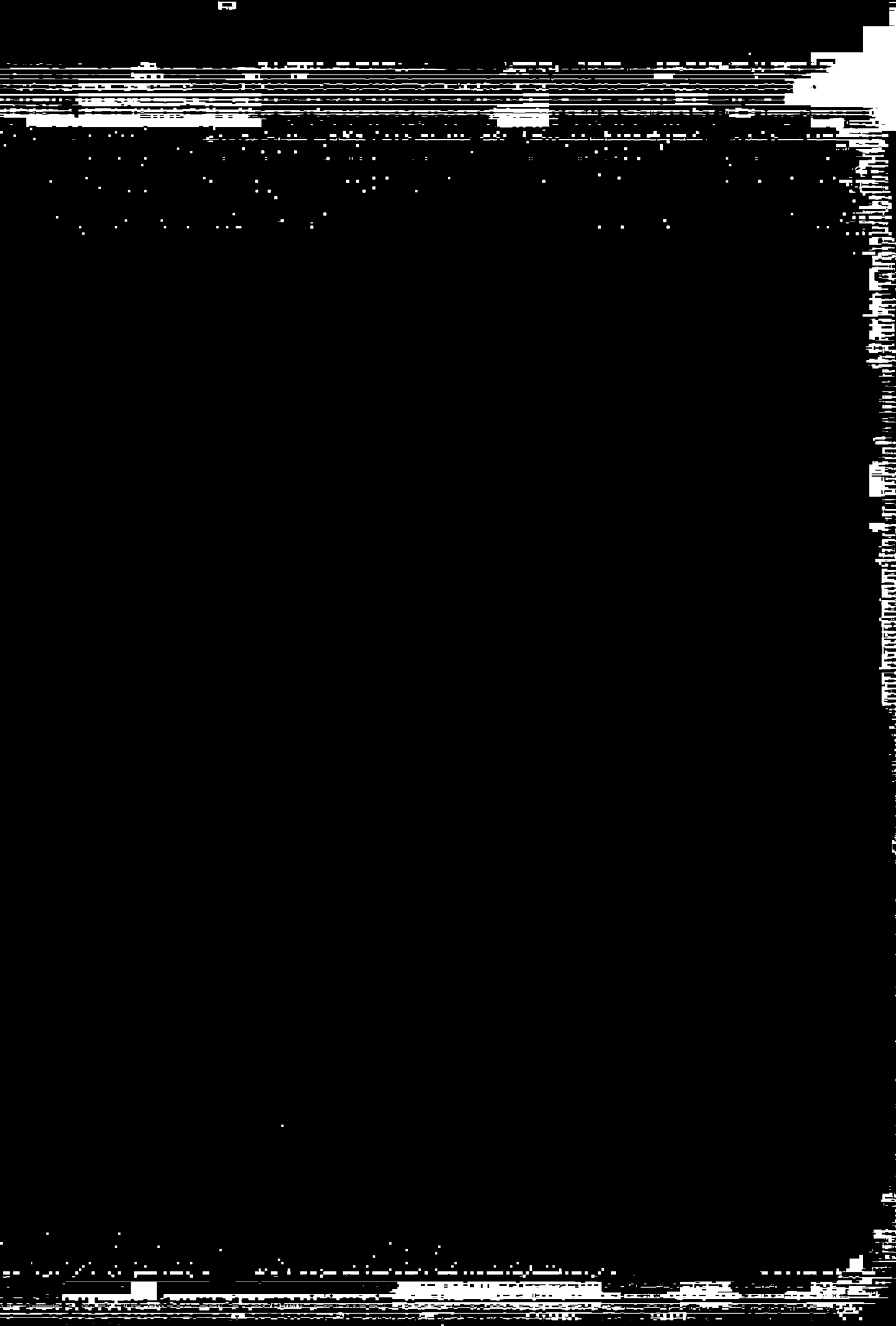
CONDITIONS.—As we supply these Colonial stamps at a smaller rate of profit than has ever before been attempted in the history of stamp collecting, we find it necessary to send out solely against **cash in advance.** We guarantee every specimen sent out to be in mint condition (any specimen objected to will be exchanged if returned to us at once). Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the Secretary, H. L. Ewen, postage being added, as we do not under any circumstances pay postage, nor do we hold ourselves responsible for stamps lost in the post.

EVERY ORDER IS EXECUTED BY RETURN OF POST.

Index No.	Particulars of Set, Current, 1901.	Values to 1/4 Face Value.	Our Price.	HIGH VALUES. For Prices see Separate List on p. 3	GIBBONS' CATALOGUE NUMBERS And General Remarks.
GROUP I.—WEST INDIES, Etc. (The 14 sets for 44/-).					
1	Bahamas, 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/1½	2/5½	5/-	20/-
2	Barbados, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d., ..	2/11½	3/5½	2/6	—
3	Bermuda, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	2/11½	—	—
4	British Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24c. (100 cents eq. \$1 eq. 4/2)	2/7	2/11½	48, 72, 96 cents	—
5	British Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25c. (100 cents eq. \$1 eq. 4/2)	3/6½	4/2	50c., \$1, 2, 5	—
6	Falkland Islands, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/-	3/1	3/7½	2/6	5/-
7	Grenada, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1/-	2/11	3/5	—	—
8	Jamaica, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	2/11½	2/-	5/-
9	Leeward Islands, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1/-	2/9	3/2½	5/-	1/-
10	St. Lucia, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	3/0	5/-	10/-
11	St. Vincent, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	2/10	3/4	5/-	—
12	Trinidad, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/2	2/6½	5/-	20/-
13	Turk's Island, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-	2/4	2/9	2/-	3/-
14	Virgin Islands, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1/-	2/9	3/2½	5/-	—
GROUP II.—EUROPE. (The 5 sets for 15/3).					
15	Gibraltar, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/4	2/8½	—	—
16	.. (Morocco Agencies), 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p. (1 peseta eq. 8d.)	3/0	3/6	—	—
17	Cyprus, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12 piastres (9 piastres eq. 1/-)	4/0	4/8	18, 45 piastres	—
18	Malta, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 4½d., 5d., 1/-	2/7½	3/1	2/6	5/- 10/-
19	British Post Offices in the Levant, 40, 80 pa., 4 piast. (1 piastre eq. 2d)	1/2	1 5	12 piastres	—
GROUP III.—NORTH AMERICA. (The 3 sets for 6/-).					
20	Canada, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10c. (100 cents eq. \$1 eq. 4/2)	1/5½	1/8½	20c. 50c. —	—
21	Newfoundland (Royal Family), ½, 1, 2, 3, 5 cents (100 cents eq. \$1 eq. 4/2)	0/6	0/7	—	—
22	.. (Cabot), 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24 (100 cents eq. \$1 eq. 4/2)	3/3½	3/10	30, 35, 60 cents	—
GROUP IV.—AFRICA. (The 19 sets for 56/-).					
24	B. C. A., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/1	2/6	2/6 4/-, 20/-, £10	B. C. Africa, 1898
25	B. E. A., ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8 annas. (16 annas eq. 1 rupee eq. 1/4½)	3/3	3/9½	1 to 5, 10, 20, 50r.	Nos. 72 to 86, 107 to 109
26	B. S. A. (Rhodesia), ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/1½	2/6	2/- to 20/- (7 values)	Nos. 59 to 65, 105 to 40, and 58
27	Cape of Good Hope, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	2/11½	5/-	Nos. 81 to 88, and 69
28	Gambia, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	3/0	—	Gambia, 1898 Set
29	Gold Coast, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-	2/1	2/6	2/-, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-	All are types 3 and 4
30	Lagos, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7½d., 10d., 1/-	4/5½	5/2½	2/6 5/- 10/-	Nos. 22, 23, 30 to 41
32	Mauritius, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 25, 50c. (100 cents eq. 1 rupee eq. 1/4½)	1 6	1/9	2r. 50c.	All key type, except Nos. 99, 100, 103a, 112
33	Natal, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	2/11½	5/-	Nos. 73, 98, 99, 101, 102, 106, 107, 108, 113
34	Niger Coast, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-	2/5	2/10	2/6 10/-	Nos. 55 to 63, 51 and 1/- black, C.A.
35	St. Helena, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 10d., ..	1/10½	2/3	—	St. Helena, 1896 Issue
36	Seychelles, 2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 36, 75r. (100c. eq. 1 rupee eq. 1/4½)	2/9	3/2½	1, 1.50, 2.25 rupees	Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, and new 2c. and 15c.
37	Sierra Leone, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	3/1½	3/8	2/- 5/- 20/-	Sierra Leone, 1896-97 Issue (Nos. 41 to 53)
38	Sudan, 1, 2, 3, 5 millimes (10 millimes eq. 1 piastre eq. 2½d.)	0/3	0/3½	—	Sudan, 1898 Issue (Nos. 10 to 13)
39	.. 1, 2, 5, 10 piastres (1 piastre eq. 2½d.)	3/9	4/4½	—	.. (Nos. 14 to 17)
40	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8 annas (16 annas eq. 1 rupee eq. 1/4½)	3/3	3/9½	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 rs.	Zanzibar, 1899 Issue (Nos. 79 to 93)
41	Northern Nigeria, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	2/5	2/10	2/6 10/-	New Issue
42	Orange River Colony, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/-	2/3	2/8	5/-	Mostly "V.R.I." stamps
43	Transvaal, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	2/7	3/-	2/6 10/-	All overprinted "V.R.I."
44	Uganda, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 annas (16 annas eq. 1 rupee eq. 1/4½)	—	—	1, 5 rupees	Nos. 35 to 41
45	Southern Nigeria, ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	—	—	2 6 5 10/-	Just issued. Supply expected shortly.
GROUP V.—ASIA. (The 7 sets for 22/0).					
51	Ceylon, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 15, 25, 30, 75c. (100 cents eq. 1 rupee eq. 1/4½)	2/5	2/10	150, 225, 250	Nos. 206 to 208, 153, 210, 210a, 154 to 156, 211, 213, 212
52	Hong Kung, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 30, 50c. (100 cents eq. 1 dollar eq. 2/1)	2/9	3/2½	\$1	Nos. 18, 44a, 51a, 55, 56, 62, 63, and new 2c. and 10c.
53	India, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16 annas, eq. 1/4½	3/0	3/6	1, 2, 3, 5 rupees	Nos. 72, 76, 77, 79, 81, 83, 86, 87, 90 and 96.
54	Sarawak, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50c. (100 cents eq. 1 dollar eq. 2/1)	3/1	3/7	\$1	Sarawak, 1899 Issue, new colours
55	Straits Settlements, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 24, 25, 30, 32, 50c. (100c. eq. 2/1)	4/2	4/11	\$5	Nos. 45a, 48, 50, 52a, 54, 77, 78, 88, 89, 91 to 95, 100
56	Malay Federated States, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20c. (100c. eq. 2/1)	1/2	1/5	50c \$1.2.5 25	Small oblong types (New Issue), with Tiger.
59	Johor, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 25, 50 cents (100 cents eq. 1 dollar eq. 2/1)	2/2½	2 7	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 dollars	Nos. 34 to 47, except 37a
61	North Borneo, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. ..	—	—	25, 50c., \$1	Nos. 92 to 100, pictorial designs
62	Labuan, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. ..	—	—	25, 50c., \$1	Nos. 89 to 97, pictorial designs
GROUP VI.—AUSTRALIA. (The 7 sets for 31/0).					
71	Cook Islands, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-	—	—	—	Nos. 14a to 23, except 16
72	Fiji Island, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	—	—	5/-	Types 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. Perforations vary
73	N. S. W., ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 6d., 7½d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1/-	5/10½	6/10	12½d. 5/- 20/-	Types 8, 9, 10, 14, 21, 25 to 30, 32, 36, 37 to 41. Perfs. vary
74	N. Z. (Local prints), ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-	4/5	5/3	2/- 5/-	All No Wmk., perf. 11, except ½d., 1d. and 2d.
75	Queensland, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	3/0	3/6	2/-, 5/-, 10/-, 20/-	Nos. 179, 165, 166, 168 to 171, 173, 174, 144, and type 9
76	S. Australia, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1/-	3/9	4/4	2/- to £20	Nos. 109, 179 to 182, 184 to 189, and type 18
77	Tasmania (Queen's Head), ½d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-	3/0	3/6	2/6 5/-, 10/-, 20/-	Nos. 134 to 142
78	Victoria, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1/-	3/10½	4/6	1/6 2/-	Nos. 200, 229, 234, 237, 240, 242, 245, 247, 249, 250 to 253
79	Western Australia, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	2/9	3/3	—	Nos. 98, 101a to 104, 106, 112, 113

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23, cat. 9d.) ...	0 8
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cat. 9d.) ...	0 8
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G. 32, cat. 1/9)	1 4
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t. 6d.) ...	0 2
cat. 3d.) ...	0 2
... ..	0 3
l orange ...	0 4
llow (cat. 1/-)	0 6
C., (cat. 4/6)	3 3
CA., (cat. 4/6)	3 3
Crown CA.)	
. 2d.) ...	0 1 1/2
3d.) ...	0 2 1/2
1 ...	0 4
3) ...	0 9
(No. 32.) ...	1 6
. 33, cat. 2/6)	2 0
S.G. 28, cat. 1/-)	0 8
3, cat. 1/-)	0 9
(S.G. 113, no ...)	2 8
40, cat. 2/-)	1 3
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cat. 3d.) ...	0 3
cat. 3/6) ...	1 9
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ivender ...	0 1 1/2
deep green ...	0 1 1/2
f 3 shades ...	0 3 1/2
3c., 4 leaves	0 1 1/2
figures ...	0 1 1/2
ack (No. 111, 1d.)	0 1
en (No. 112, 2d.)	0 2
le (No. 115, 5d.)	0 4
ple (No. 118, 1/-)	0 10
(No. 121, 3d.)	0 2
tc. black (No. ...)	0 1
(No. 120) ...	0 1
No. 122) ...	0 2
No. 123) ...	0 3
No. 124) ...	0 3
ad (No. 54, 2d.)	0 2
1 (No. 51, 3d.)	0 2
ead (No. 58, 4d.)	0 3
63, 9d.) ...	0 7

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mk. Anchor).	
2d.) ...	0 1
6d.) ...	0 2
6d.) ...	0 3
ta (No. 72, 5d.)	0 4
No. 74, 5d.) ...	0 3
recharged (superb).	
4d.) ...	0 2
5d.) ...	0 2

2135* 1/4d. on 4d. (Pair, Nos. 104 & 105, 3/-) 1 11
 NOTE.—No. 2135 consists of a horizontal pair of the "HALF-PENNY" on 4d. brown, with and without hyphen. Entire panes of 60, showing both varieties, can also be supplied (but without marginal paper).

British Guiana, old type, 1876.
 2136* 1c. grey, CC. 14, (No. 89, 3d.) ... 0 2
 2137* 6c. brown, CA. 14 (No. 132, 6d.) ... 0 4
 2138* 2c. lilac & black, 1888 (No. 135, 1/6) ... 0 10

British Honduras.
 2139* 1c. on 1d. green (No. 48, 2d.) ... 0 2
 2143* 20c. on 6d. yellow (No. 40, 3/-)... 1 5
 2145* 5 on 3c. on 3d. brown (No. 49, 4d.) ... 0 3
 2146* 15 on 6c. on 3d. blue (No. 50, 1/3) ... 0 11

Falkland Islands.
 2148* 6d. green, no wmk. (No. 5, 3/6)... 2 6
Grenada, 1883 type, Head to left.
 2154* 1d. pink (No. 37, 2d.) ... 0 2
 2155* 6d. mauve (No. 30, 2/-) ... 1 4
 2156* 8d. grey-brown (No. 31, 5/-) ... 2 11
Grenada, same in tête-bêche pairs.
 2154A* 1d. pink (No. 37, 6d.) ... 0 4
 2155A* 6d. mauve (No. 30, 6/-) ... 2 9
 2156A* 8d. grey-brown (No. 31, 15/-), a bargain ... 5 11

NOTE.—The above can also be supplied in blocks of four, at double the above prices for pairs.

Montserrat (on Antigua).
 2159* 1d. dark red (No. 1a, 1/-) ... 0 8
St. Lucia.
 2165* 1d. on 4d. brown (No. 55, 1/-) ... 0 11
St. Vincent, old line-engraved types.
 2168* 6d. red purple (No. 57, 2/-) ... 1 3
 2169* 2 1/4d. blue (No. 64, 6d.) ... 0 4
 2170* 4d. yellow (No. 60, 1/-) ... 0 9
 2171* 5d. sepia (No. 65, 1/-) ... 0 10
 2172* 2 1/4d. on 1d. blue (No. 56, 6d.) ... 0 4
 2173* 5d. on 6d. lake (No. 62, 1/-) ... 0 10
 2174* 5d. on 4d. brown (No. 59, 7/6) ... 5 6

Tobago. (Now obsolete).
 2175* 1/4d. green (No. 20, 1d.) ... 0 1
 2176* 1d. carmine (No. 21, 2d.) ... 0 2
 2177* 2 1/4d. ultramarine (No. 17, 4d.) ... 0 4
 2178* 4d. grey (No. 22, 6d.) ... 0 6
 2179* 6d. orange-brown (No. 23, 9d.) ... 0 9
 2180* 1s. greenish-yellow (No. 25, 1/9) ... 1 8
 2181* 1s. orange-brown, error (No. 37, 10/-) ... 4 3
 2183* 1/4d. on 4d. lilac & rose (No. 38, 3/6) ... 2 6

NOTE.—This latter can be supplied with wide or narrow space between the "1/4" and "d."

Trinidad, 1883 type.
 2184* 4d. grey (No. 99, 9d.) ... 0 8
 2185* 6d. olive-black (No. 100, 1/3) ... 1 0
 2186* 1s. orange-brown (No. 101, 2/3) ... 1 9

PICTORIAL STAMPS.

2199* Grenada, 2 1/4d. ultramarine ...	0 3
2200* Jamaica, 1d. Llandoverly Falls...	0 1 1/2
2201* Trinidad, 2d. (landing of Columbus)	0 3
2202* Mauritius, 15c., Labourdonnais	0 3
2206* Brit. Guiana, 2c: blue and brown	0 2
2208* " " 2c. on 5c. brown and green	0 2

AUSTRALIANS.

<i>Fiji Islands.</i>	
2211* 2d. on 3d. green (No. 53, 2/6) ...	1 3
2212* 6d. rose (No. 48, but imperf) ...	1 8
2213* 6d. pink (No. 48, imperf., pale shade)	1 8
<i>New South Wales, surcharged "O.S."</i>	
2214* 1/4d. grey (No. 598, 6d.) ...	0 2
2215* 2 1/4d. blue (No. 599, 6d.) ...	0 4
2216* 4d. chestnut (No. 578, 8d.) ...	0 6
2217* 6d. lilac, perf. 10 (No. 543, 1/-)...	0 10
2218 " perf. 10 (blind), o.c. ...	0 7

<i>Tasmania (old type of 1870).</i>	
2251* 3d. Indian red, Colonial print ...	0 5
2252* 4d. pale bistre, " " ...	0 7
2253* 8d. purple-brown (No. 109, cat. 2/-)	1 9
2254* 9d. blue, Colonial print ...	0 11
2255* 10d. black, wmk. 10 (No. 81, cat. 2/-) ...	1 6
<i>Victoria.</i>	
2258* 4d. carmine (No. 187, 5/-) ...	3 9
<i>Western Australia.</i>	
2271* 4d. red-brown, CA., (No. 97, cat 8/6)	5 9

AFRICA.

<i>British Central Africa.</i>	
2306* 1d. black, CA (No. 32, 6d.) ...	0 5
2307* 2d. green and black, CA (No. 33, 1/-) ...	0 9
2308* 1d. on 3/- green (No. 53, 6d.) ...	0 5
<i>British East Africa on India.</i>	
2309* 1/2a. green (No. 55, 6d.) ...	0 5
2311* 1 1/2a. sepia (No. 57, 9d.) ...	0 7
2313* 2 1/2a. green (No. 59, 1/-) ...	0 10
<i>British South Africa, 1896-97.</i>	
2314* 4d. ultramarine and mauve (No. 31, 2/-) ...	0 6
<i>Uganda, type-set. Issued without gum.</i>	
2315 1 anna, black, imperf. (No. 28, 2/6)	1 3
<i>Zululand.</i>	
2316* 1/4d. vermilion (English), 1888 (No. 1, 4d.) ...	0 3
2317* 1d. lilac and rose (No. 21, 3d.) ...	0 2 1/2
2318* 2 1/4d. lilac and blue (No. 22, 9d.)	0 6
2319* 3d. lilac and brown (No. 23, 1s.)	0 9

SOUTH AFRICA—V.R.I. PROVISIONALS etc.

<i>Orange Free State, surcharged V.R.I., (Level stops).</i>	
2391* 1/4d. orange (No. 101) ...	2 6
2392* 2d. violet (No. 107) ...	0 6
2393* 2 1/4d. on 3d. blue (No. 109) ...	12 6
2394* 3d. blue (No. 113) ...	0 6
2395* 6d. blue (No. 122) ...	1 6
2396* 1s. brown (No. 125) ...	1 9
<i>Orange Free State, V.R.I. (Raised stops).</i>	
2397* 1/4d. orange (No. 102) ...	0 1
2398* 1d. violet (No. 105) ...	0 2
2400* 3d. blue (No. 114) ...	0 5
2401* 4d. blue (No. 117) ...	2 6
2402* 6d. blue (No. 123) ...	0 8
2403* 1s. brown (No. 126) ...	1 3
<i>Orange River Colony on Cape:</i>	
2404* 1/4d. green (No. 163) ...	0 1
2405* 2 1/4d. blue (No. 164) ...	0 4
<i>Orange Free State V.R.I. (side pairs with thick V).</i>	
2406* 1/4d. orange (Nos. 102 and 156) ...	0 6
2407* 1d. violet (Nos. 105 and 157) ...	0 4
2408* 2d. violet (Nos. 108 and 158) ...	1 6
2409* 3d. blue (Nos. 114 and 159) ...	2 6
2410* 6d. blue (Nos. 123 and 160) ...	3 6
2411* 1s. brown (Nos. 126 and 161) ...	6 6

LEEWARD ISLES.

<i>Antigua.</i>	
2445* 1/4d. green (S.G. No. 21) ...	0 2
2446* 1d. carmine-ed (No. 25) ...	0 3
2447* 2 1/4d. ultramarine (No. 27) ...	0 6
2448* 4d. chestnut-brown (No. 28) ...	0 9
2449* 6d. green, old type (No. 29) ...	3 6
<i>Dominica.</i>	

A Chat on Portuguese Guinea.

BY ERNEST HEGINBOTHAM, B.A.

IN my recent letter to the *Fortnightly* I omitted to include a few particulars about one or two "Portuguese Guinea" stamps, which may prove interesting and useful to collectors of these stamps in a USED condition.

Putting aside the rare early "Portuguese Indies," the "Guineas" with *small surcharge* and certain Madeiras and Azores (none of which I collect), it is perhaps not well-known how *very difficult* it is to acquire certain values of the "Crown" issues from 1869 to 1885 in a USED state, quite regardless of whether they be perf. 12½ or perf. 13½.

Take for example the following:—

Macao	...	Crown, 25, lilac,	perf. 12½ or 13½.
		Crown, 50, blue,	do.
Mozambique		Crown, 20, rose,	do.
		Crown, 25, lilac,	do.
P. Indies	...	Crown, 40, yellow,	do.
P. Guinea	...	Crown, 40, blue,	do.
Timor	...	Crown, 50, green,	perf. 12½.

The 20, rose, Mozambique, named above, is a specially scarce stamp in a postally-used state.

Some time back, being short of only a few stamps (according to the issues and perfs. I collect—I don't go in for all) and not being able to pick them up from Dealers or other sources, I wrote to a well-known firm asking them if they could procure me them, and referring to a few of these wants, they very kindly sent me the enclosed information which you will see proves very clearly (as the information came direct from Portugal to the firm in question, and can, I feel sure, be fully relied upon) that the stamps alluded to can be expunged from any catalogue at any rate so far as being priced in a *postally used* condition is concerned. I am sure the firm in question will not in the slightest object to my giving you the information, as it was sent to me by them after they had received it from Portugal.

The stamps I allude to are *Portuguese Guinea, large surcharge*, Gibbons Nos. 12, 13, 13a, 23 and 24. And as Bright also prices or names them, I give the Nos. in their respective catalogues, taking these two books as being from this country, and, say, that of Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz, as representing the Continent. Here, then, is the triple list:—

Gibbons'.	No. 12	...10, yellow,	perf. 12½...no price.
	" 23	... do.	" 13½... "
	" 13	...20, deep bistre	" 12½...1s. 6d.
	" 13a	...20, pale bistre	" 12½...1s. 6d.
Bright's.	" 24	... do.	" 13½...no price.
	No. 12	...10, yellow	perf. 12½...no price.
	" 22	... do.	" 13½... "
	" 13	...20, bistre	" 12½...2s.
Kohl's.	" 23	... do.	" 13½...no price.
	No. 11	...10, yellow	perf. 12½...12s. 6d.
	" 11b	... do.	" 13½...no price.
	" 12	...20, olive	" 12½...4s.
	" 12b	... do.	" 13½...1s. 6d.

The remarks that follow, of course, refer to *Gibbons' Catalogue*, and can easily be followed according to the above table, as *only* Gibbons name the two shades of the 20 reis bistre (pale and deep).

"Extracts of opinion *re* 'Portuguese Guinea' stamps, postally used.

Portuguese Guinea, Large Surcharge, issue 1881 to 1884.

Gibbons' Nos. 12 and 23 (see table), *no accent* over 'E.'

This stamp was prepared for use, but never issued. Specimens were obtained by favour, and allowed to do postal duty.

(N.B.—A copy thus postmarked was sent me at the time as a specimen.)

Re same stamp as above, but *with accent* over the "E."

When the remainder of the Crown series were sold to a Lisbon dealer, several values were wanting, and were purposely printed to

complete sets. This stamp was never issued in the Colony, and is most probably a reprint, allowed to do postal duty, as the last above alluded to.

Re Gibbons' No. 13.

The original stamp was prepared for use, but never issued. It was allowed to do postal duty by favour.

Re Gibbons' Nos. 13a and 24.

The same remarks apply to these stamps as the last one, but the latter is probably a reprint, as the 10r. yellow with accent, post-marked by favour."

Taking the above remarks into consideration, I think it will be agreed that these stamps cannot be seriously regarded in connection with a postally-used series of Portuguese Guinea stamps. Further, I think they should not be priced as such in the Catalogues.

Stray Jottings from all Quarters.

The present King of Italy, they say, is an eager coin-collector. Well, most of us are that.

The walls of the reception room of the Ackester Club, Waynesboro', Philadelphia, have been papered with postage stamps.

It is quite impossible to form a collection of stamps without adding to one's store of useful knowledge—"American Philatelic Magazine."

Members of the Collectors' Club, New York, are looking about for a more commodious headquarters for that institution. The club it seems, aspires to a bowling alley!

The "Leicester Post," remarking that the small American Republics derive a handsome revenue from stamp collecting, asks: "Where are the wits of the much-distressed British Chancellor? Can't he take the hint?"

Belgium, Bolivia and Hayti are stated to have new issues in contemplation. These in addition to the United States (already referred to) and Switzerland, where a national prize competition for a postage stamp design has recently been in progress.

The Postmaster-General of the New Zealand announces that the Post Offices of Italy, Egypt, Portugal, Costa Rica, and Mexico having agreed to deliver New Zealand letters prepaid at 1d., the postage on letters for those countries is forthwith reduced to 1d. for each half ounce.

"How few of us took the opportunity to purchase, while current, the late 1s. green, unused!" observes a writer in the "Stamp Collector." Few dealers appear to have stocked them and now they are unobtainable, even at the remotest Post Office. Such are the ways of the stamp collector.

Jerusalem remarks the "Jewish World," has its own Hebrew cancellation stamp. Hitherto all manner of stamps have been current in payment of outward-bound mails. Now, however, the Turkish stamp is the order of the day, and "Jerusalem" in Hebrew—neat, square characters—forms part of the postmark which cancels the stamp.

The uncertainty of the one—farthing surcharge on the shilling Bermuda is remarkable (writes "Volunteer" in the "Weekly Philatelic Era.") A Western dealer (where he got his supply I was unable to ascertain) asked forty cents for this stamp. They can now be purchased in New York for two cents. Some holders say the stamps have been reprinted, and most likely can be purchased at the Bermuda Post Office.

I understand (says a writer in the "Newcastle Journal,") that the Duke of Cornwall and York is taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by his voyage for the purpose of supplementing his already valuable collection of stamps. I am told that at each place visited His Royal Highness makes careful inquiries as to both the modern and obsolete stamps which are available, and that he has sent several consignments to London in order that they may be added to his collection, which is carefully watched over by one of the most noted philatelists in England, who has a room devoted to his service at the Duke's London house.

Our Review of Reviews.

Philatelic Publishers Who Make Odd Mistakes.

Philatelic literature-collectors—are there many such in this country?—now have a journal all to themselves. Mr. C. J. M. Lehner, of 50, Buckingham Palace Road, is responsible for the publication of a small monthly, entitled "Philatelic Literature." In No. 2 (which presumably was preceded by a No. 1, although this we have not yet seen), we find various instances given of odd mistakes made in the numbering and dating of various philatelic journals. Mr. Lehner's paper has a rich mine of "copy" here, for such slips have been many and curious. We remember receiving some time during 1899, a number of an Australian contemporary—we think the "Australian Philatelist"—whose Anno Domini was 1999! Instances of misdated papers are quite common, this detail being one that is generally left to the printer, but it is not often that a magazine takes a stride of a cool century into the great beyond.

Is Half a Stamp better than None?

We like Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs as a man who has the courage of his convictions, but we are not prepared fully to endorse his views on the damaged-stamp question. In his interesting reminiscent chat, "How I Became a Stamp Dealer," published in recent issues of the "Weekly Philatelic Era," Mr. Rothfuchs says:—

I have read articles of scribes in stamp papers, in which they claim that damaged stamps are practically worthless and a poor investment and advise collectors not to buy a stamp unless it is perfect. My experience as a stamp dealer convinces me that these scribes labor under a delusion, because any collector who is well informed about the value of stamps knows better. I claim that a popular stamp which is listed at £1 is not as good an investment at £1 if perfect as the same stamp would be at 4s. if slightly imperfect. I have sold enough of fine stamps, as well as of second and third qualities, to know the wants of collectors here as well as abroad.

A collection of stamps was sold at auction the 22nd of last October in Berlin, Germany. The total receipts for that evening's sale was £1250. This collection contained stamps in fine as well as in damaged condition, such as you will find in all large collections. A fine copy of the Moldavia 81 para, 1858 issue (which is considered the scarcest European stamp) fetched £250, and a damaged Brattleboro stamp was sold for £50. A pretty good price for a damaged specimen, and in my opinion too valuable a stamp to consign to the waste-basket.

Of course Mr. Rothfuchs' instance is an extreme one. A bad copy of a very rare stamp, even if in a sadly crippled condition, would be regarded by the average philatelist as better than no stamp; but if that average philatelist is able to read aright the signs of the times, he will procure a good specimen, and sell out the bad one, at the very first opportunity. Of the great mass of stamps—aside altogether from the gems of philately—we take it as a generally accepted truth that damaged specimens are practically worthless.

Good-Bye, Faridkot!

Faridkot, according to the "Philatelic Journal of India," has been added to the list of Indian States whose postal affairs are run by the Imperial Government. The State, we are told, is retaining the unsold stock of stamps—for the present, we suppose. Indubitably the said unsold stock will find its way into the philatelic market in Faridkot's good time.

Baden Powell looking the Wrong Way.

Major-General Baden Powell is emphatically a man with his head screwed on the right way. But Mr. J. R. F. Turner, whose enthusiasm for Mafeking stamps is well known, has detected the gallant General looking to the right when by all the rules of the game he ought to have been gazing in quite a different direction. The story Mr. Turner tells in the

"London Philatelist," how he got upon the track of a variety of the Baden Powell stamp with head looking to right, and how after a long hunt he ran a specimen to earth in a mixed auction lot at one of Messrs. Plumridge & Co's. sales makes good and interesting reading.

It seems evident that at least one sheet of the "Baden-Powell" issue made its appearance with the head of the Major-General looking to the right, but how this state of things came about Mr. Turner cannot even conjecture.

What are Guam Stamps Worth?

Mr. W. J. Stanton has recently adopted a novel plan of bringing home to American collectors the rarity of the stamps of Guam, that small possession of Uncle Sam which has troubled philatelists more than any other section of the community. In the course of a short contribution to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," Mr. Stanton gives the following table of quantities of Guam stamps issued, contrasting these numbers with the quantities issued of various "Mafeking" and "V.R.I." varieties:—

V.R.I. 4d. on 4d. O.F.S.	.. .. .	74,000
2c. Guam..	.. .. .	75,000
V.R.I. 2½d. on 3d. O.F.S.	.. .. .	19,200
1c. and 5c. Guam	.. .. .	15,000
Mafeking Bicycle	.. .. .	9,476
10c. Guam	.. .. .	10,000
Mafeking 1d. on ½d. old CGH	.. .. .	7,680
Mafeking 3d. on 1d. carmine CGH	.. .. .	6,000
Mafeking 1d. on ½d. vermilion Beche, Protectorate	.. .. .	6,000
Mafeking 1d. on ½d. 1898 CGH	.. .. .	5,280
3d. Baden-Powell, small head	.. .. .	6,072
3c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c. Special Del. and 15c. Guam	.. .. .	5,000
Mafeking 6d. on 3d. lilac Br. Protectorate	.. .. .	3,600
50c. Guam	.. .. .	1,000
3d. Baden-Powell, large head	.. .. .	3,036
\$1 Guam	.. .. .	3,000

The moral is obvious: The Guam stamps, if scarcity is to be the sole criterion of value, must be worth quite as much as the various South African varieties they are contrasted with here. In the opinion of the writer under notice over 80 per cent. of the Mafeking and V.R.I. stamps will survive the hands of dealers, speculators and collectors. In the case of Guam he admits that the proportion may be as high as from 90 to 98 per cent. "I believe," says Mr. Stanton in conclusion, "that Guams at triple face value are bound to be a good investment."

Were there Two Coolgardie Cycle Posts?

Mr. William Bold writes interestingly on the subject of the Coolgardie Cycle Express Stamps of 1893 in the Birmingham "Stamp Collector":—

The stamps of the Coolgardie Cycle Express Company, Western Australia, must be classified as "Locals." They were as such an infringement of the Post-office prerogative, and, although the stamps were certainly used, it was nevertheless an illegal issue, as shown by a letter from the West Australian Postmaster-General, published in the "Monthly Journal," August, 1898:—

"General Post-office, Perth, W.A.,

June 6th, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,—Replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, I beg to inform you that the 'Express Carrying Company of Coolgardie' did illegally issue the stamps in question; but as soon as my attention was drawn, I directed them to cease issuing them, as being contrary to the Post-office Act, which provides a heavy penalty for such contravention of the law.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. A. SHOEL,

Postmaster-General and General Supt. of Telegraphs."

The Express stamps are therefore of exactly the same class as the labels of our own Circular Delivery Companies, but more interesting still as mementos of the splendid Colonial endurance and pluck, and of that indomitable courage which tackles and overcomes quickly all difficulties and dangers of long, wild roads.

Mr. James A. Healy, of Coolgardie, W.A., was the originator of the Cycle Express Service, and he has given a description of it in the "Australian Philatelist" (as mentioned in the *Fortnightly* for March, 1897), from which the following interesting items are gathered:

The Cycle Postal Service was first started in 1893, to carry letters to the remote parts of the Colony which the Government service did

not reach properly, or not at all. In 1894, regular cycle mails were dispatched as far as Dundas, 140 miles, and a record trip was made by a rider with fully 80lbs. weight of mail matter on his bicycle. He covered the distance in 12 hours. In 1895, other regular cycle mails were dispatched, one distance being 280 miles to the Goldfields of Lake Darlot, which brought in over £50 each trip; another to Mount Margaret, etc., 200 miles. The Hannan's Mail was started in October, 1895, during the boom. Several of the leading brokers, who were dissatisfied at the delay in the transmission of Government telegrams, suggested that this service should be opened, and the result justified the enterprise, several instances of cyclists beating the telegrams having occurred. The Cycle Post was finally abandoned in December, 1896.

The charges were from 6d. to 5s., and at first letters were only hand-stamped with the word "Paid" (all through 1893), but in 1894 a set of two stamps in upright shape, both blue and roughly finished, perforated 12, were issued at 1s. and 2s. 6d., showing above large figures of value an empty bicycle in the centre. The inscription "Coolgardie Cycle Express Company, Cycle Messages" reads round the four sides. In June, 1895, the supply of these stamps was running short, and a new series was ordered, this time oblong in shape, with an improved design, a camel rider in an oval (for camels were pressed into service too). Round the oval is the inscription; value in words below, and value in figures in all the four corners. The new series consists of three values, 6d. green, 2s. yellow and 5s. violet, all perf. 12. Owing to vexatious delay the new stamps, however, did not arrive till June, 1896, and by this time the government had taken over nearly all the routes formerly served by Healy's Express; only the Mount Margaret and northern localities remaining open to the camel and cycle expresses to be closed, as already stated, in December, 1896. The remainder of the stamps were offered by Mr. Healy, presumably unused, at 5s. each of the 1894 series, and 7s. 6d. per set of the 1896 issue—that is face value for the latter set—but according to Gibbons' Catalogue of Locals, prices were surely having a climb down since then. By the way, why does Gibbons' give the year of issue as 1895 and 1897, being obviously wrong and misleading?

Besides Healy's there must have been another Coolgardie Express, because the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" chronicles in August, 1897, another Bicycle stamp, under New Issues. It says:—"A Local Bicycle Service was started in April last between Coolgardie and Lake Lefroy. A stamp was issued with a swan in centre in an oval inscribed 'Cycle Mail' above and 'Western Australia' below; above the oval is 'Lake Lefroy Goldfields' and below, '6d. Postage 6d.' The stamp is perforated 12, red on pale green." Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue of Locals, which, unfortunately, is far from being complete, is silent about this stamp.

Effect of the V.R.I. Surcharges.

One effect of the V.R.I. surcharges that seems to have been lost sight of is the fact that their manufacture has materially decreased the supply of unused Orange, Free State and South African Republic stamps without surcharge. It seldom happens that the supply of stamps of a country is so greatly decreased by the needs of a government at the moment of their greatest popularity with collectors.

So says the "American Philatelic Magazine."

Only 500 of these Cards Issued.

A Danish post-card which, in the opinion of a correspondent, "is sure to be much sought after by collectors," has recently made its appearance at Copenhagen, the issue being limited to 500 copies. The idea, it seems, was to commemorate the Fancy Fair held in the Danish capital last week under the patronage of Princess Maria of Denmark.

The card was designed by a prominent Danish artist, Harold Scott Möller, and represented Atlas bearing the globe.

The Post-office installed a bureau in the bazaar, and here the cards were stamped with the Princess's initial "M." surmounted with a crown and with the official Danish postage stamp. All the cards were sold on the first day of the fair at a price of 1s. each, but they are already at a considerable premium.

At a recent auction sale in Philadelphia somebody detected a bogus surcharge of the Bahamas 1883, 4p. on 6p. violet—a very fine piece of work. It was proved bogus by the fact that the surcharge appeared *over* the cancellation, thus showing it was put on after the stamp had performed its duty.

From the Auction Rooms.

Mr. Wm HADLOW'S Sale, April 19th, 1901.

	£	s.	d.
Ceylon, wmk. star, 2/- blue	1	6	0
Do. .. C.C., 5d. red-brown	1	2	0
Great Britain, 1840, 1d. black with V.R. in upper corners*	7	10	0
Natal, surcharged, "Postage" on 1d. rose (Gibbons No. 86) inverted surcharge	0	19	0
New South Wales, laureated, on blue, 1d. orange red* (No. 17 on plate)	0	19	0
Oldenburg, colour on white ¼ gros. orange	1	10	0
Trinidad, litho., 1d. grey, slate	1	4	0
United States, 1855, 90c. blue	1	6	0
New Zealand, 6d. red-brown*	1	2	0
South Australia, 1st issue, imperf., 2d. blood-red*	4	0	0
Do. perf. 10. 6d. dark blue*	2	2	0
Do. perf. X roulette, 4d. purple	2	10	0
Do. 3d. in red on 4d. blue	1	0	0
Do. Rouletted 2/- carmine*	1	10	0
Do. Departments, "C.S." in blue on 4d. roulett.	1	6	0
Do. do., "C.S." in black on 4d. p. x roulett.	1	6	0
Do. do., "D.R." in red on 2d. 1st type roulett.	1	10	0
Do. do., "D.R." in red on 6d. blue roulett.	1	2	0
Do. do., "P.S." in black on 4d., p. 11 x 12½	1	18	0
Do. do., "W." on 2d., rouletted, printed both sides	1	10	0
Tasmania, 1870-71, 4d. blue, wmk. 4	1	5	0
Victoria, 5/- blue on yellow	2	2	0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, April 23rd & 24th.

British Columbia, Vancouver Island, imperf., 10c. blue	1	1	0
Do. perf. 14. 1 dollar green on green*	2	8	0
B. East Africa, 2nd issue, 1r. carmine, a pair, imperf.	1	14	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1874-80, Provisional error, Three Pence, in red on 4d. blue, perfs. cut	0	19	0
Do. do. Three Pence in red on 4d. blue	1	10	0
Ceylon, imperf., 4d. rose	5	2	6
Gt. Britain, wmk. Maltese Cross, £1 brown-lilac*, part gum	10	0	0
Nevis, perf. 15, engraved 1/- yellow-green	2	2	0
Do. do. litho. 1/- deep green, a pair*	2	2	0
Do. do. a single copy*	1	2	0
Do. wmk. CA., perf. 14. 4d. blue and 6d. chestnut-brn.*	1	12	0
Do. 1/- lilac, a pair*	2	0	0
New South Wales, 1890, Map, perf. 11, 5/- purple*	1	2	0
Queensland, imperf., 6d. green	1	7	0
St. Helena, wmk. C.C., perf. 14 x 12½, 6d. milky-blue*	0	18	0
St. Vincent, 1890, 2½d. in black on 4d. lake-brown, a block of 4, showing the variety without fraction bar*	3	7	6
Sandwich Islands, 1853, imperf., 13c. dull red	1	5	0
Switzerland, 1850, Winterthur, 2½ rp. black and red	1	14	0
Trinidad, 1859-61, imperf., 6d. green, cut into	1	1	0
Virgin Islands, 1887, 4d. brown-red, a sheet of 24*	2	6	0
Do. do. 6d. violet, a similar sheet	3	5	0
Do. do. 1/- brown, a similar sheet	5	7	6
Western Australia, 1st issue, 2d. brown-black on red, impression both sides	1	10	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

April 25th and 26th.

Antioquia, 1st issue, 2½c. blue*	6	10	0
Argentine, 1864, 10c. green, imperf., initialled F. de C. at back	2	2	0
Belgium, 1850, wmk. in frame, 40c. carmine*	2	6	0
British Central Africa, 1st issue, £1 blue	2	18	0
British Guiana, 1852, 4c. black on deep blue	5	10	0
Do. 1856, 4c. black on magenta, clipped, on entire	3	7	6
Buenos Ayres, 1st issue, 3 pesos, green*	3	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. red*, thinned	4	4	0
Ceylon, no wmk., 5d. rich brown	1	5	0
Gt. Britain, the V.R., with trial obliteration, cut into	6	0	0
Do. 2½d., plate 2, error of lettering L.H.F.L.	2	12	0
Do. £5 orange	1	16	0
Do. "Govt. Parcels" 1d. lilac, with inverted surcharge*, marked on face	4	15	0
Do. another specimen, used, with 2 1½d. stamps	3	15	0

	£	s.	d.
India, Service Stamp, 1866, zas. purple with black surcharge*	2	16	0
Naples, 3/4 tornese blue "Cross," on wrapper ..	2	17	6
Lagos, 1885-87, 10/- lilac-brown, pen cancelled	5	5	0
Mauritius, large fillet, 2d. blue ..	11	10	0
Natal, wmk. Star, 3d. blue, imperf.* ..	2	2	0
Nevis, wmk. C. and CA., 6d. green ..	3	12	6
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, defective ..	7	5	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown* ..	1	6	0
Do. 1/- violet ..	6	10	0
St. Vincent, wmk. Star, perf. 11 x 12 1/2, 1/- rose-red*	6	15	0
Sweden, 1872, the error Tretio instead of Tjugo, öre vermilion* ..	7	10	0
Switzerland, Zurich, 4 rappen black, horizontal lines, type 1 ..	7	10	0
Do. do. 6 rappen black, horizontal lines, a pair*, types 3 and 4, torn ..	7	10	0
Do. do. 6 rappen black, horizontal lines, type 5 ..	1	4	0
Do. another copy, with vertical lines, type 1 ..	1	6	0
Trinidad, Lithographed, 1d. blue on bluish cartridge paper	3	12	6
Turk's Islands, 1/- lilac, thinned ..	7	0	0
United States, 1868, with grille, 90c. blue*	4	0	0
Uruguay, 240c. vermilion ..	4	15	0
Victoria, 5/- blue on yellow*	7	10	0
Virgin Islands, 1/- rose-carmine, with single-lined frame*	1	12	0
Do. wmk. C. and CC., 2 1/2d. red-brown*	1	0	0
Do. Provl., 4d. on 1/- crimson ..	1	0	0

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COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 65th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday, April 8th.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Andreini occupied the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. John N. Luff was appointed to act as Secretary, *pro tem.*

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on New Club House reported having received gratifying answers to their circular, the replies so far being unanimously favorable.

Report of Treasurer showing cash balance in bank of \$329.76 exclusive of \$1000 bond was read and accepted. Report of House Committee received.

Dr. T. L. Hazzard was dropped from membership roll for failure to qualify; Mr. J. L. Libby was dropped for non-payment of dues. The names of Messrs. Colson, Lawrence and Colson were balloted upon and were declared to have been unanimously elected subscribing

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The Caledonia Stamp Exchange only started in January, 1899, and during the first year stamps were circulated to the value of £2127 17s. 0½d., and the sales amounted to £161 11s. 1½d., and last year the value of the stamps circulated was £2,001 6s. 1d., the sales being £145 1s. 9d. During the time the Club has been in existence, there has not been a single bad debt.

This year, the January packet contained stamps value £131 19s. 7½d., and the February packet, £135 14s. 11d. These two packets are now returned, the sales being £11 4s. 9d. and £8 19s. 6½d. respectively, and all sheets and money due to members being sent off. There was a slight falling off in the values of the packets, and also the sales, during last year, as several members were called away to South Africa.

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At the meeting held at the Patent Library on April 2nd, there was a special display of the stamps of Great Britain, and several collections and parts of collections were shown by Mr. W. Findlater, Mr. Skipwith, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. W. Denison Roebuck, Mr. F. A. Padgett, etc.

The meeting held on April 16th, took the form of an "At Home" with Mr. F. A. Padgett. The special subject for consideration was that of "Reprints," of which the host showed a splendid series, mounted in an interleaved copy of Mr. E. D. Bacon's standard work on that subject. Mr. Padgett also showed his collection of forgeries, and several volumes of his extensive series of "entires."

PALATINE STAMP EXCHANGES.

THE March packet has just returned, showing sales which average 23% of the total value of the packet. Some good stamps were contributed, and many of these being marked at reasonable prices the packet was well worth seeing. During the last month three new members have been admitted, Messrs. W. G. Ward, W. T. Pinkney, and G. Harrington. I shall be glad to receive applications from a few more reliable members, these only being admitted. Rules free on application.

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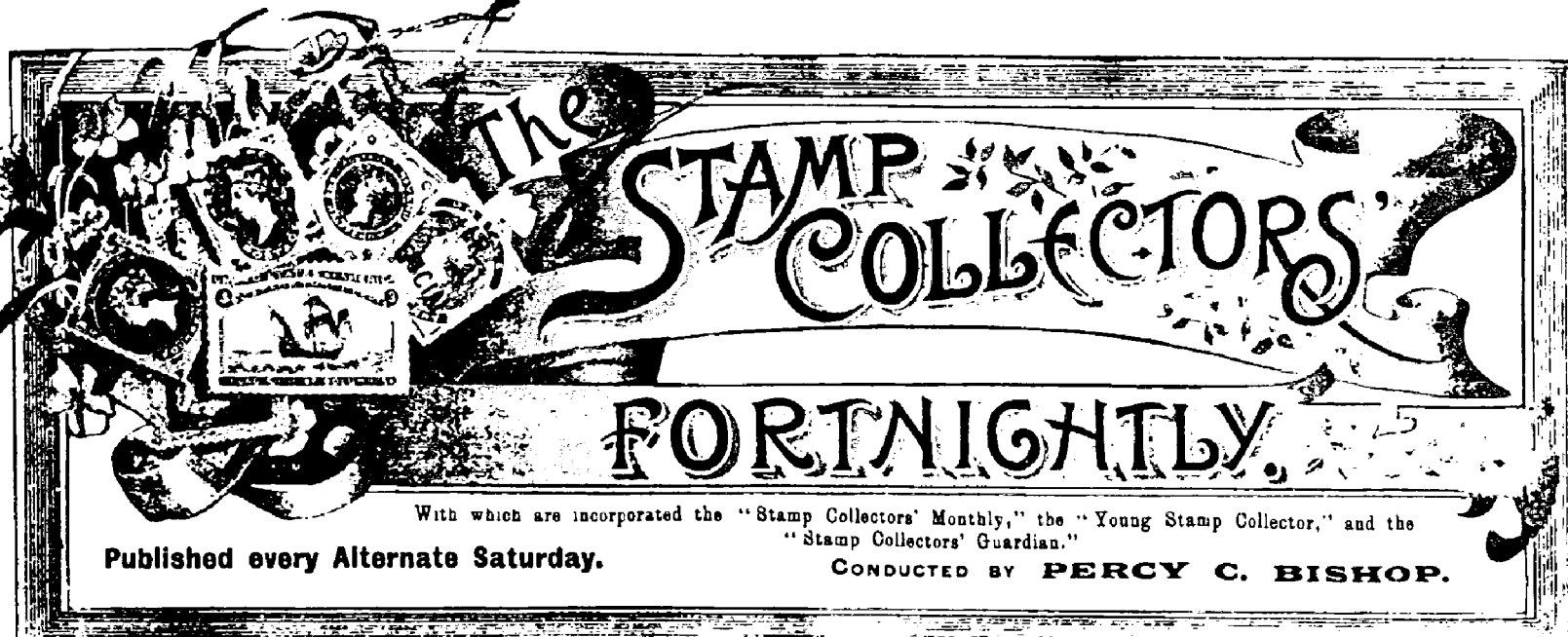
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

NEW ZEALAND QUEEN'S HEAD STAMPS DESTROYED.

"It will interest you to know," say Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., in a recent letter, "that the whole of the Queen's Head issue of New Zealand stamps was recalled from all offices in the Colony on December 31st last, and have been destroyed."

Since the above was in type news has reached us that philatelists in New Zealand will still be able to obtain the Queen's Head issues up to July 31, a small supply being left with the chief Postmaster of the Colony for that purpose.

DUKE OF CORNWALL AND THE SYDNEY CLUB.

THE "Australian Journal of Philately" brings us the news that the Secretary of the Sydney Philatelic Club (Mr. A. F. Basset Hull) has received a letter from the Private Secretary of the Duke of Cornwall and York, intimating that His Royal Highness had been pleased to accord his patronage to the club. Ere now a committee meeting of the club will have decided the most fitting manner in which to recognise the Duke's condescension.

"TRUTH" AND THE "SCHOOLBOY" TRADE.

THERE is, so far, no comment to hand from the stamp dealing firm concerned in "Truth's" recent paragraph, quoted by us in our last number. In the interests of the

stamp trade it is surely desirable that such comments in the newspaper Press should be taken up, and, if possible, combated in the interests of Philately generally. We venture to commend the matter to the attention of the Stamp Trade Protection Society.

Meanwhile a reader at Wellington, Salop, writes us as follows:—

A boy in my neighbourhood has thought fit to give up in disgust, largely through such methods as those adopted by the firms noticed in "Truth." He has asked me to buy his stamps. He told me the name of the firm most of them had come from, and something like a guess at the cost. It ran into pounds! Whereas I should have been sorry to sell him such trash at the rate of five stamps a penny!

Now if it be true—which we by no means assert—that stamp dealers' prices for the class of goods supplied to beginners are extortionate we can only say that such dealers are distinctly their own enemies. Certainly the surest way to retard the spread of Philately among the rising generation is to impose upon (to use no harsher term) the schoolboy collector.

AGAIN THAT STAMP CLEANING ADVERTISEMENT.

It seems that it is not only a newly established advertising sheet that dares to insert an advertisement of a recipe for cleaning fiscally used stamps. Mr. W. Alder Ridley kindly points out to us that the advertisement appears also in a paper boasting many years of usefulness (?) We still forbear to mention names. It would serve no useful purpose.

Our appeal to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Messrs. Bright & Son, and other important advertisers to cease their support of publications inserting these disgraceful advertisements has met with a ready response—as we felt assured it would. The way to check such practises is *via* a man's purse-strings and we are glad to know that the most practicable kind of pressure will be brought to bear. It is probable, in fact, that we have seen the last of the advertisements of the Belgian Stamp Laundry.

SOME CURIOUS ZANZIBARS.

WE have been shown some odd things in Zanzibar by Mr. D. Field. Firstly, he has a strip of three of the 1 rupee India surcharged "Zanzibar," the middle stamp whereof is quite innocent of overprint. Again, there is a 2 annas blue with double surcharge of the word "Zanzibar," and another little oddity in Mr. Field's possession is the 5 rupees with double surcharge, one of the overprintings being inverted!

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Everyone sending 3/3 for one year's Postal Subscription to the S.C.F. can obtain free mint British Colonial Stamps, all bearing the late Queen's Head and mostly obsolete, to the face value of 6d. by giving the name and address of a philatelic friend.

FARIDKOT'S TOTALS DOWN TO DATE.

APROPOS of the cessation of the native issues of Faridkot, Mr. C. Stewart Wilson promises for an early number of his magazine, the "Philatelic Journal of India," full details of the Faridkot remainders of surcharged stamps. He is already in a position to inform us that there are no copies of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna and 12 annas *ordinary*, or of the 6 annas *service*, left on hand. Meanwhile, Mr. Stewart Wilson supplies philatelists with the following table of the total issues of Faridkot down to the present time:—

(a)— <i>Ordinary</i> :	$\frac{1}{2}$ anna	.. ..	12,240
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	.. ..	151,820
	1 "	.. ..	102,620
	2 annas	.. ..	67,260
	3 "	.. ..	66,320
	4 "	.. ..	55,020
	6 "	.. ..	70,780
	8 "	.. ..	52,260
	12 "	.. ..	1,200
	1 rupee (grey)	.. ..	1,560
	1 " (current)	.. ..	49,680
(b)— <i>Service</i> :	$\frac{1}{2}$ anna	.. ..	97,580
	1 "	.. ..	82,180
	2 annas	.. ..	55,500
	3 "	.. ..	6,080
	4 "	.. ..	52,140
	6 "	.. ..	2,380
	8 "	.. ..	51,540
	1 rupee (grey)	.. ..	1,560
	1 " (current)	.. ..	2,040

Concerning the Crown Series of the Portuguese Colonies.

By J. N. MARSDEN.

I WAS much surprised, and I may say agreeably surprised, to see in Mr. Heginbotham's article, "A chat on Portuguese Guinea" in the last number of the *S.C.F.*, opinions on certain stamps which I recognise as having been given by myself. When I gave those opinions to a friend, I never for a moment imagined they would ever see print.

I am glad however, that they have been published, if they draw attention to a class of stamps which form a very interesting study in themselves and which, though not particularly rare, still require a great deal of discrimination in separating the chaff from the wheat.

A great deal might be written on the Crown series of almost every Portuguese Colony, but I will limit myself to the three values; 10 reis yellow, 20 reis bistre, and 40 reis blue of Portuguese Guinea.

I have not the slightest doubt that these three values never saw Guinea as officially issued stamps, and they should not be catalogued or admitted into any collection except as curiosities or stamps "prepared for use but never issued."

If I were asked to adduce evidence in support of this, I could say that I was residing in Guinea when the stamps should have been in use, and that no one there had heard of them. I would also refer to an article I wrote for the Jubilee number of "Le Timbre Poste," wherein the quantities of the various values issued are given from official sources, but there is no mention of a 20 reis or 40 reis, and the 10 reis is given as *green*. I am satisfied that the 40 reis yellow was issued, but only *after* my article was written.

As to the *reprinting* of complete sets, I have no direct proof, but I consider I could adduce several instances which *indirectly* prove my assertion. I will content myself with one: The Cape Verde 40 reis blue was never printed except with the Mozambique error in the sheet—in fact, an issue of the 40 reis yellow had been made before the error was discovered. How comes it then that sheets of the 40 reis blue have been seen—I have seen them myself—without the error? Such sheets were not on the recognised reprint paper, but on one similar to that on which originals are printed. The only deduction I can draw is that the sheets of the 40 reis blue without the error are reprints.

Stray Gottings from all Quarters.

Inland penny postage is now in force throughout the colony of Victoria.

The Sydney Philatelic Club's proposed exhibition has been abandoned.

The Postmaster-General of Bombay, Mr. W. Maxwell, is among the latest new members of the Philatelic Society of India.

Greece has now given us nearly 50 varieties of surcharged provisionals, but Greece is a fool to Salvador. For the year 1900 Salvador's score was 135—"not out."

An Australian National Stamp Collection is suggested by the "Australian Journal of Philately," the nucleus of this to be supplied by the Official Collection of the six Federating Colonies. Our Antipodean contemporary invites the Colonial Philatelic Societies to co-operate in this matter.

The United States Post Office plan of selling stamps in small books, in which the stamps are kept separate by means of oil paper, will, despite a report to the contrary, not be adopted by the British postal authorities. A "Daily Mail" representative was informed that the scheme would not be practicable in the United Kingdom.

It is reported by a Colonial newspaper that the Penny Post Commemoration Cards, issued in New Zealand at the opening of the year, have had a value of £5 a piece placed upon them by collectors. The new penny stamps bearing the postmark of 1st January, 1901, are also said to be valued at a high figure by local philatelists.

In Montenegro, according to "Ewen's Weekly" the postage stamp currency will shortly change from the native novcics, etc., to the hellers and kronas of Austria. This indubitably means a complete new issue in the near future. In Abyssinia, also, a currency change is thought to be impending, and the Emperor Menelik is alleged to be clearing out the existing stock of stamps for what it will fetch. One French dealer is offering the complete set of current Abyssinians, used or unused, for eighteenpence!

The stamp booklet notion, rejected of conservative Britain, is being adopted in the colonies. The Post and Telegraph Department of New Zealand, we learn, has issued two sets of booklets priced at one shilling and a half-penny and two shillings and sixpence half-penny respectively. The one contains twelve penny stamps in sheets of six stamps each, carefully protected by waxed paper, and the other thirty stamps similarly protected. Each of the booklets which, by the way, contain much useful postal information exactly fits into the watch-pocket.

From a news-cutting sent us by Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, N.Z., we gather that Dr. Solf, German Governor of Samoa, at the request of merchants and others in the Samoan Islands, has decided to establish a pigeon post service which will bring all the outlying islands into direct communication with Apia, the capital of the group. While in Wellington last week His Excellency laid the matter before Mr. William Baine, of this city, and requested him to arrange a scheme for the working of the service from a business standpoint, and on His Excellency's return to Samoa the matter will be placed in the hands of the local postal authorities.

An Addition to London's Stamp Shops.

MR. WILLIAM HADLOW informs us that on or before June 1st he is opening a Stamp Shop at 9a, Royal Hotel Buildings, adjoining De Keyser's Hotel, Blackfriars. The genial auction dealer's offices at 331, Strand, will be kept on as heretofore. Success to Mr. Hadlow in his new enterprise!

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.. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

IONIAN ISLANDS.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1859. <i>Imperf.</i>				
Orange	3/	2/	60/	35/
Blue	3/	2/	60/	35/
Carmine	2/6	1/6	40/	25/

NOTE.—Great care must be used in buying used copies of the above stamps as the post-mark has been cleverly forged.

JAMAICA.

1860 63. *Wmk. Pine Apple, Perf. 14.*

1d. blue	2/	1/3	6	4
1d. pale blue	2/	1/3	6	4
2d. rose	10/6	7/	2/	1/3
2d. pale rose	12/6	8/6	3	2
3d. green	12/6	8/6	3	2/
4d. brown-orange	15/	10/	2/	1/3
6d. deep-lilac	35/	25/	6/	4/
6d. lilac	27/6	20/	2/6	1/6
6d. pale-lilac	21/	15/	2/	1/3
1/- brown	35/	25/	2/	1/3
1/- pale-brown	25/	15/	1/6	1/
1/- yellow-brown	50/	30/	2/6	1/6

1871-72. *Wmk. CC., Perf. 14.*

3/4d. marone	4/	3	2	1
1d. blue	9/	6	2	1
1d. pale-blue	1/	8	2	1
2d. rose	6/	4/	1/	—
2d. pale rose	7/	5/	1/	—
3d. green	6/	4/	9	6
3d. pale green	7/	5/	9	6
4d. brown-orange	15/	12/	4	3
6d. lilac	3/6	2/9	4	3
1/- brown	2/	1/6	9	6
2/- red-brown (perf. 12 1/2)	3/3	3/	4/	3/
5/- lilac (perf. 12 1/2)	8/9	8/	10/	7/6

1883. *Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.*

3/4d. green	1/	—	1/	—
3/4d. blue-green	1/	—	1/	—
1d. blue	10/6	7/6	6	4
1d. rose	3	2	1	—
1d. carmine	3	2	1	—
2d. rose	17/6	12/6	3	2
2d. grey	2/6	2/	3	2
2d. pale grey	2/	1/6	3	2
3d. sage-green	4	—	3	2
4d. brown-orange	6	—	2	1

1889.

1d. lilac and mauve	2	—	1	—
2d. green on mauve	3	—	1	—
TWO PENNY on 4d. brown-orange	1/3	—	1/3	9
HALF-PENNY				
2 1/4d. lilac and ultramarine	4	—	1	—
6d. deep yellow	16	—	6	4
6d. pale orange	8	—	4	3
1/- brown	13	—	9	6
2/- red-brown	2/6	—	2/3	1/3
5/- lilac	6/	—	5/6	4/6

(To be continued).



Mr. Albert H. Hall on "How to Build a Collection."

Are you building a collection of stamps or just gathering one? There is a vast difference, declares Mr. Albert H. Hall in an article contributed to our Transatlantic contemporary, "The Adhesive." A schoolboy will gather together every kind of a stamp that he can lay his hands on, paste them, hit or miss, into an old account book, and then stop. He has gathered a collection. The collection builder is as careful in his work as is the builder of a house. You have often watched a mason laying bricks—how he chooses each one, balancing and turning it to be sure that it is even in shape, sound and whole. How neatly he spreads the mortar, just enough and not too much. How carefully he lays the brick in place with plumb and level and gentle tap of the trowel. And when the work is done the building is a thing of beauty and pride. That is the way a stamp collection should be built. Each stamp should be chosen for its condition or for its relation to the rest of the collection, and should be mounted with neatness and with care.

What to Collect.—Collect everything that costs you nothing or only time and labour of exchanging. No man may tell you that you can collect only this and that. Revenues, envelope stamps, postcards, telegraph stamps, locals, Seebecks, reprints, remainders, speculatives, anything connected in the slightest degree with our hobby, if it drifts into your hands keep it. If you are limited in purse, keep your money for the stamps you need, but what you can get without money, get and enjoy.

Foreign correspondence had put me in possession of quantities of duplicates cataloging two cents each, for which I had given the stamps rescued from the mail of a business house. I ran across a man who had a lot of foreign revenues. I traded stamp for stamp to the extent of about a hundred. He got a hundred different foreign postage stamps and I have a hundred different foreign revenues which cost me only the time and trouble of collecting them and which always interests my friends by their novelty.

General, or Special.—Go neither to the extreme of schoolboy generalizing or of scientific specializing. Combine the two for your own sake. Take everything that comes and put it neatly in its place; it will round out your collection and some day you will want it to compare with something else. Specialize in one country at a time for the practice in watching for details. Take some one of the older and smaller European countries where most of the stamps are common and where the few that you will have to buy are not expensive.

What to Buy.—Decide what you can spare from your income, weekly or monthly, and spend it intelligently. If you are limited, as are ninety-nine out of a hundred of us, here is a good plan. Of current issues gather all you can by exchanging. If you can afford to buy enough to fill out the sets, do so. Of old issues buy at least one of each as a specimen of the design. The cheapest will do quite as well as the dearest. Thus in Chile you will doubtless get the 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25, of 1878 to 1900, by exchanging. If you can afford them, buy the 30, 50 and 1 peso to complete the set. Then buy the 5 centavo brown red of 1853, printed in London. To compare with this, buy the 5 red of 1854, printed in Chile. Add to these the 5 red of 1857, the 5 du l lake of 1877, and you will have ready to show your non-collecting friends all the designs that Chile has used, and the whole of the current set.

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In our No. 157 we reprinted from a report of the police court proceedings against Henri Bauche the following extract from the evidence given by Mr. M. P. Castle, J.P., Vice-President of the London Philatelic Society:—

Mr. Caldecott (for the defence): Are all the values of these stamps well known?

Witness: Yes; I think the unused Vaud is priced in some catalogues—for instance, Senf's catalogue, in which it is valued at £50. I value it at £100.

Mr. Caldecott: Mr. Senf is fifty per cent. lower than your valuation?

Witness: Every catalogued stamp is not on sale. I have two of these stamps, and I don't think Mr. Senf has one. The value is assessed at £50 by Mr. Senf.

Now while Messrs. Senf of Leipzig have left unanswered the various allegations made against their catalogue prices by the *Fortnightly* they have made the above news paragraph the subject of the following letter, dated Leipzig, April 23, and addressed to the Editor of the *S.C.F.* by name:—

DEAR SIR,

Although we had no intention of taking any notice of the vile insinuations you perpetually bring in your magazine, yet we cannot let pass your last spiteful remark regarding our catalogue price of the unused Vaud. If you would put your nose into our catalogue, instead of always meddling with other people's affairs, you would have learned that we have priced the unused Vaud at M2500—£125—that is to say, £25 more than Mr. Castle's valuation of the same. A more profound study would do you no harm.

Yours truly,

GEBRUDER SENF.

The last sentence in Messrs. Senf's letter is such an obvious truism that we shall not seek to combat it. A more profound study (and that not of Philately alone) would doubtless benefit most of us. The reflections upon our nasal organ in Messrs. Senf's agreeable letter we will not comment upon since we have never desired our own physiognomy to serve as a "feature" of this journal. But as regards the question of "a more profound study" we should like to ask Messrs. Senf how profoundly one would have to study the newspaper report of Mr. Castle's evidence in order to alter the facts therein stated. If Mr. M. P. Castle, from the witness box, stated inadvertently that which was not the case, then Messrs. Senf's courteous and conciliatory letter should be addressed, not to us, but to the Vice-President of the London Philatelic Society.

On the broad issue between Messrs. Senf and ourselves we should like to remind the Polite Letter-Writers of Leipzig of our position in this matter and (if we may venture to do so) to point out theirs! Messrs. Senf have made the matter a personal one, whereas it is nothing of the kind. For Messrs.

Senf as individuals (though we say this without the smallest desire to be discourteous or even brusque) we do not care a twopenny piece. As stamp dealers we cordially wish them even a greater measure of success in the future than their energy and ability have secured for them in the past; but as publishers of the "Postwertzeichen Katalog"—ah, that is different! The Senf catalogue, as we have abundantly shown, is not a true reflex of the market in postage stamps. As a handbook it is admirable, as a guide to prices it is flagrantly unreliable. It is the Senf catalogue we have criticised, and its publishers will do better to cleanse that work of its blemishes than to talk back about "vile insinuations" and "spiteful remarks." For insinuations there is no need, since the facts are patent to all; and spite is a thing we do not deal in.

In a recent "Fortnightly," (No. 159) we published some remarks by Mr. E. H. Selby regarding the India list in our "Collector's Guide." We may now mention, in reply, that the ½ anna blue, Die II. with small "Service" surcharge is probably a forgery. We have never seen an authenticated specimen. The same stamp, Die II. with large "Service" surcharge is worth about 2s. 6d. used; but as regards the 6 anna 8 pies, slate, we have never seen a used specimen. Unused copies of this latter stamp we have known to change hands at £6 to £10 each.

The Truth about the Boer "Commando Brief Stamp."

BY A JOHANNESBURG PHILATELIST.

THE "Commando Brief" Stamp of the Boers, which the *Fortnightly* was the first British Philatelic journal to describe and illustrate, was not issued by the Post Office of the Orange Free State. I have proof of this.

In reality the stamp was issued, on his own initiative, by an official of the O.F.S. on duty at the Field Post office. There was no real necessity or occasion for the stamp, for both in the Transvaal and in the Free State letters to and from the "fighting line" were allowed to pass post free. It was merely necessary for the sender to use on his missive the word "Velddienst." The report put about that the Boer Commandant himself stamped the letters, and by the creation of this "Commando Brief" stamp was saved the trouble of doing so, is contrary to fact. All the letters would be postmarked whether stamps were attached to them or not.



Entire envelopes bearing postmarked and dated specimens of these stamps are shown as proof of the official character of these stamps. I say the postmark proves nothing. As no stamp was required the postmark would be applied to the envelope in the usual place whether there was a stamp there or not. Had a fighting burgher prepaid his letter home with a Chinese local it would have been fully as efficacious as the "Commando Brief" label; and for the reason stated above the Chinese local would have been duly postmarked at the Field P.O.

The "Commando Brief" stamp I hold to be no proper postage stamp at all. I was in Johannesburg at the time of its issue and philatelists there never for a moment accepted the thing as an official issue, but merely as a private speculation. I was never more surprised in my philatelic life than when I came to London and saw this yellow label in a dealer's window marked "Very Scarce, £1 10s."!

Still they Come, these War Stamps.

Boer Provisionals, Messrs. Bright & Son inform us, were issued at Pietersburg from April 2nd to April 13th.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Alwur.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., notify us of the receipt of the ½ anna stamp of this State in the new colour—green instead of blue.

Argentine Republic.—The 30 centavos, Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son discovered, has undergone a decided change of colour. Whereas the stamp used to be an unmistakable rose, it now comes in a brilliant vermilion shade.

Bavaria.—The "Monthly Circular" learns that there has been a re-engraving of the 20 pfennig stamp, the numerals "20" now being less open than before.

Bulgaria.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have a specimen of the new provisional stamp, 10 stotinki, on 50 stotinki green. The original value of the stamp is barred out in black, and over the Bulgarian lion in the upper portion of the stamp the new value is printed in large black numerals.

Since the above was in type we have received another similar Bulgarian atrocity in the shape of a 5 on 3 stotinki. It seems that the stock of the 5 stotinki is exhausted, and pending the appearance of the new issue, the 3 stotinki's have been surcharged into 5's.

Commemorative Issue. From Mr. W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, we are in receipt of a pair of stamps issued on May 3rd to commemorate the anniversary of Bulgarian independence. The design represents a historic cannon made by the Bulgarian patriots out of a cherry tree. Values and colours:

5 stotinki red and 15 stotinki green.

The stamps are said to have remained on sale for two days only.

British Central Africa.—A new 6d. stamp of the "Nigger" type is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., colour red-brown with violet centre.

Canada.—There is an addition to make to the list of the Canadian "maple leaf" series, with numerals in lower corners:—

20c. olive.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. forward a specimen of the new stamp.

French Congo.—Says "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies":

Now comes the horrible rumour that the series of disturbed dreams known to philatelists as the French Congo issue, have never gone to the colony at all, and are not likely to be sent—that they are practically essays.

Great Britain.—What looks like a well informed paragraph on the subject of the forthcoming new British stamps, appears in "The Civilian," of May 11th:—

We understand that the authorities at Somerset House who have control of the manufacture and issue of stamps have now completed arrangements with Messrs. De la Rue for the supply of the new stamps bearing the likeness of His Majesty the King, and that these will soon be available for public use. The King has given his sanction to certain designs which were submitted to him by the artist who was commissioned to do the work, and we believe the result will be satisfactory to all concerned, a very good likeness having been selected. The change in the direction in which the Royal head will be made to look on the new coins,—that is, towards the right,—will not be effected in the King's head on the stamps. It is assumed that the reason for this is in order to avoid making the head appear to be looking away from the letter to which the stamp is affixed.

So, if this be true, King Edward will look to the left—unless, peradventure, Mr. J. R. Furner should detect him in the act of looking to the right. But Messrs. De La Rue, with all their faults, will scarcely be guilty of such an error as that.

Iceland.—Two new values come from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.—a 25 aur. ordinary postage stamp and a ¼ aur. official.

India.—Messrs. Bright & Son inform us that the 1 anna carmine has been overprinted "O.H.M.S."

Japanese Corea.—The recently issued 1½ sen blue of Japan has now received the usual black surcharge at foot denoting use in Corea.

Livonia.—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son, in their "Monthly Circular," illustrate and describe a new stamp for Livonia. This is an oblong stamp, dark green, with brown centre showing a view of a castle or fortified place. Value, 2 kopecs.

Monaco.—The 5 centimes stamp is now issued in yellowish green, and the 10 centimes in carmine.

New Caledonia.—Two new provisionals (says the "Monthly Circular") have been issued, to the number, it is said, of 6,000 each. The surcharge of 5 centimes on 2c. is the same as the 5c. on 4c. issued last year, and the 15 centimes on 75c. is like last year's 15c. on 30c. Both surcharges are in black.

5 centimes (on 2c.), brown on buff.

15 " " (on 75c.), " " orange.

New Zealand.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have a stamp which is not a postage stamp at all, but well worthy of mention all the same. It is a green label, much like the New Zealand Postage Dues in appearance, and inscribed "New Zealand Discount Stamp: One Farthing." The stamp has been issued (by Government) as a sequel to the suppression of the "Trading Stamp" Companies by an Act of the New Zealand Parliament. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., warn philatelists that persons in New Zealand may attempt to get the stamps postmarked, as a means of selling them to stamp collectors.

Orange River Colony.—Mr. B. F. J. Cooper has shown us a copy of the 1d. Orange Free State, of the "T.F." series, surcharged "V.R.I." and postally used.

Portuguese Colonies.—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son, announce the addition of two high values to the sets for Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Lorenzo Marques, St. Thomas and Prince, and Zambesia, as follows:

500 reis, black on blue (val. in red).

700 " red-lilac on straw (val. in black).

Transvaal.—The 1d. with "E.R.I." surcharge, mentioned in No. 160 of the *Fortnightly*, is now in evidence wherever one goes. Messrs. Bright & Son, by the way, have already detected two varieties of stops: one, a large stop after the "R"; the other, a large stop after the "I." The same firm have information to the effect that the first set of King Edward VII. stamps will hail from the Transvaal.

Tunis.—The series of Postage Due stamps just created here are marvellously like the "Chiffre Taxe" stamps of France in design—in fact, almost indistinguishable from them until one notices the inscription, "Regence de Tunis" at foot. The values and colours are as follows:—1c. black, 2c. orange, 5c. blue, 10c. brown, 20c. green, 30c. rose, 50c. red-brown.

United States.—The new bi-coloured Pan-American (Buffalo Exhibition) series of stamps was issued to the public promptly on May 1st, as promised. They are certainly a handsome set of stamps, and advices from the States are to the effect that they have "caught on" prodigiously with the American public. Values, Colours, and "Subjects" are as follow:—

1 cent, green and black (lake steamer).

2 cents, carmine and black (Empire State express train).

4 cents, red-brown and black (auto mobile).

5 cents, blue and black (Niagara Falls bridge).

8 cents, lilac and black (Canal locks at Sault Ste. Marie).

10 cents, yellow-brown and black (ocean steamer).

The 2 cents value, the "Metropolitan Philatelist" informs us, has already been seen with inverted centre. And doubtless there are others.

Our Review

of Reviews.

The Stamps of Sarawak, 1869 to 1895.

In recent issues of "Morley's Philatelic Journal"—now so ably conducted by Mr. L. W. Fulcher—Mr. Walter Morley has been giving an admirable concise review of the stamps of Sarawak. His Reference Lists and notes on the issues from 1869 to 1895 we take leave to appropriate in the interests of *Fortnightly* readers:—

1869. Three-quarter portrait to right of James Brooke in oval frame. SARAWAK in upper part of oval. Label with value below and letters J.B.R.S. (*i.e.* James Brooke Rajah of Sarawak) in corners. Yellow wove paper. Perf. 11.

3c. brown on yellow.

Used copies of this stamp are very scarce.

1871. Head of Sir Charles Brooke to left in circle. Labels above and below, with SARAWAK and THREE CENTS respectively. Letters C.B.R.S. (*i.e.* Charles Brooke Rajah of Sarawak) in corners. Yellow wove paper. Perf. 11.

3c. brown on yellow

Varieties: 3c. brown on yellow. Perf. 10½.

3c. " Perf. 11 × 10½.

3c. " With stop between THREE & CENTS.

1875. Same design. Five minor varieties of type of each value in the lettering below, the principal one being in a narrow or wide space between value and CENTS. The Catalogues give *perf.* 11½ for this series. This was probably the perforation first in use, but it will be found that the majority of the specimens offered for sale are *perf.* 12.

(a) Coloured wove paper. Perf. 11½.

2c. lilac on lilac. 6c. green on green.

2c. blue-lilac on lilac. 8c. blue on blue.

4c. red-brown on yellow. 12c. red on lilac-rose.

(b) Coloured laid paper. Perf. 11½.

6c. green on green. 8c. blue on blue.

12c. red on lilac-rose.

(c) Coloured wove paper. Perf. 12.

2c. lilac on lilac. 4c. red-brown on yellow.

2c. blue-lilac on lilac. 6c. green on green.

2c. bright mauve on lilac. 8c. blue on blue.

12c. red on lilac-rose.

(d) Coloured wove paper. Perf. 12.

Error, with "5" for "S" in CENTS. 8c. blue on blue.

(e) Coloured laid paper. Perf. 12.

12c. red on lilac-rose.

(f) Coloured wove paper. Perf. 11½ × 12.

4c. red-brown on yellow. 8c. blue on blue.

12c. red on lilac-rose.

All the values from 1871 exist imperf.

1876. Provisional. Stamp of 1869 surcharged TWO CENTS in one line in black. Perf. 11.

2c. on 3c. brown on yellow.

1892. Provisional. Stamp of 1871 surcharged ONE CENT in 2 lines, in black.

1c. on 3c. brown on yellow.

Varieties: With double surcharge.

Pair imperf. between vertically.

Pair, one stamp without surcharge.

Surcharged on variety with stop between THREE and CENTS.

1898—1892. Three-quarter portrait of Sir C. Brooke to right on ground of horizontal lines, with an oval band in-

scribed SARAWAK POSTAGE & REVENUE. Tablet below in another colour, with value in white numerals. White wove paper. Perf. 14.

1c. lilac and black (1892).

1c. dark lilac and black.

2c. lilac and carmine.

2c. " " rose.

3c. " " blue.

3c. " " dark blue.

4c. " " yellow.

5c. lilac and green (1891).

6c. " " brown.

8c. green and carmine.

8c. " " rose.

10c. " " violet (1891).

12c. " " blue.

25c. " " brown.

1889—1892. Provisionals. Surcharged One Cent in black (1892).

1c. on 3c. lilac and blue.

" " with double surcharge.

Surcharged one cent in black (1892).

1c. on 3c. lilac and blue.

Surcharged 2c. in black (1889).

2c. on 8c. green and carmine.

" " with double surcharge.

Surcharged 5c. in black (1891).

5c. on 12c. green and ultramarine.

Surcharged 5c. in black. Second type, in which the vertical down-stroke of the "5," if prolonged, would cut the centre of the lower curl of that figure.

5c. on 12c. green and ultramarine.

1895. Three-quarter portrait of Sir Charles Brooke to left in oval, in different frames. All the stamps bear the inscriptions, "SARAWAK" and "POSTAGE AND REVENUE," has also the indication of the value. Line engraved on plain white paper.

(a) Perf. 11½.

2c. Indian red.

6c. violet.

8c. green.

(b) Perf. 12.

2c. Indian red.

4c. black.

6c. violet.

8c. green.

(c) Perf. 12 × 11½.

4c. black.

(d) Perf. 12½.

2c. Indian red.

The Catalogues give this issue as *perf.* 11½. I only find three values with this *perf.*, and they are scarce, the majority of copies being *perf.* 12.

Samoa "Express" Stamps likely to Rise.

Mr. Crawford Capen, the writer of the opening article in the special "Pan-American" issue of "Mekeel's Weekly"—a fat number of some forty pages—speculates on the comparative rarity of the stamps of the first, or "Express," issue of Samoa. As to their value generally

The current catalogue quotations do not at all represent the values of these stamps as there are none to be obtained at the present time at such figures. And as United States collectors become interested in plating these stamps they will certainly advance to much higher prices than those of the Hawaiian Numerals.

Now that Samoa, or a bit of it, is American property the collectors of America are being reminded (by the dealers of America) that they must collect all the obsolete Samoan stamps as well as those future ones that Uncle Sam, in partnership with his friend the Kaiser, is going to provide them with. If the hint is at all widely followed there should, indeed, be a sharp rise in the prices of the early Samoans.

Mons. Paul Hermand on the "Bordeaux" Issue.

It was a good thought on the part of Mons. Th. Lemaire, Editor of "Le Philatériste Française" to republish in book form, the articles contributed to that journal by Mons. Paul Hermand on the stamps of the 1870 ("Bordeaux") issue of France. A copy of the work now lies before us, and a most acceptable addition to the literature of philately it forms. The many fine illustrations would alone be a real acquisition to any student of French stamps. Take them in conjunction

with Mons. Hermand's informing and closely-reasoned "Notes," and one has a very strong combination indeed.

There is perhaps no more fascinating study than this same "Bordeaux" issue of France. The historical incidence of the issue, the interesting types of the 20 centimes blue, and many other characteristics of the Bordeaux series of French stamps are fully dealt with in the book before us, which we cordially commend to the attention of all specialists of France.

German Colonies High Value Stamps.

It seems that the number of postal articles of all sorts posted in German Colonies during 1899, was:—

- German East Africa, 605, 210.
- German South-West Africa, 403,285.
- Kiaoutschou, 459,921.
- Cameroons, 123,355.
- Togoland, 83,608.
- New Guinea, 41,591.
- Samoa, 29,168.
- Marshall Islands, 12,922.

Now this works out, in the case of the Marshall Islands, at an average of 30 pieces of mail matter a day, and the "Philatelic Journal of India" indulges in a little sarcasm on the subject. "How absolutely necessary" (says our contemporary), "one sees the 5 mark stamps to be in such advanced colonies! The wonder is that the Marshall Islands, dealing with such huge numbers of articles as 30 every day, has managed to get on without them so long. Seriously, we respectfully regret that a great nation like the Germans should stoop so low in such a matter, and we feel sure that those who feel it most are our friends, the German Philatelists."

A Little List of Millions.

The "Philatelic Journal of India" is able to furnish a few figures as to recent Indian stamps. The following, for instance, are the numbers issued of the ½ anna service stamps:—

½a. surcharged on ½a	7,920,000
½a. carmine	6,000,000
½a. grey	5,710,000
½a. carmine, "On H.M.S." ..	6,000,000

The numbers issued of the other stamps in new colours are:—

(a) Ordinary:	½a. pale green	82,163,520
	1a. carmine	14,668,560
	2as. violet	8,259,120
	2½as. blue	3,140,400
(b) Service:	½a. pale green	13,816,480
	1a. carmine	26,538,240
	2as. violet	2,190,720

On these figures, the "P.J. of I." thinks the obvious moral to intending speculators is, "Don't!"

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A VERY satisfactory level of price is being maintained in the Auction Rooms. The time for the summer vacation, a break between seasons which seems to grow shorter year by year, is now near at hand, but as yet there is no noticeable diminution in the attendance at the various London auction resorts.

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, it should be mentioned, postponed the sale fixed by them for May 21st and following days until early in the autumn—probably November. The catalogues of this important

sale will be ready about the end of August, but before that date *Fortnightly* readers, in all probability, will be furnished with full particulars of the principal rarities included in the sale.

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

April 30th and May 1st and 2nd.

EUROPE.

	£	s.	d.
Alsace Lorraine, 1870, 5c. green, thinned*	17	0	0
Austria, 1858-59, 2kr. orange*	6	0	0
Do. Newspaper Stamp, 1kr. red*	50	0	0
Do. do. 30kr. rose, slightly soiled*	5	10	0
Do. do. another copy, used on piece, but cut into	7	10	0
Baden, 1851, 6kr. black on green*, but no gum	3	11	0
Do. 1852, 3kr. rose, perf. 13½*	4	10	0
Bavaria, 1870-73, 12kr. lilac*, no gum	1	1	0
Do. 1876-79, 1 mark, lilac, wmk. horizontal wavy lines*	4	5	0
Bergerhof, 1851, ½sch. black on lilac*, no gum	10	10	0
Bremen, 1867, 7 grote. black on yellow, on entire original	5	10	0
Brunswick, 1853-56, 3sgr. black on rose*	3	15	0
Bulgaria, 1882, 5 stotinki rose, error, used with a 10 stotinki on piece of original	8	15	0
Finland, 1860, 5 pen black on buff, error, perforations repaired	20	0	0
Do. do. 10 pen purple-brown on grey, error	3	7	6
France, 1872-75, the error, 15c. bistre on rose, perf. repaired	5	15	0
Great Britain, 1840, 1d. black, V.R.*. no gum	8	0	0
Do. 1848, 10d. brown, octagonal*	3	10	0
Do. 1876-83, 5/- rose, plate 4, wmk. Anchor on bluish*, no gum	7	15	0
Do. 1876, 8d. brown, a pair*	8	0	0
Do. 1884, £1 purple-brown, wmk. Crowns*	3	11	0
Do. £5 orange on bluish	4	0	0
Do. Govt. Parcels, 1891, 1d. lilac, with inverted surcharge	4	0	0
Hanover, 1850, 1sgr. black on blue*	3	0	0
Heligoland, 1873, ½sch., error, with colours reversed	2	10	0
Do. 1879, 5 marks, a vertical pair	3	10	0
Hungary, 1871, 25c. mauve, a block of 4*, badly centred	9	0	0
Mecklenburgh-Schwerin, 1864, rouletted, ½sch. red, dotted ground*, roulettes cut	10	0	0
Do. do. Another copy, used	4	15	0
Modena, 1852, 5c. green, the error "cnet," torn at left	1	10	0
Do. do. 40c. blue, the error "4c."*	1	12	0
Do. do. 40c. blue, the error "49," used on entire	1	18	0
Do. do. 40c. blue, the error "cnet," do.	1	8	0
Do. 1853, 9c. violet, large B.G., faded	1	12	0
Naples, 1858, 50 grana. lake*, thinned	2	2	0
Do. 1860, ½ tornese, blue, "Arms", cut close	13	0	0
Do. do. do. "Cross"	18	0	0
Oldenburg, 1852, 1½th black on yellow*, no gum	3	0	0
Do. 1859, ½ gros. black on green*, no gum and thinned	4	7	6
Do. do. 2gr. black on rose*, no gum	5	10	0
Do. do. 3gr. black on yellow*	4	10	0
Do. 1861, ½gr. orange, creased	3	5	0
Parma, 1854, 5c. orange-yellow*	5	10	0
Do. do. 15c. brick-red*	4	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Portugal, 1853, 50 reis green*	4	10	0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 27 paras, black on rose ..	42	0	0
Do. do. 54 paras, blue on green, thinned ..	12	10	0
Do. do. another copy torn ..	11	15	0
Do. do. 81 paras, blue on blue, colour faded ..	227	0	0
Do. do. 108 paras, blue on rose, creased and pinholed* ..	46	0	0
Do. 1859, white paper, 5 paras black, strip of 3 ..	21	0	0
Do. 1869, 15 bani rose-red on laid paper, a pair ..	7	5	0
Russia, 1858, wmk. figures, perf., 10 kopecs, brown and blue* ..	2	0	0
Do. 30 kopecs, carmine and green* ..	5	15	0
Do. 7 kopecs, grey and carmine on vertically laid paper* ..	2	10	0
Do. Levant, 1863, 6 kopecs blue, thinned ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 1865, 2 kopecs brown and blue, a vertical strip of 3 ..	11	0	0
Saxony, 1850, 3pf. red, creased ..	4	7	6
Servia, 1866, 2 paras, green on rose, error*, but no gum ..	4	7	6
Spain, Madrid, 1853, 3 cuartos, bronze*, thinned ..	10	0	0
Do. 1851, 2 reales, red*, but no gum ..	17	10	0
Do. do. another specimen, used and oiled by postmark ..	15	10	0
Do. 1852, 2 reales, red*, thinned ..	10	0	0
Do. do. another copy, used, thinned ..	6	10	0
Do. 1853, 2 reales, scarlet*, no gum ..	10	0	0
Do. 1855, the error, 2 reales, blue, defective ..	13	10	0
Do. 1855, 12 cuartos, rose and blue, the error, with inverted centre ..	6	5	0
Do. do. perf., 12 cuartos, rose and blue, perfs. clipped and heavy postmark ..	7	0	0
Switzerland, Basle, 1815, 2½ rappen, red and blue ..	5	0	0
Do. Geneva, 1811, 5 + 5c. yellow-green, the wrong halves, "se tenant" ..	30	0	0
Do. do. 5 + 5c. yellow-green, torn in 3 places ..	10	0	0
Do. do. 5c. yellow-green, left half of the double stamp*, no gum ..	4	10	0
Do. Neuchatel, 1851, 5c. black and red*, thinned ..	7	15	0
Do. Vaud, 1849, 4c. black and red ..	16	15	0
Do. do. another copy, pen cancelled and cleaned ..	13	10	0
Do. Winterthur, 1850, 2½ rappen, a pair used on entire ..	7	5	0
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen black and red, type 3, horizontal lines*, no gum ..	20	0	0
Do. do. another copy, type 1, vertical lines used ..	11	10	0
Do. do. another, type 2, horizontal lines ..	12	0	0
Do. do. another, type 3, vertical lines ..	11	0	0
Do. do. another, type 4, do. do. ..	10	0	0
Do. do. another, type 5, apparently without lines on entire ..	10	10	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 2 soldi red on blue ..	6	0	0
Do. do. 60 crazie red on blue*, no gum ..	19	10	0
Do. 1853, 1 soldi yellow*, no gum ..	6	15	0
Do. 1860, 3 lire dark yellow ..	46	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1851-52, 9kr. black on rose*, no gum ..	4	15	0
Do. 1857, 9kr. carmine* ..	4	7	6
Do. do. 18kr. blue* ..	2	8	0
Do. 1858-60, 18kr. dark blue* ..	2	15	0
Do. 1873, 70kr. lilac, torn ..	1	14	0
Do. 1879, 2 marks vermilion* ..	7	17	6

(To be continued).

Messrs. PLUMBIDGE & Co.'s Sale, May 14th & 15th.

Brazil, slanting figures, 600 reis, black, damaged* ..	1	10	0
British Honduras, C.A., perf. 14, 6d. yellow* ..	2	2	0
British South Africa, 1891 Provisional, 8d. on 1/- brown* ..	1	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. scarlet ..	5	2	6
Do. do. 4d. blue, creased ..	2	0	0
Ceylon, imperf., 1/9 green ..	2	12	6
Do. do. 2/- blue* ..	1	15	0
Gt. Britain, 2/- brown ..	2	12	6
Do. wmk. Anchor, £1 brown-lilac, on bluish paper ..	4	7	6
Naples, 50g. lake, cut into ..	1	7	0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I., on 6d. bright carmine, a horizontal strip of 3* ..	2	15	0
Do. do. a single copy, used on piece ..	1	4	0
Russia, Levant, 6kr. blue* ..	0	17	0
St. Vincent, 1869, 4d. yellow* ..	1	5	0
Spain, 1855, 2r. green, error of colour ..	9	5	0
Tobago, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 6d. bistre-brown* ..	5	2	6
Transvaal, Queen's Head, 2/- blue* ..	1	15	0
Western Australia, wmk. C.C., ½d. on 3d. pale brown, surcharged in red and in green (S.G. No. 111)* ..	3	15	0

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

AN "expiring" subscriber, in sending us his three-and-threepence for a new lease of life, expresses the opinion that "the Castle European Collection is like an ancient mariner, because both have been responsible for so many lies that only the Recording Angel knows their ultimate destination." Which reminds us that we have not yet published the answer to our conundrum. *Fortnightly* readers having apparently cudgelled their brains in vain, we will now repeat the original riddle and append the answer we assigned to it:—

Q.—Why is the Castle Collection of Europeans like an Ancient Mariner?

A.—Because both have travelled from C—— to C—— (sea to sea).

There, now, the mischief is out! and we are filled with a guilty sense of a secrecy half-betrayed. Still we have divulged only the first letter of the name of the £30,000 patron of Philately, and wild horses will not drag from us the vowels and consonants that follow it.

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Mr. Ernest Heginbotham writes us: Can any of your readers who are collectors of used English inform me if they have in their collection, or have seen, a numeral "4" in cross on the 2d. blue, no lines, the "4" having serifs to it? I have such a specimen before me now, but all I have previously seen show the numeral thus:

4 and not with serifs, thus: 4

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Would you like to become the President of a Republic? At a shop in the Rue de Rivoli, Paris—No. 202 to be exact—they are making it quite easy for you. You can even be a King or a Kaiser if you prefer it, but that, probably, is extra. A correspondent, lately back from Paris, explains the operation. You have a postage stamp photograph taken, and it is literally a postage stamp photograph. The camera artist invites you to thrust your head through an opening in a frame. This frame is made up exactly to represent the outer portion of a postage stamp, with the central shield or oval left blank for the classic features of the customer. With this novel halter round your neck you are snapped off, and—"Voila, monsieur, regard yourself, if you please, as M. le President of the Republique Thingemabob!" Cheap, too, at 1 franc 50 the dozen! And for another franc you can secure the negative and issue your own reprints—think of that!

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From Mr. J. C. Auf der Heide, of Amsterdam, we have received a most cordial and agreeable letter on the subject of the paragraph in our last issue, "A German Philatelist Vents his Spleen." This gentleman tells us that he is as much a friend of the Boer cause as Herr Kunze, of Berlin; but his sympathy with the one race does not blind him to the good qualities of the other. Mr. Auf der Heide, in short, believes we have made mistakes in South Africa, but for those mistakes he is by no means prepared to condemn and abuse the whole British nation. Mr. William Brown, of Salisbury, he esteems as "a fair and complaisant business man"—and so say all of us! We thank our friend in Amsterdam for his welcome letter, which we regret we are unable to insert in full.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

May 2nd. Paper—New Zealand, type 1. Mr. T. W. Peck.

The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. J. C. North and H. Heller.

It was decided to still further add to the privileges of membership by allowing all members to send private lots to the Hon. Sec. for "private offers," which may be made by members or anyone else. particulars to be published each month in the Official Journal.

It was reported that the collection of auction catalogues, which we started about seven months ago, had already reached to over 800. of which about 600 were priced.

Mr. T. W. Peck then gave a very interesting and instructive paper on the early issues of New Zealand, illustrated by his collection of wonderfully fine copies.

Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A., *Hon. Sec. & Treas.* 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 11th, the Second Annual General Meeting was held at Clapham Hall.

The Hon Secretary, Mr. Crosby Blumsum, read the Annual Report which contained such a satisfactory record of progress for the year, that it was received with hearty applause. In its first year the Society enrolled over seventy members and in the second year many addi-

tions have been made to the roll and only one resignation has been handed in. A Library is being formed and an Exchange branch of the Society has resulted in advantageous exchanges of rare stamps by the members. Fortnightly lectures have been given throughout the season and the Annual social function at Raleigh Hall, Brixton was probably the greatest philatelic function of its kind ever held.

The President, Mr. Fred J. Melville was unanimously re-elected and Mr. E. C. C. Tidman was returned to the office of Vice-President. Mr. Bertiam W. H. Poole, who recently made a journey to South Africa in search of War Stamps, was also elected a Vice-President, and Mr. Crosby Blumsum was again returned to the Secretaryship. The Committee which has been enlarged from six to eight members now consists of Messrs. Purdom, Feeney, Darwen, Lamb, Wilkie, Widmore, Charles and J. B. Melville. The Honorary Librarian, Mr. W. Faby; the Honorary Exchange Supt., Mr. H. F. Johnson; the Honorary Counterfeit Detector, Mr. Chas. Nissen; and the Hon. Solicitor, Mr. R. Ralph, were unanimously re-elected.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

A GENERAL MEETING was held on Friday, March 1st, at Mr. Larmour's residence, 60, Bentinck Street, Calcutta. Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson presided, and there were also present Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. A. Harris and Messrs. J. A. Burrup, W. Corfield, E. B. Havell, T. Hoffmann, W. James, C. F. Larmour, F. A. Larmour, F. N. Schiller and A. L. Selkirk.

The annual accounts for 1900, which showed a satisfactory balance in favour of the Society, were passed as correct and ordered to be circulated.

A letter, dated 28th December, 1900, from Mr. J. A. Tilleard, Honorary Secretary, the Philatelic Society, London, to the address of Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson, relative to the proposed amalgamation of the Philatelic Society of India with that of London, was read, together with the report thereon of the Special London Sub-Committee made to the Council of the London Society. It was resolved that, as the circumstances which led the Philatelic Society of India to approach that of London in view to an amalgamation had now happily ceased to be operative, the Honorary Secretary be instructed to thank Mr. Tilleard for the careful consideration his Society had given to the proposal and to inform him that for the present the Society did not propose to take any further action in the matter. Mr. Tilleard's letter (with its enclosure) was ordered to be filed for future reference.

It was announced that Part II. of Mr. D. P. Masson's Handbook on the Stamps of Jammu and Kashmir was in the press, and on the point of publication, and an offer by Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson to prepare a Handbook on the Telegraph Stamps of British India was cordially accepted.

The subject of an Exhibition during the next cold season was brought up and adjourned for future consideration.

Attention was directed to the fact that the office of Deputy Editor of the "Journal" was unfilled, but no one was willing to accept the

The "S.C.F.'s" Great Prize Competition.

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In the case of a competitor sending in only his own subscription, however, we shall expect him to send us also the name and address of some philatelic friend who would be likely to appreciate a smart and newsy stamp journal.

The Winners of the Cash Prizes will receive the stamps in addition.

GENERAL NOTES ON THE COMPETITION.

The Competition remains open until June 30th, 1901. That is to say June 30th, 1901, is the latest date at which letters received at the offices of the *Fortnightly* can be regarded as eligible for the Competition.

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In the event of a tie for the first, or for any other prize, the Editor will either halve the prize or adopt such other course as may seem to him most desirable.

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HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Third Annual Dinner was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, May 7th, 1901. The chair was taken at 7.15 p.m. by Mr. M. P. Castle, and among those present were:—S. J. Anderson, J. K. Boddy, W. A. Boyes, L. E. Broadbursy, W. G. Cool, E. P. Drv, R. Ehrenbach, R. Fréntzel, G. Gaffe, W. Jacoby, J. W. Jones, L. Magnee, E. A. Murdon, F. W. Mellor, F. J. Melville, R. Meyer, F. Reichenheim, J. C. Sidebotham, W. Simpson, E. L. Styles, C. R. Sutherland, D. Thompson, A. G. Wane, F. A. Wickhart, Baron P. de Worms, H. A. Slade, and five visitors.

The loyal toasts being duly honoured, the Chairman, in felicitous terms, gave the toast of the evening "Success to the Herts Philatelic Society." He congratulated the Society on the good work it had done during the past season, and as one of its Vice-Presidents, was glad to be able to state that it undoubtedly filled a want long existent. It was the means to bringing a number of philatelists into friendly union, and without doubt was helping forward the interests of stamp collecting in the better senses of the term. Passing on to philately in general, he reminded the members that the pursuit had just entered upon a new era as regards British and Colonial issues, and that probably the Victorian range of stamps would become the limit for a number of present day collectors. Those who came after us would presumably take up the Edwardian era in the same way.

Mr. Franz Reichenheim, in responding to the toast, gave a graphic report as to the present position of the Society. In spite of 11 resignations, membership during the past year had increased from 98 to 112—a nett gain of 14. The financial position was equally strong—upward of £12 to be carried forward in favour of the Society. Part of this balance, it was suggested, might usefully be employed in purchase of books for the library. Mr. Reichenheim paid a well deserved tribute to the great assistance rendered by the Vice-Presidents and the Honorary Members of the Society, and expressed a hope that similar assistance might be forthcoming in future. The H.P.S. specially catered for the average collector, and had no desire to compete with any other similar institution, least of all with the great ones who sat at Effingham House. Co-operation and good fellowship had been the causes of its success.

A recitation by Mr. J. K. Boddy, on the woes of an amateur actor, came as a welcome interlude, and was warmly applauded by the members.

The Chairman then introduced Baron Percy de Worms, who had kindly promised to give a display of his brother's collection of the stamps of Ceylon. Praising these superb stamps is like painting the lily; as the Chairman observed, it is most probably the best specialized collection in existence, and could scarcely be improved as regards range of shades, perfs., blocks, etc.

At the conclusion of the display, which was keenly enjoyed by the members, Mr. Sidebotham proposed, and the Secretary seconded, a special vote of thanks to the Baron for his great courtesy, which was carried with acclamation.

This was gracefully responded to, and a successful meeting terminated at 10.15 p.m.

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SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At a meeting held on March 6th, at the Wm. Knolly Hotel, the President, Mr. Metc. He, opened a discussion on "Philately *versus* other Hobbies."

He invited the members to express their opinions and a very interesting and amusing debate followed: many of the members related the various hobbies they had interested themselves in since school days, the advantages and disadvantages each hobby possessed and how they compared with Philately. All were, however, of an opinion that as a winter pursuit Stamp Collecting had no equal, whilst during the summer months it need not be followed so keenly, and some other outdoor hobby might be taken up with advantage.

At the meeting of March 20th there was a display of the stamps of South America.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

It is announced that the Annual General Meeting will be held at Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, on Wednesday, 5th June, at 7.30 p.m. At this meeting the report and balance sheet for the year will be submitted and arrangements considered for next season. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members, who are invited to bring their collections for comparison and duplicates for Exchange.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

IS BADEN-POWELL ANOTHER CONNELL?

It was suggested in this and other journals many moons ago that Major-General Baden-Powell might be trotted off to the deepest dungeon beneath the castle moat for high treason "forasmuch as he did place, or cause to be placed, his own effigy upon a postage stamp issued within the dominions of—" and so on, and so forth.

The suggestion was not made very seriously, so far as the *Fortnightly* was concerned; but as an amusing sequel thereto the "London Philatelist" gives currency to a rumour that the late Queen Victoria was greatly annoyed at B.P.'s temerity in placing his head upon one of the Mafeking issues, and consequently there was only a "C.B." for the gallant General when the honours list made its appearance. The story seems scarcely credible.

THE CARPENTER AND THE STAMP DEALER.

At the Mansion House Police Court, Arthur Prescott, 22, carpenter, was charged, before the Lord Mayor, with attempting to obtain £20 worth of foreign stamps by means of a forged order.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 21st, the prisoner stopped a messenger boy, named Cornwall, in Broadway, Ludgate Hill, and asked him to take a note to Messrs. Myerscough & Co., stamp merchants, of 3, Broadway, Ludgate Hill. The lad

consented to take the letter, the prisoner saying it might be worth sixpence or a shilling to him. He arranged to meet the boy outside the "King Lud," Ludgate Hill.

The letter purported to have been sent by Messrs. Healy & Co., of 14, Wormwood Street, and was a request for a number of foreign stamps worth £20.

Mr. Myerscough suspected the genuineness of the letter, and made up a dummy parcel which he gave to the boy, whom he followed. He saw the boy give the parcel to the prisoner at the place appointed, and a constable who had been spoken to at once caught hold of the accused, who thereupon dropped the parcel and broke away. He was caught, however, and, in reply to the charge, made no remark. The accused was remanded.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

In view of the annual meeting of the London Philatelic Society, fixed for June 7, the day before this number of the *Fortnightly* sees the light, Mr. M. P. Castle writes:

"The work of the London Society has for the past ten years mainly fallen upon the shoulders of a few, and now that Time produces its inevitable changes, it is absolutely necessary in the interests of the Society that new men, *who wil' work*, should in their turn bear the burden of service to Philately in maintaining the reputation and traditions of the premier Philatelic Society in the world."

At about the same time last year Mr. Castle wrote substantially the same thing. What is it that keeps the lesser lights of the London Society down to a dull flicker of inactivity?

Is it bashfulness? or do the greater luminaries bar the way? Certainly it is not lack of knowledge or ability, for among the "private members" of our premier Philatelic Society are many of the keenest and best-informed philatelists of the day.

IS HENRI BAUCHE ADRIEN CHAMPION?

MR. CHARLES J. PHILLIPS provides us with a bit of a sensation in his "Notes and News" in the May "Monthly Journal." He gives the following translation of an article which recently appeared in a Swiss newspaper:—

BANKRUPTCY.—Our readers were able to read in our issue of Thursday evening the account of the arrest of M. Adrien Champion at Pont-de Beauvoisin. This is why we wish to say a little about the accusations which are made against this old dealer of Geneva, and of the careful search which has been made at the instigation of M. Friderich, the substitute of the police magistrate, who has conducted the affair with great skill.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Everyone sending 3/3 for one year's Postal Subscription to the S.C.F. can obtain free mint British Colonial Stamps, all bearing the late Queen's Head and mostly obsolete, to the face value of 6d. by giving the name and address of a philatelic friend.

M. Adrien Champion is accused of fraudulent bankruptcy; he is said to have carried off in his flight from Geneva nearly 70,000 francs worth of goods in stamps, etc., belonging by law to his creditors; he is said to have put into circulation fictitious bills for the sum of 20,000 francs; finally, it is said that he gave himself up to make forged stamps, which he sold as being genuine.

We spoke at no great length about seven months ago of the actions which were to be taken against M. A. Champion, and of another arrest which was made at the time; but the dealer did not wait for the police to examine his books too closely—he fled. Then began a pursuit which has ended only now.

The fugitive betook himself at first to Italy—to Florence, if we are right; then to Paris and Belgium, where track of him was lost. It was thought that the bankrupt would be heard of no more, until one day M. Friderich read in a English newspaper that a man named Harry Bauche had just been arrested in London for issuing forged copies of the old Cantonal Swiss stamps, in particular the "double green" Geneva, which it appears, is worth 600 francs. To make these stamps cost the pseudo Harry Bauche a halfpenny or a penny each, and he was released on a bail of £40.

On reading this the Geneva magistrate said to himself that the London criminal might well be the fugitive. Fresh warnings were issued to the police, and M. A. Champion was tracked by the police of the countries through which he passed. It was known that he was having letters addressed to himself at Modane, then in Paris, then in St. Etienne, and lastly at Pont-de-Beauvoisin, under the name of Jules Rapin.

We have read how M. Adrien Champion was arrested by the police. He declared that he would not oppose his extradition, so that within a few days the dealer will have to defend himself before our magistrates against the strong accusations brought against him. The affair is not without importance, for it is a question of nearly 90,000 francs which have been made away with in some manner that will be brought to light at the trial.

BEGINNING A NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR AUSTRALIA.

HARD on the heels of the suggestion of a national Australian stamp collection comes news of the partial realisation of the dream! The Sydney "Daily Telegraph" of April 19th, says:

The Governments of the various Australian States have just presented to the Technological Museum, Harris Street, and where they are now on view, collections of postage and revenue stamps, embracing obsolete and current issues of all the several States. The collection is a very representative and valuable one, and should prove of great interest to philatelic enthusiasts, especially as all those stamps not already obsolete will soon become so, now that the respective post-offices have passed under the control of the Federal Government.

It is to be hoped that the trustees of the Technological Museum will realise their opportunities and let no chance slip of adding to the useful nucleus thus obtained. If, for instance, all new issues are secured as they appear, the Australasian national collection should in years to come, prove an object of pride to philatelists at the Antipodes.

BRITISH STAMPS DESIGNED IN AUSTRIA.

THE public resentment against the selection of an Austrian sculptor, Herr Emil Fuchs, to design the new British stamps has found expression in the House of Commons.

We extract the following from the Parliamentary reports of May 24th.

Mr. Griffith asked the Secretary to the Treasury whether the designs for the new postage stamps had been entrusted to an Austrian sculptor, and, if so, whether this was due to the fact that there was no British artist competent for the work.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain replied that it was the case that the portrait of His Majesty the King which had been used in the preparation of the designs to appear on the new postage stamps was by a foreign artist, there being in existence an excellent profile portrait only executed last year by the Austrian sculptor Fuchs, who is now resident in London. It was not to be inferred that no British artist was considered competent for the work.

Lord Balcarras asked what form of inquiry or competition took place by which the unsuitability of British artists was determined.

Mr. A. Chamberlain said he had expressly stated that the unsuitability of British artists was not to be inferred from the choice made.

Dr. Farquharson: Was any expression of opinion invited from the Royal Academy?

Mr. A. Chamberlain asked for notice of the question.

Mr. Healy: Do foreign Courts employ British artists for their designs? (Laughter and cries of "Order.")

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

JAMAICA.—Continued.		Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1900. Jubilee Stamp.	Wmk. CC. Perf. 14.				
1d. red	.. ..	..	1/1		1/1
Postal Fiscal Stamps.					
1878-81. Perf. 14.					
1d. rose (wmk. CC.)	.. ..	4/	3/	4/	3/
1d. rose (wmk. CA.)	.. ..	1/6	1/3	1/4	1/3
No wmk. Perf. 14.					
1½d. blue on blue	.. ..	18/	4/	6/	4/
3d. purple on blue	.. ..	18/	4/	6/	4/
3d. purple on lilac	.. ..	18/	4/	6/	4/
3d. purple (wmk. CC.)	.. ..	7/6	4/	1/3	1/9
1/- rose on blue (Perf. 15½ x 15)	.. ..	50/	30/	25/	17/6
5/- lilac on blue (do.)	.. ..	40/	42/	40/	27/6
Surcharged OFFICIAL in thin letters					
1890.					
½d. green (word 15½ mms. long)	.. ..	1/3	1/9	1/3	1/9
½d. green (do. 17½ mms. long)	.. ..	1/4	1/3	1/2	1/1
Surcharged in thick letters.					
½d. green	.. ..	1/2	1/1	1/1	
1d. rose	.. ..	1/2		1/1	
2d. grey	.. ..	1/3		1/2	1/1
LABUAN.					
1879. Wmk. Crown and CA., sideways.	Perf. 14				
2c. blue green	.. ..	90/	60/	80/	50/
6c. orange-brown	.. ..	50/	35/	60/	45/
12c. carmine	.. ..	250/	180/	200/	140/
16c. blue	.. ..	12/6	8/6	20/	15/
1880-82. Wmk. CC. Perf. 14.					
2c. yellow-green	.. ..	2/	1/3	4/	2/9
6c. orange-brown	.. ..	10/6	7/	10/	7/
8c. carmine	.. ..	3/	2/3	3/	2/3
10c. brown	.. ..	15/	10/6	9/	6/
12c. carmine	.. ..	40/	27/6	30/	22/6
16c. blue	.. ..	8/	6/	10/	7/
Provisionals.					
6 in red on 16c. blue (wmk. CA. sideways)	.. ..	400/	280/	200/	130/
8c. on 12c. carmine (S.G. No. 10)	.. ..	70/	50/	55/	40/
8c. on 12c. carmine (S.G. No. 11)	.. ..	—	—	—	—
8 in black on 12c. carmine (wmk. CC.)	80/	55/	80/	55/	
EIGHT CENTS in black on 12c. carmine	30/	22/6	35/	25/	
Eight CENTS in black on 12c. carmine	5/	3/6	7/6	5/	
1883. Provisional. Manuscript Surcharge.					
One Dollar on 16c. blue (wmk. CC.)					
1883-86. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.					
2c. yellow-green	.. ..	2/	1/3	4/	2/6
8c. carmine	.. ..	50/	35/	20/	14/
10c. yellow-brown	.. ..	7/6	5/	9/	6/
16c. blue	.. ..	10/	7/	20/	14/
40c. amber	.. ..	6/	4/	9/	6/

LABUAN—Continued.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
<i>Provisionals.</i>				
2 Cents on 8c. carmine (wmk. CA.) ..	18/	14/	25/	17/6
" " (surcharged diagonally) ..	2/6	1/3	3/	2/
" on 16c. blue (wmk. CC.) ..	—	—	—	—
" on 16c. blue (wmk. CA.) ..	4/	2/6	9/	6/
1886. <i>Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.</i>				
2c. rose-red ..	..	1/3	1/2	1/4
8c. purple ..	..	1/	1/8	1/6
8c. mauve ..	..	1/6	1/	1/6
10c. sepia ..	..	1/9	1/3	4/
16c. grey ..	..	9/	6/	9/

1891. *Provisionals.*

6 cents in black on 8c. mauve ..	..	2/	1/6	4/6	3/
" on 8c. purple ..	..	3/	2/3	4/6	3/
" in red on 8c. purple ..	..	..	..	..	..
" in black on 16c. blue ..	..	..	..	..	..
" in black on 40c. amber ..	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—There are various varieties of surcharge.

1892. *No Wmk. Engraved. Perf. 14.*

2c. carmine ..	..	1/4	1/3	1/6	1/4
6c. green ..	..	1/9	1/6	1/9	1/6
8c. purple ..	..	1/	1/9	1/6	1/
10c. sepia ..	..	1/3	1/	1/6	1/
12c. ultramarine ..	..	1/6	1/3	2/	1/6
16c. grey ..	..	1/9	1/6	2/	1/6
40c. amber ..	..	8/	7/	8/	7/

1893. *Provisionals.*

TWO CENTS on 40c. amber ..	..	20/	16/	14	10.
SIX CENTS on 16c. grey ..	..	30/	25/	17/6	12/

1893. *No wmk. Lithographed. Perf. 14.*

2c. carmine-rose ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/2	1/1
6c. green ..	..	2/	1/9	1/3	1/2
8c. mauve ..	..	2/	1/9	1/3	1/2
10c. sepia ..	..	2/	1/9	1/3	1/2
12c. ultramarine ..	..	2/	1/9	1/3	1/2
16c. grey ..	..	2/	1/9	1/3	1/2
40c. amber ..	..	5/	4/6	1/4	1/3

1893. *No wmk. Various perms.*

North Borneo Stamps surcharged LABUAN.

1c. black and lilac ..	..	1/	1/2	1/1	1/1
2c. " blue ..	..	1/1	1/2	1/1	1/1
3c. " ochre ..	..	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/1
5c. " blue-green ..	..	1/3	1/6	1/4	1/4
5c. " yellow-green ..	..	1/2	1/3	1/2	1/2
6c. " brick red ..	..	1/3	1/4	1/3	1/3
8c. " carmine ..	..	1/6	1/4	1/3	1/3
8c. " red ..	..	1/4	1/4	1/3	1/3
12c. " orange vermilion ..	..	1/6	1/6	1/4	1/4
18c. " olive ..	..	1/6	1/9	1/6	1/6
18c. " olive-bistre ..	..	1/9	1/6	1/1	1/1
24c. blue and lilac ..	..	2/6	1/	1/9	1/9
24c. blue and cold lilac ..	..	1/	1/	1/9	1/9
25c. black on green ..	..	1/9	1/6	1/4	1/4
50c. " marone ..	..	1/3	9/	6/	6/
1 dollar " blue ..	..	2/6	1/	1/9	1/9

1896. *Provisionals.*

(Surcharged with S.G. type 22)

4c. on 1d. red ..	..	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/1
10c. " ..	..	1/4	1/4	1/3	1/3
20c. " ..	..	1/9	1/9	1/6	1/6
30c. " ..	..	1/3	1/9	1/6	1/6
40c. " ..	..	1/6	1/9	1/6	1/6

1896. *Surcharged with S.G. type 24.*

1c. lilac ..	..	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
2c. blue ..	..	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
3c. ochre ..	..	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/1
5c. green ..	..	1/2	1/2	1/1	1/1
6c. brick-red ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/2	1/2
8c. carmine ..	..	1/4	1/4	1/3	1/3

LABUAN—Continued.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
<i>1897. North Borneo Stamps surcharged LABUAN.</i>				
1c. lilac	1/1	1/1	1/1
2c. blue	1/1	1/1	1/1
3c. ochre	1/2	1/2	1/1
5c. yellow-green	1/6	1/6	1/4
5c. blue-green	1/3	1/3	1/2
6c. brown-lake	1/3	1/3	1/2
8c. rose-red	1/4	1/3	1/2
12c. vermilion	1/6	1/4	1/3
18c. olive-bistre	1/9	1/9	1/6
24c. grey-lilac	1/	1/4	1/3

1897-98. Altered Inscription.

12c. vermilion ..	..	1/6	1/4	1/3
18c. olive-bistre ..	..	1/9	1/6	1/4
18c. olive-bistre (surcharge at top) ..	..	1/9	1/6	1/4
24c. grey-lilac ..	..	1/	1/9	1/6

1899. Provisionals. Black Surcharge.

4 CENTS on 5c. yellow-green ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 6c. brown-lake ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 8c. rose-red ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 12c. vermilion ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 18c. olive-bistre ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 24c. grey-lilac ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 25c. green ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 50c. marone ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3
" 1 dollar, blue ..	..	1/3	1/3	1/3

(To be continued).

CORRESPONDENCE, CRITICAL OR OTHERWISE, INVITED.

We are always most glad to hear the views of our readers on the subject of the "Collectors' Guide to Values," whether as criticism of prices already given or as suggestions regarding countries yet to be dealt. At the present time, when our list is drawing near to several of the most interesting British Colonies, we shall be especially glad to hear from any readers who are particularly interested in this feature of our paper.

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Lieut. S. M. Castle, Royal Sussex Regiment—son of the Vice-President of the London Philatelic Society—is home from the war.

The thirteenth German Philatelisten-Tag will be held in Berlin from Saturday, September 7th, until and including Tuesday, September 10th.

So the committee of the Philatelic Exhibition, held in Paris in 1900, has published a balance-sheet, showing £400 on the wrong side of the account. The mystery of the medal muddle is now explained.

Mr. C. J. M. Lehner's bright little paper, "Philatelic Literature, chronicles the journalistic entrances, exits and amalgamations under the headings, Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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THE selection of an Austrian artist, clever though that artist may be, to design the new British stamps, has given deep offence to people in all classes of Society. Philatelists—because their minds are broadened by the universality of their hobby—will perhaps be less chagrined than men in other walks of life. Yet this is not a question of ignorant prejudice. There is something in this matter that lifts it above the ordinary level of international jealousy. Englishmen have no animus against foreign artists, as foreign artists know to their exceeding gain; but the average Englishman would dearly have liked to see the head of his King on the penny postage stamp of commerce delineated by the master-hand of some leading British artist.

It is no small matter, this. It is not at all a question of pounds and shillings paid to the artist as his fee, but a question whether or not British artists are to be consistently cold-shouldered in connection with British national institutions.

Quite a tiny thing, the British postage stamp, the smallest possible canvas in the world. But from the artist's point of view, what a glorious opportunity! No picture in the universe could attain a circulation like unto that of the penny British postage-stamp; no man in any of the great professions could hope to reach so vast a public as could the designer of the postage stamps of Great Britain. Were we a talented artist this thing would seem to us to be the uttermost limit of earthly ambition.

As things are we must simply wait and see what sort of a job the Austrian has made of it, and what kind of a job Messrs. De La Rue have made of the Austrian's job.

It is quite probable that Englishmen will still be able to boast that their postage stamps are the worst in all the world. And there is balm in Gilead. The new British stamps will not—as yet—be printed in Germany!

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These are prosperous days for the stamp dealer if the happy state of things reported by Mr. Phillips, of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, may be taken as applying to the trade generally.

Competitors! your time is short now. The sands are running out. June 30th is the latest date for receiving subscriptions, etc., in connection with the S.C.F.'s Grand Prize Competition.

Much is being said on the subject of a Collectors' Club for London, and mainly by those who have had no experience of the subject. Mr. C. J. Phillips, for instance, has made suggestions on the same subject before, but he and other "enthusiasts" were looking the other way when the City of London Philatelic Club was formed.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Great Britain.—Messrs. C. Nissen & Co. have the ½d. green with "I.R. Official" overprint.

Greece.—To the "Metropolitan Philatelist," Mr. W. B. Hale (the "American Stamp Drummer") writes as follows on the subject of the forthcoming new Greek stamps:—

I was privileged to see here in Athens the accepted essays of the new Greek Stamps which are now in press and will appear in four weeks. They are especially pretty and possess real artistic merit. The series will consist of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60cp, and 1, 2, 3, 4 drachmas, in the same small size as the present series of Greek stamps, and a 5 drachmas of double size printed in gold. They resemble the Olympian Games issue, each stamp bearing a different illustration, the whole being typically Greek. Simultaneously will appear a set of Postage Due Stamps, and a separate stamp for Parcel Post of the denomination of 25 lepta.

The stamps, Mr. Hale adds, are the work of Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., of London, the printers of the Greek bank notes.

New Zealand.—From Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, N.Z., we have received the revised penny post-card, with the additional inscription: (CARTE POSTALE) beneath the words, "Post Card."

Transvaal.—It is stated that the design of the forthcoming new stamps will show the King's head in profile, on a background of deep carmine.

Tumoco (Republic of Colombia).—Messrs. Bright and Son have shown us an issue of stamps for this city or province, whichever it may be, consisting of these values: 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, and 1 and 5 pesos, all existing both perf. and imperf. There is also a Registration stamp of 10 centavos. The stamps have in many instances paid postage to England as can be proved by an envelope in Messrs. Bright & Son's possession which shows the stamps postmarked, and passed by Lemos, the Prefect.

Uruguay.—On the authority of a German contemporary, Messrs. Smith's "Monthly Circular," chronicles the current 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20 and 25 centesimos and 1 peso of Uruguay with black diagonal overprint, "Oficial."

Victoria.—The first of the Australasian Colonies to enshrine the head of King Edward VII. on its postage stamps will be Victoria. The "Sydney Daily Telegraph," kindly sent us by Messrs. Smythe & Nicolle, gives illustrations of the two new high-value stamps of Victoria (£1 and £2) which will shortly see the light. His Majesty's head appears in each case in a central circle carrying the inscription, "Victoria," and the value. But it will be time enough to give a full description when the issue is an accomplished fact. In a sense, the new £1 and £2 stamps will be service stamps, as witness the following official explanation extracted from the "Sydney Daily Telegraph":—

The permanent head of the Postal Department, Mr. F. L. Outtrim, thus explains why the new issue is to be made.

"We take in at certain offices bulk correspondence, on which the postage amounts to £1 or more, and instead of stamping the letters separately a docket for the total postage is presented, and a duty stamp affixed. At the present time we have only duty stamps of these denominations, and revenue derived from them goes to the State, the postage revenue coming to the Commonwealth. We have arranged with the Treasury that the amount of duty stamps used for postage purposes shall be refunded to us, but after the 1st June a distinction must be made, hence the new stamps, which the government printer will be asked to prepare for us as quickly as possible."

The Sydney newspaper, we should add, heads its news, "First Commonwealth Issue," although it seems to us that this is not a Commonwealth issue at all, but essentially a State issue designed to check accounts between the Victorian post office and the Federal government.

"Buffalo" Stamps with Inverted Centres.

THE 2 CENTS ERROR DISCOVERED BY A NON-PHILATELIST WHO QUICKLY LEARNS THAT SUCH MISTAKES ARE VALUABLE—FURTHER "INVERTS" DISCOVERED.



THE 2c. error, with inverted centre, of the Pan-American ("Buffalo") series of stamps, is just now the talk of philatelic America.

- "How many are there of it?"
- "Who has got them?"
- "Will there be any more?" and
- "What are they worth, anyhow?"

These are a few of the questions which the philatelic Man on the Sidewalk (the American equivalent of our famous Man in the Street) wants to have answered in a plain, straightforward manner. But at present he is likely to go on wanting.

HOW THE ERROR WAS DISCOVERED.

Before us lie the principal American stamp journals, the latest of which, the Metropolitan Philatelist of May 25th, contains the following notes on the subject from the pen of its Washington correspondent, "The Optimist":—

All sorts of stories have been sent out concerning the error. As nearly as I can sift them down to actualities, the sum total is as follows:—

A Brooklyn man bought ten 2 cent stamps at the post office and took them to his place of business. He immediately used three of the stamps in private correspondence and in fixing them to the letters noticed the error.

He at once sat down and wrote to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing making complaint.

Complaint! Ye Gods, how oddly that reads through philatelic spectacles! Can anyone picture a philatelist *complaining* of such a fortunate blunder?

This ("The Optimist" proceeds) was the first knowledge Washington had of the error. The Director of the Bureau gave the Brooklyn man to understand that the inverted sheet got out by mistake, but that the stamps were good for postage. It appears that the Brooklyn man soon learned that the stamps were good for something besides postage, he finally selling the six he had at a pretty good price. If no more than the one sheet of inverts ever materializes, he sold them cheaply enough, even if the entire sheet as a whole—save the ten he had—should now be in the possession of parties in an unused condition.

WAS THERE ONLY ONE SHEET?

Here let us remark that "The Optimist" throughout his article is inclined to favour the assumption that only one sheet of the 2 cent Buffalo stamp was printed and issued with the inverted centre; but there does not seem to be a shred of direct evidence in support of this pleasant belief.

I had a chat (he goes on to say) with the Assistant Director of the Bureau and he said he regretted exceedingly that this error escaped the scrutiny of the examiners and got into the Brooklyn Post Office. It had been his sincere hope and desire that the entire requisition might be filled without a single error getting out of the Bureau. However, a sheet had slipped out and nothing could be done about it. . . . He certainly would do all in his power to prevent a recurrence.

The Director, it will be seen, speaks of "a sheet," but we submit that as one sheet of "inverts" slipped out there may conceivably be others. We think it is well known to *Fortnightly* readers that these bi-coloured Buffalo stamps are being printed on hand-presses in a somewhat deliberate and laborious manner—much to the advantage, of course, of the

finished article. But in such a process nothing is likelier than an occasional inversion of the sheet during the second of the two printings, and—there is your "invert." But that the error should afterwards escape the vigilance of the counters and examiners is somewhat remarkable. But is it not the unexpected that happens? Doubtless the Director of the Bureau of Engraving has by this time informed his counters and examiners that the unexpected must not happen again.

THE VALUE OF THE ERROR.

Americans love a boom, and we make no doubt that the Buffalo invert will be boomed sky-high on the Rialto of Philately. But how is one to appraise this stamp without knowing how many specimens exist? Many millions of the 2 cent value are already issued, and according to our friend "The Optimist," the presses are still turning out the 1c. and 2c. values at the rate of some three millions per day. All things considered it is against all reason to conclude that only one sheet of inverts exists or will exist. And to buy at a price based on such an assumption is to fly in the face of all the laws of chance.

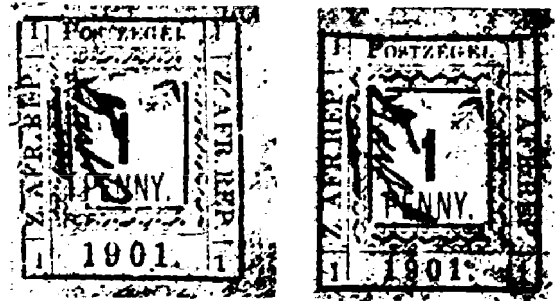
MORE "INVERTS" DISCOVERED.

By the same U.S. mail we get news of the discovery of the 1 cent and 4 cents Buffalo stamps with centres inverted. The 1 cent came to light in a small Connecticut town and fell into the hands of the J. W. Scott Company, who sold half the lot before noon of the following day at twenty-five dollars (£5) per stamp. Purchasers at that price may or may not have bought well. Time will show. In the meantime, the discovery of these additional "inverts" is an added reason why philatelists should exercise great caution ere they pay a tall price for any of these errors.

The Pietersburg Provisionals.

LATEST EMERGENCY ISSUE BY THE BOERS.

BY the kindness of the South African Stamp Company, we are enabled to give illustrations of two types of the provisional stamps issued by the Boers at Pietersburg—one being imperf. and the other perf. So far, the set consists of



values ranging from one penny to one shilling. The printing is in black on red paper, a fact which has made the reproduction of the stamps in the *Fortnightly* a matter of great difficulty. All the stamps are known, we should add, both perforated and imperforate.

The signature on the stamp is presumably that of the Boer Commandant responsible for the issue.

Mr. Rubens, of the South African Stamp Company, assures us that the issue is in every way *boni fide*. As to the quantities printed, he has no information.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York is to bring home, as a trophy of his visit to the Colonies, a full set of unused Australian stamps. The "Daily Mail" hazards a guess that the Duke's entire collection now represents a total value of £100,000.

Our Review of Reviews.

[The *Fortnightly* wishes to exchange, regularly, two copies per issue, with all reputable philatelic magazines at home and abroad. Kindly address in all cases, The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.]

Odd Mail Methods in Morocco.

Mr. Sellschopp, after a long silence, continues the story of his European experiences in the columns of "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies." Here is a good story of Morocco:

Our courier or guide, whom we had taken over from Gibraltar, told me an interesting thing. Before they had the European posts in Morocco letters of importance were sent by runners, and the price was fixed, not by the distance, but by the time the sender wished the answer!

"Good morning, sir, can you forward this important message to my friend, the well-known merchant of Mogador?"

"Most assuredly, my master; and when do you wish the answer?"

"I would like it for the next steamer of those hateful Giaurs—say in ten days."

"You shall have it, I shall send my quickest runner, and you can safely depend on your most humble servant!"

"And what is your charge, my honourable sir?"

"Thirty pesetas, if it has to be done in ten days, but if fourteen days will do, it will only cost you half of that price!"

The bargain made, the runner then and there started, clad in a bit of rag, carrying in a little pocket around his body the letter; besides that a stick, a little stale bread, a skin bag with water, and off he would go, through desert and mountains, generally at a good quick trot, resting just a little during the night or at midday by the wayside, and in all cases the letter would be delivered and the answer carried back in the same prompt manner.

Stamp Exchanging by Mail.

The strangest little stamp journal we have ever seen is "Swap," the early numbers of which are to hand from Rochester, N.Y. Eight pages measuring about five inches by four, make one number of "Swap;" but little as it is, the paper is the Official Organ of the Standard Philatelic Society. "Swap's" special aim in life seems to be the proper care of philatelic exchangeists, and some of these gentlemen, it must be admitted, need a little care. In No. 5, Vol. 2, we find a lengthy article on the subject of Exchanging—a lengthy article for "Swap," that is to say, for it monopolises three whole 5x4 pages. Therein Mr. Charles S. Lewis warmly advocates mail exchanging for stamp collectors, despite all that the system's detractors can say against it. "If care is used," he says, "in selecting correspondents and references are given by both parties before exchange relations are entered into, satisfaction will invariably result and many a pleasing and profitable "swap" made. Exchanging by mail is a necessity to stamp collectors. Those of us who haven't time, after the day's work, to go from our own home to that of another collector in the same town, can and do find the time to write to some fellow collector in a distant city. Ten minutes of writing often suffices to bring about a mutually satisfactory exchange deal by mail, whereas an hour might be spent in making a trip to the home of a local collector and result in nothing."

An Unlucky Age to Die At.

The "Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung," of Leipzig, has shuffled off this mortal coil at the age of thirteen. "A newspaper about to depart this life," remarks "Philologos" of the "Monthly Journal," "has an enormous advantage over an ordinary mortal, for it can compose and print its own obituary notice. The 'Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung,' born at Leipzig, came to an end with the completion of its thirteenth year of publication. The expiring journal, when in articula mortis, thus found enough breath to issue the following 'farewell' to its readers: 'With this number we

take leave of our readers, and leave to others the task of working in the now thankless field of Philately, for in that field more attention is now paid to trifles and splitting of hairs than is good for Philately. Perchance the days will bloom again when everybody will have joy in collecting, and will not be frightened from collecting by the clever people who have made Philately a 'science.'"

The "Discontinued" British Dies.

At the special request of many readers of the *Fortnightly*, we now give the full text of the official notice in the "London Gazette" of April 19th, a summarised reference to which appeared in our issue of May 11th.

STAMP DUTIES.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue in pursuance of section twenty-two of the Stamp Duties Management Act, 1891, as amended by section ten of the Revenue Act, 1898, hereby give notice that the use of the dies from which the covers and envelopes used for denoting duties of postage at the rates of one penny and two pence and commonly called or known as the Mulready Covers and Envelopes have heretofore been printed, and also of the dies referred to in the schedule hereunder written from which adhesive stamps have heretofore been printed for denoting certain duties of postage and of Inland Revenue, has been discontinued, and that on and after the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and one, those dies will not be lawful dies for denoting the payment of any duty, and that the duties of postage and of Inland Revenue for which those dies have hitherto been available may and shall, on and after that day, be expressed and denoted only by the dies provided in lieu thereof, which are now in general use for denoting the said duties by adhesive stamps, as in the first part of the schedule mentioned.—Dated this 19th day of April, 1901.

By order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue,

H. F. BARTLETT, Assistant Secretary.

The SCHEDULE above referred to.

FIRST PART.

Dies for denoting Duties of Postage as follows, of which some have since the passing of the Acts 44 and 45 Vict. c. 12, and 45 and 46 Vict. c. 72, been available, for denoting also Duties of Inland Revenue.

DUTY.	DIES DISCONTINUED.
1. The duty of one penny	All dies in use previously to those used for the stamps now in general use for denoting this duty, which stamps are printed with the words "Postage and Inland Revenue" thereon and were first issued on the 13th day of December, 1881
2. The duties of one halfpenny, of one penny halfpenny, of two pence, of two pence halfpenny, of three pence, of four pence, of five pence, of six pence, of nine pence and of one shilling	All dies in use previously to those used for the stamps now in general use for denoting these duties, which stamps are printed with the words "Postage and Revenue" thereon and were first issued on the 1st day of January, 1887
3. The duty of tenpence	All dies in use previously to those used for the stamps now in general use for denoting this duty, which stamps are printed with the words "Postage and Revenue" thereon and were first issued on the 22nd day of February, 1890
4. The duties of five shillings, of ten shillings, and of one pound	All dies in use previously to those used for the stamps now in general use for denoting these duties, which stamps were first issued on the 1st day of April, 1884
5. The duties payable in respect of the transmission of telegrams	All dies appropriated by words on the face of them to duties payable in respect of the transmission of telegrams

SECOND PART.

Dies for denoting Duties of Inland Revenue as follows, of which some have since the passing of the Acts 44 and 45 Vict. c. 12, and 45 and 46 Vict. c. 72, been available for denoting also Duties of Postage.

DUTY.	DIES DISCONTINUED.
1. The duty of one penny	All dies appropriated by words on the face of them to the duties payable on (1) Receipts, (2) Drafts or Orders for the payment of money to bearer or to order on demand, and also all dies in use previously to the 13th December, 1881, having the words "Inland Revenue" thereon
2. The duties of two pence, of three pence, of six pence, of nine pence, of one shilling, of one shilling and sixpence, of two shillings, and of two shillings and six pence	All dies in use previously to the 1st day of January, 1887, having the words "Inland Revenue" thereon

The Falk of the Stamp Trade.

ONE finds a great variety of sets of stamps, as well as special offers of single rarities, in the neat little pocket price list just issued by Mr. D. Field, of the Royal Arcade, Old Bond Street. Mr. Field's packets range from 100 varieties for 1s. 6d. up to 6000, all different, for £120.

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Among recent additions to the list of London dealers is the South African Stamp Co., of 368, Strand, whose speciality is, as the name implies, the issues of South Africa. The Company has offices also in Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Cape Town, at which place, by the way, the Company acts as sole agent for Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' publications and for the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. Mr. Rubens, Mr. H. Shaw and Mr. Ad. Sonn are the "Company," and their names are a guarantee of business integrity and philatelic acumen.

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Recently, in this column, we remarked upon the substantial increase of business reported by Messrs. Bright & Son. Others are enjoying similar prosperity. In the "Monthly Journal," Mr. Charles J. Phillips, Managing Director of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, writes as follows:—

I have made a comparison of our returns and business for the ten months ending April 30th last, as compared with the corresponding ten months of the preceding year, and I find that our cash receipts have increased in that period by over £15,000, and the sales of Stamp Albums have increased by between 8,000 and 9,000.

Much of the present vitality of the stamp trade, Mr. Phillips considers, is due, more or less directly, to the war; the Press having given unprecedented notice to the various war issues of South Africa, and thereby interested many thousands of people in a hobby quite new to them.

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Mr. F. C. Penney has removed from his premises in Philpott Lane, E.C., and during the summer will conduct his business from his private residence, 71 Fairmount Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.

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We greatly regret to hear that Mr. Edward Cooper, the well known stamp dealer, was among those injured in the serious coaching accident at Epsom on Tuesday last. Mr. Cooper's injuries were of a sufficiently serious nature to demand his detention in hospital. Every philatelist will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Someone must start a philatelic matrimonial agency if this sort of thing continues. The following advertisement recently appeared in a Continental stamp journal;—"Philatelic marriage. A stamp dealer, aged about thirty years, wishes to marry a young lady fond of the business and having a good stock as dowry."

From the Auction Rooms.



In this number we give the conclusion of our report of Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's important sale of April 30th, May 1st and 2nd. This sale included a great number of notable items, including such as the Moldavia 81 paras, which although not a perfect copy sold for the satisfactory price of £227.

Some splendid Africans came up for disposal at Messrs. Venton Bull & Cooper's sale of May 9th and 10th. This firm, by the way, have secured very comfortable quarters at the Hotel Cecil, their

sales being held in the well known Blenheim Room at that magnificent caravanserai.

We are now fast approaching the break between seasons. Messrs. Plumridge & Co.'s last sale of 1900-1901, will be held at the Arbitration Room, on June 18th and 19th.

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

April 30th and May 1st and 2nd.

(Continued).

ASIA.	£	s.	d.
Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., wmk. S*ar, 4d. rose..	..	11	5 0
Do. do. 8d. brown, torn ..	..	7	0 0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown ..	..	2	14 0
Do. do. 1/- lilac*, but no gum ..	..	16	5 0
Do. do. 1/9 green* ..	..	3	3 0
Do. Service, 2/- blue, imperf.* ..	..	5	10 0
India, 1856-64, 2a. green, no wmk.* ..	..	3	3 0
Labuan, 1880, Provl., 6 in red on 16c. blue ..	..	7	5 0
Philippine Islands, 1854, 5c. orange ..	..	2	2 0
Do. 1855, 5c. red ..	..	2	8 0
AFRICA.			
Azores, 1882-83, small surcharge, 150 reis, blue*	..	4	7 6
British East Africa, 1890-91, 4 annas, grey, a pair, imperf.*, no gum ..	..	3	12 6
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 1d. scarlet, wood-block, rather poor copy ..	..	3	0 0
Do. do. 4d. red, error, wood-block, damaged and repaired ..	..	30	0 0
Congo, Parcel Post, 1889-92, Fr. 3.50 in blue on 5 frs. lilac	..	2	12 0
Lagos, 1885-87, wmk. C.A., 2/6 grey* ..	..	3	15 0
Do. 5/- blue* ..	..	6	2 6
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange, medium, early impression ..	..	6	0 0
Do. do. 1d. orange on bluish, medium impression*	..	6	7 6
Do. do. 2d. blue, worn impression ..	..	4	4 0
Do. another, very worn impression, the error 'Penoe'	..	5	0 0
Do. 1859, Small Fillet, 2d. blue, worn impression*	..	5	5 0
Do. do. Large Fillet, 2d. dark blue, no margins ..	..	9	10 0
Do. do. Greek Border, 1d. red*, no gum ..	..	5	5 0
Natal, 1857-58, 1/- buff, measuring 23 x 30 mm. ..	..	5	5 0
Reunion, 1852, 30c. black on bluish, slightly torn and faded, on entire ..	..	27	0 0
Transvaal, 1877, V.R. Transvaal in red, 6d. blue, thinned	..	4	0 0
Do. do. 1/- green ..	..	4	5 0
NORTH AMERICA.			
British Columbia, 1861, imperf., 2½d. brown-rose*	..	16	0 0
Do. 1867-69, perf. 14, 10c. lake and blue*	..	3	10 0
Do. do. 1 dollar, green*	..	6	15 0
Do. do. perf. 12½, 50c. violet and red*	..	1	10 0
Canada, 1852-57, 7½d. green*, no gum ..	..	5	5 0
New Brunswick, 1851, 6d. yellow*	..	11	15 0
Do. do. 1/- mauve, pinholed and thinned ..	..	10	10 0
Newfoundland, 1857, 2d. scarlet ..	..	3	5 0
Do. 1860, 1/- orange ..	..	10	0 0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1d. red-brown*	..	1	14 0
Do. do. 6d. yellow-green*, no gum ..	..	6	0 0
Do. do. 1/- purple ..	..	12	5 0
Do. do. another, thinned, and cut rather close	..	7	10 0
United States, 1856, 90c. blue*, no gum ..	..	2	6 0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

	£	s.	d.
Antigua, 1879, wmk. C.C., 2½d. brown*, no gum	..	1	14 0
Barbados, 1873, wmk. Small Star, 5/- rose*	..	2	8 0
Do. do. another copy, used	..	1	10 0
Do. 1d. on right half of 5/- rose	..	5	15 0
Montserrat, 1884, wmk. C.A., 4d. blue*	..	6	0 0
Nevis, 1861, 6d. grey-lilac*, no gum	..	2	4 0
Do. 1878, perf. 15, litho, 6d. grey*, part gum	..	4	5 0
Do. 1879, wmk. C.C., 2½d. brown*	..	1	4 0
Do. 1882-83, 6d. green*	..	4	12 6
St. Lucia, 1885-86, 6d. violet*, no gum	..	1	13 0
Do. do. 1/- orange-brown*, no gum	..	3	0 0
St. Vincent, 1871-77, 1/- vermilion*	..	4	12 6
Do. 1880, wmk. Star, 5/- rose-red*	..	10	15 0
Do. 1881, Provl., 4d. on 1/- vermilion	..	8	15 0
Tobago, 1882-84, wmk. C.A., 6d. bistre*	..	5	10 0

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Argentina, 1891, 20 pesos, green	..	3	17 0
Bolivia, 1867, nine stars, 500c. black*, no gum	..	3	15 0
Do. 1871, eleven stars, 500c. black*, no gum	..	1	14 0
British Guiana, 1850, 8c. green, cut round	..	17	0 0
Do. do. 12c. blue, cut square	..	3	10 0
Do. 1852, 4c. blue	..	5	5 0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, defective	..	4	0 0
British Honduras, 1885-87, 6d. yellow*	..	2	2 0
Do. 1888, 3 cents on 3d. brown	..	11	0 0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Tres Pesos, green	..	4	15 0
Do. do. Cinco Pesos, orange, slightly thinned	..	10	0 0
Colombian Republic, 1862, 20c. red	..	3	10 0
Dominican Republic, 1862, 1 real, black on green*, no gum	..	4	5 0
Peru, 1858, Medio Peso, rose-red, error	..	8	15 0

AUSTRALASIA.

Hawaii, 1859-63, 2c. black on thin greyish	..	2	2 0
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 2	..	1	2 0
Do. 1854-56, Diadem, imperf., 5d. green	..	5	5 0
Queensland, 1860, 2d. blue	..	4	4 0
Do. 1860-61, wmk. Small Star, rough perfs., 1/- violet*	..	4	15 0
Victoria, 1850, 2d. lilac, fine background	..	2	17 6
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown on red, printed both sides	..	2	18 0
Do. do. 6d. black-bronze, cut into	..	1	12 0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

May 7th and 8th.

Bolivia, 1867, 50c. blue	..	1	6 0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Cinco Pesos, olive-yellow, cut rather close*	..	12	0 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock, 4d. dark blue	..	6	15 0
Ceylon, 1857-59, 8d. brown, used together with a 1d. blue	..	15	0 0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown	..	4	12 0
Do. do. 2/- blue	..	3	5 0
Do. 1863-67, 2d. emerald-green*	..	1	2 0
Gt. Britain, 1847-54, octagonal 1/- green, Die 2*	..	4	4 0
Do. 1854-57, wmk. Small Crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, a vertical pair*	..	8	8 0
Do. 1860, 1½d. lilac-rose*	..	1	6 0
Do. 1883-87, £1 purple-brown, wmk. Crowns, a vertical pair*	..	5	17 6
Hong Kong, 1876-77, wmk. C.C., 16c. yellow*	..	1	3 0
India, 1865, wmk. Elephant's Head, 8a. carmine*, no gum	..	1	10 0
Naples, 1860, ½ tornese, blue, Cross, poor copy	..	1	14 0
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 2	..	1	14 0
Do. do. do. another specimen without clouds	..	2	14 0
Do. 1888, 5/- purple, with surcharge in red*	..	6	0 0
Philippine Islands, 1854, 5c. orange	..	2	14 0
St. Helena, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 6d. milky-blue*	..	1	18 0
South Australia, 1856-59, imperf., Colonial Print, 6d. slate-blue*	..	14	10 0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen	..	5	10 0
Do. Geneva, 1843, 5+5c. yellow-green	..	20	0 0
Do. Neuchâtel, 1851, 5c. red and black	..	1	17 6
Do. Winterthur, 1850, 2½ rappen black and red on entire	..	2	0 0
Trinidad, 1882, wmk. CA., 4d. grey, a pair*	..	1	16 0
Uganda, 1895, 40 cowries black, defective	..	1	12 0
Do. do. 60 cowries black	..	4	12 6
United States, 1869, 30c.*	..	1	16 0
Victoria, 1862-63, 1d. green, wmk. L*	..	2	0 0
Western Australia, 1854-57, 6d. bronze	..	2	16 0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

May 9th and 10th.

	£	s.	d.
Afghanistan, 1263, value in tablet, shahi purple	..	4	17 6
Do. do. 1 rupee, purple*	..	6	0 0
Do. do. shahi black	..	4	17 6
Do. 1293, Issue for Jellalabad, shahi black	..	5	0 9
Do. do. do. Lalpoura, 1 rupee, yellow-brown, a pair showing 2 types*	..	5	0 0
Azores, 1st issue, 5c. black imperf.	..	2	10 0
British Central Africa, first issue, £5 sage-green*	..	6	10 0
Do. 1895, £10 vermilion*	..	11	0 0
Do. do. another copy used	..	1	6 0
Do. 1897, £1 black and blue*	..	2	10 0
British East Africa, Provl. Ms. surcharge, 1a., A.B. on 4a. brown	..	2	10 0
Do. do. on Company's stamps, 5a. black on grey-blue*	..	3	3 0
Do. do. 2 rupees	..	2	10 0
British South Africa, first issue, £1 deep blue*	..	1	18 0
Do. do. £2 rose-red*	..	3	17 6
Do. Provisionals, 1891, ½d. on 6d., 2d. on 6d., 4d. on 6d. and 8d. on 1/., the set*	..	6	0 0
Do. Provl. used at Bulawayo, 1d. on 4/-	..	2	8 0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. red, torn	..	2	6 0
Do. do. 4d. blue	..	1	16 0
Do. do. Mafeking Besieged, Bechuanaland Protectorate, 6d. on 3d. brown on yellow, error, surcharge double print	..	4	0 0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, Baden Powell, Large Head, 3d. blue on blue on entire	..	1	12 0
Ceylon, 1883-4, 24c. purple-brown, imperf*	..	12	0 0
Dutch Indies, unpaid letter stamp, 5c. yellow-ochre	..	1	0 0
Gt. Britain, 2/6 on blued paper*	..	3	3 0
Levant, 12 piastres on 2/6, on bluish*	..	2	0 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d., plate 11., on laid paper	..	2	0 0
Do. do. 3d. green	..	2	7 6
Orange Free State, 1877, "4" inverted on 6d. carmine, Gibbons' type "d," damaged	..	2	10 0
Queensland, 1881, 5/- yellow-ochre*	..	1	18 0
St. Helena, perf. 14 x 12½, 6d. blue*, oxydised	..	0	16 0
St. Thomas, 1889, Provl., 5 reis on 10r. blue-green, with inverted surcharge, Gibbons' type 3	..	0	10 0
Do. do. 5r. on 20r. rosine, error "Cinoc," type 4	..	0	12 0
Do. do. Another, with whole surcharge inverted	..	0	10 0
Do. Newspaper stamps, Gibbons' No. 207, twice surcharged, once in green and once in black	..	1	10 0
Do. do. Gibbons' No. 207, twice surcharged	..	1	0 0
Do. do. Gibbons' No. 210, do., do., once inverted	..	1	0 0
Switzerland, Vaud, 4c. black and red, damaged	..	3	7 6
Transvaal, 1871-76, 6d. blue, on medium paper, wide roulette all round	..	2	2 0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 2d brown-black on red*	..	6	10 0
Do. Another copy, used	..	2	0 0
Do. 1/- brown, a horizontal pair*	..	1	12 0
Do. 1860, wmk. C. and CC., in red and green, on 3d. cinnamon*, four specimens averaged each	..	3	5 0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, May 16th.

Antigua, wmk. C.C., 2½ red-brown	..	1	6 0
British East Africa, 1st issue, set*	..	5	0 0
Ceylon, wmk. C.A., 16c. lilac	..	1	6 0
Labuan, Provl., Six Cents on 16c. grey, vertical surcharge	..	1	1 0
Do. do. Two Cents on 40c., inverted surcharge	..	2	0 0
Do. do. Six Cents on 16c. grey, inverted surcharge*	..	1	2 0
South Australia, wmk. First Star, 4d. purple, perf. 10, surcharged O.S.	..	3	10 0
Trinidad, Litho., 1d. blue, early state of plate	..	2	10 0

Further supplies of the farthing provisional of Bermuda, according to Alfred Smith & Son's "Monthly Circular," have been sent out to the Colony. A sad surprise, this, for the speculators who cornered the issue and sought to fix the price at a shilling per copy!

Still Another British Forgery.

AND ANOTHER INTERESTING DISCOVERY TO THE CREDIT OF
MR. CHARLES NISSEN.

SOME person very well aware of the comparative scarcity of the British 2½d. plate 17, has been defrauding philatelists in a most audacious way. His *modus operandi* is simple. Upon a copy of plate 7 of the same stamp (worth only 2d., as compared with the 4s. of plate 17), he skilfully draws a "1" in front of the "7," and the trick is done.

To Mr. Charles Nissen, of C. Nissen & Co., High Holborn, is due the credit of detecting the forgery. It was Mr. Nissen, our readers will remember, who originally discovered the sensational forgery of the British 1s. green, and followed this up by his exposure of the 1d. red with forged perforations.



Genuine Plate 17.



Forgery of Plate 17.



Genuine Plate 7.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Nissen will continue to keep an eagle eye on the intricacies of British stamps!

In the fraud under notice the forger's manipulation of the plate-number is plainly exposed in our photographic illustrations of the forged and genuine plate 17 and the genuine plate 7.

The forgery is a dangerous one, particularly so from the fact that it would not occur to one person in a thousand to suspect such a daring ruse. The colour of the inserted "1" is excellently matched—in fact, all but perfect. But in this as in all stamp forgeries there are minor weaknesses which betray the fraud. In the first place the insertion of the "1" to make up the number "17" gives the whole plate-number a badly centred appearance, more noticeable in some specimens than in others. But it is doubtful whether this alone would suffice to betray the forgery, for on many of the genuine stamps the plate numbers are most unevenly set. The great distinguishing point between the forged and genuine stamps is that *the "1" used by the forger is too long!* A glance at our central illustrations will show that this is so.

The particular specimen of the forgery we illustrate bears a very heavy and disfiguring postmark. This may perhaps be taken as an indication that the forger has operated on a large number of stamps, without pausing to select good specimens.

Mr. Nissen has received a quantity of the forgeries during the current week. We shall be interested to know whether any of our readers have been victimised.

It is a great pleasure to the *Fortnightly* again to be the first in the field with this exposure of a British forgery which is as dangerous as it is audacious.

WHITFIELD KING & Co.s Special Offers :

New Sets of Stamps.

* Used. † Unused.

	Set of	s.	d.		Set of	s.	d.
† Abyssinia, 1894, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16 guerches ..	7	2	3	† Porto Rico, 1898, 1 mil to 2 pesos, complete ..	20	35	0
† " 1898, unpaid, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16 guerches ..	7	3	0	† Panama, 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20c. ..	5	1	0
* British East Africa, 1896, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8 annas, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 rupees ..	15	27	8	† Uruguay, 1901, 1, 2, 5, 7, and 10c. ..	5	2	0
† Bulgaria, 1891, Jubilee, 5 and 15 stot ..	2	0	6	† " " 25c., 50c., and 1 peso ..	3	10	6
† Costa Rica, 1900, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. and 1 colon ..	7	8	0	† Victoria, 1901, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, and 5/- ..	11	12	6
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At the Annual Meeting of the Leeds Philatelic Society, held at the Patent Library, Municipal Buildings, Leeds, on May 7th (Mr. H. M. Hepworth, the retiring president, in the chair), the eleventh annual report and financial statement were read by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and, after being favourably discussed by the members present, were unanimously adopted. The report congratulated the members on the very satisfactory position at present enjoyed by this the oldest of the provincial philatelic societies, as evidenced by a considerable increase in the membership, an excellent attendance at the meetings, the enhanced interest shown by the members in various branches of the subject of study; and the continued growth of the library, which includes now an excellent collection of standard works, which are at all times easily accessible to the members, and which, therefore, in itself forms a strong inducement for philatelists to become members. Reference was made to the "Philatelic Gathering," to which all the known collectors of the city and neighbourhood were invited as visitors, which proved so successful as to become in all probability an annual feature in each session. In the course of the discussion, the President-Elect suggested that, as the library had now grown so extensive, it would be of great utility to members to possess a printed catalogue. He was kind enough to offer a substantial donation towards defraying the cost of such a catalogue. The matter will receive the attention of the new committee.

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COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

The sixty-sixth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Monday, May 13th. Present: Messrs. Bruner, Calman, Luff, Scott, and Perrin.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in hand of \$317.24 exclusive of \$1000 bond was read and accepted.

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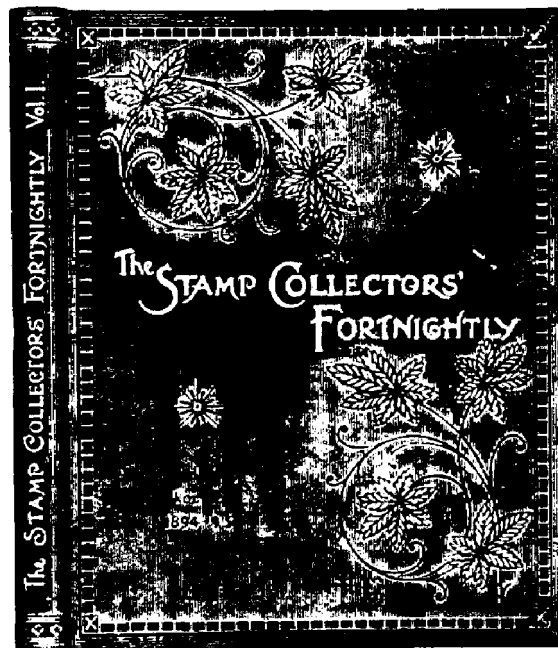
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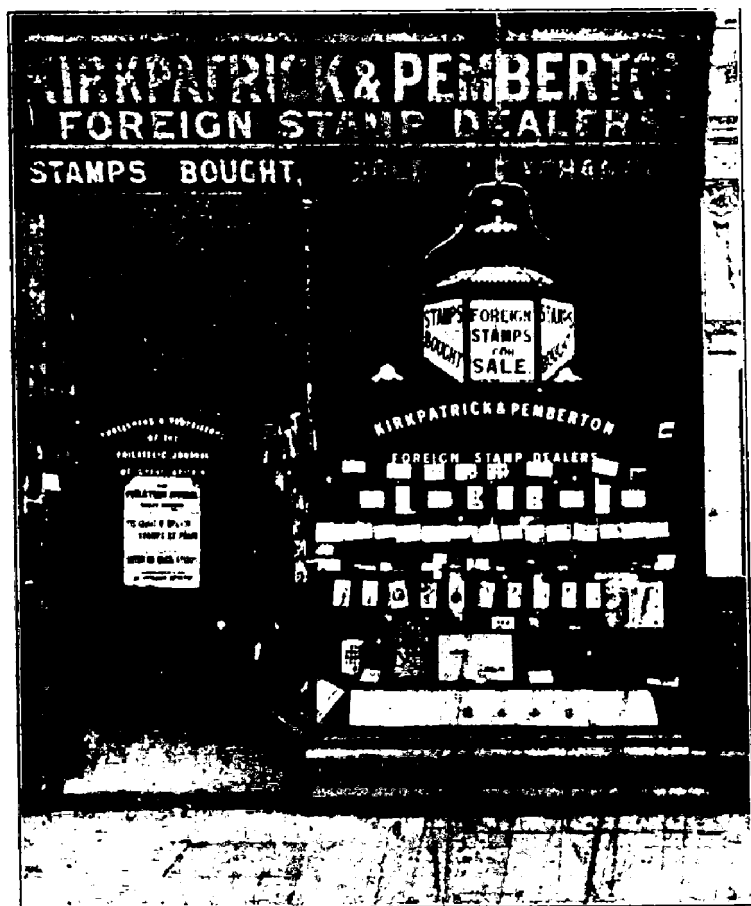
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" " " 12 pias, mint	0	18	0	" " 1883-86, 6d. lilac, mint	2	4	0
*Dominica, 1 -, C.A., mint	2	5	0	" " " 1 - orange, mint	3	10	0
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

ONE WAY OF MAKING UP 2 CENTS.

In Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, there is a Postmaster who would easily carry off the highest honours in any competition for the creation of fancy varieties. Not long since there appears to have been a shortage of 2 cent postage stamps in Upper Stewiacke, N.S. For all we know to the contrary there may have been a shortage of 1 cent stamps as well, but this seems unlikely. In the absence of 2 cent stamps one would think that the most natural course for the denizens of Upper Stewiacke, N.S., to pursue would be to use two 1 cent labels for the prepayment of a single-fee inland letter.

Imagine our surprise, therefore, on receiving from Mr. J. T. Bolton, of Croydon, an envelope bearing, in lieu of the ordinary 2 cent stamp, one complete stamp of the 1/2 cent black variety and a half of the 3 cent "Maple Leaf" stamp—halved vertically. The envelope has every appearance of being perfectly genuine, but in a sceptical world it would have been worth a great deal more had the postmark gone completely over the split 3 cents stamp.

To set against this, however, the envelope bears this writing on its face: "Used on acct. of being out of 2c. postage—F.C.—(name illegible) P.M."

This, unless Mr. Bolton has been defrauded, is the guarantee of the Postmaster of Upper Stewiacke, of Nova Scotia, that the 1/2 cent, black, and the half of a 3 cents rose have been used in lieu of an ordinary 2 cents stamp.

Again we say, what a Postmaster! Where were his 1 cent stamps? And in the unlikely event of the 1 cent stamps being also out of stock, why not have used four 1/2 cent labels? That there were 1/2 cent stamps available we have ocular demonstration in the shape of the envelope under notice.

A SOUVENIR FOR HIS PHILATELIC HIGHNESS.

Now that fuller details are to hand regarding the Sydney Philatelic Club's presentation of a philatelic souvenir to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York one can see that the thing is being well and thoroughly done. Contributions of stamps to form part of the souvenir have been solicited through the columns of the "Australian Philatelist," and the "Australian Journal of Philately," and we gather that the response has been good. The stamps, when received, were to be mounted on sunk-mount sheets, and these, with another sheet bearing the names of the donors, were to be suitably bound at the expense of the Sydney Philatelic Club. A happy idea in every way, and one may be sure that the Heir to the Throne will have received the souvenir of the philatelists of Australia will no little gratification.

The philatelic incidents of the Duke's tour have naturally led to Press paragraphs innumerable. One of these, in the "Westminster Gazette," reminds us that the Duke of Cornwall has been a correspondent of the principal dealers ever since he was a lieutenant on the *Thrush*, and at the office of one firm of dealers he has a special box in which anything of interest that turns up is retained for his inspection.

BRITISH STAMPS DESIGNED FROM AN AUSTRIAN'S DESIGN.

The question why the new British postage-stamp should bear an Austrian artist's portrait of the King again cropped up in the House of Commons on the evening of Thursday, June 6th.

Dr. Farquharson wished to know if the advice of the President of the Royal Academy and the leaders of the artistic profession was obtained before the commission was given to an Austrian artist, and Mr. Ellis Griffiths asked who was responsible, and whether an opportunity was afforded any other artist to submit designs.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in reply, said the Postmaster-General was responsible, and he took the pleasure of the King as to the portrait. His Majesty selected a portrait executed only last year by a gentleman who had long been resident in London (Mr. Fuchs), whose work deservedly enjoyed a high reputation in this country, and as the portrait was thought to be particularly well adapted for the purpose it did not appear necessary to invite designs from any other artists, and it was not thought necessary to consult the President of the Royal Academy or the leaders of the artistic profession, as the selection of the portrait to be used was obviously a matter in which His Majesty's own wishes should carry most weight.

URGENT NOTICE.—There is still time to send 3/3 for one year's Postal Subscription to the S.C.F. and obtain free mint British Colonial Stamps, all bearing the late Queen's Head and mostly obsolete, to the face value of 6d. To do this you must send at same time the name and address of a philatelic friend.

THE FORCED PORTO RICAN "HABILITADOS."

UNDER date June 3rd, Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son, 37 and 39, Essex Street, Strand, write us as follows:—

It is probable that an attempt will be made to put the recent forgeries of the Porto Rico "Habilitado para 1898 y 1899" surcharges on the market here. At any rate we have received a consignment of 2000 stamps from a Mr. Francisco Ramis, of Caguas (Porto Rico), the bulk of which is made up of the two counterfeits of which we enclose specimens.

The forgery, we need scarcely say, lies in the three-line surcharge, "Habilitado para 1898 y 99," and the makers of the counterfeits are believed to have been assisted in their work by the publication of too minute descriptions of the salient features of the genuine overprint by over zealous journals in America. In view of Messrs. Alfred Smith's letter it behoves stamp collectors here to buy "Habilitados" only from people with a reputation.

"TRUTH ABOUT THE 'BOER COMMANDO' STAMP."

REGARDING our recent short article by "A Johannesburg Philatelist" a military correspondent writes us as follows:—

In my last *Fortnightly* I notice a paragraph about the Orange Free State Commando Stamps. Your Johannesburg correspondent asserts that they were issued by an official of the O.V.S. on duty at the Field Post Office. I write to say that this is incorrect. I have in my possession many specimens, among which are the following postmarks, all used in October and November, 1899:—Bloemfontein and Jacobsdal, Civil Offices, Spytfontein C.G.H., Bartely West C.G.H., Colesberg C.G.H., all bearing civil post-office cancellations. Judging from this, the issue must have been a general one, and quite *bona-fide*. If this would have been a speculation, we should have heard frequently about the stamps in the auction catalogues, where the Mafekings so frequently appear. Instead of that, they are surprisingly scarce, used, and seldom on offer. I write this for your own information, and do not wish my name to be drawn into a controversy about the matter.

MR. HADLOW'S LIST OF BRITAIN AND COLONIES.

A VERY copious price list of British and British Colonial stamps, both used and unused, is to hand, from Mr. W. Hadlow, of the Strand and Blackfriars. Some 3,500 or more distinct "lines" are offered therein, and of many of these dozens can be supplied. Mr. Hadlow's prices are nett, and at some of the prices quoted they have every need to be.

"UNWORTHY OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH."

THE following letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Sydney Philatelic Club to the Federal Postmaster-General of Australia speaks for itself:—

Sydney Philatelic Club, Sydney, 22nd March, 1901.

SIR,—I am directed by the Committee of the Sydney Philatelic Club to respectfully draw your attention to the practice of the Victorian Postal Department of selling lightly postmarked sets of postage stamps, under face value at 4s., 20s., and £5, according to the number of varieties contained in the sets.

My Committee desire to point out that such a practice is both undesirable and undignified, in that it brings the department down to the level of a dealing concern, and at the same time opens the door to obvious fraudulent abuse. The bankrupt South American Republics, the private post-office of Samoa (now discontinued) and the North Borneo Chartered Company's Post Offices of Borneo and Labuan, have descended at one time or another to this objectionable practice, but in each case the course adopted has been held up to public contempt.

I am also to refer you to the assurance given to a deputation from this Club on the 25th ultimo, that you were opposed to the sale of stamps for the purpose of raising revenue otherwise than through the legitimate channels. This practice has already been severely commented upon by the English Philatelic Journals, and my Committee sincerely trust that you will take such steps as will effectually put a stop to a proceeding that is wholly unworthy of a department of the Australian Commonwealth.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

A. F. BASSET HULL, Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. J. G. Drake,
Postmaster-General, Sydney.

The "Australian Philatelist," of April 30th, remarks that the only response received is a curt official acknowledgment.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
LAGOS.				
1874. <i>Wmk. CC. Perf. 12½.</i>				
1d. lilac	6/	4/	6/	4/
2d. blue	10/	7/	4/6	3/
3d. red-brown	16/	11/	8/	5/
3d. deep red-brown	16/	11/	8/	5/
4d. carmine	20/	14/	8/	5/
6d. blue-green	30/	20/	4/	2/6
1/- orange (ONE SHILLING 15½mm. long)	70/	50/	15/	10/
1/- orange (ditto 16½mm. long)	85/	60/	10/	7/
1875. <i>Wmk. CC. Perf. 14.</i>				
1d. lilac	3/6	2/6	2/6	1/6
2d. blue	7/6	4/6	5/	3/6
3d. red-brown	32/6	25/	4/	2/6
3d. deep red-brown	32/6	25/	4/	2/6
4d. carmine	45/	35/	3/6	2/6
6d. green	10/	6/	2/6	1/9
1/- orange	200/	120/	30/	17/6
1882-87. <i>Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.</i>				
¼d. green	1/		1/	
1d. lilac	1/6	1/	3/	2/
1d. rose-carmine	2/		1/	
2d. blue	35/	25/	6/	4/
2d. grey	6/	4/	3/	2/
2½d. ultramarine	14/	13/	12/	11/
3d. chestnut	4/6	3/6	1/6	1/
4d. carmine	35/	25/	6/	4/
4d. bright lilac	12/6	8/6	3/	2/
6d. sage-green	2/6	2/	3/	2/
1/- orange	3/6	3/	3/6	2/6
2/6 olive-black	90/	70/	90/	60/
5/- blue	140/	110/	150/	110/
10/- lilac-brown	250/	200/	280/	200/
1887-94. <i>Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.</i>				
HALF PENNY on 4d. lilac & black	14/	13/	16/	14/
2d. lilac and blue	13/		13/	12/
3d. lilac and chestnut	14/		14/	13/
4d. " black	16/		16/	14/
5d. " green	17/		17/	15/
6d. " mauve	18/		18/	16/
7½d. " carmine	110/		110/	18/
10d. " yellow	11/		11/	10/
1/- green and black	13/		13/	10/
2/6 " carmine	33/		33/	26/
5/- " blue	61/		61/	46/
10/- " brown	121/		121/	101/
LEEWARD ISLANDS.				
1890. <i>Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.</i>				
¼d. lilac and green	1/		1/	
1d. " rose	2/		1/	
2½d. " blue	16/		11/	
4d. " orange	15/		15/	14/
6d. " brown	18/		18/	16/
7d. " slate	19/		19/	17/
1/- green and rose	13/		13/	19/
5/- " blue	61/		61/	51/

LEEWARD ISLANDS—Continued.

			Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1897.	<i>Jubilee Issue.</i>	<i>Surcharged in</i>				
	<i>black, "Sexagenary, 1897," &c.</i>					
½d.	lilac and green	..	..	1/6		
1d.	.. rose	..	..	1/9		
2½d.	.. blue	..	..	1/1		
4d.	.. orange	..	..	1/6		
6d.	.. brown	..	..	4/1		
7d.	.. slate	..	..	4/6		
1/-	green and rose	..	..	5/1		
5/-	.. blue	..	..	12/6		

(To be continued.)

AN UNCATALOGUED TRANSVAAL VARIETY.

OUR attention has recently been called to a curious variety, hitherto uncatalogued, appearing on Gibbons' Nos. 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 231, 232, 233, 234 and 235 of the Transvaal. In each case the spacing between each line of the surcharge is 13 mm; but there is to be found one row in each sheet (the row before the last) with surcharge measuring 14 mm. This variety on the Transvaal stamps has been entirely overlooked by all specialists whereas it is quite as important as large and small dots, etc., etc.

Another interesting variety is that of the One Penny on 3/- B.C.A.; a recently discovered error, surcharged "One Penny," without the "E" of "Penny."

A RUSH FOR INVERTED CENTRES.

THERE is no fresh news from America as to the inverted-centre varieties of the Pan-American stamps. Space may be found, however, for the following amusing news-despatch, quoted by "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," from a Boston newspaper.

Springfield, Mass., May 12.—A score of clerks in the Springfield Post Office have been deceived by a practical joker, who cut out and inverted the elliptical centre-piece of a two-cent stamp of the Pan-American series, giving to the express train, which is the distinguished feature of the stamp, the appearance of being upside down.

When the letter bearing the stamp was discovered the clerks made a mad rush for the stamp windows and bought all the two-cent Pan-American stamps in sight, hoping to obtain more specimens bearing the imprint of the unusual express train. Their hopes were not realized and a closer inspection of the stamp showed that the centre-piece had been cut out with a sharp instrument and inverted. So cleverly was the operation performed that a glass was necessary to distinguish the mutilation.

The clerks have on their hands several hundred dollars' worth of two-cent stamps, which they are disposing of at bargain sale prices, the post office regulations preventing the stamp department from refunding their money.

As a fitting conclusion to the story, the letter which caused the flurry is held for postage due, the assistant postmaster ruling that the stamp was mutilated.

THE HOME OF AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL COLLECTION.

WE have already referred to the initiation of an Australian National Collection at the Technological Museum, Sydney. A more detailed account of the movement is now to hand in the "Australian Journal of Philately":—

The thanks of the community are due to Mr. R. T. Baker, F.L.S., curator of the Sydney Technological Museum, for deciding to add a "Stamp" Section to those already under his care.

Having considered the desirability of action, Mr. Baker wrote to the Postal authorities of all the States, including New Zealand, requesting the favour of a donation of stamps. In due course he received the usual sheets of stamps sent by the various bodies, those of New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia being mostly marked reprint or specimen. Those of Victoria and Tasmania were lightly postmarked, while New Zealand sent originals unmarked.

However, Mr. Baker is well satisfied for the present; he has made a beginning, and hopes for good results.

It is intended to have the stamps properly classified and dated, and no doubt by and by the public (more especially philatelists) will derive considerable benefit from this new departure.

Through our Antipodean contemporary, Mr. Baker appeals for donations of the scarcer Australasian stamps, with a view to making the collection representative, if not absolutely complete.

"THE PROVISIONALS OF PIETERSBURG."

SINCE the publication of our illustrations of these stamps in the last *Fortnightly* a valued correspondent has cast the strongest doubt upon the bona-fides of the issue. With the meagre evidence available, however, the question is not an easy one to decide.

Newspaper articles have appeared under the heading, "The Boers' Last Stamps," giving most romantic accounts of the incidence of the Pietersburg issue. Some £500 worth were printed, according to these reports, but of these a quantity were burned when the British troops re-entered Pietersburg, on April 9th. The printing blocks and type, it is said, were broken up and the Post Office blown to pieces.

The justification for the newspaper man's heading, "The Boers' Last Stamps," is the assertion that the enemy will be unable to issue any further stamps as they have neither paper nor printing presses. But no prudent man will gamble on a statement like that. The Boers are a resourceful race, and one may depend on't that the people who smuggled ammunition in piano cases under the noses of British officials won't be hard put to it for a quire of paper and a hand-press—if it should happen that they desire them. But at the present moment the Boers are in far greater need of steel and lead than the ingredients for a postage stamp.

FRENCH DETECTIVES ON A PHILATELIC TRAIL.

The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" has lately referred to the news from Paris that a number of imperforate sheets of the French 4c. (Ceres type) have recently come on the market, and that certain dealers have been attempting to pass these off as the 4 centimes French Colonies.

"This reminds us," says our contemporary, "that we English are not the only people with a printer's waste trouble. A quantity of stamps have recently leaked out from the French Government Printing Works. The sheets of 4c. imperf., already mentioned, are no doubt some of these. Recently a drawer at the chief post office was opened with a jemmy and a large number of stamps extracted. The chief of the detective force, himself an ardent philatelist, took the matter up. In the endeavour to trace these stamps, all the stamp dealers in Paris had to submit to having their premises searched, and the police took from 4.30 one afternoon till the next morning to go through the stock of M. Maury, alone; but the search was fruitless."

The quest, however, as the "P.J.G.B." remarks in conclusion, must have been a rare treat for the philatelic detective.

Philatelic Gleanings from all Quarters.

The death is announced of Dr. J. Eddington Jefferis, a well-known Australian philatelist. In December last, being then in failing health, Dr. Jefferis sold his fine collection to Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle, of Sydney.

Every member of the New Zealand Parliament has received a pleasant prize packet from the Government of South Australia in the shape of a set of sixteen of that Colony's stamps, from ½d. to 1s. "Needless to say," comments one of the New Zealand papers, "our legislators are pleased with this thoughtful act of the South Australian Government, and the philatelists among them are hoping that each of the other Australian States will follow the example thus set."

Mr. S. H. Lambton, of the General Post Office, Sydney, has been elected President of the Sydney Philatelic Club, *vice* Colonel Williams resigned.

Owing to drastic revision of the Indian parcel post rates the "Philatelic Journal of India" predicts a greatly increased demand for 6 annas stamps, and thinks it likely that the first of the new King Edward stamps to make its appearance will be the 6 anna denomination. The revised parcel rates already referred to may bring about the creation of stamps of the values of 10 and 14 annas.

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Between Ourselves

It escaped our notice, when drawing up the original scheme of our Prize Competition, that June 30th is a Sunday. That being so, July 1st will be the latest day for receiving subscriptions, etc., in connection with that contest. The competition has not been (for reasons which we shall explain in our next issue) quite the success we anticipated, but the results are fair, and as regards the influx of new and renewed subscriptions, we are more than satisfied.

By the way, a Bradford reader who is among the competitors writes us a letter which may serve to point a moral and adorn a tale.

Many thanks (writes this gentleman) for the fine set of unused Gambia, Falkland Island and Queensland. Enclosed please find remittance for three more subscriptions.

Everybody interested in philately who sees the S.C.F., likes it; but I think many of the readers are too well-to-do or too indifferent to trouble about getting new subscribers. Of course one hears remarks like these: "Will you guarantee that the paper will appear another 12 months?" Or "Do you really believe that the big £10 prize will go to an outsider?"—whatever that may mean.

But I honestly believe this to be a fair competition, and as the paper is well worth it, I will do my best. Yorkshire people are rather suspicious and do not like to part with money except for something that can be grasped with two hands; but—we shall see!

Our friend's faith is not misplaced. The competition is a fair one in the widest and fullest sense of the word, and the prizes will be awarded, not to the office boy's relatives, but to those persons who have fairly and squarely won them. We had hoped that the bona fides of the whole thing would be obvious to anyone who gave the subject a moment's thought. Our Bradford correspondent's letter, telling of the suspicions and doubts he has had to contend against, is an eye-opener, indeed. However, it will not lessen the pleasure we shall experience in remitting the prizes on July 15th next to know that they go to people who believe in us.

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"Dealers must make a profit," says "The Cynic," a contributor to the "Australian Journal of Philately." But must they? We fear that many collectors, in Talleyrand's hirtoric phrase, "do not see the necessity!"

The Duke of Cornwall Commemoration Stamp, which seemed so long in coming, is not to come at all. Although the design was prepared, it was decided at the eleventh hour not to issue the stamp. Is it possible that His Royal and Philatelic Highness dropped an effectual hint on the subject? Its likely enough. Anyhow, the absent stamp is an extremely welcome non-arrival, as an Irishman might put it.

Notes on New Issues.

Bolivia.—The threatened new issue is stated to have made its appearance in the following values and colours:

1 centavo, green.
5 centavos, red.
10 " blue.
20 " violet.
2 bolivars, brown.

The series is embellished with portraits of Camacho, Campero, and other Bolivian notabilities. The 2 bolivars value bears the arms of the Republic.



Bulgaria.—Illustrations are now given of the pair of Commemorative stamps recently chronicled.

Curacao.—From the "Monthly Circular" we learn that the 50 cents, green and black of the "Te Betalen" series (unpaid letter stamps) has at length made its appearance. The 40 cents is still needed to complete the set.

Ecuador.—The stamps recently changed in colour in this Republic are thus tabulated, in their new colours, by "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News":—

1 centavo scarlet and black
2 centavos green " "
5 " grey " "
10 " blue " "
20 centavos lilac " "
50 " pale blue " "
1 sucre brown " "

Malay States.—We have already chronicled in detail the new oblong stamps of Malaya, and it remains only to give illustrations:—



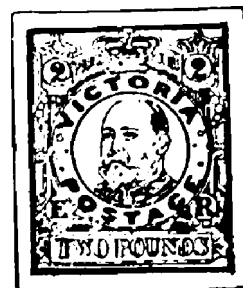
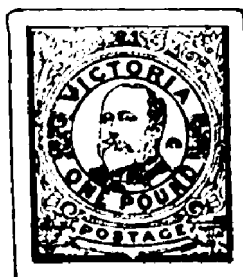
Specimens of the 1c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 10c., and 20c. stamps are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Monaco.—The Postal Union alterations of colour, already reported in the *Fortnightly*, have led to the issue of the 15 centimes stamps in brown instead of rose, to obviate the danger of confusion with the revised 10 centimes stamp.

Nicaragua.—Stamps of the Postage Due Series are being surcharged "Corres" and "1901" to make them available as ordinary postal adhesives. So far the 5c. blue, 10c. violet and 20c. brown have been seen so treated.

Tasmania.—The "Australian Journal of Philately" hears that no more of the ½d. green pictorial issue stamps will be printed, as they are too expensive to produce, and that the issue of the ½d. orange and lilac will be resumed.

Victoria.—The illustrations we are able to append of the forthcoming £1 and £2 stamps described in the last *Fortnightly* are necessarily rough, but they will suffice to give an idea of the designs.



The Work of the Skilled Forger.

LATEST CONTINENTAL IMITATIONS OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF FRANCE.
THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS IN THE WORLD OF FORGERY.



FORGED PAIRS OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF FRANCE.

AS Philatelists have advanced in their knowledge of stamps, so the stamp collector's principal enemy, the forger, has improved his methods and developed his "work." Aided by up-to-date processes, and assisted by the invaluable science of photography, the forger of to-day is a very different individual from the clumsy imitator of a generation ago.

So skilfully have recent forgeries of the scarcer European stamps been produced, that we have thought it well to begin a series of articles in the *Fortnightly* descriptive of the common enemy's latest achievement. But first a word must be said explanatory of the change that has come over the circumstances of the nefarious calling of the stamp forger. Time was when the faker and the "fudge" maker were men who worked furtively in dark back rooms, with a ridiculously defective plant and with the fear of detection constantly hampering what they would be pleased to call their "work." But what happens now? In England, and in most civilised countries, stamp-forging is practically a dead letter, for the simple reason that the work of "floating" the "stuff" on the market, as genuine goods, is too difficult and too dangerous to be worth the candle.

In a word the forger can no longer exist by selling his goods as genuine stamps. It does not pay him. The later and more successful method is to sell the imitations as imitations.

"Behold," says the forger—probably a Frenchman, a Spaniard, or an Italian, and more probably still, living in Italy—"behold these, the imitations of the postage stamps rare! They are quite as good as the real thing, is it not so? And the price, compared with the catalogue value, is a mere bagatelle."

Living in Italy, where the police do not think that a philatelist deserves any protection, the forger is practically in a position to conduct his "business" without let or hindrance. He makes his imitations quite openly and sells them—as imitations—in the frankest manner imaginable. He circularises the philatelists of the whole world; sometimes he has the supreme audacity to send, without solicitation, "a small selection on approval."

This, then, is the new order of things in the world of forgery. The imitator, on the fallacious ground that he is deceiving nobody, and with the complacent police of Italy to wink at his nefarious practises, has practically the whole world as a possible customer. Novices in philately who as yet only look at what a stamp *seems* to be, sometimes buy his stamps for the sake of filling up a few of their vacant spaces.

More often the imitator's wares are purchased by lesser rogues, who, too timid to forge stamps themselves, are willing enough to foist the dirty handiwork of others upon those who are confiding enough to take their goods on trust.

The forgeries we illustrate, all of the first issue of France, are a splendid example of the dangerous imitations of European stamps produced by these scoundrels in Italy. It will be seen that these forgeries are all in *tête-bêche* pairs, and that the 20 centimes value has been imitated, not only in the normal black, but also in the *blue* of the scarce error. Nothing is too large an order for the audacious imitator. And for the pair of the scarce 20c. blue error, his price is only a few shillings!

An expert would reject these stamps on sight; but what about the average philatelist? We have only to say that the average philatelist must, as a necessary measure of prudence, buy the scarcer European stamps from some person whom he knows to be absolutely above the faintest shadow of suspicion!

We shall go on to illustrate and describe other imitations in further articles on this subject: but in the meantime it is perhaps as well to add that these articles are not written—nor are they to be read—in any alarmist spirit. The wily Italian imitator's chaff will not suffice to catch the old birds of Philately; it is simply the younger members of the community we desire to warn and protect.

There is comfort, meanwhile, in the knowledge that these forgeries are, in the main, restricted to the rare old European stamps. British Colonials, happily, are exempt.

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ERRATUM.

REGARDING our recent article under this heading, the author, Mr. J. N. Marsden, writes us as follows:—

In the short article you did me the honour to reproduce in the last number of the *S.C.F.*, a small error appeared.

In the last paragraph, "as to the reprinting of complete sets, &c.," should read "as to the reprinting *to* complete sets, &c."

Most of the values sold to a dealer were legitimate remainders, but certain values, either because there were few, or none at all, were reprinted on paper hardly distinguishable from the original, and I therefore wrote "reprinting *to* (or in order to) complete sets, &c."

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The Talk of the Stamp Trade.

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WE have much pleasure in giving publicity to the following letter from Messrs. H. Ross-Shiells & Co., of 16, Ludgate Hill, E.C.:-

Having in mind the spirit of justice and fair play in which your journal has always been conducted, we feel confident you will give us space for this letter, the more so that we are writing solely to vindicate ourselves in regard to a most unjust and uncalled-for notice which has lately appeared in certain American journals about our firm.

A few weeks ago the fact was brought to our notice that the name of our firm had appeared in the black-list of several papers as an unreliable firm, and asking for further information regarding our standing. Up to this time we were in ignorance of the fact that our integrity had been in any way questioned.

We can only account for it in one way, as follows:-As you are perhaps aware, our firm, early in the year, moved from 75, Little Britain, where we had been established for the last four years, to our present address at 16, Ludgate Hill. About the time of our removal we received a letter and consignment from a party in the United States, hitherto unknown to us. The consignment, which was entirely unsolicited, consisted of about 5s. worth of unused Philippine remainders, which were useless to us. Of course, in the hurry of removal, certain business was somewhat delayed, but in this instance only a few weeks elapsed between the receipt of the letter and our answer. We then received a communication from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., stating that this party had complained that we had kept stamps of his sent us for exchange, and requesting them to black-list us in their journal. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons very courteously wrote us that they were confident a misunderstanding existed, which we could easily explain.

The next thing we heard was that we had been black-listed in America!

It seems to us a most scandalous thing that a firm that has worked for years to build up a reputation, and that is well and favourably known by the leading dealers of England and the United States, should be at the mercy of any sheet which chooses to black-list them without a single preliminary enquiry.

It speaks volumes for the papers concerned that neither of them had the courtesy or courage to send us a paper with the notice complained of. If they were published in England, we would have a legal remedy. As it is, we have none.

We might state, in conclusion, that we have done business for years with some of the largest U.S. firms, and have never had a complaint; in fact, in some cases we have had to wait nearly a year before getting a reply to our letters.

It may be well to add to this the fact, which may possibly be unknown to some of our readers, that in the United States the libel law is practically a dead letter. In the Great Republic the Press is freer even than here, and in no country are the privileges of the Press so grossly abused. It is possible, in America, for an insignificant newspaper to blacken an innocent man's reputation with absolute impunity. Were Messrs. Ross-Shiells & Co. to seek reparation for the injury done them in the American courts they would probably be laughed at for their pains. This quite aside from the question whether the offending journals are "worth powder and shot," which is doubtful.

WHY ARE AMERICAN DEALERS' STAMPS UNPRICED?

An editorial article in the last issue to hand of the "Metropolitan Philatelist," of New York, will interest dealers and collectors alike. In a recent number of an English stamp journal appeared this paragraph:

"If one goes into dealers' shops in any large city in America, one sees a lot of stamps, generally in no order, and generally without prices attached. You look through the book and see a stamp you want, but there is no price to it. . . ." etc., etc.

Now why does the American dealer leave his goods unpriced? Mr. J. W. Scott's paper furnishes a very lucid and most interesting solution of the mystery.

Ten or fifteen years ago (says the "Metropolitan") practically every stamp in a dealer's stock was priced. Times have changed and dealers have to change with them. Years ago the speculator

was scarcely known and buyers were amateurs, or at least bought for their own collection. After awhile a new class of buyers sprang up. Bright young men with small collections made frequent calls at the large dealers' establishments and remained there long enough to get acquainted with the larger buyers, and, finding out their wants, would search the stores for such stamps and turn them over at a large profit. This the dealers objected to. They had no objection to a customer securing occasionally great bargains, because it pleased him and made it worth his while to call frequently, and the loss, if any, was made up on other stamps, whereas, if the same stamp was secured by a speculator it encouraged him to continue his practice to the great injury to legitimate dealers. Thus in self defence the dealers discontinued pricing stamps so that undesirable customers could be asked such prices as would discourage their visits.

The writer of the article goes on to contend that the same sort of thing obtains in London! As evidence thereof he tells the following story:-

Many years ago the writer made yearly visits to England. There was a certain dealer in the Strand who carried a large and varied stock. He marked his stamps cheap but objected to sell to dealers. The writer had heard of many great bargains having been picked up in his books, and naturally desired to overhaul the stock, but year after year without success; only the commonest rubbish being shown with the declaration that his books were all the same. New bargains having been reported, the writer determined to have a share on his next trip, and put in practice a plan that worked to perfection. On entering the shop he sat down and looked over a book of very common stamps on the counter and asked the proprietor how much he wanted for the book. The modest sum of £20 was asked (at least four times its retail value) and purchased at once. The transaction convinced the dealer that he had a genuine buyer, and thereupon his entire stock was placed at our disposal, and several hundred pounds changed hands with mutual satisfaction. At any rate the purchaser would gladly make another trip to London to duplicate the purchase at double the price.

He fires an aphorism at us as a parting shot: "There are always ways of getting at a dealer's stock without using a crowbar!"

THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP COMPANY.

Our reference to the personnel of the South African Stamp Company in the last *Fortnightly* was not quite accurate. The Company's affairs are managed, in London, by Mr. Rubens, and in South Africa by Mr. Oppenheim. It would be difficult, by the way, to match the S.A. Stamp Company's showing of Transvaals either in quality or range. Their stock-books make one covetous.

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Natal, 1st issue, 3d. rose, 2 copies, and 1/- buff, used together on piece of original ..	3	10	0
Niger Coast, Provisional, ½d. in violet on 2d. (S.G. No. 12*)	1	12	0
Do. do. ½d. in green on 2½d. (S.G. No. 13), a horizontal pair*	3	7	6

	£	s.	d.
Niger Coast, Provisional, ½d. in carmine on 2½d. (S.G. No. 15*) ..	2	0	0
Do. do. ½d. in vermilion on 2½d. (S.G. No. 18*) ..	1	5	0
Do. do. One Shilling in violet on 2d. (S.G. No. 28*) ..	1	18	0
Do. do. One Shilling in vermilion on 1/- (S.G. No. 29), a horizontal pair*	5	0	0
Orange River Colony, surcharged V.R.I., 6d. carmine, with raised stops* ..	1	2	0
St. Vincent, 1869, 1/- indigo-blue, some perfs. clipped* ..	1	3	0
Do. do. 1/- brown ..	1	2	0
Switzerland, Neuchatel, 5c. black and red ..	1	8	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½r. black and red ..	2	0	0
Transvaal, 1877, imperf., 1/- green with inverted surcharge, defective ..	1	10	0
Do. 1878, 4d. sage-green, block of 9* ..	4	10	0
Victoria, the Too Late Stamp ..	1	0	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

May 30th and 31st.

British Central Africa, 1898, £10 yellow ..	5	0	0
British East Africa on Company, 5 annas* ..	4	4	0
Do. do. do. 5 rupees* ..	2	15	0
Do. do. do. 2½ in red on 4½ annas ..	1	0	0
British Guiana, 1862, Provl., 2c. black on yellow, border of crossed ovals ..	1	14	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. red, cut rather close ..	2	15	0
Do. do. 4d. pale blue ..	1	14	0
Ceylon, wmk. Star, 1/9 green* ..	2	10	0
Finland, 1883, 5 marks green and rose, a horizontal pair* ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 10 marks brown and rose, a horizontal pair* ..	4	15	0
India, 1st issue, 4as. red and blue, a block of 8*, creased and pinholed ..	12	0	0
Mafeking Besieged, 6d. on 3d. claret, Cape ..	1	0	0
Do. do. 1/- on 6d. B. Bechuanaland ..	6	10	0
Modena, the large "B.G." 9c. on pink ..	1	10	0
Naples, 5ogr. lake ..	1	10	0
Natal, 1st issue, 1/- buff ..	4	5	0
Nevis, 1/- yellow-green ..	2	8	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate I. ..	1	16	0
Do. do. 2d., plate II. ..	1	10	0
Orange Free State, 1d. purple, error, letter 'I' omitted* ..	2	8	0
St. Lucia, 1st issue, 6d. green ..	1	18	0
Tasmania, 1st issue, 1d. blue ..	1	5	0
Transvaal, surcharged "V.R. Transvaal," 6d. blue on rose, a horizontal pair* ..	2	12	0
Do. Queen's Head, 2/- blue* ..	1	8	0
United States, State, 5 dollars, defective ..	6	6	0
Zanzibar, on Indian, 6a. bistre, a pair, one with error, "Zanibar" ..	2	2	0

Our Review of Reviews.

[The *Fortnightly* wishes to exchange, regularly, two copies per issue, with all reputable philatelic magazines at home and abroad. Kindly address in all cases, The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.]

Another New Philatelic "Advertiser."

From a firm known as the Philatelic Printing Company we have received the first number of the "Universal Advertiser." The title might embrace the earth and the fulness thereof, but the advertisements appear to be all of a philatelic nature. Such literary matter as our diminutive contemporary contains will be prepared for publication by Mr. Edward F. Herdman, quite an old hand at philatelic journalism. It was Mr. Herdman, we think, who was responsible for the old "Philatelic Star" and other ventures of the "eighties," and more recently, for "Herdman's Miscellany." Thus we make no doubt that the "Universal Advertiser's" small

quota of reading matter will be quite unexceptionable. The danger of these small and amateurish publications lies rather in the direction of advertisements. What, for instance, is the meaning of this announcement in No. 1 of the "Universal Advertiser?"

Battleship War Stamps.—10 varieties, ½c. to 1 dollar, well assorted, 3/6 per 1000, cash with order.—Franklin Coombs, Chicago, U.S.

That advertisement may be quite straightforward and above-board. We hope it is. But we would put it to the "Universal Advertiser" that, in a hobby like Philately, where a vast trade is carried on through the mails, it is far better policy, aye, and better *business* to reject any advertisement that seems in the smallest degree suspicious.

One advertisement in this same first number is unique, for it is that of a stamp dealer whose announcements are politely declined by all other British philatelic journals. Since our libel law is what it is we must leave the "Universal Advertiser" to guess the name for itself.

Truth about the Stamps of Orchha.

An interesting note on the stamps of the native state of Orchha from the "Philatelic Journal of India":—

We have now some more definite news about the Orchha stamps. It seems that they were a private speculation on the part of a European jeweller who hit upon the idea when on a trade tour in the Orchha State. He stipulated that he alone was to have the sale of them. He is dead now, and the State considers that this incident has loosened the bonds of the contract, and it is now, we believe, prepared to supply philatelists (if they care to buy!)

In other words:—"Buy of the makers, and save the middleman's profits!"

The Sordid Side of Stamp Collecting.

Mr. Lewis Quackenbush, a writer whose name one is glad to welcome back to the philatelic Press, writes eloquently in the "Philatelic West" against the too great attention paid to the financial side of Philately.

"It seems to me that he is a poor philatelist whose attachment to Philately is so much a matter of dollars and cents that a decline in the catalogue value of his stamps means a corresponding decline in his pleasure in them. Do we collect for money? Are we stamp brokers and buyers and sellers, or are some of us simply collectors in the good old way? Why should we collectors really care which way the market moves. If prices rise we must simply work a little harder, or deny ourselves a few necessities to provide for our chosen pleasure; if prices fall, our philatelic pocket money will simply go a little farther."

Here is not only good Philately, but sound Philosophy to boot. What if one wishes to sell out one's stamps?—or, worse still, is compelled to do so?

What if we can realize from our treasures only a portion of their original cost? asks Mr. Quackenbush. Are we to count as nothing all the pleasant hours they have afforded us; Are we to begrudge their cost? Have we not had value received from them many times over?

To the writer under notice—and to us—it is inexplicable how any true philatelist can find it in his heart to give up his hobby, simply because the monetary value of his treasures may chance to depreciate.

BEAUFORT HOUSE, ESSAY. Fine Art Journal plate, in good condition, scarce, 50s. Fine assortment of Unused Colonials, cheap. Selections sent to Collectors, on approved references.—ARNISTEAD, Colne Road, Burnley.

BRITISH COLONIALS, OLD EUROPEANS, etc., fine specimens unused and used, medium and rare, mostly half catalogue, discount extra.—H. ENOAR, Weyton Member Philatelic Society of India), 8, Valentin Road, Brixton, London.

PAN-AMERICAN.—I offer Pan-American issue U.S., out May 1st, unused, at 10 per cent. above face, 1c., 2c., 4c., 5c., 8c., 10c., postage and registration extra on all orders under 25. Remit by International Money Order.—WILLIAM A. LEONARDI, 305 B. Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

NICE COLLECTION.—100 different used South American; no unused remainders, fiscal, envelopes; 4/6.—FRANKLIN, 34, Exchange Buildings, Birmingham.

MEMBERS Wanted for the Kent British and Colonial Stamp Exchange Club, Monthly Settlements. Rules free from Secretary.—H. WOOLLEY, 27, High Street, New Islington.

50 STAMPS. Must clear. Mexico, Costa Rica, Cuba, Constantinople, Japan, Brazil, Eritrea, Roumania, four Portugal, 8c. Post free, 4d.—LAMMIN, 229, Westbourne Grove, Bayswater.

INDIAN NATIVE STAMPS.—Grand Value.—90 Varieties, 3/-; 100, 12/-; 150, £1 7s. Wanted Old British Colonials.—IMPERIAL STAMP Co., 72, Bentinck Street, Calcutta.

LAST SALE OF THE SEASON.

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MESSRS JOHN EDWARDS & Co. are at all times ready to make immediate cash advances to any amount on any stamps entrusted to them for sale by Auction, or Private Treaty.

MESSRS. JOHN EDWARDS & Co. feel confident that the success which has attended their Auction Sales in the past will assure them the continued support of their numerous friends and clients and enable them confidently to promise satisfaction to both buyers and sellers to whom they take this opportunity of thanking for past favours.

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THE STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY was introduced to the public over six years ago, and has always been conspicuous for its bold and fearless exposure of fraud in any form, and the general excellence and usefulness of its literary matter.

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The First Prize will go to the competitor securing the largest number of subscriptions, and so on with the other cash prizes set forth above ; but every competitor, even though he secure only ONE subscription (but even though that subscription be his own), will be given a Prize in Colonial Stamps, calculated at the rate of 6d. for every subscription sent in. By this we mean 6d. face value, and as all the stamps will be "Queen's Head" Colonials and mostly obsolete, this is an important point to remember. All the Stamp Prizes will be despatched the same day the subscriptions are received.

In the case of a competitor sending in only his own subscription, however, we shall expect him to send us also the name and address of some philatelic friend who would be likely to appreciate a smart and newsy stamp journal.

The Winners of the Cash Prizes will receive the stamps in addition.

GENERAL NOTES ON THE COMPETITION.

The Competition begins forthwith and remains open until June 30th, 1901. That is to say June 30th, 1901, is the latest date at which letters received at the offices of the *Fortnightly* can be regarded as eligible for the Competition.

Competitors need not, however, wait until June before sending in. It will be better not to wait at all, but to begin sending in at once as the subscriptions are received. All subscriptions as they come to hand will be carefully credited to their senders. No competitor need fear that his sendings will be overlooked or mislaid.

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Whatever the results of the Competition may be the Cash Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the terms of the contest. Should the highest number of subscriptions sent in by any competitor be only six, or even less than that, the first prize of £10 cash would be awarded to the sender thereof.

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LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING SUBSCRIPTIONS: JUNE 30th, 1901.

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RESULT GIVEN AND PRIZES AWARDED: JULY 15th, 1901.

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2d. ...	0	0	3	0	0	4	6d. on 1d. lilac, sans-serif	1	15	0	0	15	0				
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4d. ...	0	0	6	0	0	6	1d. Bicycle ...	1	5	0	0	8	0				
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British East Africa, S.G. & Co.'s No. 71	0	13	6	* St. Christopher, 2½d., C.C., mint	1	7	0
* British South Africa, 1890, £2, mint	3	10	0	" " 1d., C.A., lilac-rose	1	6	0
" " " 2, 6 purple	0	8	6	St. Lucia, star, 6d. green, very fine	2	17	6
* Ceylon, 1/9 yellow-green	3	15	0	" " star, 4d. blue, very fine	2	5	0
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* Cyprus, 1882-86, die 2, 6 pias, mint	0	8	0	" " C.C., perf. 12½, 6d. emerald, superb	1	10	0
" " " 12 pias, mint	0	18	0	* " " 1883-86, 6d. lilac, mint	2	4	0
* Dominica, 1/-, C.A., mint	2	5	0	" " " 1 - orange, mint	3	10	0
* Gambia, C.C., 4d. brown	1	0	0	* St. Vincent, 1 - brown	4	0	0
Grenada, 2½d., broad star, very fine	0	15	0	" " 4d. yellow	2	12	6
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So far (says our contemporary) as we have been able to discover only two dealers have had any quantity, about fifty each of the 1c., while about six dealers have each had about half a dozen copies of the 2c. This does not include about 10 used specimens of both values. While, as stated above, a limited number of merchants have had inverted U.S. stamps for sale, a very large number of perverted dealers have not had them, but have not been the least bashful in stating the numbers they propose to have, nor backward in quoting prices at which they expect to sell them in the future. The facts of the case are, that at present there are practically no inverts in the market, those who had them having either sold out or are holding for higher prices. The Government has used the utmost care possible to prevent these stamps getting out, and it is doubtful if another copy will be found in any post office in the United States.

No attempt is made, it will be seen, to give even an approximate estimate of the numbers of the 4 cent "invert" in existence. The 2 cents with inverted centre is evidently a very scarce stamp, and it may be that this is handsomely worth the £6 recently realised for a specimen auctioned at an American sale.

Philately at Home and Abroad.

GOOD-BYE TO THE QUEEN'S HEAD.

ACTION having been taken by a group of M.P.'s headed by Sir Harry Bullard, the member for Norwich, with the view of getting the portrait of her late Majesty the Queen placed on one or more of the new postage stamps, the Postmaster-General, has written Sir Harry, thanking him for the interesting suggestion, but stating that, as the designs for the new stamps have already been approved, and instructions given for their execution, it is not now possible to make any change in the arrangements for the forthcoming issue.

THESE LADIES HAVE FREE POSTAGE.

THERE are only two women in the United States who are allowed to frank their letters. These are Mrs. Lucretia A. Garfield (widow of the ill-fated President of that name) and Mrs. Julia Grant, widow of General Ulysses S. Grant. A franked letter goes through the mails without postage, bearing the signature, either stamped or written upon the envelopes, instead of Uncle Sam's postage stamps. The privilege is one that is granted only to the widows of United States Presidents. All mail matter sent by Mrs. Garfield and Mrs. Grant, under their respective written autograph signatures, and all mail matter sent to these two ladies will be carried free during their lives.

SCARCITY OF THE BUFFALO "INVERTS."

THE "Metropolitan Philatelist," New York, protests against the exaggerated stories in circulation regarding the errors of the "Buffalo" issue showing centre inverted.

STAMPS TELL THE TALE OF THE WAR.

UNDER the headlines, "A Tale of Stamps: The War Written on Our Envelopes," that well-known Cardiff philatelist, Mr. Walter Scott, President of the Cardiff Philatelic Society, contributes a most interesting article to a recent issue of the "Western Mail."

The manner in which the history of our own time can to a large extent be learnt from the study of postage stamps is well evidenced by the stamps of the Transvaal (writes Mr. Scott.) The first were issued in 1869 by the then newly-formed Republic. Then, in 1877, the British occupation is shown by the stamps being surcharged "V.R. Transvaal." In 1878 a new set appeared, bearing our late Queen's head, and this again was superseded in 1882 by a re-appearance of the 1869 design, showing that the Transvaal was again an independent Republic. Now, in 1900, "V.R." has again appeared as a surcharge on the Republic stamps, and, doubtless, a new issue with the head of our present Sovereign will soon appear to denote the permanent restoration of British rule.

BRIBED TO BRING OUT WAR STAMPS!

The article provoked a criticism from "H," a gentleman who dates his letter from the Oxford and Cambridge Club, London. "H's" letter contains, besides an amount of more or less relevant criticism, the following astounding assertion:

Your readers may be interested to know that one of the great Colonies in South Africa was offered £150,000 by some leading stamp merchants if it would bring out a special issue of war stamps, the merchants undertaking to conduct the issue gratuitously, in consideration of the sum being devoted to the local refugee funds,

but that the offer was declined. Several of the leading English artists offered to contribute designs, and the advertising would have been done gratuitously.

Mr. Walter Scott, in a further letter to the "Western Mail," not unnaturally throws doubt upon the story. "I am quite satisfied" he declares, "that no leading stamp merchant in England or elsewhere would lend themselves to such a discreditable transaction."

And we are in complete agreement with Mr. Scott. The story, in fact, must be a ludicrous fable, possibly having its origin in a suggestion made by Mr. J. W. Palmer, in the early days of the war, that Natal should make a special issue of war stamps in aid of military charities, etc. That suggestion, when placed before the authorities by the Natal Agent-General, was very promptly rejected.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA; VARIETIES OF PERFORATION.

Some of the 1897 British South African Stamps, Mr. W. Jacoby informs us, are to be found in perforations varying greatly from the "perf. 14" ascribed to the series in Gibbons'. Mr. Jacoby has measured a quantity and the $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., 3d., 4d. and 6d. re-engraved stamps and has found such perfs. as $14\frac{1}{2} \times 15$, 15, $15\frac{1}{2}$, 16, etc., etc.

"AN UNCATALOGUED TRANSVAAL VARIETY."

MR. EDWARD J. NANKIVELL writes us as follows:—

The "uncatalogued Transvaal variety" to which your attention has been directed, and which you say "has been entirely overlooked by all specialists," is of the *antique* order.

I should be surprised to learn that anyone entitled to be called a Specialist was not conversant with this minor variety of variation in the spacing of the bars in the "Halve Penny" on $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and "2½ Pence" on 1s., and others to which your attention has apparently not yet been directed.

It was duly noted at the time, but has never been considered worth cataloguing. But now that so much more "attention is being directed" to the country, this, and other equally well-known uncatalogued minor varieties, will no doubt be duly trotted out as "Discoveries entirely overlooked by all specialists."

Mr. Nankivell refers to the same matter in the July "Philatelic Record," intimating that such "discoveries" afford a great deal of "quiet amusement" to specialists. On this gentleman's own showing, the variety has never been catalogued, and we would point out to him that the *Fortnightly* is not a journal that appeals only to a handful of specialists, but is read by Philately's rank and file, to some of whom even the name of Nankivell may be unknown. Hundreds of philatelists would doubtless learn of this variety for the first time on reading our paragraph. That is ample justification for a course of action which has procured us the additional privilege of "amusing" Mr. Nankivell.

A PHILATELIC FREGOLI IN PARIS.

PARIS correspondents of the London newspapers tell of an audacious stamp theft in the gay capital. By impersonating successively a cavalry officer, his orderly, and a waiter from the hotel in the Rue de la Paix, at which he had taken rooms, an impudent swindler has succeeded in making off with £1500 worth of rare foreign stamps from one of the principal Paris dealers.

A few days ago a well-dressed man called at the dealer's and bought an album. "I will send my orderly for it this afternoon," he said. He returned (disguised as the orderly), a few hours later, and after paying for the album, talked to the shopman while the book was being packed about the enormous sums his master the captain paid for foreign stamps.

"He is coming here again," said the man, and "means to spend a lot of money." Next morning, in uniform this time, the pseudo-captain called, and bought stamps to the tune of £1500, which he ordered to be sent round to his hotel, where payment would be made.

An hour later a waiter from the hotel came rushing in with his hands full of bank notes. "The captain is furious," he said. "Where are the stamps?" "They have been sent round," said the shopman; "will you leave the money?" "No, daren't do that, without the stamps. I will catch up the messenger and pay him," was the reply; and the waiter, who was as unreal as the orderly, rushed off again.

It was only when the messenger came back without either stamps or cash that the dealer realized how neatly this philatelic Fregoli had swindled him.

Reminiscences of a Philatelist.

By WALTER NATHAN.

(Concluded from page 27.)

A WELL-KNOWN operator on the Bourses of the two Continents once remarked in my hearing that "booms are of no permanent benefit to anyone. Money gathered on a boom usually slides on a slump."

I am not sufficiently an expert on Stock Exchange matters to give an opinion as to the truth or falsehood of this dictum; but I am quite convinced that the excessive rise in the prices of stamps which took place between the years 1890 and 1896 was a great danger to the solid well-being of the pursuit of Philately. Nothing can rest for any length of time on a fictitious foundation; and in 1895 most of the prices, especially of the scarcer West Indian stamps were wholly fictitious, having regard to their real rarity. £10 to £12 each for unused 4d. and 6d. litho. and 6d. green Nevis, 4d. blue for the C.A. Montserrat, and the 6d. Virgin Islands, perf. 15; £7 to £10 for the 1s. mint of St. Lucia and St. Vincent, and £25 to £30 for the 1s. prune Turks Islands, and 5s. star St. Vincent were prices that ensured an ultimate loss to the purchaser, and tended to disgust him with an interesting and—under normal conditions—a profitable occupation. It may be argued that those who had accumulated these stamps before the "boom" benefited. But a profit on paper is very different from a real gain, and very few bought at the bottom and sold at the top, while many selling at middle bought at the top, and found themselves laden with sheets of unused stamps which showed a shrinkage in value of some 50 per cent.

I myself had some hundreds of Nevis stamps which I had bought at an average of about 2s. each, yet when I calculate the effect of the "boom" on myself I find that it cost me money, and but for an unfortunate circumstance would have cost me much more.

I call the circumstance unfortunate, for, although I duly appreciate the value of money, I regard money as a secondary consideration compared with health. I believe I have experienced suffering in almost all shapes and forms, but in no form is it so dreadful as when it comes to the eyes. In 1895 I had an attack of *Irido-cyclitis*. For 13 weeks I was in a darkened room, and for the first time in all my illnesses thoroughly lost nerve and hope. I felt that I should never be able to study stamps again, and directed that all should be sold. I was surrounded by kindly attendants of whom my mother and wife were chief, and these dissuaded me from dispersing all the stamps I had, assuring me that I would again be able to look at them, which, I may add, I did not for a moment believe. However, I insisted on selling many, and perhaps the reader may remember the number of 4d. and 8d. imp. Ceylon which were offered at auction and elsewhere at this time. I had a melancholy satisfaction in sending my stamps all over the world. To America, France, Germany and India, the post carried parcels day after day. Most of the stamps sold well, and I believe I got the top price at auction for an 8d. imperf. Ceylon, which, used, with the 1d. on original envelope, fetched £32. I noticed that a similar lot was disposed of this year for £15, and I have wondered whether it could be the same.

As I could not look at the stamps myself it took some time to get them away, but still the bulk of my collection had disappeared before I was allowed out of doors, and I only had a small lot remaining by the time I was well enough to look at them again. For a long time after I felt nervous of trying my eyes by a minute examination of stamps, and amused myself by bringing out the "Cargona" lozenge, a remedy for indigestion, which was approved by some of the leaders of the medical profession, and is recommended to patients by many Harley-Street men.

A CROWN AGENT'S PARCEL OF STAMPS.

I doubt if I should have again reverted to stamps had I not received a letter from a gentleman who had acted as Crown Agent for many colonies, asking me if I wanted some red, blue, and green St. Lucia stamps, some red, violet, and green Trinidad, yellow Malta, red, blue, and lilac triangular

Cape of Good Hope 1/- green Mauritius, 6d. grey Natal, and rose and lilac Bahamas, all unused in blocks of four. No varieties were specified, and the lot promised such possibilities that I at once answered that I should like to see specimens of all kinds. I received a block of four each of the stamps mentioned above. They proved to be in the most immaculate mint condition, and to be the rare varieties; the St. Lucia being the star watermark, the Bahamas the no watermark, the Malta the blue paper, &c. I bought some of these stamps, and sold a portion to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, through Mr. C. J. Phillips, who contributed an interesting article on these stamps to 'The Monthly Journal' issued by the firm. I can corroborate all that Mr. Phillips therein states respecting the number of these stamps, and I can further add that all of these stamps in existence were respectively in the hands of the agent general, Mr. Phillips, and myself with the exception of a small quantity sold to a gentleman at Plymouth—£50 worth I believe.

I have had the pleasure of keeping up a correspondence with the gentleman I purchased the stamps from until the present date. Only this week (June 29th, 1901), I received a letter in which he states that on a general "clear out" he had thought he might have found some stamps, but had not been able to come across one of any description. Mr. C. J. Phillips justly attributed the fall in the prices of these stamps to my own foolish conduct. But I really had no conception that the general collector was so nervous that the display of 20 unused specimens of a variety would reduce the price from £10 each to 35/- as it did in the case of the pin perf. red, violet, and green Trinidad. These stamps, after everyone which ever was in the possession of the Crown Agent has been taken into account, are infinitely rarer than the 4d. litho' or 6d. green Nevis, and worth more. But the old story of "the three crows" became for the thousandth time in evidence, exaggerations grew like a snowball until the collector thought that a number of sheets, at least, had been discovered. Such, however, was not the case, and those who were fortunate enough to get these stamps at the lowest prices have secured bargains which they will find it hard to equal as time goes on. Personally I would not object to purchase a few of these stamps at catalogue prices, but those who have bought them seem to have the good sense to stick to them.

With this purchase of West Indians my interest in stamps revived, but with the distracting occupation provided by the Cargona lozenge, never reached its former enthusiasm. Still it forms a pleasant distraction, and in bad weather I know of no more agreeable way of passing the time than to sit by a good fire with a book of stamps, a magnifier, and a pair of tweezers on a convenient table. In the winter neither the electric light, nor incandescent gas is good to examine stamps by. The best light for the eyes is the Colza oil lamp. The variety known as "The Queen's" reading lamp with two globes on a bracket, I have found give a very cool pure light, sufficiently strong and clear to decipher the minutest varieties. No doubt the passing slump in stamps was hastened by my purchase of these West Indies, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that I unwittingly did Philately a real service, for with the passing depression a healthier order of things was inaugurated, prices found their natural level, and are now rising on a solid foundation of supply and demand, and not on the feverish strength of a boom. One of the greatest experts in stamps foretold the fall long before it took place. In a letter which I had the privilege of reading, he wrote:—"It seems to me utterly ridiculous that at the last sale (the letter was written in '96) a 4d. litho. mint Nevis should have sold at the same price as a good cut round specimen of the 8c. green British Guiana of 1851. I know by the quantities of each of these stamps which passed through my hands while I dealt in them that there is no comparison in their relative rarity. If I were investing I know which I should buy." As a comment on this letter I append the prices of the two stamps from Stanley Gibbons' 1900 catalogue:—Nevis, 4d. orange, mint, £9; British Guiana, 1850-1, 8c. green, cut round, £30.

Provided the collector gets fine specimens, either mint, if unused, or lightly postmarked, evenly centred stamps if used,

he will have no cause of disquietude in the future respecting the value of his collection. Let him avoid fictitious prices placed on minor varieties. Only last month I had a lot of stamps sent from Barbados. In this lot the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 5/- Barbados, surcharged 1d., mint, without stop, was priced £70—the Half-penny on 4d. with surcharge in red and black, £30—and other minor varieties at similar rates. Of these the collector should steer clear. Let him by all means devote himself to minor varieties, as I advised in a former article, but let him only take such varieties when the prices asked bear a just proportion to that of the normal stamp. If he devote himself to one group of countries, or to one period he will find greater pleasure and more profit than in a general collection, although a general collection is useful to make a start where experience is entirely wanting and has to be acquired. To the young collector the beginning of a new reign offers an excellent starting point. The new £1 and £2 stamps of Victoria will soon be followed by hundreds of stamps bearing the effigy of King Edward the Seventh, and the schoolboy will find plenty of occupation both for time and means in gathering current stamps of the new monarch. With increasing age and resources it is always open to him to work backward and to gather those stamps of the late Queen which lie within his means.

To the schoolboy, the average collector, the general reader and the expert, I offer my hope that one and all may derive as much gratification from stamps as I have done myself. That they may meet with choice specimens at bargain prices, and that they may enjoy health and long life to add to the joy of their hobby!

WALTER NATHAN.

The Talk of the Stamp Trade.

MR. WILLIAM HADLOW shows a very fine selection of stamps, accessories, pictorial post cards, etc., at his new shop in Royal Hotel Buildings, Blackfriars. Among other rarities, etc., our representative was shown a complete sheet of the 1d. Queensland on white paper, printed on both sides. Only an irregular printing appears on the back, however, creating the impression that the sheet was accidentally passed into the press on the wrong side, thereby obtaining another print.

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To Messrs. Hamilton Smith & Co. belong the credit of being first to make use of the telephone. Mr. W. H. Peckitt soon followed their example, and now we hear that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have availed themselves of this most valuable business accessory.

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT A STAMP DEALER'S.

The sympathy of all philatelists will be with Messrs. Bright & Son, on account of the disastrous fire at their premises in the Strand. As a result of the conflagration, the back part of the premises is completely gutted. A large upper room, in which was stored the firm's large and valuable stock of publications and accessories, is a complete loss, the amount of stock destroyed under this head alone being valued at from £600 to £700. In addition, some hundreds of pounds worth of stamps have been destroyed, and in the shop there has been great damage wrought by water, &c. Fortunately, everything is covered by insurance, and it may be hoped that the loss to Messrs. Bright, apart from the great inconvenience occasioned by a calamity of this sort, will be trifling.

Notwithstanding the fire, Messrs. Bright & Son will continue business at 164, Strand without a break. "We wish to express our gratitude," write the firm, "for the many kind condolences we have received from both Collectors and Dealers, and also for offers of accommodation and assistance, notably from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, and Mr. William Hadlow."

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We now announce, rather earlier than we had anticipated, the result of our big Prize Competition. Our Prize Competition. The Rev. Hayman Cummings, it will be seen, is a decisive winner, and we must thank this gentleman, quite apart from this Competition, for the strenuous efforts he has put forth to widen the circle of the *Fortnightly's* readers.

To us the result of the competition is both a pleasure and a disappointment. A pleasure because it has brought us many new readers and has led to a renewal of some old friendships; a disappointment because so few of our readers entered seriously into the contest. Whether this was due to lack of time or to unwillingness to "worry one's friends for subscriptions," we cannot say. However, the satisfactory additions made to the list of *Fortnightly* readers by means of the competition far outweigh any disappointment occasioned by a poor entry. For, apart from the totals of new subscribers shown in the result of the competition, there has been a remarkable influx of *single* subscriptions; but curiously enough the senders of these, in the majority of cases, have not taken the trouble to supply us with the name and address of a philatelic friend in order to secure the promised premium of a mint Queen's head colonial stamp of the face value of sixpence. One would have thought that it would be well worth the while, but the proverbial apathy of the philatelist in small things has been strikingly exemplified here.

In all there were only fifty-eight serious competitors, and to each of these a prize or a premium has been awarded.

We present our compliments and thanks to the winning competitors whose names appear in this number. At some time in the near future we hope to place another attractive competition before our readers.

Our "Collector's Guide to Values," we regret to say, is crowded out of this number.

The fire at Messrs. Bright & Son's is said to be the first serious fire at a London philatelic establishment in the whole history of the stamp trade. Let us hope it will also be the last!

How is it that the Expert Committee of the London Philatelic Society invariably take such a long time to give an opinion on stamps sent to them to expertise? We know many instances where people have had to wait a month, or more, and the delay is in many cases a serious matter.

The "S. C. F.'s" Great Prize Competition.

WINNERS AND AWARDS.

RATHER than delay the publication of the result of our prize competition until the issue of July 20th, we have made the adjudicators hustle along and provide us with the list of winning competitors in time for this issue of the *Fortnightly*. There were, in all, fifty-eight competitors, and the subscriptions received totalled 155. In addition to this number, however, we have received a great number of new subscriptions from ladies and gentlemen who did not desire to compete for the Prizes offered.

The Winners of the Cash Prizes offered are as follows:—

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The Rev. F. J. Williams, Eilerslie, Erith, Kent.
Three Yearly Subscriptions and a great number of names of friend collectors.

To every sender of subscriptions, even though only one was sent, we have awarded premiums of unused Colonial stamps, in accordance with the terms of the competition. In the next *Fortnightly* we shall hope to publish the acknowledgments of the winning competitors.

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Notes on New Issues.

Amazonia.—Messrs. Gibbons in their latest "Monthly Journal," illustrate a set of stamps sent them by a British Guiana correspondent, and bearing the inscription, "Amazone-Poste" and value. Probably an entirely bogus issue.

Belgium.—We learn from the "Monthly Journal" that Belgium is, shortly, to have a new stamp bearing an up-to-date portrait of King Leopold. The essay will be laid before His Majesty almost immediately. The new stamp has been designed by the Brussels artist, M. Omer Dierrickx, who designed also the 1,000 franc bank-note. The new type is quite different from that of the preceding issues. It is extremely simple, and is wanting in all the many details with which the designs of many of the later Belgian stamps have been encumbered.

Great Britain.—Mr. Oswald Marsh informs "Ewen's Weekly," that the current 1s. green and carmine stamp has received the "GOVT. PARCELS" overprint, the stamp being so issued on May 21st. Mr. Marsh asserts that the demand for this value is very small, averaging only about a dozen per day.

Servia.—To Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., we are indebted for specimens of the two new high-value Servian issue, as follows:

3 dinar rose.

5 dinar violet.

The design shows a much larger inscription "Servia" (in slavonic characters) at the head of the stamp, while the portrait of King Alexander is much reduced in size.

The New Postage Stamps.

A STUDY IN COLOUR POSSIBILITIES BY MR. M. W. JONES, F.C.S.

IN many quarters speculation is rife as to the nature and design of the promised issue of postage stamps. Not only Philatelists or stamp collectors, but the general public as a body are largely interested, for the average person, with but a limited foreign correspondence, has long been aware that Great Britain has fallen sadly into the rear in the production of attractive postal labels. Unless circumstances alter, the chances are that the coming issue will not show improvement upon the present one.

This state of affairs is all the more surprising when we learn that most of the beautiful designs seen upon the stamps of every second-rate State or Republic are produced by certain London firms; and whilst Great Britain can challenge the world in stamp designing and printing, and gives the best of her work to foreigners, her own types are but mediocre, and show considerable falling off, both in design and execution, when compared with early issues. It is at once evident that if we are to save the new issue from this taunt, public opinion must be speedily aroused.

The present condition of matters may be ascertained from an answer recently given in the House of Commons, in reply to a question raised by Mr. Henniker Heaton, in which Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that, whilst the necessary steps are being taken for the issue of new postage stamps, it is not expected that they will be ready for some months to come. Further, it was stated that the Postmaster-General does not think it desirable to submit the designs of the proposed stamps to the public, as he is not satisfied that sufficient reason exists for altering the colour of the penny adhesive, as suggested by the hon. member.

In this reply we have plenty of matter for reflection. The designs are not to be submitted to public criticism, but the users must take what the Department sees fit to give them, and, presumably, be thankful. The colour of the penny adhesive is, we may assume, to remain as it is—a nondescript and ancient shade—which is a sad reflection upon the colour industry of this country. But an even more important point lies hidden under the surface of this statement, for Great Britain, the most important member of the Postal Union, does not see fit to alter the colour of the penny stamp, and so fall into line with an arrangement made a few years ago at the Berne Conference, whereby the representatives of the

various countries comprising the Union decided to print stamps of certain values in distinctive colours, and so produce uniformity. Whilst other countries turn out stamps of equivalent of one penny value in red, Great Britain, carrying its splendid isolation to the extreme, declines to fall in with a proposal adopted in council, and is content to print its commonest stamp with a shade that is no credit to anyone concerned in its production. The only merit of the present colour being that it is a Cochineal Lake, which runs when exposed to the action of alkalis, and so resists the efforts of would-be postmark removers.

To criticise the design upon the current stamps, we find that the head of Queen Victoria is practically the same as that which appeared upon the first postal adhesive issued—the one penny, black, of 1840. The profile on this stamp was designed by Henry Heath, for Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Petch, the printers, and the drawings were made from Wyon's medal, after which the design was engraved in line on steel. Thus in the earliest days of stamp printing, we had a design of which we could feel proud, even to-day; but subsequent issues have gradually departed from that high standard, and since 1887 the British public has used a series of stamps which show less skill in design and more crude colouring than any of their predecessors, and have only one redeeming feature in the old familiar profile to recommend them. Unless the Postal Department can be induced to undertake a drastic reform, we may well ask in fear and trembling, What will the new stamps be like? To-day we have no Wyon to design what will always appear as a gem, however crude the setting. But we have only to turn to one or other of the City stamp-producing firms to find work of high artistic merit. Who shall say that if these firms were invited to compete for the new designs, that we should not have a set far excelling in artistic merit and colouring any of those now produced for the numerous Crown Colonies and South American Republics? But, unless public opinion is speedily aroused upon these questions, we may take it as a foregone conclusion that the proposed issue will leave much to be desired in design, colouring and workmanship.

It is too late now to ask why our stamps have been tied down to one design of Queen Victoria's profile, when Canada, New South Wales, Newfoundland, British East Africa, and even the Niger Coast Protectorate, kept us up-to-date, and showed our late Sovereign as she was in recent years. But such instances show clearly that our Postal Department has been sadly out-of-date, and if the statement of Mr. Austen Chamberlain be correct in detail, it seems that we must be content with a poor production lest any change be for the worse.

It is not only in the matter of design that our stamps are deficient, they are lacking in the very rudiments of artistic colouring, and no designer, however skilful in his calling, can do himself justice if he is to be tied down to the ill-sorted and old-fashioned shades, which now appear upon our postal adhesives.

On examining the colours of the present series of stamps, and comparing them with those of almost any foreign country, we are instantly struck with the prevailing dulness of tone which they present. This is largely due to the use of varying shades of Cochineal Lakes, which, however, excellent they may have been fifteen years ago, now appear dull and worthless when compared with more recent developments in which brightness and depth of colour are supreme. As showing the extent to which these Cochineal Lakes have taken the fancy of the Postal Authorities, we find that the whole of the penny adhesive is so coloured with a particularly hideous shade. Also that the purple portions of the three-halfpence, two-pence-halfpenny, ninepence and tenpence, the brown of the threepenny, and the lilac of the fivepenny value, all owe their origin to modifications of colour produced from the Cochineal insect, and thus, out of thirteen stamps ranging in value between one halfpenny and one shilling, eight of them are wholly or partially coloured with out-of-date productions, which are fugitive and unsatisfactory when compared with recent developments.

Of the remaining stamps, upon which Cochineal does not appear, we find the halfpenny specimen is coloured with Brunswick Green—an admixture of Prussian Blue and Chrome Yellow, so unstable in character that any tyro in

the use of chemicals can alter the shade at will, and produce pure blue specimens for the mystification of the uninitiated. Greens of similar composition but different in shade are found upon the stamps of the twopenny, fourpenny, and the recently superseded fourpenny-halfpenny values, whilst the background of the sixpenny specimen is a coal-tar colour, so fugitive in character that a short exposure to sunlight causes marked depreciation.

The recently superseded halfpenny stamp, printed as it was with Vermilion, was a type of colour to be aimed at. Brilliant in shade, durable as regards atmospheric effects, and resisting the action of ordinary chemicals, this colour might well be adopted for the new penny adhesive, thereby bringing the shade up to the requirements of the Postal Union.

Within the last few years great advances have been made in the production of Madder Lakes, which furnish a beautiful range of shades between a brilliant scarlet and a deep maroon. These colours, produced from the coal-tar product Alizarine, are remarkably durable as regards atmospheric action, and, comprising as they do great depth of colour with extraordinary brilliance, would prove very useful adjuncts in the embellishment of our stamps.

Other shades of red are obtained from the manufactured products Red and Orange Lead, and, as these are practically permanent and very brilliant, there is no reason for stamp printers to despair, should they desire to produce an attractive shade of red on any stamp. The numerous natural and manufactured products classed as Oxides of Iron furnish the printing ink manufacturer with a useful and permanent series of shades varying between a bright red and reddish-brown, and if permanence be desired, these shades might be utilised to a far greater extent than is the case at present.

For yellow shades, varying in tone between Primrose and Orange, the Chrome Yellows of commerce have much to recommend them, being bright, durable, and of excellent covering power, the only drawback to their use being a tendency to darken in an atmosphere containing small quantities of sulphur fumes.

Ultramarine, a manufactured product of satisfactory durability, gives a brilliant range of blue shades, varying between green and red, but Bronze Blue, with its peculiar lustre, is a colour that certainly ought to be included in the new series of stamps, and as it is produced in large quantities in this country, and is well-known to printing-ink makers, there should not be any difficulty about the matter. Certain it is that when this colour appears upon any stamp, as upon the current 7 kopecs value of Russia, the effect is always pleasing.

Greens are not satisfactory, for although many beautiful and brilliant shades are obtained from coal-tar colours in the form of Lakes, they are usually inferior in point of durability to mineral productions. As an instance of the latter type, Emerald Green, with its brilliant gloss, is particularly noteworthy, but as this colour contains arsenic, it would be better to eliminate it from the list in face of the recent national scare.

In recent years, the manufacture of metallic bronze powders has been carried to a high state of perfection, and here alone the printing-ink manufacturer has at hand a series of absolutely permanent colours whose appearance upon any stamp is decidedly attractive, as anyone acquainted with certain of the adhesives of Switzerland will readily acknowledge.

Thus it had been shown that the printing-ink maker has at his disposal an extensive and valuable range of permanent colours, and that he is keenly alive to all the most recent developments in the colour trade is clearly shown by a glance through his pattern books, in which all those herein described can be found. Therefore, as the colour maker and printing-ink manufacturer daily produce and utilise these beautiful shades, there can be no excuse for the preference shown by our Postal department for the unworthy colours which have so long appeared upon our stamps. And if public opinion could only be aroused to insist that the new issue should contain typical representations of the combined arts of the engraver and colour maker, the result would be such that we should feel prouder of the stamps of every-day life than we are at present.—From the "Philatelic Record."

Our Review of Reviews.

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Work of the London Philatelic Society

A FURTHER EXHORTATION BY MR. CASTLE—THE NEW ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

The current number of the London Philatelic Society's organ, the "London Philatelist" is mostly made up of matters relating to the London Philatelic Society. Whether that is a matter for congratulation, or otherwise, is not a point that need be argued. The fact remains that six solid pages are devoted to Mr. Secretary Tilleard's Annual Report—and these are six pages admirably well spent; there is a list of the Society's members, filling another page, and Mr. M. P. Castle, Vice-President of the Society, devotes two pages to an editorial article on the subject of the Society's work past, present, and to come. The London Society is such a great fact in Philately, and the article under notice is of such very great interest to all who are in any way following the fortunes of that Society, that we propose to quote the Vice-President's comments in full:—

It cannot conscientiously be affirmed that the "work of the season" of the Philatelic Society of London has, during the past winter sessions, been maintained at that high standard which the position of the premier Society demands. Although on several evenings papers of importance and interest have been read, the burden of the winter's programme has been borne by the displays principally belonging to some of the older members. Displays have formed an interesting and commendable innovation during the past few years, but there is a danger of their superseding the more legitimate functions of a Philatelic Society, *i.e.* the extension and increase of real philatelic knowledge. In these days, when the pace of specialism has developed into an auto-mobile rate as compared to the progress of the general collector, there is the palpable difficulty that a large proportion of the stamps in a huge specialised collection is not appreciated or understood by the majority of those present. The result thereof is that the advance of scientific knowledge, which should be the great and guiding principle of a Philatelic Society, is hardly furthered in any appreciable degree. In the case of the stamps of many countries, an advanced "specialist"—"bloater" or "accumulator," by any or all of which terms the "one country" collector is now known—not infrequently displays three or four volumes of stamps, containing perhaps from 2,000 to 4,000 specimens. In the limited time available for an evening session it is palpable that the most cursory glance can be cast at such a large number of stamps by the score of members present. The evening is practically passed in hastily handing round the sheets; no time or opportunity is afforded for discussion on particular points of interest, no other member ventures to bring his own similar stamps for comparison, and with a hearty vote of thanks to the exhibitor, and an inward feeling of despair of ever owning such a collection, the average member wends his way home with the inevitable feeling that he has had a heavy meal which he has not been able to digest, and which is in no way calculated to strengthen his constitution.

It is far easier to point out the disease than the remedy. Some of the prominent societies have been apparently far more successful than the London Philatelic Society in issuing programmes of the "work of the season," and this has been frequently, and with a certain amount of justice, cast in our teeth in the Metropolis. At the same time it should be borne in mind that a very large proportion of the evenings of leading societies such as Manchester, St. Alban's, or Birmingham, consists of the "Displays" on which we have commented. It should obviously be well within the powers of the London Society to issue also a similar programme in advance, but such a step would discourage or preclude the reading of papers during the season ensuing. The first duty of the leading Society, as we have before suggested, is to provide philatelic instruction and information, and displays should only be resorted to in default thereof. It follows, therefore, in our opinion, that the London Society would not be justified in issuing a programme of work in advance unless a goodly proportion consisted of papers or discussions of a scientific or interesting nature.

One of the inherent difficulties of the situation is that the younger or newer members are afraid to enter the lists in competition with "old philatelic hands." We think this fear is quite or almost

groundless, and that if anyone has studied his stamps it is quite easy to present *an issue or two* to his fellow-members, with the result of his own observations and the comments on his own experience thereon. There may not be much that is absolutely fresh to the very experienced, but to the large majority of those present such "notes" would be full of interest and freshness. We therefore make an earnest appeal to the general body of members of the London Society to come forward next season, and by a little unselfish devotion to its interests, to infuse a more vigorous life into its work.

The election of the Council on the 7th of this month should be of good augury as regards this wish. The expression of the opinion that every member of the new Council should be held responsible for providing, either by himself or substitute, for one evening's work of the season, found general approval at the hands of the meeting, and we sincerely hope that it will have a practical effect. With all respect to gentlemen who have done good service on the Council in past years, it cannot be denied that the new names on the Council are well calculated to aid in the more extended usefulness of the London Society. By virtue of his position as a Trustee of the British Museum—the home of the Tapling Collection—by his ability and earnestness as a Philatelist, as well as from other and obvious causes, the election to the Council of the Earl of Crawford will be heartily welcomed by every member. The re-election of Mr. Thos. W. Hall is also a subject of congratulation. Mr. Hall's long services to the Society and his philatelic abilities rendering him one of the most valuable members on the Council. Mr. C. J. Daun's election will also be welcomed as a collector of many years' standing and a Philatelist of great acumen. With this infusion of fresh blood it is to be hoped that the all-important question of the Society's work will be taken in hand at an early date, and that when the first meeting of next season takes place a full and an interesting programme may be announced.

Mr. J. A. Tilleard, Hon. Secretary of the Society, makes his Annual Report, as in former years, a chatty resumé of the year's philately. In it he has an interesting reference to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall's tour, remarking that:—

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 H.R.H. to endeavour 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 present membership of the London Society, it appears, is well over 260, and the financial position is excellent, the balance sheet showing a "surplus of assets over liabilities" of £551 17s. 7d.

A Case of Diamond Cut Diamond.

"Who knows Calixt?" This is the question (writes "Philologos" in the "Monthly Journal") now going the rounds of the dealers abroad, and it arises from the following incident. When it was announced recently that Indo-China would have new postage stamps, a French dealer sent one of his clerks to the Colonial Office to learn how many of the 10 centimes stamps were in stock, as he meant to buy up the remainder of them. The official told the clerk the quantity of the stamps in question, and advised him to count the sheets of them, so that he would be quite sure of the matter. This the clerk did, but he failed to notice the presence of a stranger who chatted with the official. When he had finished counting the stamps, the clerk took his leave, saying, "I will tell my employer that there are six thousand stamps left. I don't think that number will frighten him, and I expect I shall come back for them this afternoon." No sooner was he gone than the stranger said, "Well, I think I may as well have those stamps; just make out an account." The clerk asked him his name, and the stranger answered, "Just put down Calixt." When a few hours later the dealer's clerk returned to fetch the famous 10 centimes stamps of Indo-China he was told that the unknown "Mr. Calixt" had bought the entire lot as soon as he had gone to tell his employer the number of the remainders.

Is it the Beginning of a Trust?

We don't suppose there is any truth in the rumour that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is buying up all the stamp concerns in America, with the intention of forming them into a "Trust." "Consolidated Stamps" says the "P.J.G.B." would sound strange; but a beginning has been made apparently by twenty firms in the United States and Canada who have

issued a price list of United States stamps, in the advertisement columns of the "Metropolitan Philatelist." The prices quoted are for unused, fine used, and ordinary used, and are prices at which any of the twenty-two firms whose names and addresses are given at the end, will supply them. Whether this is the beginning of consolidation or a scheme for reducing individual advertising expenses, we know not; at any rate it seems to give the stamps of the United States a fixed market price which cannot fail to have a good effect upon collectors.

Postage Stamps provoke an International "tiff."

"Not many instances are on record of a set of stamps issued by one country giving offence to another," remarks a writer in the same journal. "But this is what has happened in that island in the West Indies which comprises the two republics, Hayti and the Dominican Republic. The recent new issue of the latter shows a map of the island on which the boundary line delimiting the two States is alleged by the Haytians to give far too flattering an impression of the dimensions of the adjoining republic, and makes Hayti look very small indeed. The inhabitants of the latter accuse the former of having the map drawn inaccurately on purpose, and their outcry, it is said, will result in the issue being recalled!"

From the Auction Rooms.



THE summer slackness is now in full swing,—if a slackness can ever be said to be in full swing. The leading Auctioneers have shut down, or are soon shutting down, for the brief summer break. Another instalment or so of our Auction Record will conclude the story of the Philatelic Season of 1900-1901, and then in a few brief weeks, ho for 1901-1902! Already the "advance bookings" (with a stress on the *advance*) are prodigious.

GREAT SALE AT THE HÔTEL DROUOT.

Meantime, the great auction sale in Paris, that of the collection of Edouard Linck is a thing of the past. The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," translating from "Le Philatelist Français," presents us with a concise summary of the proceedings:—

Both dealers and amateurs were to meet at the sale at the Hotel Drouot. . . . Bidding was very brisk.

French stamps especially showed a considerable rise in prices. The following is a short summary of some of the most notable examples: France, 20c. black, of 1848, with red "grille" obliteration, 23 francs; ditto, used at Algiers, 23 francs; another with Paris postmark, dated 2 Jan., 1849, fetched 49 francs; 20c. black, tête-bêche, soiled, 75fr.; the 25c., tête-bêche, used, fair copy, 110fr.; the 25c. surcharged in red on 20 cent blue (reprint of 1848), sold at 550fr.; an unused pair of 40c. of 1849, 90fr.; one franc dull vermilion, small margins, 165fr.; ditto, bright vermilion, grille obliteration, small margins, 160fr.; Empire, 1fr. carmine, used, a pair, 46fr.; 1870-71, 10 cent bistre, tête-bêche, unused, 68fr.; ditto, 20c. blue, 87fr.; Bordeaux, 2c. chocolate, *bien soignée*, 34fr.; ditto, 20c. blue, 1st type, two copies fetched 302 and 310 francs each; 20c. ultramarine, a pair, one creased, 71fr.; ditto, 40c. vermilion, *not* the blood red, 53fr.; tête-bêche of the 10c. brown on rose, 1872, unused, 55fr.; the 25c. tête-bêche unused (1872), 265fr.; Error, 1871-75, the 10c. x 15c., unused, *se tenant*, unused, 345fr.; 1c. indigo, block unused, *without* gum, 63fr.; Essay of the 60c., Unpaid, *in black*, 75 francs.

Amongst the French Colonies there were several that fetched good prices:—Guadeloupe, Unpaid, 1876, 25c. black, unused, 90fr.; the same, *used*, 65fr.; same, *used* pair, 125fr.; Madagascar, 5fr., vignette, 55fr.; Martinique, 5 on 20 cent, small figure, 60fr.; Reunion, 1852, 15c., small margin, 805fr. (about £35); same, but creased, 700fr.; same, better margins, but colour poor, 1,275fr. (£52); ditto, 30c., good copy, but colour not very bright, 1,400fr. (£58); Zanzibar, margin provisionals, five stamps, 845fr.

The prices of many other stamps are also worth recording, for instance:—Bavaria, telegraphs, 1870, complete set, went for 540fr.; Spain, 1851, 2 reales, defective, 265fr.; ditto, 1853, 1 real light blue, fine postally used copy, 340fr.; Russia Levant, 2pi. red and blue, unused, 215fr.; Roumania, 1858, 5 paras black on white, used, 135fr.; Switzerland, the five types of the 4 rappen, horizontal and vertical lines (10 stamps in all), of which some were very fine, fetched 2,525fr. (£105); Poste Locale, 1860, cross unframed, 365fr.; Tuscany, 3 lire, fine, but margins small, 1,300fr. (£55); 2 soldi brown-red, 185fr.; Portuguese Guinea, small surcharge, 25 reis, rose, used, 110 francs; ditto, 40 blue, used, 125fr.; Shanghai, 1 on 16 green (1873-77), defective, 165fr.; 1 on 12, very fine copy, 265fr.; Peru, medio peso, red, error, 345fr.; Turks Islands, 2½d. on 1d. red, 1873, 165fr.; ditto, 2½ on 1sh. lilac, 165fr.; Victoria, 1850, 2d. grey, fine background, 125fr.

It must not be forgotten that the buyers were obliged to pay 10 per cent. more than the prices named; for instance:—France, error, knocked down for 345fr., plus 13 per cent. (34fr. 50c.) raises the price to 379fr. 50c. Never has stamp collecting been so in favour; there are some bright days in store for philately. Are not the prices at this sale higher than those of the catalogue? A collection of Alsace Lorraine (quite unique, it is true) fetched 10,000fr. (£430). The whole sale realized 100,000fr., or about £4,800.

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE, June 11th and 12th.

	£	s.	d.
Barbadoes, wmk. star 5/- rose	1	5	0
British Bechuanaland, 1887, £1 violet *	1	6	0
Do. do. £5	6	0	0
British Central Africa, 1897, £1 blue	1	13	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblocks, 1d. red, deep shade, defective	1	15	0
Do. do. 4d. blue	1	12	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue	4	0	0
Do. wmk. CC. One Half Penny on 3d. claret	1	17	0
Ceylon, imperf. 8d. brown, thinned used with a 1/- violet and a 1d. blue, on piece of original	12	12	0
Do. 9d. lilac-brown	2	8	0
Do. 1/9 green	2	6	0
Do. wmk. star, 8d. yellow-brown, creased	3	0	0
Do. wmk. CC. 5d. purple-brown	1	2	0
France, 1849, 20c. black, a tête bêche pair, cut into	1	5	0
Do. 1870-73, 15c. bistre do. do.	1	12	0
Gambia, 1880, wmk. CC., 4d. brown, *	1	5	0
Do. do. 1/- green, *	1	12	0
Gold Coast, wmk. C.A., 20/- green and carmine, *, part gum	5	7	6
Gt. Britain, imperf., 1d. deep black, a block of 6, *	6	0	0
Do. 2/- red-brown, perforated with firm's initials	1	2	0
Do. £5 orange with Accountant's office cancellation	1	4	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange, medium early impression	3	17	6
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange, worn impression, a pair	1	17	6
Natal, 1st issue, 6d. green, slightly torn	1	18	0
New Brunswick, 1/- mauve, slightly torn	6	7	6
Newfoundland, 6d. orange	1	7	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. carmine, plate 1, deep colour	1	6	0
Do. do. 1d. red, plate 2	1	4	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 3, 2nd retouch	2	0	0
Oldenburg, 1855, ½ sgr. green*, but no gum	1	0	0
Do. 1859, ½ gros. green*	3	10	0
Do. do. 2 gros. rose*	1	8	0
Philippine Islands, 1854, 5c. red, torn	1	0	0
Do. do. 10c. carmine	1	6	0
Do. do. another copy	1	12	0
Do. do. 10c. rose	1	18	0
Do. do. 1855, 5c. red	1	2	0
Do. do. 1863, 1 real violet*, no gum	2	2	0
St. Lucia, wmk. Star, 4d. blue*, but no gum	1	6	0
St. Vincent, 1881, one penny on 6d. yellow-green*	3	3	0
Do. do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion	9	10	0
Schleswig-Holstein, 1st issue, 2 sch. rose, thinned*	1	1	0
South Australia, rouletted, 6d. dull blue, a vertical strip of 6*, one damaged	5	0	0
Straits Settlements, 1883, 2 cents on 12c. blue	1	10	0
Switzerland, Basle, 2½ rappen, thinned	2	8	0
Transvaal, 1877, 3d. mauve, fine roulette*	1	17	0
Do. do. 1878, V.R. Transvaal, 3d. mauve on buff*	1	6	0
Do. do. 6d. blue on buff, with inverted surcharge	11	0	0
1900, £5 green*	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Trinidad, no wmk., clean cut perf. 14-16, 4d. brown-lilac*	1	15	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 60 crazie, red, torn at top	5	10	0
Do. 1860, 3 lire, yellow, cut into at left	34	0	0
United States, 1851, 5c. brown	1	4	0
Do. do. 1869, 90c., torn	1	3	0
Victoria, 1851, Lithographed, 2d. grey-lilac*, part gum	3	0	0
Virgin Islands, perf. 15, 1/- carmine, single-lined border*	2	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1873, 70kr. red-lilac	1	11	0
Zululand, 1888-92, 5/- carmine	2	6	0
Do. 1894-96, £1 purple on red*	1	10	0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, June 18th & 19th.

Bahamas, no wmk. 4d. dull-rose, showing variety of perforation	2	10	0
Barbadoes, 1873, 5/- dull rose, off centre	1	4	0
British Honduras, wmk. CA. perf. 14, 6d. yellow, skimmed at back *	1	10	0
Ceylon, wmk. star, imperf., 9d. brown	3	5	0
Do. do. 10d. orange-vermilion slightly torn *	2	2	0
Do. do. perf. 2/- deep blue	1	0	0
Fiji, Times Express, 1870, on quadrille paper, 1/- black on rose	2	8	0
Gt. Britain, wmk. Maltese Cross, 5/- rose, plat 1 *	1	6	0
Do. do. 20/- brown-lilac *	20	0	0
Do. Fiscal Postals, "Inland Revenue," in green on 1/- embossed (S.G. No. 429), a horizontal pair *	7	0	0
Grenada, 1886, Provl. 1d. on ½d. orange-yellow (S.G. No. 35), surcharge inverted *	3	0	0
Heligoland, 1873, perf. ½sch. rose and green	2	15	0
India, 1st issue, ½ anna, red *	6	0	0
Monaco, 1st issue, 5f. *	1	16	0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow	2	0	0
Do. do. 1/- mauve	12	0	0
Newfoundland, 1/- orange, cut rather close	4	12	6
New South Wales, 1855, imperf., 1/- red, a block of 8	3	0	0
New Zealand, 1855, no wmk., blue paper, impf., 1/- green	3	15	0
Niger Coast, Provl. on English Stamps. One Shilling in violet on 2d. (S.G. No. 28), vertical surcharge, *	4	4	0
Do. do. 10/- in vermilion on 5d., diagonal surch., *	14	0	0
St. Christopher, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 1d. lilac-rose	0	19	0
Sandwich Islands, 1853, thin paper, imperf., 13c. dull red, *	3	0	0
Saxony, 1851, imperf., 2g. black on dark blue, no gum, *	1	7	0
South Australia, 1/- brown, imperf. copy dated 1872	3	15	0
Do. do. 1867-70, perf. 11½ all round, 2d. vermilion (S.G. No. 44)	9	5	0
Do. do. perf. by roulette, 4d. purple with dated postmark	2	10	0
Do. do. 1870, 2/- carmine, dated 1870, printed on both sides	3	10	0
South Australia, Departmental, G.P. on 1d. deep green, perforated, printed on both sides	4	4	0
Transvaal, 1870, 1/- dark green*	2	8	0
Do. do. 1874, perf. 12½, 1d. red*	2	0	0
Do. do. wide roulettes, pelure paper, 1d. red	3	0	0
Do. do. do. 6d. dark blue	2	0	0
Do. do. fine roulettes, 6d. ultramarine	1	10	0
Do. do. 1877, surcharged V.R. Transvaal, roulettes wide at side and fine at bottom, 1d. red*	2	10	0
Do. do. fine roulettes, 1/- green	1	17	6
Do. do. 1874, 1/- green, the variety with stop after R. and inverted surcharge	4	0	0
Do. do. fine roulettes, 6d. blue on rose (S.G. No. 81)	1	10	0
Do. do. Surcharged V.R. Transvaal, imperf., 6d. blue on blue, *	1	3	0
Do. do. 6d. indigo, *	1	6	0
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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At a meeting held on May 15th, at the Wharnclyffe Hotel, King Street, Sheffield, Mr. J. H. Chapman contributed an interesting paper on "Italy." He explained the entire issues and varieties of the country, and at the same time handed his extensive collection of shades, &c., round for inspection.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Chapman concluded the meeting, which was the last of the season 1900-1.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

THE Annual General Meeting and election of Officers and Committee for the year 1901-2 was held at Essex Hall, on Wednesday, June 5th.

Present:—H. R. Oldfield (in the chair), J. E. Joselin, H. Thompson, W. Schwabacher, Major Laffan, J. C. Sidebotham, W. S. King, W. Schwarte, R. Frentzel, W. H. Francis, F. Reichenheim, P. L. Pemberton, Otto Reis, H. Atharley, J. J. Coates, F. J. Winkley, L. W. Fulcher, T. H. Hinton, and one visitor (W. R. Meyer).

The report and the balance sheet, read by the Hon. Sec., showing 112 members on the roll and a balance of £2 17s. 6d. in hand at Jan. 1st., 1900, was received and adopted, subject to audit, Messrs. H. Thompson and Otto Reis being appointed auditors. The thanks of the meeting were unanimously accorded to the President. Officers and Committee for their services during the past year.

The Hon. Sec. reported that Mr. B. W. Warhurst desired to relinquish the office of Librarian at the end of the present year. His resignation was received with regret, and it was resolved that the appointment of his

successor should be left in the hands of the Committee

The meeting heartily congratulated the President, members of the Committee and Hon. Sec. on the success of the exhibition held in Feb. last, and it was resolved that the arrangements for the next season should be left in the hands of the new Committee, who will meet early in the autumn to discuss the same.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the President for his services in the chair, and to Messrs. Atharley and Francis for their services as scrutineers, and after the inspection of collections and some exchange of duplicates amongst those present, the meeting terminated.

THOS. H. HINTON, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 5, Paultons Square, Chelsea, London, S.W.

MANCHESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting was held at the Grand Hotel, on Friday, May 17th. The President (Mr. Dorning Beckton) took the chair, and there were thirteen other members present.

The Hon. Secretary's Report showed that there are now four honorary, fifty-eight active, and nine corresponding members, making a total of seventy-one. It also alluded to the success of the Society at the Paris Exhibition, to the result of the sale of the stamps issued in aid of the South African War Fund, which realised £101 4s., and contained a satisfactory account of the work of the session.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £8 4s. 11d., and the Hon. Librarian announced the gift and purchase of an unusually large number of books, including nearly the whole of the philatelic library of the late Mr. T. Ridpath.

The Comptroller stated that the sales from

the Exchange Packets are steadily increasing, being this year at the rate of 13 per cent. as against 10½ per cent. last year.

The ballot for the officers for the coming session resulted as under:—

- President—W. Dorning Beckton.
- Vice-Presidents—J. H. Abbott & W. Grunewald.
- Hon. Secretary—G. F. H. Gibson.
- Assistant Hon. Secretary—J. S. Gee.
- Hon. Treasurer—C. H. Coote.
- Hon. Librarian—J. C. North.
- Comptroller—W. Grunewald.

Committee—

- G. B. Duerst, N. Heywood, W. W. Munn
- Exchange Packet Committee—
- C. H. Coote and D. Ostara.

The President referred to the retirement of Mr. Duerst from the position of Hon. Treasurer, which he has filled for nine years, but is now compelled to resign owing to his frequent absence abroad.

A sum of £3 was voted to the Library, and a lengthy discussion ensued on a resolution proposed by Mr. Duerst that the hour of meeting be altered to seven o'clock. This proposition was eventually adopted, on the understanding that the business of the meetings should commence at 7.30 precisely.

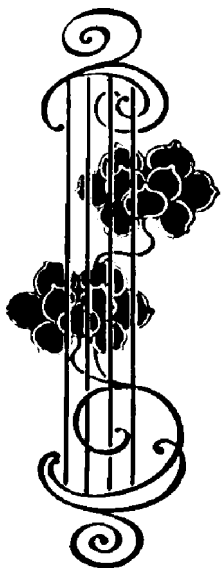
CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

SINCE last report the March packet has returned from circuit, the sales amounting to £15 18s. 7½d., and the value of the packet being £187 8s. 4d. All cash due to members has been paid and all sheets returned to owners. Mr. F. W. Siddel has joined the Club, and there is still room for a few reliable members. Those intending to join can have all particulars on application to the Secretary, who will be pleased to send on Rules, &c.

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New South Wales.—Two sheets of stamps, obsolete and current, O. S. and postage due, in all 71 varieties, all surcharged *Reprint* or *Specimen*. Though not yet presented, we understand that all current and obsolete issues of N.S.W. of which the Government possess plates, are to be printed, lightly postmarked and included.

Victoria.—Obsolete issues, *lightly postmarked*—2d. 1870; 1d. 1888; 1d. on pink paper; 6d. blue, 1865; 8d. 1885; 9d. green; 2s. green on green, 1885; 2s. apple green, 1897; 1d. Fiscal; 1s. blue on blue Fiscal, current and recent issues ½d. to £100. Postage dues, ½d. to 5s. obsolete; ½d. to 5s. current, and 9 varieties of stationery. Obsolete issues surcharged, *Reprint*—2d. Queen on Throne; 1s. 1854; 1s. 1865; ½d. 1873; 5s. 1868; £5 large square and 1d. green Fiscal. The new issues, ½d. to 5s. were not included in the set.

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Western Australia.—Unused, without gum, 4d. octagonal, 1854; 2d. blue, wmk. swan, 1861; 6d. and 1s., CC. 12½; unused with gum, 1d., 2d. and 4d., CA. 14, 1882; 1d., 2d. and 4d., 1889; "Halfpenny" surcharged on 3d.; "Halfpenny" surcharged on 3d. in red and green; "One Penny" on 3d.; 1d. on 3d.; 1d., telegraph and the current set of 1d. to 1s., all unused.

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Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., still hammers away at the postal authorities. He has suggested reforms in administration that would save a matter of £15,000 a year. Again, if the British Post Office became its own Printer the annual saving, according to Mr. Henniker Heaton, would amount to £30,000.

About 200 millions of the U.S.A. "Buffalo" stamps have been issued up to date.

A boom is being predicted in the various issues of the Niger territories—Oil Rivers, Niger Coast, etc., etc.

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† " " " 1 and 2 drachma	2	4	0	† " " " 25c., 50c., and 1 peso	3	10	6
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

A PHILATELIC PRESS ASSOCIATION FOR PARIS.

THERE is now in course of formation, we gather from the last issue of "L'Echo de la Timbrologie," a "syndicat de la Presse philatelic." Messrs. Coyette, Lemaire, Pierre Mahé, Marconnet, Maury, Schwab, Yvert and Tellier, and other well known people are concerned in the movement, and persons desiring particulars of the scheme are asked to write to MM. Coyette, Delanney, or Mahé, all of Paris.

EXHIBITION OF SAMOANS IN NEW YORK.

The promised exhibition of Samoan stamps, under the auspices of the New York Collector's Club, duly took place on the evening of June 13th, but was afterwards adjourned to a later date owing to several important collections not having turned up. Displays of Samoan stamps were shown by Mr. Alexander Holland, Mr. J. N. Luff, and Mr. McGwire.

RUMOUR OF A 5 CENT BUFFALO "INVERT."

To the 1, 2, and 4 cents "inverts" of the Pan-American issue, we may have to add the 5 cents value. To "Mekeel's Weekly," under date, Canton, Ohio, June 8th, Mr. J. E. Wiedling writes as follows:—"I can report the discovery of one sheet of the 5 cent Pan-American with inverted centre. The five-cent value was received with the second lot of stamps ordered by the Canton post-office; this was about May 20th. The clerks here are not versed in a philatelic way

and stamps were all sold before I heard of them. To their knowledge they were sold principally to manufacturing firms who used them in mailing catalogues. If such is the case, the stamps were probably well scattered over the country. The postmaster at Canton, Ohio, will substantiate this report."

"PRE-CANCELLED" STAMPS OF LUXEMBOURG.

SOME of our readers may have noticed lately on the adhesives of 1, 2, 5, or 10 cents of Luxembourg, the cancelling stamp here illustrated. The explanation for this (the "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung" tell us) may be found in an official decree of 20th November last, which authorizes the sale of cancelled adhesives of these values to the public under the

following conditions:—

The stamps can only be used for printed matter, such as newspapers, circulars, prospectuses, &c.

They cannot be sold in quantities of less than 200.

Postal packets prepaid with previously cancelled stamps must be handed in at the Luxembourg Town Office in quantities of not less than 100, at all other offices of not less than 50; but an exemption is made in the case of newspapers delivered direct from the publishers, and which may be received in less quantities.

The stamps, which are cancelled by a specially constructed machine, are valid only during the year for which they are issued and cancelled, but those remaining in the hands of the public at the end of December may be exchanged for new ones during the following January.

Letters, &c., found in letter boxes franked with these stamps will be returned to the sender if known, otherwise they will be treated as ordinary unpaid letters.

STRANGE CASE OF A LOST APPROVAL BOOK.

FROM India comes news of an interesting philatelic action. The following is the report given by the "Indian Daily News" of June 17th, a cutting from which has been sent us by a *Fortnightly* reader on the spot:—

At the Small Cause Court, on the 10th instant, Mr. B. Gordon Jones, proprietor of the Calcutta Philatelic Company, sued Lieutenant L. N. Malan, R.E., before the Chief Judge (Mr. A. P. Handley) for Rs. 575.

Babu Odoy Chand Bose appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. E. Cowie (Messrs. Sanderson & Co.), for the defendant.

On the 15th of September of last year the defendant wrote to the plaintiff, to send him a certain number of Indian Native States

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1901.

stamps on inspection, with a view to purchase. On receipt of defendant's letter plaintiff sent the former a book of Native States and other stamps valued at Rs. 540-3, and offered him a discount of 10, 20, or 25 per cent. according to the value of the stamps taken over Rs. 10, 50 or Rs. 150, and also forwarded a sheet of Afghanistan stamps of the value of Rs. 160 which the plaintiff was willing to part with for Rs. 150 if the whole sheet was purchased. On the 22nd October following, plaintiff, in reply to a communication, received a letter from Lieutenant Malan, to the effect that the stamps had been duly received, but unfortunately the parcel containing the whole lot had been lost.

Plaintiff then called upon the defendant to pay the value of the parcel, and repeatedly wrote to him in regard to the matter, and not having received any satisfactory reply, instituted this suit, Rs. 555 being the actual estimated value of the stamps, to which Rs. 20 was added as interest for non-payment.

For the defendant the receipt of a parcel of stamps was admitted, but the value set upon the stamps was challenged, and it was urged that if the Court found that the defendant was liable to the plaintiff for the value of the stamps, he (the plaintiff) should be put to the strict proof as to the stamps sent and their market value. It was further urged that the plaintiff was asked to send only Native States stamps for inspection, and that if he exceeded the instructions sent to him, he had done so at his own risk. As to the Native States stamps sent, the defendant, on receipt of the parcel, placed them under lock and key in his despatch box with his own valuables and important private papers. The despatch box with all their contents had been stolen from the defendant, although he had taken all reasonable care of it, and he had not been able to recover the box nor its contents.

Under these circumstances Mr. Cowie, for the defendant, pleaded that the latter was not liable, and that the suit should be dismissed with costs.

Before evidence was led, Mr. Cowie intimated to the Court that his client had never intended that the plaintiff should be a loser in this matter, Lieutenant Malan had made the plaintiff a very fair offer, which had been rejected: the offer was Rs. 300, and was both generous and gentlemanly. He (Mr. Cowie) was instructed to say that Lieutenant Malan had authorised him to repeat the offer, although he would be strictly within his rights if he declined to pay anything whatever. He suggested to the plaintiff's pleader that the offer should be accepted, and if evidence was gone into the plaintiff may find that he would get nothing.

A conference between Mr. Cowie and Babu O. C. Bose resulted in an application to the Court, by the latter, to grant a week's adjournment to enable the pleader to communicate with the plaintiff, who was just now in Simla. The application was granted.

In a later issue of the "Indian Daily News" appears the following letter to the Editor, dated Lawrie's Hotel, Simla, June 20, and signed "B. Gordon Jones" :-

Regarding your report of a case heard in the Small Cause Court (published in your issue of 17th inst.), will you allow me to correct one or two little discrepancies? Lt. L. Malan, when asking me to send him a selection of stamps on approval, did not say "a certain number," but merely asked for stamps of the "Indian Native States and Afghanistan," and I only sent such stamps, and did not "exceed my instructions," as appears to have been stated by the Solicitor for the defence. When the goods were lost, I offered to compromise for a reasonable amount. After a long time, Lt. Malan offered me Rs. 100. It was then that I instituted action, and after my evidence had been given, the defendant offered me Rs. 300. As my costs for taking action amounted to Rs. 125, I at first declined the offer, as it only gave me Rs. 175 for goods to the value of Rs. 700 which I had sent to Lt. Malan at his request. Rather than have a further loss, I have now accepted the Rs. 300, and made the best of a bad bargain. The law seems unsatisfactory, but I suppose it is all right!

Apparently, therefore, the case has been settled by the payment to Mr. Gordon Jones of the sum of 300 rupees, and the only person to benefit is the man who stole the stamps from Lieutenant Malan's despatch box.

A BOOM IN "QUEEN'S HEAD" COLONIALS.

MR. CHARLES J. PHILLIPS, writing on the subject of his firm's new stock-books of Colonial stamps, declares that "many prices have had to be altered, the death of the Queen having caused an abnormal demand for "Queen's Heads," and in many cases we have had to replace stock that has been sold out, at present catalogue prices and over."

"The prices now quoted (Mr. Phillips adds) are those that will be given in our Catalogue, Part I., to be published in the autumn of this year."

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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		Unused.	Unused.	Used.	Used.	
		v.f.	f.	v.f.	f.	
MAURITIUS.						
1847. Imperf. Lettered Post Office.						
1d. vermilion	£1250	£950	£1000	£700
2d. blue	£1250	£950	£1000	£700
1848. Imperf. Lettered "Post Paid."						
<i>White to yellowish paper. Early impression, showing both diagonal and perpendicular lines very clearly.</i>						
1d. vermilion		£25	200/	
2d. deep blue		£40	400/	
2d. blue		£30	250/	
2d. blue (error, "PENOE")		£40	450/	
<i>The same, on blue paper.</i>						
1d. vermilion		200/	140/	
2d. deep blue		250/	160/	
2d. blue		180/	120/	
2d. blue (error, "PENOE")		280/	180/	
<i>The same, but second state of plate showing diagonal lines clearly and perpendicular lines faintly. White to yellowish paper.</i>						
1d. red		£10	80/	
2d. deep blue		£15	100/	
2d. blue		£12/10/0	70/	
2d. blue (error, "PENOE")		£17/10/0	100/	
<i>Ditto. Blue Paper.</i>						
1d. red		£10	70/	
2d. deep blue		£13	90/	
2d. blue		£10	65/	
2d. blue (error PENOE)		£12	100/	
<i>The same but third state of plate, the appearance being faint and the diagonal lines only being visible. White to yellowish paper.</i>						
1d. pale vermilion	150/	100/	30/	20/
1d. red	150/	100/	30/	20/
2d. blue	200/	120/	60/	40/
2d. blue (error PENOE)			80/	60/
<i>Ditto. Blue Paper.</i>						
1d. pale vermilion	130/	80/	25/	17/6
1d. red	130/	80/	25/	17/6
2d. blue	200/	120/	55/	35/
2d. blue (error PENOE)			70/	50/
1859. Large Fillet. Bluish Paper.						
2d. dark blue		£24	280/	
1859. Small Fillet.						
2d. deep blue		50/	35/	
2d. blue		25/	15/	
2d. blue on bluish		25/	15/	
2d. blue on bluish (worn impression)		20/	12/6	

MAURITIUS - Continued.

1859. Imperf. Greek Border.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1d. red	70/	45
1d. bright red	84	55/
2d. blue	32/6	21
2d. pale blue	30/	20/

NOTE.—All the early stamps of this Colony show many intermediate impressions, other than those given above, for this reason it is practically impossible to place a value on unused specimens without seeing them.

1854-59. Figure of Britannia. Imperf.

FOUR-PENCE in curved letters on

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
(4d.) green ..	.. 150	100	65	42
(4d.) green ..	.. 35/	27 6	20/	12/6
(6d.) vermilion ..	.. .. 6	..	..	..
(9d.) magenta ..	.. 25/	20/	17 6	11
(1d.) magenta ..	.. ..	..	35/	25

The last mentioned stamp was re-issued in 1862 as 1d., the postmark "B 53" indicates its use to represent that value.

1859-61. Imperf.

6d. blue ..	.. 35/	21	5	3/
6d. slate purple ..	.. 1/6	..	12 6	8/
1/- vermilion ..	.. 70/	42	7/	4
1/- yellow-green ..	.. 32/6	25/	20/	12/6

1862. The same. Perf.

6d. slate ..	.. 1/	..	20	12 6
1/- dark green ..	.. ..	..	42	27 6

1860-63. Perf. 14. No wmk. Head of Queen turned to left

1d. red-lilac ..	.. 9	5	4/	2/
2d. blue ..	.. 32 6	20	2 6	1/3
4d. rose ..	.. 21/	11 6	2/6	1 3
6d. green ..	.. 42/	25/	12 6	6 6
6d. slate ..	.. 17/6	10	6/	3 6
9d. deep purple ..	.. 15/	8/	2 6	1 3
1/- buff ..	.. 37/6	20/	10/	6/
1/- green ..	.. 40/	22/6	20/	11/

1863-72. Perf. 14. Wmk CC.

1d. purple-brown ..	.. 3	1/9	1/6	3
1d. brown ..	.. 2	1/6	1/6	1/3
1d. bistre ..	.. 1/9	1/5	1/6	3
2d. pale blue ..	.. 1/6	1/9	1/9	1/5
2d. blue ..	.. 1 6	9	1/	7
3d. red ..	.. 3	2	1	8
4d. rose ..	.. 3/	2/	1/4	1/2
6d. lilac ..	.. 9/	6	3/	1/9
6d. green ..	.. 5/	3/6	6	1/3
9d. yellow-green ..	.. 17 6	10/6	55/	25
10d. marone ..	.. 7/6	5/	2/6	1 6
1/- yellow ..	.. 10/6	6/6	6	1/4
1/- orange ..	.. 12 6	7/6	1/9	1/6
1/- blue ..	.. 15	9	2/	1/
5/- bright mauve ..	.. 30/	20	7/6	5
5/- dull mauve ..	.. 30/	21/	7/6	5

Provisionals.

HALF PENNY on 9d. dull purple ..	.. 1/	1/8	1/9	1/
Ditto on 10d. marone ..	.. 1/4	3	2/6	1 6
HALF PENNY on 10d. rose ..	.. 1/9	1/6	3	1/9
One Penny on 4d. rose-carmine ..	.. 2/	1/	4 6	2 9
One Shilling on 5/- bright mauve ..	.. 40/	25/	35/	25/
Ditto on 5/- dull mauve ..	.. 40/	25/	35	25/

1878. Surcharged with value.

2c. lilac-rose ..	.. 1/4	3	3/	1/9
4c. bistre ..	.. 1	8	1/	1/8
8c. blue ..	.. 1 6	1	1/9	1/6
13c. orange red ..	.. 1 3	1/9	1 3	1/9
17c. rose ..	.. 6	4 6	1	1/8
25c. slate-blue ..	.. 3	2	3	2/
38c. bright lilac ..	.. 2 6	1/6	3 6	2 6
50c. green ..	.. 3/	1/9	1/9	6
2r. 50c. violet ..	.. 4/6	4	4/6	3 6

1879-80. Wmk. CC. Perf. 14.

2c. venetian-red ..	.. 3/	2	2 6	1 6
4c. orange ..	.. 1/9	6	1/2	1/
8c. blue ..	.. 1/	1/8	1/3	1/2

MAURITIUS—Continued.

1879-80. Wmk. CC. Perf. 14

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
13c. slate ..	.. 12/6	9/	12/6	8/
17c. rose ..	.. 2 6	2/	1	1/8
25c. olive-yellow ..	.. 16/	13/	4	2/9
38c. lilac ..	.. 12/6	10/	15/	10/
50c. green ..	.. 1 6	1	1/9	6
2r. 50c. brown-purple ..	.. 6/6	5/6	5	3 6

Provisionals.

16 CENTS on 17c. rose .. 2/6 2/ 2/6 1/6
(There are three different types of the above surcharge).

2 CENTS on 38c. lilac ..	.. 2/	1 6	2/6	1/6
2 CENTS in red on 13c. slate (S.G. No. 115) ..	.. 3	2/6	5/	3/6
TWO CENTS on 17c. (S.G. No. 118) ..	.. 7/	5/6	8	5/
Ditto on 38c. (S.G. No. 120) ..	.. 8	1/6	1/6	1/
2c. on 38c. (S.G. No. 119) ..	.. 1/8	1/6	1 3	1/9

1882. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.

2c. venetian-red ..	.. 6	1/4	3	1/2
4c. orange ..	.. 2 6	2/	3	1/2
25c. bistre ..	.. 1	..	1/4	1/2
SIXTEEN CENTS on 17c. rose (S.G. No. 107) ..	.. 1/6	1/3	1/6	1/4

1885-94. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.

1c. violet ..	.. 1/1	..	1/1	..
2c. green ..	.. 1/1	..	1/1	..
4c. carmine ..	.. 1/2	..	1/1	..
8c. blue ..	.. 1/4	..	1/3	1/2
15c. chestnut ..	.. 1/1	..	1/4	1/3
15c. blue ..	.. 1/4	..	1/2	1/1
16c. chestnut ..	.. 1/3	..	1/4	1/3
50c. orange ..	.. 3/	..	2 6	1/9
TWO CENTS on 4c. carmine (S.G. No. 117) ..	.. 1/2	..	1/2	1/1
ONE CENT on 2c. (S.G. No. 123) ..	.. 1/2	..	1/2	1/1
1c. on 16c. (S.G. No. 124) ..	.. 1/2	..	1/3	1/2

1895-99. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.

1c. lilac and ultramarine ..	.. 1/6	..	1/1	..
2c. " and orange ..	.. 1	..	1/1	..
3c. " ..	.. 1/1	..	1/1	..
4c. " and emerald ..	.. 1/2	..	1/1	..
6c. green and red ..	.. 1/3	..	1/3	..
15c. green and orange ..	.. 1/9	..	1/3	1/2
18c. " and ultramarine ..	.. 1/9	..	1/4	1/3
36c. orange and ultramarine (jubilee stamp) ..	.. 1/6	..	1 6	1/
6c. in red on 18c. (S.G. No. 134) ..	.. 1/2	..	1/2	1/1
6c. in red on 18c. inverted ..	.. ..	..	..	£7 10
15c. in black on 36c. (S.G. No. 135) ..	.. 6	..	6	1/4

WURTEMBERG STAMPS MAY DISAPPEAR.

"It is a fairly open secret" writes a correspondent of the *Fortnightly*, "that the continuance of the privilege of issuing their own postage-stamps by the Kingdom of Bavaria and the Grand Duchy of Wurtemberg is not a matter that pleases Emperor Wilhelm. It interferes with his conception of an entirely united Germany, in which there should be but one Kaiser and one postage stamp. The Bavarians have no notion whatever of parting with their postage stamps, but I learn that the Wurtemberg Chamber or Legislative Assembly, or whatever one should call it, has approved a motion that the postal autonomy of the Grand Duchy be abandoned."

THE COLOUR OF THE NEW PENNY STAMP.

Is the House of Commons recently Mr. Henniker Heaton asked the Secretary to the Treasury, as representing the Postmaster General, whether the designs and colours of the new postage stamps had been approved; and whether, if the present contractors, Messrs. De La Rue, refused to print 1d. red stamps, as in every other country and colony of the Postal Union, he would give other printers the opportunity of printing these stamps of equally good quality and at less cost. Mr. A. Chamberlain, in reply, stated that the designs of the new postage stamps generally had been approved, but the colour of the new penny stamp had not been finally settled. There was no question of any refusal on the part of the contractors to print penny red stamps.

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THE letters of acknowledgment received from the prize-winners in our Competition are couched in the most cordial terms. The Rev. Hayman Cummings, winner of the first prize of £10 cash, writes:—

"I could not have recommended the "S.C.F." as strongly as I have done in some 400 or 500 letters and communications if I had not felt that it is about the best and most interesting stamp paper published at the present time, with one thing above others to recommend it, that it is neither owned nor worked by dealers for their own advertisements and business, but is run by stamp collectors for stamp collectors.

"A prize of £10 is a very pleasant douceur, but I shall certainly not cease to commend the "S.C.F." to collectors as the most useful philatelic publication they can possibly have, and at a nominal price."

Cordial letters of acknowledgment are also to hand from Dr. A. M. Dessin, Mr. W. J. S. Overett, Mr. F. P. Riley, Mr. F. S. Williams, and Mr. A. G. H. Lovell.

This must be our last reference to the competition, because we fear we have already trespassed too far upon the indulgence of those *Fortnightly* readers who were not competitors and are not therefore greatly interested in the subject. In conclusion we wish once more to thank all those who have helped us to make the *Fortnightly* more widely known.

Our little growl as to the dilatoriness of the London Philatelic Society's Expert Committee has been applauded by more than one correspondent. The Committee has now adjourned, we see, until October 1st. It would be interesting to know whether all stamps on hand were "expertised" and returned to their senders before this somewhat lengthy holiday began.

Exhibition at the Hague.

THIS exhibition, to which allusion has already been made in the *Fortnightly*, will be held from the 10th to the 19th of August inclusive, in the rooms of the Royal Zoological and Botanical Society, at The Hague, the opening ceremony being fixed for 3 p.m. on Friday, August 9th. After that day the exhibition will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A full prospectus and any information required may be had gratis and post free from Mr. A. C. W. Roodenburg, 23, I.P. Coenstraas, The Hague; but it may be interesting to give a brief summary of the leading features of the exhibition.

There are 20 different classes, as follows:—

Class I A.—Collections of Holland and Colonies, unused,

and with special attention to the various perforations, shades, &c. One gold, one silver-gilt, one silver, and one bronze medal.

Class I B.—As above, but *used*, and regardless of any scarce cancellations. Same awards.

Class II.—As class *A*, but either used or unused. One silver-gilt, one silver and one bronze medal.

Class III.—Collections of Holland and Colonies, but not so complete as *I*. or *II*. One silver-gilt, two bronze medals.

Class IV.—Postmarks of Holland and Colonies (not on stamps). One silver, one bronze medal.

Class V.—Postmarks of the Dutch Colonies (not on stamps). One silver, one bronze medal.

Class VI.—Entires of Holland and Colonies. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class VII.—Collections of essays and proofs of the postage stamps and entires of Holland and Colonies. One silver, one bronze medal.

Class VIII A.—Collections of one of the following countries: Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Switzerland. One gold, one silver-gilt, one bronze medal.

Class VIII B.—Collections of European States except the Netherlands and the countries enumerated under *VIII A*. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class VIII C.—Collections of 3 European countries, exclusive of Holland and specialist collections. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class IX A.—Specialist collections of 3 States of Asia, Africa and Australia, exclusive of the Dutch Indies. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class IX B.—As under *IX A*, but exclusive of the specialist collections. One silver, two bronze medals.

Class X A.—Collections of one of the following American countries: Bolivia, Buenos Ayres, Mexico, Uruguay, United States of Columbia, United States of America. One gold, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class X B.—Collections of one of the American countries, except Curacao, Surinam, and the States, enumerated under *X A*. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class X C.—Collections of 3 American States exclusive of Curacao Surinam and the specialist collections. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XI.—Collections of one of the following groups: English, French Portuguese or Spanish Colonies. One gold, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XII A.—Collections of from 50 to 100 scarce stamps (several copies of one stamp, counting as only one stamp). One gold, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XII B.—Collections of 50 stamps of not more than 50 gulden catalogue value each. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XIII.—Stamps on Entires. One silver, one bronze medal.

Class XIV A.—General collection of at least 5,000 stamps. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XIV B.—General collections of less than 5,000 stamps. One silver, two bronze medals.

Class XV.—Collections of Entires of at least 3 countries exclusive of Holland and Colonies. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR DEALERS.

Class XVI.—Collections of 50 to 100 different rare stamps. One gold, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XVII.—Collections of one country, without Colonies. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XVIII.—Collections of Entires of at least 3 states. One silver-gilt, one silver, one bronze medal.

Class XIX A.—Permanent Albums. One silver, one bronze medal.

Class XIX B.—Bound Albums. One silver, one bronze medal.

Class XX.—Philatelic Accessories. Two bronze medals.

In addition to the foregoing awards two Diplomas of Honour will be awarded for the most complete exhibit of Holland and Colonies and for the most complete exhibit exclusive of Holland and Colonies.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Bosnia.—A 5 kronen stamp, according to "Ewen's Weekly," is to be added to the current set. It will be of the same type as the other kronen values and printed in blue-green.

Corea.—Three recent arrivals from the "Hermit Kingdom" are illustrated here. The values and colours of



the newcomers are :—

- 2 cheun blue.
- 10 " violet.
- 20 " red.

The 2 cheun stamp is of a revised type, showing rounded instead of square corners, and with a rearrangement of the native characters and ornaments within the central oval. We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for specimens.

Italy.—We have to thank Mr. Charles de grave Sells for a letter franked with the long-expected new Italian stamps, of



the following values and colours :—

- 1 centesimo brown.
- 5 centesimi green.
- 2 centesimi vermilion.
- 10 " carmine.

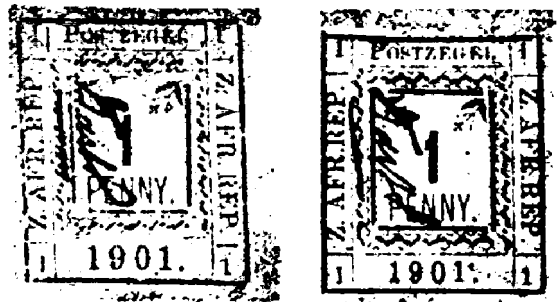
The 20 and 25 centesimi stamps are also out. Our correspondent tells us, and are of approximately the same design as the 10 centesimi. The frame is slightly different—that is all.

The low value stamps have a weak and characterless look, in our opinion, and the 10 centesimi with head of King seems to suffer from an excess of ornamentation.

And what about the journalistic promise that the head of Queen Elena would be placed alongside that of her King on the new Italian issue? Is that in reserve for the higher values, or was it all so much journalistic moonshine?

Monaco.—Relative to the report that the 5c. and 10c. fiscal stamps were recently allowed to frank postal packages (owing to a dearth of the postage stamps of those denominations), the "Monthly Circular" has had official authority to deny the story, which it appears "arose from an American dealer, who was staying in Monaco, putting fiscal stamps on envelopes together with a sufficient supply of postage stamps to frank the letters. The fiscals were obliterated like the rest, but, of course, they had no postal value."

Transvaal (Pietersburg).—More explicit information as to the numbers and varieties of the stamps created by the Boers at Pietersburg is provided by an article in the latest



issue of the "American Journal of Philately," which quotes the following passages from a letter from Mr. Emil Tamsen :

"The Boer government issued only one set of stamps throughout the whole war, and now, the English troops having cleared them out of their last towns, they have no longer any printing materials or paper. The comptroller of the State Printing Office at Pietersburg, who watched the printing of the government paper currency, has also to superintend the printing of stamps and then to initial every one of them. He received no salary and, in fact, had received none for nine months, and so you can fancy he blessed the stamp business. It is his fault that these stamps did not appear in February, 1901, as was ordered. The 1d. came out first in March and the others in the first days of April, the total issue being valued at about £500, less about one-third destroyed. Before the arrival of troops the blocks were broken up, and since then the printing office has been burnt, with the type and all other paraphernalia, so that no reprints can be made. I am collecting official notices and am interviewing officials and the public of Pietersburg, who are all here now, and I expect to be able to publish an interesting article on the last stamps issued by the Boers.

"The stamps were printed in four rows of six stamps each, then cut in half and issued in sheets of twelve. The first two rows (twelve stamps) have "POSTZEGEL" and "1901," both in large type; the third row has "POSTZEGEL" large and "1901" small, and the fourth and last row has "POSTZEGEL" and "1901" both in small type. We thus have three types and I have sent you the correct proportions. Types 2 and 3 are fifty per cent. scarcer than Type 1. There is a special sale here of Type 2,—why, I fail to see. I prefer Type 3, as being a much more distinct variety from Type 1. The officers are buying largely and everybody seems to be a collector. The idea was to perforate all, but the printer never got so far, having to wait too long for the comptroller; thus all values exist imperforate and perforated on three sides. Any stamp not initialled is a proof and of no postal value, except three sheets of ½d. green, which stuck to initialled sheets and were issued by mistake.

"The issue consists approximately of the following quantities :

½d.	4,000	4d.	1,000
1d.	15,000	6d.	1,000
2d.	4,000	1sh.	1,000

but not all were issued, a part having been burnt.

"There are a number of errors, such as letter 'B' for 'R,' 'J' for 'L,' no stop between 'AFR.' and 'REP.'"

Adhesive stamps.

Imperforate :	½d. green	4d. dull blue
	1d. rose	6d. green
	2d. orange	1sh. yellow
Perforated :	½d. green	2d. orange
	1d. rose	

This year's convention of the American Philatelic Association, the sixteenth annual celebration of this event, will take place at Buffalo, N.Y., on Tuesday, August 20th, and succeeding days.

This year's dinner of the London Philatelic Society will probably not be held until October, says Mr. Nankivell. But according to the latest intelligence, November is the month definitely chosen.

Our Review of Reviews.

[The *Fortnightly* wishes to exchange, regularly, two copies per issue, with all reputable philatelic magazines at home and abroad. Kindly address in all cases, The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.]

Mr. Drake makes a Good Beginning.

The Hon. J. S. Drake, Federal Postmaster-General of Australia, having vetoed the proposed half-penny Duke of Cornwall commemorative stamp, colonial philatelists accept this as a sign that the authorities are not altogether unmindful of the many protests by philatelists against the sordid trafficking in stamps pursued by colonial governments.

WHY NOT APPROACH THE DUKE?

The "Australian Philatelist," discussing this subject, expresses the opinion, that something might be done in the way of checking postal abuses by approaching H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York on the subject.

OFFICIAL PERSONS WHO DISLIKE PHILATELY.

It was a silly and unprofitable business on the part of the postal authorities in the various states (declares the "Australian Philatelist"), to present sets of postage stamps to each member of parliament. If the stamps had been of a commemorative design, we could have understood the object of the presentation, but as they were not, and as the authorities must have known that perhaps not a fifth of the recipients would take any interest in the stamps, it is difficult to find a reason for the presentation.

"We are forced to the suspicion (continues our contemporary), that there are officers in the postal departments of some of the states who are, for some reasons, opposed to philately, and who are going out of their way to belittle a pursuit, the main objects of which are beyond their understanding."

The Earl of Crawford a Painstaking Philatelist.

"The conundrum, 'Who bought the Castle collection?' is still to the fore," writes Mr. Nankivell in his latest letter to the "American Journal of Philately." "The latest guess is in the just-issued *Fortnightly*. To the question, 'Why is the Castle collection of Europeans like an ancient mariner?' it appends the suggestive answer, 'Because both have travelled from C— to C— (sea to sea),' and it adds that now the secret is half out. Already there are a few who are in the 'know.' This hint of the *Fortnightly* would seem to point to the Earl of Crawford, and there are few who know his lordship's enthusiasm and thoroughness as a collector who will not wish the guess may be true. In the opinion of not a few he is the coming English collector. Whenever he has given a display at the meetings of the Philatelic Society of London he has taken us by surprise at the unsuspected wealth of his philatelic treasures. On one evening he passed round complete sheets of all the values of Sicily and regular table-cloth sheets of Modena, one after another. For scientific method in arrangement I have never come across anyone who takes so much pains. He has a system of tabulating which enables him to tell at a glance what varieties are lacking in his collection."

The Older "Inverts" of the United States.

The talk occasioned by the discovery of inverted centres in the Pan-American issue of the United States naturally induces one to think of those previous, and now highly prized, "inverts," 15, 24, and 30c. values of the "picture" issue of 1869. We have therefore perused with peculiar interest a review of Mr. John Luff's articles on American issues, in the July "Monthly Circular."

The question of the origin of the "inverted centre" errors of the 15, 24, and 30 cents is discussed at length (says our contemporary), and the conclusion arrived at is that they were due to misprinting and not to one or more inverted designs on each plate as the late Mr. Tiffany supposed.

"It is well known that a man in New York, named Anthony, an agent of the Government for the sale of Revenue stamps, and who

also sold the then current postage stamps, had an entire sheet of the 15 cents stamp with inverted medallion. One copy was purchased of him and went into the Rasmus collection. *The rest of the sheet was returned to the post office and exchanged for perfect copies.* There is also the celebrated block of four of the 24 cents in the collection of Mr. William Thorne."

On the other hand there is nothing to show that any inverted designs existed on the plates themselves, though "Mr. J. W. Scott states that at the time attention was first called to the 15 cents with inverted medallion he examined his stock and found half a dozen used copies. Believing it to be an error in the plate he tried to buy at the New York post office sheets containing it, but could only get half sheets, which were without it. He then sent money to all offices throughout the country which he thought might have this value, asking always for full sheets. In some instances his money was returned because the office could only supply half sheets, and on other occasions the half sheets were sent. In no case did he secure an entire sheet, and the half sheets supplied to him were always the same half and without the error."

We should have had more faith in this statement were it not that Mr. Scott proceeded to do what Mr. Luff ingeniously calls drawing the following "conclusion" from that theory. Writing in the "American Journal of Philately" (1870), he said:—

"We are now enabled to inform our readers, and friends of the Press, of a little circumstance that has been kept pretty well concealed; but perhaps these few lines may open the eyes of the people who pay the taxes. After a few hundred sheets of the 15 and 24 cents stamps of the 1869 issue had been delivered, it was discovered that a few of the stamps on each sheet had the picture inverted in the frames. The Government refused to receive them, and only half sheets of these values were issued."

We fail to see any connection between the statement and the "conclusion." Either Mr. Luff has done Mr. Scott the injustice of leaving out the chain of reasoning, or the latter gentleman's "information" was the offspring of a too lively imagination.

Of the 90 cents with inverted medallion Mr. Luff says "no copy is known to exist, and it is now believed to be a creation of the fancy of a western collector-dealer. Wishing to give éclat to an auction, he inserted in the catalogue of the sale this and certain similar and equally mythical varieties of the higher values of the State Department stamps. As no collector in the United States was able to get a view of them, unlimited bids did not secure them at the sale, and it could never be learned to whom they were sold, it has been concluded that they are only a *tour de fantasia*."

Hydrogen Peroxide and How to Use It.

An article recently contributed to the "Bazaar" by the Rev. R. B. Earée on the restoration of "oxidised" stamps by the use of Hydrogen Peroxide contains just the information that philatelists are constantly asking for—viz.: the best way of applying the chemical to the stamps.

Firstly, however, Mr. Earée thinks fit—rather unnecessarily, perhaps—to justify, from an ethical standpoint, this practice of "restoring" discoloured stamps. "I take it for granted," he writes, "that restoring the original colour to stamps will not be looked upon as a sort of 'faking' any more than washing a dirty stamp would be; and it makes stamps presentable that would otherwise be utterly worthless." As regards the use of that most valuable stamp restorative, peroxide of hydrogen, Mr. Earée writes:

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 that 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 in 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 be 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.

A word of advise in conclusion is to the effect that the bottle containing the peroxide be kept very closely corked or stoppered, as otherwise the oxygen in compound will promptly evaporate.

How the Printer Looks at it.

"Mistakes will happen," said the printer as he winked and picked a letter from the wrong font for use in setting up the surcharge for the new issue.—"Ewen's Weekly."

The "Josa" Stamps of British Guiana.

To a reader of the "Stamp Collector" who enquired which of the stamps of British Guiana are known as the "Josa" stamps, and how they got that name, the following reply is given by Mr. F. M. Avery:—

There can be no doubt that the question refers to No. 1 (of British Guiana) in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue; and the title "Josa" has been given on account of the history which belong to a pair. Some years ago two of these stamps were placed in the offertory on Easter Day at Christ Church, Georgetown, British Guiana of which church Canon Josa is the present incumbent. These stamps sold for over £200. . . . they relieved the Canon of some pressing liabilities.

Suggested National Collection for Canada.

"Why should we not have a Canadian National Collection?" asks the Editor of the "Montreal Philatelist," after reading of the agitation in favour of an Australasian National Collection.

"If," says our contemporary, "the idea is accepted by the Government of the Australian Commonwealth, we trust that it will be brought to the notice of our Postmaster-General Mr. Mulock, who is now in Australia, and that upon his return to Canada something may be done. There is now in the Library of Parliament a small collection of Canadian stamps, and proofs, but it is far from complete. The Postal Union specimens are received regularly by the department, but what becomes of them no one seems to know. We have heard it stated that they are given away to favoured officials, whether this report is true or not, it is certain that they are not properly classified and mounted.

In the hands of a proper custodian, who knows something of the stamp business, where and how to exchange duplicates, with the material available at Ottawa an extensive and interesting collection could be made with very little expense. Let us hope that our philatelic friends in Parliament will agitate the subject during next winter's session."

A Forged Bolivian Surcharge.

Recent exchanges have brought news of a forgery of the Bolivian surcharge, "E.F. 1899." From the excellent "Annals" of the Philatelic Society of Chili we reproduce



GENUINE.

FORGED.

fac similes of both the genuine and the forgery. The differences are visible at a glance.

The Damaged Stamp; Also, the Small Boy.

"Veritas," of the "New York Philatelist," writing on the subject of "The Damaged Specimen," echoes much that has been written in the *Fortnightly*, and in almost identical terms. As thus:—

We demand perfect copies, or as near perfect as they are made. A tear puts a specimen under the ban at once and its presence will not be tolerated. For the *fin de siecle* collector half a stamp is not better than no stamp at all, unless it is a split provisional. That old theory of putting a piece of a stamp in an album to fill a space until a good copy is secured has long ago gone to the happy hunting grounds of defunct philatelic ideas. If we cannot get something worth having, we will do without.

In a recent issue of the "Weekly Philatelic Era," by the way, "J.B.T."—perhaps the brightest and best of that journal's contributors—is reminded by this article on "The Damaged Specimen," of an acquaintance of his in St. John, New Brunswick:

In boyhood's happy hours, he acquired a used copy of the "Connell" stamp.

Whether he thought he could improve on the appearance of the gentleman (which is possible) I don't know, but he first clipped off the perforations, and then proceeded further to beautify it by cutting round the circle containing the gentleman's "phiz."

His remorse in later years can be better imagined than described.

"If" comments "J.B.T.," philosophically, "the small boy could only be born grown up these things would not happen."

How a Philatelic Freak Originated.

A Washington dealer has lately been showing a somewhat peculiar freak, being a block of the current Special Delivery stamps—two by five—with the impression clearly imprinted upon the back of the stamps.

This (explains "The Optimist" in the "Metropolitan Philatelist") is not an offset as the impression on the back is the reverse of the face. I called the attention of the Assistant Director of the Bureau to the matter, and he explained the freak in this way: A sheet of paper was improperly laid upon the plate and one corner turned up so that the impression instead of being upon the sheet at that point was upon the blanket of the small cylinder or roller under which the plate passes to produce the impression. Of course that sheet was destroyed, but the ink which had been upon that portion of the plate left bare when the corner turned up, was taken up by the blanket so that on the next impression the ink came off on the back of the sheet, reversed. As the backs of the sheets are not so closely scrutinized, and being only upon one corner, the sheet was not noticed by the examiners and was sold in the regular way at the Washington office. The stamps are well centred on the face but poorly centred on the back.

A Collection of Chemical Changelings.

This same "J.B.T.," in another "Era" notelet tells us of a collection he recently saw, in which every specimen had been changed by chemical action. It was in his opinion, a note of warning to collectors of "shades" and lovers of errors of colour.

A Quarter of a Million Philippines.

ACCORDING to an American Newspaper, quoted by "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," there is now on file in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, an action against Armour & Co., the Chicago beef packers, for the recovery of £2000, alleged to be the price agreed upon for a quarter of a million Spanish-Philippine postage stamps.

The plaintiff in the case is Charles H. Read, of Pittsburg, Pa., father of the Captain J. H. Read, of the United States Army, who was recently court-martialed for alleged commissary frauds at Manila.

In his statement of claim Read says that H. G. Sharpnack, Allegheny representative of Armour & Co., agreed to buy 250,000 Spanish-Philippine stamps uncanceled, of the face value of three centavos (18-10 cents) for use as advertisements, and that the firm sanctioned the deal. Since then, he says, Armour & Co. have refused to take the stamps.

Read, when seen by an interviewer, declines to say how he got the stamps. One story is that the Philippine insurgents had looted the Manila post office, to which, however, they never had access; that the American soldiers captured them and the stamps, the latter having been buried, and gave the stamps to Capt. Reid to be sold for the benefit of the soldiers. Stamps of the same denomination were sold in Manila as souvenirs for from 10 to 50 cents apiece.

An extraordinary story, truly; and perhaps "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" is justified in giving it the significant headline: "How Much is True?"

"Stamps," said a morning paper recently, "make the whole world kin." "Stamp Collectors," retorted a would-be humorist in another morning paper, "make the whole world grin."

There is increasing evidence of a wild boom in Nigerians, already referred to in the *Fortnightly*. The 2d. Niger Coast of 1893, unused, is instanced as a particularly hard stamp to get in mint state.

The Duke of Cornwall in Sydney.

PRESENTATION OF THE SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB'S ADDRESS AND SOUVENIR.

THE presentation of the address of welcome to the Duke of York, Patron of the Sydney Philatelic Club, was made by the members selected for the purpose, Mr. S. H. Lampton (president), Mr. van Weenen (vice-president), Mr. Basset Hull (hon. secretary), and Mr. R. Maney Lake, on Wednesday, May 29, at Government House; and for a full account of the proceedings we are indebted to the Editor of the "Australian Philatelist."

The hon. secretary had previously received a letter from the Private Secretary, suggesting that the souvenir proposed to be given to his Royal Highness might be presented at the same time as the address. Arrangements were therefore made to combine the address and souvenir in the form of an album. This was specially made for the purpose, a number of sunk-mount leaves being bound in maroon morocco, simply but chastely ornamented. The first page contained the address, engrossed in old English characters, and embellished in colours. The following is the text:—

To His Royal Highness George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness,—We, the members of the Sydney Philatelic Club, approach Your Royal Highness with the assurance of our loyalty and devotion to the Throne and person of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., and offer you our most cordial and affectionate welcome.

We respectfully express our appreciation of the high honour you have been graciously pleased to confer upon our Club by becoming its Patron, and we recognise that your Presidency of the Philatelic Society of London, the premier Society of the world, and the personal interest taken by Your Royal Highness in the objects of our Club greatly enhance the honor thus conferred upon it.

We ask your acceptance of the accompanying selection of the stamps of this the Mother State of Australia, and trust that they may find a position amongst your philatelic treasures.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Sydney Philatelic Club,

S. H. LAMPTON, President.
E. D. E. VAN WENEN, Vice-President.
A. F. BASSET HULL, Hon. Secretary.
R. MANEY LAKE.

Following the address came the names of the 36 members contributing stamps to the souvenir, arranged alphabetically. Then came the ten pages of the stamps of New South Wales, mounted in the order of issue. Among them may be mentioned:—

Views—1d. Plate II., pair and single, on blue wove paper; 2d. plate II., on yellowish wove; 3d. on blue wove. Laureates—1d. on blue wove, unused; 2d. stars; 2d. plate II., no wmk.; 2d. plate II., wmk. 2, reconstructed plate of 50 types, and a pair; 6d. coarse background; 8d. deep orange. Large square—5d. wmk. 5, unused; 5d. sage-green, imperf., pair used; 1s. rose, perf., unused. Diadems—3d. pair, imperf. wmk. 3; 3d. wmk. 10, block of 4, unused; 3d. wmk. N.S.W. and Crown, pair, imperf., unused, and block of 4, imperf. vertically, both unused. De la Rue Series—9d. double surcharge, unused, and an unused pair without any surcharge (10d. red-brown). Centennial—1s. pair, imperf., unused; 5s. wmk. 5/ (old paper) unused. There were also blocks of the Record Reign Series, of the first dies, unused, the hospital stamps, 6d. green, block of 4 unused; the first postcard, both types of "To" unused, several official and private envelopes on colored paper, all unused and entire.

The presentation was made at the same time as the addresses from other public bodies. The President handed the album to the Duke, who placed it on a chair at his side. The addresses were all taken as read, and a general reply was read by his Royal Highness. The members of the deputation were permitted to remain and witness the investiture of Sir Frederick Darley, G.C.M.G., and Sir James Graham, K.B.—an imposing and deeply interesting ceremony.

The same afternoon the Hon. Secretary received the following gratifying acknowledgment of the Souvenir:—

Commonwealth of Australia,
Governor-General,

29th May, 1901.

DEAR SIR,—His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York desires me to tell you how extremely grateful he is for the beautiful and valuable collection of New South Wales stamps contained in the Address which was presented to H.R.H. this morning by the Sydney Philatelic Club, which Club he is so proud to be associated with as Patron.

I am, Sir, yours very faithfully,

B. GODFREY-FAUSSETT,

Commander, R.N., A.D.C.

To A. F. Basset Hull, Esq.,

Hon. Secretary, Sydney Philatelic Club.

The result of the movement can only be regarded as eminently satisfactory to those members of the Club who contributed some of their cherished possessions, and they may be congratulated both upon the success of the presentations, and the manner of its reception. Regret, however, may be expressed that more of the members did not participate, as a little further effort would have resulted in rendering the collection almost complete in the type varieties of New South Wales issues.

Owing to unavoidable delay in the preparation of the Address—a delay partly attributable however to the late transmission of contributions—it was not possible to give earlier notice of arrangements made to enable members to view the Address. An advertisement was inserted in both morning papers of Saturday, 25th May, that the Address could be seen at the Hon. Secretary's office on the following Monday, but only half-a-dozen members took advantage of the opportunity.

SOME OF THE GEMS OF THE SOUVENIR.

Among specially good items included in the souvenir to His Royal Highness may be mentioned the completed plate of 50 varieties of the 2d. N.S.W., laureated, donated by Mr. Fred Hagen, and a fine unused 1d. laureate given by the President of the Sydney Philatelic Club, Mr. S. H. Lampton.

About Government Stamp Shops.

IN a recent number of the "Eco de Madrid" we read a few interesting notes concerning the stamp trade as carried on by various governments.

In Lisbon, Paris and Berlin, there are special offices for the sale of Portuguese, French and German Colonial stamps, respectively, and now a number of Spanish collectors have requested their government to open a similar establishment at Madrid for the disposal of the stamps of Fernando Poo, that last remnant of the once magnificent Spanish Colonial Empire.

According to the "Eco" the "Circulo filatélico Matritense," the best known of the Spanish Clubs, have pointed out to the Madrid authorities the handsome profits which could be derived from such an establishment. In Paris, they say, the takings in one month from the sale of Colonial stamps amounted to 40,000 francs, and in Berlin, in one day, 520,000 marks.

Portugal is also doing a profitable stamp trade, for the extension of which new countries were created by special issues for various "parishes" and coaling stations. Some go so far as to say, that the financial ruin, which has threatened that country for so long, was only averted by stamp collectors. But to return to sunny Spain and its proposed government stamp shop. An ingenious collector in the land of "Dons," has calculated that there are at least 400,000 stamp collectors in this world, of whom 40,000 are general collectors. As the new issue of Fernando Poo consists of 20 different stamps of the total face value of 28 pesetas, the sum expected to be realized in a very short period would amount to 1,110,000 pesetas, no doubt a welcome addition to the Spanish Exchequer, not to mention the great convenience to the philatelic public, who at present waste much money by having to send for their requirements to the island, and either receiving no stamps for their cash, or being charged ruinous commissions.

Forgeries of Tuscany.

SOME CUNNING IMITATIONS OF THESE SCARCE OLD STAMPS.

THE forgeries we illustrate in this number are a somewhat dangerous series of imitations of the 1851 and 1860, issue of



Tuscany. The varieties included in this lot are:—

- Issue of 1851: 1 soldo orange-yellow, azure paper.
- 1 soldo olive-yellow ..
- 2 soldi (pair) brick-red ..
- 60 crazie red-brown ..
- Issue of 1860: 3 lire orange-yellow.

The first on the list is unused; the others are used. Perhaps the poorest imitation of all is the last named: the coveted 3 lire stamp. Here the colour is bad, and the general appearance is wrong, though it is difficult to pick upon any salient point of difference.

With the forgeries of the older issue—all of which needless to say, are properly watermarked—it is difficult to find any fault either in colour or in anything else. These imitations, however, are a shade less dangerous than the French forgeries recently illustrated. They would not keep an expert in doubt for any great time, but those who are not experts must act on the advice already given in the *Fortnightly*—namely, to buy the scarce old European stamps only from persons of the highest reputation.

ONE OF ONEGLIA'S CIRCULAR-LETTERS.

While on this subject it may be interesting to quote from the "Monthly Journal" one of the latest circular-letters issued by the notorious forger of the old Italian stamps, Eugene Oneglia:—

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"I must beg you earnestly to correspond in French or in Italian, and I remain, very respectfully yours, _____."

Philatelic Jottings from all Quarters.

The "Sydney Bulletin," most cynical of journalistic scoffers, informs its readers that the Duke of Cornwall "is a sufferer from the brain trouble known as Philately."

It is stated that the 1 dinar stamp of the ordinary "King Alexander" type of Serbia has been demonetised, and must now be placed among the obsoletes. But why, in this event, has there been no issue of a 1 dinar stamp in the new high-value type. Surely, if a 3 dinar and a 5 dinar are needed, there must be a demand for a 1 dinar stamp?

The Rector of Wragby sends to the "Strand Magazine" a photograph of a most curious portrait of President McKinley. The picture is made up entirely of postage stamps, no less than 1,005 stamps being used in its construction. Mr. McKinley, to whom the picture was submitted, "expressed his entire approval of the portrait, which took eighteen days of very careful work to complete."

The member of the Birmingham Philatelic Society whose portrait and biography appear in the "Stamp Collector" for July is Mr. P. T. Deakin, who has been a B.P.S. member since 1895. Among Mr. Deakin's most cherished stamps is a Greek 50 leptas of the 1876 Athens print on *white paper* and with numerals on back, the colour of the stamp being a very bright rose. Two years ago Mr. Deakin was offered 20,000 unsorted stamps, principally 1d. reds. These he secured at a very low figure. Among the lot he found a vertical pair of 1d. plate 9, and the 1½d. rose-red error, besides numerous old Colonials.

Apropos of an announcement of the impending sale of the Rev. P. E. Raynor's splendid collection of Australians, a colonial contemporary recalls that Mr. Raynor was for many years the head master of Christ's College, Tasmania, and while there took a great interest in stamps, his collection of Tasmanians being magnificent; he wrote several articles for the "Federal Australian Philatelist," and illustrated them with wood-blocks engraved by himself. Besides being a good amateur engraver, he was also an amateur printer, and used to set up and print the school programmes. While in Tasmania he was most popular with everybody, and no master before or after his time was so respected and loved by his boys. Universal regret was expressed when he left Tasmania, to take up the position as head master to St. Peter's, Adelaide, S.A. He remained there some years and acquired a splendid collection of South Australian Departmentals, and that great rarity, the 4d. Western Australia with inverted swan.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 67th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday, June 10th.

Present: Messrs. Bruner, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary, who also reported having mailed on June 1st a copy of the year-book to each of the members.

The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$362.19, exclusive of \$1000 bond, was read and approved.

The Committee on New Club House reported that favourable replies continued to be received in answer to their circular.

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CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President MR. WALTER SCOTT.

THIS Society held its last meeting for the Session 1900-1, on the 16th April last, when the following members assembled:— The President (in the Chair); Alderman Trounce, Vice-President; Mrs. Groves (Librarian); the Secretary, and Mrs. Marshall. Messrs H. G. Blair, W. G. Bowden, T. Edwards, De Vere Hunt, G. E. Petty, W. H. Renwick, B. Rowlands and two visitors.

Mr. G. E. Petty displayed his very fine collection of Brazilian stamps and read a paper dealing very exhaustively with the various issues, but more particularly with the numeral series. The paper showed careful research and examination of the stamps of this interesting country, and was a treat to those who had the pleasure of listening to it.

In fact, the opinion was expressed that such a paper was worthy of publication in extenso as it contained so much useful information for the collector of the stamps of Brazil.

Mr. Petty's collection was practically complete and contained, in addition to pairs of the earlier issues, a block of four of the 430 reis. Every variety of colour and design was shown in fine condition throughout and the whole collection is probably excelled by very few, if any, other collections of Brazil in the Kingdom.

The President's collection, which was also displayed, is a fine one, and doubtless ranks a good second.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of October next

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The Talk of the Trade.

MR. A. H. DINGWALL, of Ambawella, Weston-Super-Mare, has issued a very handy pocket price list of stamps offered both singly and in sets. His aim has been to include therein only such stamps as are really worth buying and to eliminate all doubtful and speculative issues. The little book's 64 pages are certainly used to good advantage, for we think we have never seen a greater range of stamps offered in any list of this particular class. Many of the items read temptingly cheap. Mr. Dingwall charges 2d. for his little book, but agrees to refund this amount out of the first order of 2s. 6d. from the list.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY WAKING UP.

THE "London Philatelist" notifies its readers that, already, the new Council of the London Society has taken the question of the Society's work seriously to heart, and as will be seen by the letter following (which has been sent to all the members resident in Great Britain), has lost no time in making a start.

"THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

"DEAR SIR.—The arrangements for the work of the Society during the ensuing season, 1901-2, have been placed in our hands by the Council of the London Philatelic Society, and we are anxious to be able to announce, during the summer vacation, the full programme for the next season.

"Several members of the Council have already promised their assistance, but we especially invite and desire the co-operation of the members generally.

"We shall therefore feel much obliged if you will fill in and return the accompanying post card not later than August 15th.

"We are, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

"M. P. CASTLE, *Vice-President.*

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THREE of the members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society have shown that they can, when occasion arises, acquaint themselves like heroes. Staten Island, as every schoolboy ought to know, lies off New York, and as every philatelist knows, is the home of the Staten Island Philatelic

Society. Recently the ferry vessel "Northfield" got into collision with the "Mauch Chunk" on her way out to the island. Three members of the S.I.P.S. were on board the "Northfield." Standing on the lower deck they saw the onward rush of the "Mauch Chunk" towards the ill-fated boat crowded with its human freight. No thought of self-preservation entered their minds, but with one accord they divested themselves of their umbrellas and parcels (which all suburbanites carry to distinguish them from their fellow-citizens) and dashed to the points where their knowledge and services would be most valuable. The rapidly sinking boat was soon surrounded by tugs and the various craft with which the harbour is crowded, but many women and children (declares the *Metropolitan Philatelist*) owe their lives to the assistance rendered by the heroic members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society.

STAMPS STOLEN FROM A GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT.

MR. W. H. COLSON, Manager of the New England Stamp Company's exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, writes as follows:—

The U.S. postal exhibit in the Government Building was robbed, probably on the night of July 3rd, of four sheets of stamps valued in the neighbourhood of £800. The frames of stamps are swung on a pillar, being securely locked to it. Each pillar supports 9 frames 10 x 24 inches in size.

The thief evidently took his time about it as instead of cutting the glass he wrenched the frames from the fastenings, broke into the back of the frame and then carefully removed the stamps from the cards on which they were mounted. The broken frames were found in the vicinity.

Immediately on learning of the theft I went to Col Brownlow and Mr. Slack to see if I could help them, and from them discovered just what the frames contained. The thief evidently knew his business as he selected the two most valuable frames containing all the general issues from 1847 to 1888, also two full sets of Departments, one set being "Specimen."

Among the rarer stamps contained in the stolen frames may be mentioned 3c. scarlet, unused; 5c. grill all over, unused; 15, 24, and 90c. inverts of '69, and the Navy errors both in green and black. If I remember rightly, they lacked the 30c. invert of the 1869 issue, and also some of the 1870 grills.

The Postal Department has certainly run into hard luck. One may see the frames which were broken into at their exhibit, Paris. They recovered most of the stamps stolen on that occasion, however, although they were not able to fit them all together.

If the culprit has not already disposed of the stamps stolen from here, he will certainly have great trouble in doing so as it will take but a short time to advise all dealers and collectors of the theft.

AT A STAMP AUCTION IN JAPAN.

In the course of an article headed, "Philately in Japan," one "Gojusen," a contributor to the July issue of "Morley's Philatelic Journal" gives a diverting description of a stamp auction in the Flowery Land.

I found innumerable shopkeepers in Yokohama that sold stamps (he tells us) but none of them, except a wizened little old man by name Takahashi, had any stock to speak of and many sold only on commission. Takahashi allowed me to go through his stock in my search for varieties, a privilege accorded to few—the ordinary customer having only certain prepared sheets or books set before him to select from. This was apparently in return for showing him my collection of Japs, which the little man at once took an interest in and he did from that day all he could to complete it for me, needless to say, to our mutual advantage. Conversation was most limited between us—he knew but little English, and I still less Japanese. How he did it I really don't know, but, one day, somehow or other, he inculcated into me the fact that the next afternoon there was to be a stamp auction at Tokio, and, if I went by a certain train he would meet me at Tokio station and conduct me to it. I jumped at the suggestion and promised to arrive by the appointed train.

At Tokio station was waiting Takahashi, "my guide, interpreter, and friend." We got into ricksha's and a long ride it seemed. These conveyances are in Japan made for 4½ foot Japs and not for 6 foot Englishmen, with a result that can be imagined. At last we stopped opposite an ordinary looking tea house and glad enough was I to get down. I followed Takahashi upstairs to a room outside of which were some dozen pairs of Japanese shoes. "My friend" soon slipped his sandals off while I unshod myself as soon as possible according to Japanese custom. In the room were the owners of the shoes we saw outside. They were all seated, or rather squatted, on the floor in a ring round the room. All rose and greeted us politely, while Takahashi, I presume, explained in his native tongue who I was. We both took places in the ring and Takahashi passed me what in England would be called a lacquered ash tray. On the convex side of these trays was written the bidder's name, while the concave side was reserved for the amount the owner wished to bid for any lot as it was put up.

One of the company had been elected President, and he did all the important work. He called upon the man whose lot was to be put up next. The lot might be a single stamp or 50,000—whatever it was it was placed in the centre of the circle or passed round. Each bidder wrote the amount he was willing to bid on his tray, which was then placed concave side down so that none could see another's bid. The trays, being all the same size, were collected, and given in a neat pile to the President. He soon found the highest bid, announced the amount and name of the bidder. The plates were then redistributed and all was ready for the next lot.

When a man had secured a lot by a very small margin only, he was congratulated and probably stood drinks, not a very expensive entertainment this, as the beverage was either tea or beer in tea cups. On the contrary, if an unfortunate found a lot knocked down to him and was told by the President that the next highest bid was far below his, he was chaffed most thoroughly by all present for his want of knowledge of the market value.

Under the influence of beer and tea all the company got very happy, and apparently good prices ruled that day. Takahashi was very busy buying, for the most part, rubbish. But that was his business. Towards the end a dealer came in who spoke English well. I asked him if they knew the English method of holding auctions. He replied that they did and had tried it, but it was unsuccessful, because in their excitement of bidding one against another, they paid so much for their lots that they were not only unable to realize any subsequent profit, but instead often suffered a loss.

I left before the finish without "my friend" who was still bidding. All present came and said good-bye, and presented me with their cards and hoped I would visit their shops. This I subsequently did with varying success.

The vast majority of the lots were the present and last issues done up in hundreds and sold by tens of thousands. They realised very poor prices. Evidently the "Continental" of the far east. Better class Japs fetched very good prices indeed and I was told that they mostly went to America where there were more demand for them than anywhere else. The knowledge of local dealers usually did not go as deep as "plate numbers." If they had for instance any 6 sen violet for sale they asked so much each and you took which you wanted. Of perforations they appeared to know nothing. Very nice for the first collector who looked through a lot!

On my way back I wondered with what success the introduction of the Japanese fashion of holding stamp auctions into England would be attended. Would you not like to see it tried?

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
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2½d. red-brown	30/	22/6	30/	22/6
4d. blue	20/	15/	10/	8/
6d. green	8/	6/	9/	7/

1884. *Wmk. C.A. Perf. 14.*

½d. green	6/	4/	3/	2/
1d. red	1/6	1/	2/	1/6
1d. red (perf. 12)	12/6	10/	10/	8/
2½d. red-brown	27/6	20/	27/6	20/
2½d. ultramarine	1/6	1/	2/	1/6
4d. blue	200/	120/	50/	40/
½d. mauve	3/	2/	3/6	2/6

NATAL.

1857-58. *Imperf. Embossed.*

1d. rose	100/	50/		
1d. red	100/	50/		
1d. blue	100/	50/		
3d. rose	20/	10/		
6d. green	100/	50/		
9d. blue	440/	200/		
1/- buff	300/	150/		

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1860. *Wmk. Small Star. Rough perms.*

1d. rose-red	7/6	6/	1/6	1/
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No wmk. Rough perms.

3d. blue	5/	3/6	4/	1/3
3d. blue (clean cut perms., 14-16)	100/	60/	8/	6/
6d. grey	20/	15/	2/6	2/

No wmk. Perf. 14.

1d. rose-red	8/	6/	6/	4/6
3d. blue	15/	10/	4/	1/3

Thick paper. No wmk. Perf. 13.

1d. lake	3/	2/3	1/6	1/
1d. red	3/	2/3	1/9	1/3

1864. *Wmk. CC. Perf. 12½.*

1d. brown-red	15/	10/	6/	4/6
1d. bright red	8/	6/	3/	2/6
6d. grey-lilac	4/	3/	1/6	1/4
6d. mauve	1/6	1/	1/6	1/4

Wmk. CC. Perf. 14.

1/- green	27/6	20/	3/	2/
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1869-74. *Surcharged POSTAGE in black in tall capitals.*

1d. bright red	60/	45/	15/	10/
3d. blue	150/	100/	40/	30/
6d. mauve			12/6	10/
1/- green			200/	140/

NATAL—Continued

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
Surcharged POSTAGE 12½ mm. long.				
1d. bright red	40/	30/	7 6	6/
3d. blue (no wmk., rough perf.) ..			30/	22/6
3d. blue (no wmk., clean cut perf.) ..			40/	30/
6d. mauve			10/	8/
1/- green			140/	80/
The same but surcharge measuring 13½ mm.				
1d. bright red	50/	40/	17/6	15
3d. blue (no wmk., rough perms.) ..			60/	45
3d. blue (no wmk., clean cut perms.) ..			70/	50/
6d. mauve			27/6	22/6
1/- green			200/	150/
The same but surcharge 15 mm. long.				
1d. bright red	50/	40/	17/6	15
3d. blue (no wmk., rough perms.) ..			60/	45/
3d. blue (no wmk., clean cut perms.) ..			70/	50/
6d. mauve			30/	22/6
1/- green			240/	160/
Surcharged POSTAGE.				
1d. bright red	10/	8/	3/	2/6
3d. blue (no wmk., rough perms.) ..	20/	15	5	4
3d. blue (no wmk., clean cut perms.) ..	20/	15	5	1/
3d. blue (no wmk., perf. 14.) ..				
6d. mauve	20	15	3	2/6
1/- green	25/	17 6	6/	4/6
Surcharged in black with Gibbons' Type 8.				
1d. bright red	5/	3/6	1/9	1/6
3d. ultramarine (red surcharge) ..	5/	3 6	1/9	1/6
6d. mauve	15	12/6	3/	2 6

So far there has been no distribution of the promised free stamps ("Franchise Militaire") to French soldiers. Mons. Bossackiewicz, of the "Courrier des Timbres Poste" is girding at the French Government for its intolerable delay in granting the French "Tommys" their promised boon.

Philatelic Gittings from all Quarters.

Sirmoor, it is said, will be the next Indian Native State to lose its postal autonomy. A good riddance to bad rubbish!

Mr. Stewart-Wilson has disposed of his splendid collection of surcharged Native States to Mr. B. Gordon Jones of the Calcutta Philatelic Company.

The United States Postmaster-General has ordered that the several thousand surcharged S.A. envelopes ordered by C. F. Neely, when he was chief of the finance division in Cuba, and which were listed by the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, be destroyed.

The record in low values (says "Stamps," of Calcutta) is held by the Indian State of Nawannuggur, which issued a set of three stamps, 1, 2 and 3 docras. The approximate value of the complete set is 1d. Spain issues a stamp of which a complete sheet of 200 can be bought at a post office for the equivalent of 3½d.!

Mr. E. J. Nankivell, in describing a forthcoming new journal for art and curio collectors, says: "The journal has its own splendid suite of rooms in King's Street, not far from the Strand, and the staff have their own private brougham." Felicitations to Mr. Nankivell! He is to "do" the Philately of the new publication, and presumably will enjoy an occasional jaunt in the brougham.

A gentleman just returned from Colombia informs "Mekeel's Weekly" that an order has been given by persons in that country for paper and electrotypes with which to make a second issue, or really imitations, of the provisional stamps of Cucuta. He also has shown our contemporary provisionals issued at Rio Hacha, that town being unable to secure supplies from the capital. There were 5000 of these issued, all of which were used.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was held at Effingham House on Friday, the 7th June, 1901, at 7.45 p.m.

Members present: Mr. M. P. Castle, the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, Messrs. Herbert R. Oldfield, R. Ehrenbach, Rudolph Meyer, Franz Reichenheim, Rudolph Frenzel, Arthur W. Chambers, L. L. R. Hausburg, C. J. Daun, Thos. Wm. Hall, T. Maycock, T. Wickham Jones, L. W. Fulcher, J. E. Joselin, Douglas Ellis, A. B. Creeke, jun., W. Schwabacher, Edward J. Nankivell, C. Neville Biggs, W. R. Lane Joynt, and J. A. Tilleard.

The chair was taken by the Vice-President, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May, were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. McNaughtan, one of the members of the retiring Council, intimating his desire not to seek re-election.

A very complete and interesting report on the work of the Society and the events of the past season, was read by the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Ehrenbach moved that the report be received and adopted, and be subsequently published in the *London Philatelist*, and that the thanks of the Society be given to the Hon. Secretary for the able manner in which the report had been prepared.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Hall, and after some words in support by Mr. Wickham Jones, was carried unanimously.

The accounts, together with the Auditors' report thereon, were then submitted to the members by Mr. Chambers, on behalf of himself and Mr. Maycock.

Mr. Oldfield then moved that the accounts be received and adopted, and that a summary should be published; that the report of the

Auditors should be received; and that it be a recommendation that the new Council, when elected, should consider the suggestions made by the Auditors, confer with them thereon, and report upon such suggestions to a future meeting of the members; and that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Auditors for their services in the matter.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Wickham Jones, supported by Messrs. Nankivell and Castle, and carried unanimously.

The members then proceeded to the election of Officers and Council for the ensuing season, with the result that the following members were declared elected:—

President—H. R. H. the Duke of Cornwall and York, K.G.

Vice-President—M. P. Castle, J.P.

Hon. Secretary—J. A. Tilleard.

Hon. Assistant Secretary—H. R. Oldfield.

Hon. Treasurer—C. N. Biggs.

Hon. Librarian—T. Maycock.

The following members were elected to serve on the Council:—

Messrs. W. B. Avery, E. D. Bacon, W. Dornig Beckton, the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, K.T., R. Ehrenbach, T. W. Hall, L. L. R. Hausburg, Rudolph Meyer, and C. J. Daun.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the scrutineers for their services, to the members of the Council for the past season, and to the Chairman, and the proceedings then terminated.

COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK.

The 68th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday, July 8th.

Present: Messrs. Andreini (presiding), Calman, Luff and Perrin.

A communication from Mr. G. S. Dickinson was read wherein he tendered his resignation as a member, and presented his share of stock to the Club. Resignation accepted with regret and sincere thanks tendered for his generous donation to the Club.

The resignation of Mr. F. H. Pitman was accepted with regret.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the monthly report was dispensed with.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

OXFORD STAMP EXCHANGE.

The packets for the first half of the year have been fairly well patronised both by buyers and sellers. They have averaged £120 net value, and all accounts have been settled within a fortnight of the return of the packet, with the exception of that for April, for which two members still have their debit balance unpaid.

The May packet, value £138, returned on the 11th inst.—Sales £18 10s., and Dr. a/cs were sent out on the 12th, so the Secretary hopes that by the time this is in print all accounts will have been settled.

The packet for June, £117, is more than half way round, and the July packet, £188, started on the 9th.

HAYMAN CUMMINGS, *Secretary*, Littlemore, Oxford.

CANTON STAMP EXCHANGE.

The quarterly account for January, February and March last was:

Net value of sheets ..	£91 8 2
Net sales	£17 10 6

All March sheets were returned and quarterly credits remitted by the 8th June.

April packet totalled £52 os. 3d. nett, but the sales were only £5 12s. 2d. nett.

W. A. JUTSUM, *Secretary*, 371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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This is the prime of summer time, when but little grist comes to the philatelic editor's mill. Hence a somewhat attenuated number of the *S.C.F.*

Startling News from the States! Philately out there is being "Morganised," and the dealers have adopted "Community of Interest" as their watchword. But what have the collectors to say? If the "interest" is going to be all on the dealing side there will come, sooner or later, a cruel awakening—for the dealers.

In the next "Fortnightly" we shall give another of our occasional articles on Recent Forgeries, a series which we have had in preparation for a very long time. In the *S.C.F.* office we are using up the summer interval in preparing for the storm and stress of the season, 1901-1902, and we can promise our readers much interesting matter in the autumn and winter months.

The Editor of "Stamps" finds a text for quite a long article in the result of our recent big prize competition. He comforts us by saying that the result, if disappointing, is quite up to the average of competitions of this class. It's really very good of him, but we cannot for the life of us imagine why the article was written.

We have to thank Mr. Heginbotham for an interesting letter regarding the Expert Committee of the London Philatelic Society. There is a great need, our correspondent points out, for a provincial Expert Committee, and also for some body of experts who will undertake the examination of the medium to moderately rare stamps. There is much truth in this. The fees of the London Society's Committee, quite equitable as we believe them to be, preclude one from submitting any but the really rare stamps to their inspection.

The Talk of the Trade.

WE are requested by the William Stamp Company, of Leadenhall Street, to draw the attention of the philatelic public to a serious theft of stamps from their premises, which happened at some time between six o'clock on July 12th and one o'clock on the following day. The stamps included:—

263 specimens, U.S.A., 1895,	1 dollar black.
15 "	" " 2 dollars, blue.
5 "	" " 5 " green.
53 "	" Omaha Issue, 50c. green.

in addition to unused American stamps of the face value of 1 dollar 50 cents. Any person having these stamps offered him is requested to communicate at once with the police or with the William Stamp Company, of 120, Leadenhall Street, E.C.

An Exhibition of South African Stamps.

TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER AT THE ROOMS OF THE LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE following interesting announcement is made in the current issue of the "London Philatelist":—

"The Philatelic Society of London having decided to hold an Exhibition of the South African stamps during the ensuing autumn, has appointed a committee to carry out the arrangements in connection therewith. The first meeting of this committee was held on the 11th of this month, and all preliminary steps were then taken.

"The Exhibition will be held in the Society's rooms at Effingham House, on Saturday, the 16th of November, between the hours of eleven and six.

"The stamps to be exhibited will be those of the South African Colonies and Republics affected by the present war, and will include the following:—

Natal.	Griqualand.
Cape Colony.	New Republic.
" " (Mafeking).	British South Africa.
Orange Free State.	Zululand.
Orange River Colony.	Swaziland.
Transvaal.	Stellaland.
British Bechuanaland.	

"Cards for mounting the stamps will be supplied on application free of charge, and Hon. Secretaries of other Societies can also be furnished with same if so desired. Application should be made to the Hon. Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, H. R. Oldfield, 13, Wallbrook, E.C.

"Further arrangements as soon as made will be notified in the "London Philatelist," and meantime Mr. Oldfield will be pleased to afford information to any applicant."

Admission, doubtless, will be by complimentary ticket, as in the case of former Exhibitions at Effingham House; but as to this the "London Philatelist" is silent. Mr. M. P. Castle, in an article on the subject of the projected show, says:

This Exhibition will be one that appeals to countless thousands outside the pale of philately. Hence we rather fear that if too liberal a recourse is had to the daily Press, the Strand will be blocked by the *queue* of would-be visitors. In any case, it is sure to attract considerable outside attention, and we are assuredly safe in holding the opinion that it will be of distinct service in tending to still further popularise the study of stamp collecting.

Hear! hear!

The project is not exactly a new one, the Society having first determined to hold its South African Exhibition in the spring, but, as Mr. Castle explains, "there were several reasons for its postponement, the most important one being that the issues especially caused by the war were in full flood, and that if postponed it could be rendered more inclusive and complete. It was also hoped, in philatelic as in other circles, that the war would have been soon over, and that its close would be the fitting time for such an exhibition. We may still trust that by November this sad and wanton waste of life may have closed, and that the stamps descriptive of the late war may yet be the proper designation."

Porto Rico is to have a special set of revenue stamps.

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Messrs. R. T. Morgan & Co., Upper Norwood, inform us of their intention to issue a shilling handbook on the South African War Provisionals.

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"The Monthly Journal" publishes a postal notice from British Guiana intimating that the 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40 and 72 cents stamps of the provisional issue (mauve, with value in black) are now withdrawn from circulation.

"Morganising" the Stamp Trade.

A BIG "CONSOLIDATION" OF AMERICAN
STAMP-DEALING CONCERNS.

IN its issue of May last, the "American Philatelic Magazine, of Omaha, Nebraska, wrote as follows:—

We warn those dealers who have entered into or may contemplate entering into a combination to arbitrarily fix the prices of certain stamps that they have not the power to enforce their demands.

Such a combination would meet with opposition strong enough to utterly defeat the sordid aims of its promoters. It would act as a boomerang upon the men who composed it. It would destroy their trade in legitimate lines, because collectors would refuse to patronize those who showed a willingness to seize an opportunity to exact unreasonably high prices.

We urge dealers to hold aloof from combinations, and assert that no real or lasting good can come of them.

Now this was written, ostensibly, on the ground that certain persons were attempting to control the market in Guam stamps, but with the knowledge of to-day before us it seems quite likely that the "A.P.M.'s" warning was prophetic.

For the news from the States is portentous indeed. To a certain extent the stamp trade there has been "Pierpoint-Morganised." Amplifying a vague paragraph in a recent *Fortnightly* we have now to announce that three leading stamp-dealing firms in America have amalgamated, or, as the Yankees phrase it, "consolidated," the united capital of the new concern being \$450,000, or in British money £90,000.

Mr. Crawford Capen is the promising philatelic financier who has engineered this coup, and the amalgamating firms are the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, of New York, the New England Stamp Company, of Boston, and Mr. Crawford Capen's own concern, the American Collectors' Company.

In a recent issue of "Mekeel's Weekly" we read:

For several months past there has been much discussion as to what disposition would be made of the affairs of The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Certain persons secured an option on the purchase of the company and have been quietly securing subscriptions to underwrite the stock of a company to complete the transaction. We have known confidentially of these operations. To-day we were shown a circular issued by the American Collectors' Co., calling a meeting of this company to increase its capital stock to \$450,000 to be used for the purchase of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and the New England Stamp Co. of Boston.

In the "Metropolitan Philatelist," the organ of the other Scott Company, Mr. Crawford Capen is described as "wasting his talents in the stamp business." "He was evidently born for a Wall Street career" says Mr. J. W. Scott.

The following account of the formation of the "Philatelic Trust," as it is being called, is extracted from a New York daily newspaper:

Local dealers in rare postage stamps are talking about the "Stamp Trust"—the latest thing in the combination line. The dealers say, however, that they must not form any monopoly, or they will not be able to conduct their business with philatelic cranks as swimmingly as before.

The "Trust" is the American Collectors' Company, which was organized some years ago with a capital stock of £20,000, but which has increased this capitalization to £90,000 in order to take over the business of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company of this city, and the New England Stamp Company of Boston. Henry L. Calman, who conducted the Scott Company, is understood to have received a cheque for £10,000, and in addition a large block of the stock of the American Collectors' Company. A local trust company financed the operation.

The American Collectors' Company bought some time ago a valuable stock of rare stamps which had belonged to R. F. Albrecht, and it bought later a quantity of stamps from William Brown of New York. But its latest deal has set philatelic circles buzzing, for it means the acquisition of a tremendous stock of stamps, stamp supplies, albums and stamp catalogues. The other dealers in this city are wondering whether the "Trust" is really going to be a trust and whether it will try to buy them out also.

Where the collector "comes in" in the operations of the so-called American Collectors' Company, it is difficult to see. Doubtless the collector will be told that economy in working,

on the basis of a "community of interest," will enable the consolidated concern to cut rates. But it is all a very curious piece of jugglery, the end and object of which one cannot discern.

It is understood that the present offices of the combining concerns will be retained, but that the whole business will be controlled by one board of management. That, probably, is where the "community of interest" comes in.

But what is "community of interest"?

The manifesto of the "Trust" itself vouchsafes no answer to this interesting question. The circular of the American Collectors' Company, addressed to the stamp dealers of America, reads as follows:—

"There has been nothing more needed in the American stamp market than a development of a community of interest which will give our business solidity.

"The American Collectors' Company was founded with the idea of producing this by a new means, and the results secured in the four years of its growth prove that its principles are sound. Our idea, as you can see, is co-operative. It differs from that of the trust in that the trust seeks to get gain from the many for the benefit of the few large stockholders.

"Our one idea is *mutual helpfulness* and we want you to realize this and to have your part in the working out of our plan.

"We plan to make prices stable, which all can see is for mutual benefit. This can be accomplished by united effort where all have an interest in effecting the result. Nothing is more injurious to the one who has a relatively small capital invested in the stamp business than to be obliged to sell at a fraction of their value rare stamps which he may be able to secure. A purchase which might mean a small fortune thus results in comparatively little gain.

"We believe that our principles and efforts in accord with them will produce the greatest prosperity in the American stamp business. We ask your co-operation as we proceed with our work of making our catalogue a standard of value, especially do we desire suggestions in relation to prices, and developing our business along that will make business for you."

We have italicised two passages in this circular. "Mutual helpfulness" seems to be an expression that invites the stamp dealers of America to aid the Collectors' Company to keep up prices, and the further expression: "We plan to make prices stable" is disingenuous and of sinister import.

The more we see of the American Collectors' Company, the less we like it.

New Issues.

Bechuanaland Protectorate.—The current 4d. green, British is reported to have received the overprint, "Bechuanaland Protectorate" in black.

Nyassa (Portuguese).—We have to thank the South African Stamp Company and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for specimens of the new stamps from Portuguese Nyassa. A highly ornate series, this.

The design for the values 2½ reis to 50 reis consists of palm trees and a giraffe in the centre (this being, we think, the first postage stamp giraffe), a small portrait of the King in the left top corner, and a coat-of-arms in the right top corner. At the top of the stamp there is the word "REIS," and at the foot "NYASSA." At the left side "CORREOS" appears, and on the right side, "PORTUGAL." Figures of value are also shown at each lower side. The shape is a large upright rectangular.

The six higher values all have for a central device a pair of camels. The frames are in black, the centres coloured, the whole having a most artistic appearance. Colours and values:

2½ reis, black, with brown centre.	
5 " " " violet "	
10 " " " green "	
15 " " " orange-brown centre.	
20 " " " vermilion "	
25 " " " orange "	
50 " " " blue "	
75 " " " lake "	
80 " " " mauve "	
100 " " " bistre-brown "	
150 " " " brick-red "	
200 " " " blue-green "	
300 " " " green "	

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A French Philatelic Fable with a Moral.

From "L'Echo de la Timbrologie," the "P.J.G.B." translates the following "curious story," which in all probability is "writ ironical" from beginning to end. The yarn is headed: "Curious Narrative of the Vathy 5 francs; will it be Good or Bad?" and it should be explained that the words "good" and "bad" are intended to refer to value only, and not in any way to genuineness. Now for the story:

My opinion is that it (the 5 francs, Vathy) will be bad, and you will think the same when I have told you about the misadventure of the individual who was the inspirer of the re-printing. Everybody knows that latterly this stamp was very rare; dealers, I believe, said that there were only 300 copies known.

Well, there was a gentleman at Paris who was very miserable (it commences like a fable) because he did not possess one or more copies of this 5fr. Vathy. What with his desire to have one and his repulsion to paying a large price, he conceived a very simple idea, so simple, in fact, that I wonder why he was the first to think of it. He asked the Administrator of the Post to reprint him a certain quantity of these stamps.

If you, my dear reader, had made the same request you would not have been very well received. I am not quite sure what would have happened to you, docile citizen; however, to our stranger, of course, it was different; his request was received in a charming manner, and they promised to print him 450 stamps of 5fr. Vathy! The noble stranger was so elated at this promise that he hardly knew how to contain his joy. Every day he went to the Administration, hoping that the 5fr. Vathy were ready, but for a long time he was disappointed.

The Administration made haste very slowly, for, though willing to render a service to a stranger that would not have been granted to a French citizen, yet it cannot depart from a wise deliberation. At last he received the answer: "Yes, sir, we have received the 5fr. Vathy."

"How many?"

"Four hundred and fifty copies."

"Splendid! Well give me sixty. I will return and fetch the rest later."

And the gentleman took his stamps and ran all the way to a dealer and sold his 60 Vathy for 600fr. (a profit of 300fr. for a quarter of an hour's run).

After this wonderful prowess, the spoilt child of the Administration returned to the Loure to fetch the rest of his stamps. But something had happened during his very short absence! Oh, it was nothing! Less than nothing! Judge for yourselves. Some individual had bought up the remaining 390 copies. I can hear you asking me the name of this individual. Impossible. I am very sorry, but I cannot confide it to you; it has been told me together with that of the noble stranger, and I promised not to reveal them. The important part of this tragi-comic affair is that the remaining 390 stamps had been bought, paid for and taken away.

When the noble stranger heard this he was alternately surprised, grieved, baffled and furious. Yes, furious! Only think, his stamps had been taken, and it was for him only that the stamps had been printed. Nobody else knew of it, and he would complain, &c., &c., &c.

I have been told that it was a great sorrow to him; that he uttered lamentations and piercing cries. However, this could not alter the fact that the stamps were gone. You must admit that all this is very funny and the tale was worth telling.

Moral: If you know a stranger residing at Paris, and if, like myself, you would like to have a sheet of 1c. indigo, do not hesitate; send this stranger to the Administration of the Post and you will get it.

"The Father of all Adhesives."

Some time ago, Mr. A. F. Basset Hull contributed to the "Australian Journal of Philately" a much-quoted article on "the Grand Old Stamp," wherein he eloquently sang the praises of the large square five-penny of New South Wales. As a sequel, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" has listed a number of stamps which approach more or less to the veteran of New South Wales in point of length of service.

- 1860. Jamaica, 4d., red-brown; 1s., brown. Watermarks vary.
- 1860. New South Wales, 5s., coin type. Issue was interrupted from 1888 to 1890.
- 1862. South Australia, 1s., brown. Perforations vary. Still on Star paper.
- 1862. The 12c., blue, Hong Kong, was first issued on unwatermarked paper in this year. In 1865 it appeared on Crown CC paper, and has never since been changed.
- 1863. Hong Kong, 4c., grey. Varieties occur.
- 1864. Cape of Good Hope, 6d., violet. Watermark varies.
- 1864. Newfoundland, 24c., blue.
- 1865. The current 6d. Bermuda was first issued in this year, and has never been changed in any way.
- 1865. Bermuda, 1d., rose. Varieties occur.
- 1868. St. Helena, 5s., orange. Absolutely without change.
- 1868. Orange Free State, 6d., rose.

This is a list of stamps which are still "on active service," and consequently one could not expect to see the old penny red of Great Britain included. Mr. M. P. Castle, however, in the "London Philatelist," puts in a word for that good and faithful servant of a bygone generation. "The 1d. of Great Britain," he remarks, "with the exception that it had a short life in mourning garb, remained unchanged for forty years, and doubtless holds the record of the greatest number printed of any stamp ever issued. The two dies practically represent an unchanged design, and as the father of all adhesives, this stamp, in our opinion, is the only one that might challenge Mr. Basset Hull's champion!"

Where to draw the line in "Errors."

The collection of errors of surcharged stamps is apt to become farcical if carried too far. Mr. A. H. Smith, writing on this subject in the "Philatelic Journal of India"—with special reference to errors of the surcharged Native States—urges "that as the fewer errors a country or state has the more popular it will be" the advisability of ignoring certain so-called varieties. Mr. Smith considers that certain "errors" of the surcharged Native States listed in Mr. Stewart Wilson's well-known handbook should be so ignored. Following the order of that handbook Mr. Smith suggests various eliminations, as follows:—

CHAMBA: To begin with I am inclined to disregard the so-called inverted V; nor do I hold with the T having a dot below it, and I am of opinion that letters above or below the line should not be included. The "ISERVICE" surcharge should be omitted, as it is manifest that a lead before a word cannot pass for the letter I any more than a lead after a word can pass for the same letter, a mark of exclamation, a colon, semicolon, or anything else but a common or garden lead.

FARIDKOT: The good die young. We mourn the loss of the best behaved of the six surcharged States.

I cannot accept the so-called "FARIDKOT" error. The letter is not a C, and I have seen equally imperfect O's in the stamps of Gwalior. There is no doubt about the C in "GWALICR."

GWALIOR: The error on page 67 (Fig. 7) of the handbook should be omitted, as a portion of the letter is visible.

JHIND: Eliminate the leads, faulty alignments, and spots between letters passing muster for commas, full stops or apostrophes.

NABHA: The same remarks apply here as for the foregoing. Avoid dotted T's.

PATIALA: An enterprising philatelic firm might publish a special album for the multitudinous varieties of the different surcharges. If one avoids the leads before, betwixt and behind, the dubious inverted V's, and the acrobatic antics of "Service" and "Patiala," there will still remain a sufficient number of errors to please the average collector.

Commenting on this the Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of India" says:—

Mr. Smith practically recapitulates what Major Evans said in reviewing the handbook, and we are bound to say that we agree to a great extent. If we were producing a second edition of the handbook we would eliminate all cases of faulty alignment and all cases of broken type (to which class we are now convinced that nearly all the inverted "V's" and "T's" with dots under them belong). A certain number of the small "A's" would follow suit. But we would retain cases of leads showing, and most certainly we would keep "FARIDKOT," which we believe to be a perfectly genuine error.

Quantities of the "C.E.F." Issue.

The totals of the Indian stamps with "C.E.F." overprint ("Chinese Expeditionary Forces") up to May 29 are thus given in the "Philatelic Journal of India":—

1/4 a.	..	..	..	196,640
1/2 a.	..	..	..	205,440
1 a.	..	..	..	115,280
2 as.	..	..	..	22,040
3 1/2 as.	..	..	..	19,200
3 as.	..	..	..	14,850
4 as.	..	..	..	19,200
8 as.	..	..	..	16,080
12 as.	..	..	..	12,366
1 rupee	..	..	..	16,440

"Beware," says a note in the same magazine, "of the so-called O.E.F. surcharges. The mere accident of a 'C' getting too much ink is hardly interesting enough to justify big prices."

The Meaning of "V.R.I."—Latest Version.

They were two little tots, and were earnestly engaged in extracting wisdom, amusement and instruction from a stamp catalogue. Said one. "What's the meaning of "V.R.I." printed on a Stamp?" Said the other, "Why, don't you know? When any country has that on its stamps after a war with England, it means "Victoria Rules It." And the questioner was quite satisfied.—From "The Adhesive."

How U.S.A. Stamps are Gummed.

In Washington, they have a marvellous system of gumming stamps, says the writer of an article on "How Postage Stamps are Made." This is done in a specially constructed room. The gum is brought into the room in a heated and melted state to small vats, into which it is slowly dropped as needed. From these vats it is allowed to ooze slowly on to rollers. The sheets of stamps pass under the rollers, receiving a thin coating of gum, and are then dropped on to a continuous belt. The belt carries them into vats which contain coils of steam pipe 50ft. long. The slow passage of the freshly gummed stamp-sheets through the vats dries them. When they reach the other end of the vats they are dry enough to be piled one upon another, counted, tested, and packed ready for distribution. It is interesting to note that 26lb. of gum is required to gum 1,000 sheets of stamps. Each sheet contains 400 stamps.

Our August Brother the Duke.

From information supplied by Mr. A. F. Basset Hull, the "Australian Journal of Philately" pens this appreciation of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York:—

The Duke is at present President of the London Philatelic Society. He collects the stamps of Great Britain and her colours only, which of course comprises Australasia. He includes adhesives, envelopes, postcards and wrappers, but draws the line at proofs and reprints. Plating those stamps which are palatable is one of H.R.H. specialities, but he is not particularly interested in minor varieties such as peculiarities of perforation or technical differences of shade. His main object is to acquire, by personal research, a full and complete collection of the stamps of the British Empire, without bothering his head about "L.A.'s joined," &c., and whether or not some slight inaccuracy has crept in by mistake. While His Royal Highness is an enthusiastic philatelist, still our readers must not be carried away with the idea that he depends upon his own knowledge and time to arrange his stamps. This work is undertaken by Mr. J. A. Tilleard, of London, a gentleman of well known philatelic knowledge and who acts as His Royal Highness's philatelic secretary.

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† Bolivia, 1899, 1, 2, 5 (green), 5 (lake), 10, 20, 50c. and 1 boliviano	8	6	0	† Greece, 1901, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 lepta	10	2	6
† Caroline Islands, 1899, surcharged, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 50pf.	6	7	6	† " 1, 2, 3 and 5 drachma	4	11	0
† Corea, 1900-1901, 2 re, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15 and 20 cheun	10	2	6	† Montenegro, 1898, Oblong, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10k.	5	0	8
† Costa Rica, 1900, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c. and 1 colon	7	8	0	† " " 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50kr.	5	4	0
† Crete, unpaid, 1901, 1, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 50 lepta	6	1	9	† " " 1 and 2 florins	2	8	0
† " " 1 and 2 drachma	2	4	0	† New Zealand, 1882-95 (Queen's Head, obsl.) ½d, 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d. & 1/-	10	7	6
† Colombia, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 50c. & 1 peso & reg. 10c.	9	4	0	† Samoa, 1887-99, ½d. mauve, ½d. green, 1d. green, 1d. red-brown, 2d., 2½d. rose, 2½d. black, 4d., 5d., 6d, 1/- and 2/6	12	8	6
† Federated Malay States, surcharged issue, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c.	5	1	6	† Southern Nigeria, 1901, ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-	6	3	0
† " " " surcharged issue, 25 & 50c.	2	3	0	† " " 2/6, 5/- and 10/-	3	22	0
† " " " New type, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20c.	6	1	6	† Uruguay, 1901, 1, 2, 5, 7, and 10c.	5	2	0
† Fernando Poo, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c.	9	4	0	† " " 25c., 50c., and 1 peso	3	10	6
† " " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 & 40c.	11	10	6	† Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4, 8 and 20 piastres	8	11	6

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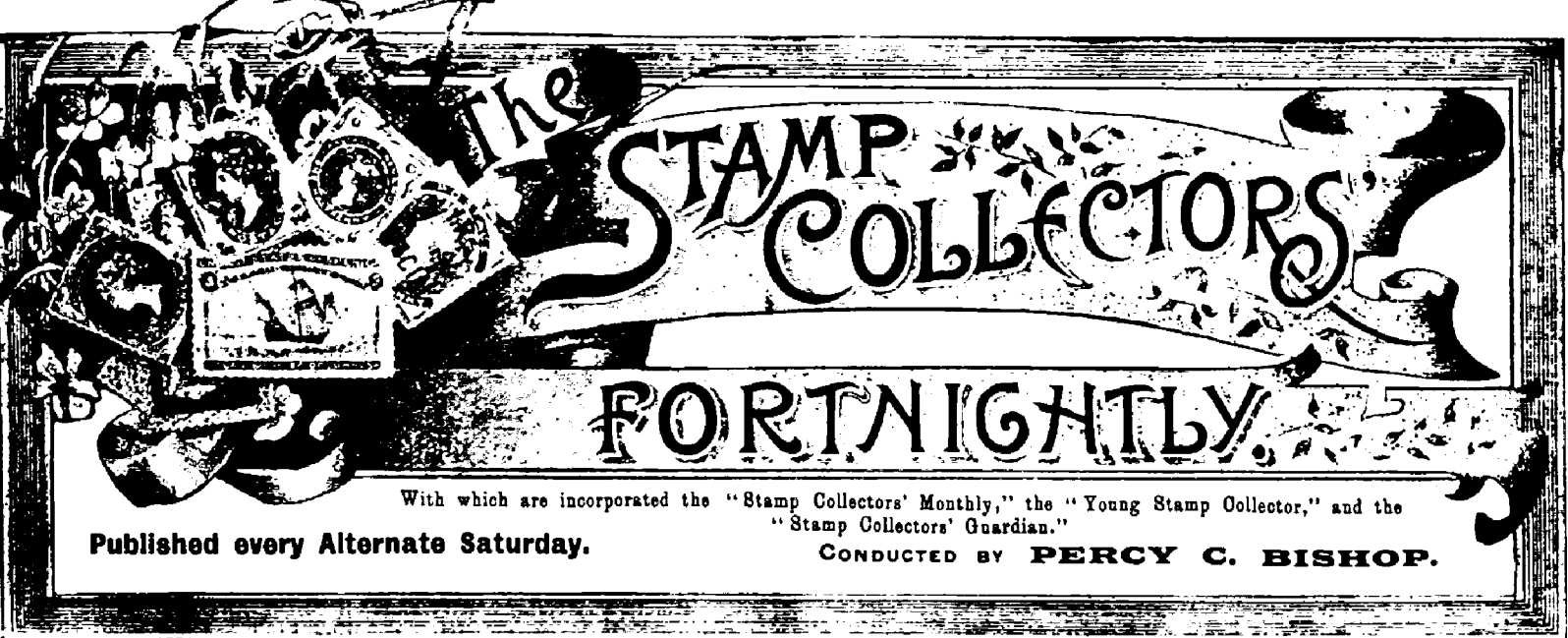
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

"MORGANISING" THE STAMP TRADE.

TWO LEADING AMERICAN STAMP-BUSINESSES PURCHASED FOR £80,000—IN "SHARES."

In connection with the big American stamp deal, announced in the last *Fortnightly*, under the heading, "Morganising the Stamp Trade," it now transpires that the Scott Stamp and Coin Company and the New England Stamp Company were sold as going concerns for the sum of £80,000, and that this was paid as to £60,000 by preferred stock and as to £20,000 by common stock of the "consolidated" company. It is said that the vendors of the "Scott" and "New England" companies have already unburdened themselves of a great part of the "scrip" thus accruing to them, and are offering the balance at a price well below par.

The prospectus of the "American Collectors' Company," the concern which has bought up the Scott Company and the New England Company, reads as follows:—

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American Philatelic Journals, in commenting on the subject—it is of course the burning subject of the day in American philately—tell us that the plan of the "consolidation" provides, in the first place, that the American Collectors' Company shall cease the sale of stamps. This part of the business will be carried on in future by two other companies. All enquiries in relation to stamps and all purchases of them should be made from the Scott Stamp & Coin Company and the New England Stamp Company, who will do all the business of this nature that is transacted. Inquiries in relation to capital stock should be addressed to the American Collectors' Company.

The President of the American Collectors' Company (Mr. Crawford Capen), will also be the President of the controlled companies, but his headquarters will be in New York with the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, while the affairs of the New England Stamp Company will be under the immediate supervision of Mr. A. W. Batchelder, the Vice-President of the New England Stamp Company.

AN ASSOCIATION FOR "ENTIRE" COLLECTORS.

THE Editor of that bright little quarterly, "Postal Cards and Covers" is doing good work in endeavouring to form an Association for that now cold-shouldered side of philately, the collection of "Entires." Unhappily his efforts have not met with a very ardent welcome.

"Less than twenty of our friends," he writes, "sent tardy appreciation of our efforts in this direction and assurances of support. Possibly this may be due to holidays, to extremely unphilatelic weather or other similar conditions obtaining at this season of the year. We therefore have to leave the matter in abeyance for a month or two longer, making, however, another appeal to those who had intended to join us but have omitted to advise us of the fact, to let us have their promises at once. It would not be worth while making a start with less than thirty promises, for of course such promises would in all cases be subject to approval of the rules eventually drawn up. With this number in hand we undertake to issue a special supplement, setting forth the names of all intending members and a rough draft of rules as per the propositions before us, and calling for a postal vote for officers, or preferably get one of our London friends to call a meeting."

A FLOOD OF FRENCH AND FRENCH COLONIAL REPRINTS.

THE French "Fortnightly," the "Echo de la Timbrologie," publishes news of the creation of a large block of French and French Colonial reprints, all belonging to the series known as the "allegorical figure type"—that is, the 1877-1900 issue, which became obsolete when the New Century issue made its appearance. The reprints are of both Type I. and Type II. of the allegorical figure series, and a curious fact is that certain values only existing in Type II. are to be found, as reprints, in Type I. also.

Differing colours and distinctly thicker paper are points that distinguish these "re-impressions" from the original stamps.

Below we give the full list of the reprints as quoted in the "Echo de la Timbrologie."

I.—STAMPS OF FRANCE.

TYPE I.—3c. yellow.	TYPE II.—1c. blue green.
3c. grey.	2c. blue green.
5c. blue green (with large "5")	4c. blue green.
25c. ultramarine.	10c. blue green.
25c. sky blue.	15c. grey lilac.
25c. yellow.	20c. red brown.
25c. black on bright red.	30c. light brown.
25c. black on rose.	40c. pale yellow.
50c. bright rose.	75c. pale rose.
	75c. violet on yellow.
	1fr. light olive.
	5fr. violet.

II.—FRENCH STAMPS SURCHARGED FOR CAVALLE, DEDEAGH, PORT LAGOS AND VATHY.

TYPE I.—5c. dark green.	TYPE II.—15c. blue.
10c. black on lilac.	1fr. olive.
25c. black on rose.	
50c. rose.	

III.—SURCHARGED FOR FRENCH LEVANT.

TYPE I.—25c. yellow.	TYPE II.—75c. rose.
25c. black on rose.	1fr. olive
50c. rose.	5fr. violet.

IV.—SURCHARGED FOR CHINA.

TYPE I.—5c. dark green.	TYPE II.—15c. blue.
10c. black on lilac.	20c. red on green.
25c. black on rose.	30c. brown.
50c. rose.	40c. orange.
	75c. violet on yellow.
	1fr. olive.
	5fr. violet.

V.—SURCHARGED FOR MOROCCO.

TYPE I.—5c. dark green.	TYPE II.—20c. red on green.
10c. black on lilac.	1fr. olive.
25c. black on rose.	
50c. rose.	

VI.—SURCHARGED "POSTE FRANCAISE" FOR USE IN MADAGASCAR.

TYPE I.—5c. dark green.	TYPE II.—15c. blue.
10c. black on lilac.	20c. red on green.
25c. black on rose.	30c. brown.
50c. rose.	40c. orange.
	75c. violet on yellow.
	1fr. olive.
	5fr. violet.

VII.—SURCHARGED FOR ZANZIBAR (BOTH WITH AND WITHOUT THE WORD "ZANZIBAR.")

TYPE I.—5c. dark green.	TYPE II.—15c. blue.
10c. black on lilac.	20c. red on green.
25c. black on rose.	30c. brown.
50c. rose.	40c. orange.
	75c. violet on yellow.
	1fr. olive.
	5fr. violet.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS, ETC.

All the unpaid letter stamps of France have been reprinted, in rather more vivid shades of colour than the original stamps. The 60 centimes is reprinted in brown on buff.

Also—to complete the awful list—complete sets of reprints of the surcharged stamps for Morocco and Zanzibar have been made with surcharges in centimos and annas.

Notice to readers about to ask why these reprints have been made: Don't! We can't tell you. We have no information. Ask us something easier!

St. Pierre and Miquelon.

THE 1885-86 SURCHARGES.

BY DONALD A. KING, IN "MEKEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS."

DURING the last half of the 1880-90 decade the epidemic of surcharging that was overtaking the French Colonies caught St. Pierre amongst the first, the only colonies preceding her in date of surcharging being New Caledonia and Guadeloupe.

Whether the surcharging was necessary or not is to a certain extent a moot question; in some colonies it was, but later, as the authorities saw that it was a source of revenue, and used it for a pecuniary purpose, it became more and more unnecessary and speculative, and it was not until the demand for these varieties wore itself out that the supply ceased.

The origin of this surcharging would be most interesting to know; it first started in New Caledonia on the 1st of June, 1881.

That is now twenty years ago, and, considering the distance and difficulty of access, the slowness and infrequency of communication at that time, it is only reasonable to suppose that New Caledonia's first surcharges were really necessary, but St. Pierre cannot have this excuse, as it was only ten days from France, and had a fortnightly service, so that supplies could have been ordered and received in a month's time.

Until 1885 the stamps used in St. Pierre were of the usual type used in the French Colonies, and were only to be distinguished by their cancellation or postmark. Then the era of surcharges arrived. That this was necessary at the beginning I have no doubt, as the earlier varieties were all used for postage. During the greater part of 1885, the bulk of the mail matter landed at Halifax was prepaid with the surcharged issue, and this in the ordinary course of business, not as it is nowadays, when provisional issues are used more for the purpose of holding them for speculation than for postage. At that time stamps were not so universally saved, so that these provisionals, except in some odd cases, were disposed of in the waste basket, and thence too often to the fire. Dealers had not begun to order supplies, and thus the early surcharges disappeared and are now rare.

The stamps used for surcharging are of two types, the French issue of 1876, imperforate, for use in the Colonies, and the distinctive Colonial issue of 1881. The first one issued was the 50c. on 2c. of the Colonial type on the 6th of January, 1885, and was probably to use for New Year's cards for the French mail, then leaving.

The quantity was very limited—only 300—and it is the rarest of the provisional issue. There are several varieties, as:—

Inverted surcharge.

"S. P. M." alone inverted.

"5" on face, "S. P. M." on back.

"S. P." of "S. P. M." printed over "M."

On the 7th of March, in order to supply the demand for stamps to use on the outgoing mail, the stock of 25c. stamps being practically exhausted, the imperforate 1 franc of the 1876 issue was overprinted "25 S P M" in two distinct types of surcharge.

1. With a heavy black type for the figures, and ordinary capital letters for "S P M."

2. With a larger and shaded type for figures, and thick black letters for "S P M." There are several varieties in these surcharges, as:—

Type 1: Inverted surcharge.

Surcharge vertical, reading up.

Surcharge vertical, reading down.

Surcharge "S. P. M." above "25."

Surcharge "25" vertical reading up, and "S. P. M." inverted.

Type 2: Surcharge inverted.

Surcharge vertical, reading up.

Surcharge vertical, reading down.

Of this surcharge of 25c. on 1 franc there were 3,600 issued.

On the 26th of March another value appeared, 5c. on 4c. of the current French colonial type, the overprint was a large figure "5" and black letters "S P M"; only one variety exists with surcharge inverted.

A type of this surcharge was at one time catalogued with the serif of the figure "5" ending in a point instead of in a ball; this was a forgery, and was supposed to have been made on the Island. Of the 5c. on 4c. there were 900 issued.

On the 27th of July three more values were issued, all surcharged on the 40c. imperforate stamp of France, 05, 10 and 15c. The figures of the surcharge are small, with a horizontal line between them and the letters "S P M," which are in Old English type.

The only varieties of type are in the 10 and 15c., where may be found 10c. with inverted letter "M."

Ten and 15c. with letter "M" 2 mm. distant from the letter "P."

The numbers issued were: 5c., 6,500; 10c., 20,000; and 15c., 20,000.

Later in the year a new supply of the 5c. was issued, surcharged on the 35c., 75c. and 1 franc of the imperforate type, and 20c. of the perforated French colonial stamps. There are no varieties of surcharge in this issue, except those due to broken type or defective impressions.

The surcharge is divided by a horizontal line, as in the preceding, but the figures of value are larger, and the letters "S P M" are ordinary shaded capitals.

The quantities issued are 5 on 35c., 1,500; on 75c., 1,800; on 1 franc, 13,500; and on the 30c. perforated, 13,500.

On the 22nd of June, 1886, an issue of a totally different character was made, it consisted of small squares of white wove paper, having printed on them the letters "P D" and the figures of value 5, 10 or 15c. At the time of issue they were said to be very limited in quantity, and that so few as 100 of each were issued, but this is probably an error.

They were not sold to the public, and the method of use was for the person mailing a letter to hand it to the Post Office with the postage in cash; the postal clerk placed it in another envelope that had one of these stamps affixed to it, and it was then cancelled in the ordinary manner. I do not think the stamps were ever sent outside the Colony; all the covers I have ever seen were used for local or town use.

Of this series of surcharge the earlier varieties were all necessary, but those of the latter part of the year were probably made more for collectors than for actual use, and for a few years after their issue several of the values could be bought at the Post Office at face value.

An examination of the quantities issued and the catalogue price is not uninteresting, the 5c. on 2c. and 25c. on 1 franc having been used for bona-fide postage, and thus, not having been preserved generally, are rare; the 5c. on 4c., only 900 of which were issued, is priced at one-fifth the value of the 25c. on 1 franc, of which there were 3,600.

This is due to the smaller value having been bought for speculation, as dealers had by that time commenced to purchase.

The 5c. on 35 and on 75c. should be much rarer than their price would imply, and, in fact, the 5c. on 75c. is a very scarce stamp, cheaply priced, seldom seen and rarely for sale.

Basing prices on quantities issued, other discrepancies exist that it is difficult to explain, as it is reasonable to assume that the stamps issued after July were more for sale to the Philatelic world than for actual postal use.

My authority for quantities issued is official, the figures having been supplied by the then Postmaster-General, Mons. Denouee, and are to be relied upon, though he may have made an error in the quantity of the 5c. on 35c., which is a fairly common stamp, which would not be the case if only 1,500 were issued. The figures may possibly be an error for 15,000, as all his other figures are apparently correct.

REFERENCE LIST.

January 6th, 1885—5c. on 2c. French Colonies.

- Varieties: a. Inverted surcharge.
- b. "S. P. M." inverted.
- c. "5" on face, "S. P. M." on back.
- d. "S. P." printed over "M."

March 7th, 1885—25c. on 1 franc, imperforate.

Two types of surcharge:

- Type 1—Varieties:—a. Inverted surcharge.
- b. Vertical surcharge, reading up.
- c. Vertical surcharge, reading down
- d. Vertical surcharge, reading up, and "S. P. M." inverted
- e. "S. P. M." above "25."

- Type 2: Varieties: a. Inverted surcharge.
- b. Vertical surcharge, reading up.
- c. Vertical surcharge, reading down.

March 26th, 1885—5c. on 4c., French Colonies.

Variety: Inverted surcharge.

July 27th, 1885—05, 10 and 15c. and 40c., imperforate.

- Varieties: a. 10c. with inverted letter "M."
- b. 10c. with letter "M" distant 2 mm. from letter "P."
- c. 15c. with letter "M" distant 2 mm. from letter "P."

- ? 05c. on 35c., imperforate.
- 05c. on 75c., imperforate.
- 05c. on fr. 1, imperforate.
- 05c. on 20c., French colonies, perforated.

June 22nd, 1886—Small square piece of white wove paper printed:

PD	PD	PD	Imperforate.
5	10	15	

New and Recent Forgeries.

WE are not able to resume our articles on forgeries with quite such a good showing as we had hoped, owing to a disappointment regarding an expected batch of illustrations. We hope, however, that the following will prove of interest and value.

GENEVA, 5 CENTAVOS, 1843.

A forgery of this stamp, quite "good" enough to deceive, at first glance, even a fairly advanced philatelist, has recently come our way. We have it both unused and with red obliteration. It would be impossible to bring out the minute



differences between the genuine and the forged even by means of comparative illustrations. We must content ourselves with a reiteration of the warning—so often given in the *Fortnightly*—that Swiss "Cantonals" are stamps to be bought with extreme caution.

FRANCE, UNPAID, 40C. AND 60C.

Here are imitations of the French unpaid letter stamps, 40 centimes and 60 centimes, of the typographed or "block-printed" series of 1859-63. Here again the discrepancies



of design are trifling, but the colours are by no means "up to sample."

The 40 centimes is of rather too pale a blue.

The 60 centimes—which, we need scarcely say is a forgery of the yellow variety, and not the comparatively common blue stamp—is also wrong in colour, being a very distinct ochre.

These French "unpaid," with their rough printing, offer a tempting bait to the forger. They are conspicuous examples of the stamps that are best left alone when dealing with a person whose reputation is not of the highest.

VENEZUELA, 1861, 1 CENTAVO BROWN.

The forgery we show of the Venezuela 1 centavo brown, 1861, is a clumsy piece of work, but it may as well be exhibited in our pillory for the benefit of the unwary. Of the two illustrations given, that on the left is the genuine stamp; that on the right the forgery.



The illustrations, which we have taken leave to reproduce from the "Mitteldutsche Philatelisten Zeitung," are none too clear, but it may be seen that the horse in the lower part of the shield is too large. The same may be said of the cornucopia at top. The tree-branches at each side of the shield will not bear comparison with those of the original stamp, while the inscriptions, especially of the value, are very uneven. Forgeries of other values of the same issue probably exist.

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COMPLAINTS are again rife of the dilatoriness of Exchange Club Secretaries in their dealings with the members of their concerns. A good philatelic exchange society, we make no doubt, is a boon to the stamp collector; a bad one is simply a vexation. If half that is told us by various readers of the *Fortnightly* be true—and we have no reason to doubt that the whole is true—then we can only say that the sooner certain exchange clubs are improved out of existence the better for Philately. At an early date we shall begin to publish some of the criticisms and suggestions that have reached us since last we touched upon this subject. The topic being one that interests only those philatelists who are active members of the various Exchange Clubs, we have hesitated, hitherto, to devote any great space to its discussion. We strongly feel, however, that this is a matter that must, sooner or later, be dealt with in a spirit of earnest and determined reform for the sake of Philately and its votaries. Pending the time when we shall open our campaign we invite correspondence on the subject, not from Exchange members only, but from Secretaries, and, indeed, from anyone in a position to offer information or advice. Exchange Clubs of a certain sort must be ended or mended, and after some of the things that have been brought to our attention of late, we are not quite clear which is the more desirable alternative.

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They do many things better abroad. Philatelic societies on the Continent and in America have a great deal more "go," if sometimes less solidity, than here. In Chicago, for instance, no less than five competitive stamp exhibitions are scheduled for the coming session by the local Philatelic Society. And what Chicago can do, London, surely, could do also?

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Heartly congratulations to the Sydney Philatelic Club! H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall, being asked if he would consent to become Hon. President of that body instead of merely Patron, has promptly accepted the office. Sydney has something more than the finest harbour in the world to boast about now—it has the future ruler of the British Empire as Hon. President of its Stamp Club!

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Is a collector of Fiscals a Philatelist? Certain people, including the Editors of the "Montreal Philatelist" and the "Stamp Collector," say he has no right to the title; but our good friend "Stamps" knocks a nasty hole in that contention, by showing the broad meaning of the word "Philately" to be "Fondness for Stamps denoting that the Tax had been Paid."

Crawford Capen on Catalogues.

THE NEW PHILATELIC MAGNATE'S VIEWS ON STAMP PRICES,
WITH A HINT AS TO THE NEXT "SCOTT" CATALOGUE.

BY his purchase of the business of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company and the New England Stamp Company—now merged in his own concern, the American Collectors' Company—Mr. Crawford Capen becomes, among other things, the arbiter of the destinies of the well known "Scott" Catalogue. His views on catalogue prices, therefore, taken in conjunction with his plans for the future of the "Standard Catalogue" are of distinct interest to philatelists. In the July issue of the "American Journal of Philately"—which is itself another little item in the job lot he has purchased—Mr. Capen expresses himself pretty definitely, yet not quite so definitely as many would have wished.

Our corporation, he writes, is a union of collectors for mutual benefit, and it, therefore, is necessary for us to keep continually in mind, and aim at securing those results which will tend to strengthen and solidify the stamp business.

A prime necessity in the collecting world is stability in values.

It may be a very fine thing for the collector to buy stamps at large discounts from catalogue prices, but when his collection is offered for sale, or a value is put upon it, the possibility of these discounts give it a corresponding low value.

Strong and well-maintained prices are altogether the best for the collecting fraternity.

We recognise the existence of discounts, and know that many good stamps are sold at comparatively low prices, but we do not believe that anything excessive in this direction is for the real advantage of collectors.

Our first efforts will therefore be directed toward the strengthening of prices, and in order to do this effectively, we ask the co-operation of all interested in philately whether as collectors or dealers.

The general impression that exists as to standard catalogue prices is that they are for fair average specimens of a stamp whether used or unused. Therefore it has been possible to say "this stamp or this lot of stamps catalogues fifty dollars. We will sell at half catalogue, twenty-five dollars." We propose to meet this state of affairs and change it, by making the catalogue price in future the value of a perfect specimen, or as perfect as can be found, of the stamp that is priced. This rule will, of course, be subject to some exceptions as in the cases of fine early prints or varieties.

The unused price will be for a stamp bright, clean, well-centred with original gum (if the stamp comes in this way), no tear or other injury. The used price will be for a whole, well centred, lightly and properly cancelled, clean and fresh appearing copy.

This being the significance of catalogue price, it will not be possible to advertise that large discounts are given from catalogue prices when the stamps for sale are only of average quality or, as has been done in some instances, when the stamps are of inferior grade.

The price of the inferior stamp will be only a proportion of the Standard Catalogue price, varying according to the degree of inferiority.

It is quite generally admitted that fine specimens of most stamps are worth very close to catalogue prices, and it will be our endeavour to adjust these prices so that they will represent as nearly as possible the actual value of the best obtainable specimens.

It is also a notable fact that the prices of stamps, like those of other articles whose value is dependent on the law of supply and demand, vary from time to time. Our Standard Catalogue prices therefore will be good only until we publish a change of them. We propose to do this from month to month in the "American Journal of Philately." We do not propose to note insignificant changes of prices, but when, for instance, a deluge of stamps, such as has just occurred in the case of Abyssinia, is poured upon the market, it is not right that collectors should think that they are buying for one dollar that which is catalogued at over six.

Also many stamps become obsolete soon after they are priced in the catalogue. This in the cases of all small countries and some large ones means advances in values.

An official notice of recent date notifies the public that all persons on board British ships "on the high seas" are entitled to prepay their letters by means of British stamps.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Chili.—A new 30 centimos stamp, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. inform us, has just made its appearance. The type is the same as formerly, but the colour is orange instead of rose.

The 30c. rose stamp is likely to become rare, remarks "Ewen's Weekly." Two millions were printed and of these 1,750,000 have been surcharged "5," most of the remaining 250,000 being used on official forms which are periodically destroyed. Comparatively few, either used or unused, are likely to come into the hands of collectors.

Colombia (Tumaco).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. write us, under date, August 8th:—

We have just received a letter from a correspondent at Tumaco, with reference to the recent provisionals. It appears that the postal agent, or postmaster, who issued the stamps was dismissed from office on May 4th, and the stock of stamps then on hand delivered up to the Prefect to be destroyed. The official's dismissal appears to have been due to his having speculated in the provisional stamps for his own personal gain.

As there are still no stamps to be obtained in Tumaco, letters have to be franked by the Postmaster, who simply writes in the corner of the envelope "Pago" and the amount with his signature beneath, and the dated postmark over all, while the Prefect, who apparently acts as a Censor, writes on the back of the envelope "Pase, El Prefecto," with his signature. The letter we received is thus franked, and came through without extra charge.

Fernando Poo.—We have the 1901 set of this Spanish colony from our good friends at Ipswich. The type is unchanged, save for the revision of the date, at top, to "1901."

Colours and values: 1 centimo black, 2c. bistre, 3c. dark violet, 4c. lilac-blue, 5c. orange, 10c. brown-violet, 25c. light blue, 50c. claret, 75c. olive-brown, 1 peseta blue-green, 2p. light brown, 3p. grey-green, 4p. brick-red, 5p. green, 10p. bistre.

It should be noted that the stamps are now priced in centimos and pesetas, instead of centavos and pesos as formerly.

Greece.—We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for a set of the new stamps of Greece, consisting of fourteen values, as follows:—

1 lepton brown	30 lepta violet
2 lepta grey	40 " dark brown
3 " orange	50 " crimson
5 " green	1 drachma black
10 " carmine	2 drachmae bronze
20 " lilac	3 " silver
25 " blue	5 " gold

The design common to the whole set is a full-length figure of Hermes, the Winged God. The values up to 50 lepta are of the usual rectangular shape, but for the drachmae denomi-



nations a much taller shape is used. The high praise lavished upon the new stamps in newspaper references to the issue are not undeserved so far as the lower values are

concerned, but the drachmae stamps are a distinct disappointment. These latter, by the way, are perforated 12½, whereas the lower values are perf. 13½.

Italy.—We now have the 20c. and 25c. stamps of the new Italian set, which, as already mentioned, are of approximately the same design as the 10 centesimi stamp. The 20c. is in orange; the 25c. of course is blue.



In our Italian contemporary, "Revista del Francobollo," we find an illustration of the 25c. of the new set with surcharge **Bengasi 1 Piastra 1**. This is for the use of the Italian P.O. at Bengasi, Tripoli.

Kishengarh.—Rupee values for this trumpery state now, if you please. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. kindly send us specimens of the following:—

- 2 rupees, brown.
- 5 " violet.

The design in each case is the hideous and familiar "arms" of Kishengarh. The paper used is so thin that one can see the design of the stamp almost as clearly from the back as from the front of the stamp!



Las Bela—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Sons' "Monthly Circular" chronicles a stamp of a new type for this Indian State. This is stated to be roughly pin-perf. The value is 1 anna; the colour, black on red.

Malaya.—The "Philatelic Journal of India" records the receipt of a full set of postal stationery for the Federated Malay States bearing stamps of the new oblong "tiger" series.

Nyassa.—We now illustrate the two types of the new



Nyassaland stamps, full details of which were given in the last *Fortnightly*.

Selangor.—The 5c. stamp, lilac and yellow, has been overprinted "One Cent" in black, and in one line of type.

Seychelles.—"There has been a surcharge of the 3c. on 30c.," write Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. in a letter to the *Fortnightly*, "but our correspondent was unable to obtain any, as they were sold out within a few hours. The number issued was 30,000."

Transvaal.—We are indebted to the South African Stamp Company for a specimen of the ¼d. green Transvaal with new surcharge "E.R.I." in black.

Pietersburg Provisionals.—A specimen of the 6d. green of the Pietersburg issue has been shown us by the South African Stamp Company with the top inscription reading "Postzfgel" instead of "Postzegel."

Apropos the Pietersburg issue it may be interesting to give here a "Government Notice" concerning these stamps, signed by State Secretary F. W. Reitz. The original document is in Dutch, and we are indebted to the South African Stamp Company for the following translation:—

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES.—(Continued from page 93).

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 Secretary.

District Mittelburg, 8th, Feb., 1901.

Vryburg.—Some time ago the ½d. Transvaal was chronicled with the overprint "V.R. Special Post," and now the "Monthly Journal" reports the 1d. with similar surcharge. Of these two provisionals, created at Vryburg in May, 1900, it appears that only 200 of the ½d. and 60 of the 1d. were overprinted. No one appears to be in a position to make out a very feasible excuse either for this issue or the Pietersburg stamps of the Boers.

Victoria.—From Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle, of Sydney, we have received a specimen of the 1d. stamp of the 1887 "Stamp Duty" series, now re-issued in olive-green. The re-issue is primarily for fiscal purposes, but, in common with all stamps bearing the words "Stamp Duty," it has been available for postal use until June 30th.



Victoria, verily, is making plenty of philatelic history while she still enjoys the chance. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., in sending us certain revised versions of the current issue, write us as follows:—

The stamps issued a few months ago were rendered necessary on account of the new laws requiring separate sets of stamps for postage and revenue, the new issue being exclusively for postage, and the old ones inscribed "Stamp Duty" remaining in use for revenue purposes. It has however been found that as no fewer than eight values of the new set bear no inscription indicative of the use to which they have to be put, they are frequently used as revenue stamps, which is illegal. It has therefore been found necessary to withdraw the ½d., 1½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- and 2/- stamps, and these have been replaced by new stamps exactly similar in design and colours, but with the word "Postage" added.

Says the "Australian Journal of Philately":—The Victorian £1 and £2 stamps announced for the beginning of May have not yet appeared. The Comptroller of Stamps, Melbourne, wrote us on May 17th, to the effect that they would not be ready for some little time. Will they also, like the halfpenny Commemorative Stamp, be consigned to oblivion?

It is announced that the ½d. "pictorial" of Tasmania is now obsolete.

The Philatelic Exhibition at the Hague is now in progress, and is doubtless a success.

Mr. John N. Luff succeeds Mr. Henry L. Calman as Editor of the "American Journal of Philately."

The King ought to have been a stamp collector. See what a successful auction he could have had!

The Hawkesburg District Philatelic Society, of New South Wales, issues a manuscript official organ, styled the "Hawkesburg Philatelist."

Mr. Levick, a well-known American philatelist, is surely one of the unluckiest men in the stamp fraternity. He was robbed of the greater part of his post stamp collection by a trusted friend; he was almost ruined in Wall Street; later on the savings bank in which he was a depositor came a cropper, and lastly—and this quite recently,—somebody obtained the key of this most unfortunate philatelist's locker at the Safe Deposit and "lifted" Mr. Levick's notes and gold.

Our Review of Reviews.

[The Fortnightly wishes to exchange, regularly, two copies per issue, with all reputable philatelic magazines at home and abroad. Kindly address in all cases, The Editor, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.]

The Philosophy of Stamp-Buying.

If you go to a theatre can you realize anything for your seat ticket? When you smoke a fine cigar can you sell the ashes or the box that contains them? Books bought to read are of little saleable value. . . . In coins and stamps alone is it possible to realize a profit, or even to come out whole.

Of course there is room for judgment in buying, but the smartest often make mistakes, and men without a thought of method frequently make great hits. Nevertheless there are certain rules which hold good in all businesses, and under all circumstances.

If you have ample means to complete a collection of the entire world, buy as suits your fancy. . . . Few, however, can do this; therefore, select any country that strikes your fancy, and complete this before you begin another. . . . Some stamps in every country will become rare, and if you have the country complete, you are bound to catch it.

If you intended to invest your money in real estate you would not buy a single house in half a dozen different neighbourhoods, but would buy a row all together where you could look after them. The same rule holds good in stamps and coins.

The above represents, in skeleton form, an eminently sensible article by the Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" in answer to the oft-asked question, "Which are the best stamps to collect as an investment?"

"Mekeel's Weekly" a Limited Company.

The soundest and best of our weekly contemporaries, "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," has got itself incorporated, as witness the following notice:—

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The company thus formed has purchased "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" from I. A. Mekeel and C. E. Severn.

There is no stock of the Mekeel-Redfield-Severn Co. for sale. The officers of the company and shares held by them are as follows:

I. A. Mekeel, President and Treasurer	..	..	385
C. E. Severn, Vice-President	..	..	50
Scott, F. Redfield, Secretary	..	..	65

Of the three gentlemen named, Mr. Isaac A. Mekeel, has for some years past been the Publisher and Manager of the paper, while Mr. C. S. Severn has acted as Editor. Mr. Scott F. Redfield is the ex-Proprietor of "Redfield's Weekly Philatelic Post," a publication recently purchased by Mr. Mekeel and now amalgamated with the "Weekly."

The Lion on the Belgian Stamps.

Mr. George W. Smith, of Chicago, writing in "Mekeel's Weekly," gives the history of the Belgian lion, at one time a feature of the postage stamps of that country. "In looking over a voluminous article by Mr. Wilson of the National Museum at Washington" (writes Mr. Smith), "I find the following: 'The lion rampant was, in the 12th century, the arms of the King of Albania, Phillippe d'Alsace was Count of Flanders and held an important command in two crusades to the holy land. During a battle he killed the King of Albania in a hand-to-hand contest and carried off his shield with the lion rampant. Phillippe transferred this to his own shield and took it as his coat-of-arms. It has since that time been the coat-of-arms of the Counts of Flanders and Brabant and is now that of Belgium.'"

Facts about Fiji: A Paper for Beginners.

There is no occasion to be frightened of the stamps of Fiji, says a writer in the "Australian Journal of Philately." At first glance the stamps give an idea of great difficulty and complication, but, carefully studied, the country is a most interesting one.

The first stamps of Fiji were unofficial, and though generally collected—by those fortunate enough to obtain them—they are undoubtedly merely local stamps. A newspaper known as the Fiji "Times" was responsible for the issue of these stamps, which, although ostensibly produced

solely for the purpose of prepaying the postage of copies of that newspaper were in reality adopted by the islanders for general postal use. After they had been in use for one year, i.e., in 1871—government stamps were issued. The capital letters C.R., engraved on the Fijian stamps from this date until 1875, stand for "Cakambau Rex," but in the latter year the islands were annexed to Great Britain, and the stamps of the issue then current were surcharged in black "V.R." Of this surcharge V.R. and the subsequent surcharges of value there are almost innumerable varieties—some quite common, some very scarce. In 1879 new dies were engraved, bearing the letters "V.R." in place of the "C.R."

From the first the coinage of the Fiji Islands had been in the main British; but in 1872 there was a disposition to adopt the cents and dollars of the United States, and from this date until about 1880 the coinage of the islands was a mixed quantity.

In 1882 the Fijians were provided with higher value stamps, bearing the effigy of the Great White Queen, and doubtless, if there is a complete change of stamps within the next few years, they will be of the regulation De la Rue type, of which one may fairly say that it is at least better than the design heretofore used in Fiji.

The so-called reprints of the stamps of the Fiji "Times Express" are in reality mere imitations, the stamps being of different size and distinctly different type from those of the original issue. In addition to this, the reprinted labels are all on laid batonné paper, and in the case of the sixpenny value there is a small, instead of a large, numeral of value. Even the youngest collector should be able to distinguish these imitations from the really rare old "Times Express" stamps.

We may add that the stamps used in Fiji are, and have for many years past been, printed on unwatermarked paper at the Government Printing Office, Sydney.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

IT PUZZLES THE POST OFFICE PEOPLE.

WHAT perplexes the G.P.O. people more than anything is how the telegraphically-used £5 stamps come into the hands of stamp collectors and dealers.

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Mutilated or suspiciously cancelled stamps are carefully reported upon to the post-masters concerned. When the telegrams are three months old they are removed from the cupboards, bagged, and sealed up, and finally they are sent to paper mills.

Here, in the presence of a Government official, they are thrown into the "mashing" machine, that quickly reduces them to a pulp, which is used again in the manufacture of new paper. The telegram forms are watched from the time they leave the G.P.O. until they are rendered to pulp, in order that none may remove the cancelled stamps.

The "fly in the amber" cannot equal the puzzle which is now set the G.P.O. people to solve. Notwithstanding all the care and watchfulness, high-priced stamps (from 10s. to £5) are removed from telegram forms; they appear, later, in the windows of some of the stamp dealers, and subsequently stamp collectors are enabled to show them to their friends. How is the trick accomplished?

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GERMANY WANTS FERNANDO POO.

Any transfer of territory from one Power to another necessarily interests philatelists, since in its train must come a change of stamps. Germany, it seems, is casting longing eyes on Fernando Poo, and has, it is said, already acquired from Spain the right of pre-emption of the island. Indeed, a German syndicate is now being formed with a view to its future exploitation.

The island of Fernando Poo has an area of about 762 square miles. The principal port is the capital, Santa Isabel, on the north, with an excellent anchorage, which, it is stated, could be converted into a sheltered harbour at a small expense.

The principal products of Fernando Poo are cocoa, palm oil, and—stamps!

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

.. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
NATAL.—Contd.				
<i>Surcharged with Gibbons' type 9.</i>				
1/- green (carmine surcharge)	..		£45	£35
1/- green (black ")	..		£15	£12
1/- green (green ")	.. 4/	3/	1/9	1/6
<i>Surcharged with Gibbons' type 10.</i>				
1/- pale brown	.. 17/6	12/6	4/	3/
<i>Fiscal Postal.</i>				
1/- pale brown (without surcharge)	.. 8/	6/	10/	8/
<i>Surcharged in black with Gibbons' type 11.</i>				
1d. lake	.. 20/	15/	12/6	9/
<i>Surcharged in black with Gibbons' type 17.</i>				
1d. lake	.. 7/6	5/	2/	1/6
1d. red	.. 12/6	8/	3/	2/3
<i>Surcharged in black with Gibbons' type 18.</i>				
1d. lake	.. 10/	7/	6/	4/
1d. yellow	.. 6/	4/6	5/	3/6
6d. violet	.. 8/	5/6	1/9	1/6
1/- green	.. 6/6	4/6	1/9	1/6
<i>Surcharged in black with Gibbons' types 21 and 22.</i>				
½d. on 1d. yellow	.. 3/	2/3	6/	4/6
1d. on 6d. lilac	.. 10/	7/	6/	4/6
1d. on 6d. rose	.. 10/6	7/6	6/	4/6
1874-80. Wmk. C.C. Perf. 14.				
½d. on 1d. rose (S.G. type 19)	.. 1/	1/9	2/	1/6
½d. on 1d. rose (S.G. No. 20)	.. 1/6	1/3	3/	2/3
½d. blue-green	.. 1/9	1/6	1/6	1/
1d. rose	.. 1/6	1/4	1/3	1/2
3d. ultramarine	.. 5/	3/6	4/	3/
4d. brown	.. 7/6	5/6	1/6	1/
4d. brown (perf. 12½)	.. 90/	60/	10/	7/
6d. lilac	.. 5/	3/6	2/	1/3
5/- marone	.. 70/	50/	12/6	8/6
5/- rose	.. 7/6	6/6	3/6	2/6
5/- carmine	.. 6/	5/6	3/6	2/6
5/- marone (perf. 15½ x 15)	.. 80/	55/	21/	15/
1882-91. Wmk. C.A. Perf. 14.				
½d. blue-green	.. 9/	6/	4/	3/
½d. green	.. 1/	1/	1/	1/
½d. on 1d. rose (S.G. type 24)	.. 2/	1/6	2/6	1/9
1d. rose	.. 1/2	1/	1/	1/
2d. on 3d. grey (S.G. type 25)	.. 1/8	1/6	1/8	1/6
2d. olive-green (die 1)	.. 1/9	1/3	1/2	1/
2d. olive-green (die 2)	.. 1/3	1/	1/	1/
2½d. on 4d. brown (S.G. type 27)	.. 1/9	1/9	1/9	1/6
2½d. blue	.. 1/4	1/	1/	1/
3d. ultramarine	.. 5/	3/6	1/3	1/9
3d. grey	.. 1/5	1/4	1/3	1/2
4d. brown	.. 1/6	1/5	1/2	1/
6d. mauve	.. 1/8	1/7	1/2	1/
1/- orange and red	.. 1/3	1/2	1/3	1/2

NATAL—Continued

1895.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
½d. in carmine on 6d. mauve (S.G. type 29)	.. 1/4	1/3	1/6	1/4
½d. on 1d. rose (S.G. type 30)	.. 1/2		1/3	1/2

NOTE.—There are many varieties in the surcharged stamps.

NEVIS.

1881. *Blued paper. Perf. 13.*

1d. dull rose	.. 21/	14/	30/	20/
4d. rose	.. 100/	70/	70/	50/
6d. grey	.. 75/	50/	30/	22/6
1/- green	.. 200/	150/	60/	40/

Grey paper. Perf. 13.

1d. dull rose	.. 9/	6/	25/	17/6
4d. rose	.. 60/	55/	40/	25/
4d. bright rose	.. 70/	60/	45/	30/
6d. grey	.. 50/	32/6	27/6	20/
6d. deep grey	.. 55/	35/	30/	21/
1/- green	.. 80/	50/	35/	25/

1887. *White paper. Perf. 15.*

1d. red	.. 10/	7/	25/	17/6
1d. deep red	.. 12/	8/	30/	20/
4d. orange	.. 50/	35/	25/	18/
4d. deep orange	.. 60/	40/	27/6	20/
1/- blue-green	.. 105/	75/	27/6	20/
1/- yellow-green	.. £25	£15	60/	42/
1/- yellow-green on laid paper	.. ?	?	£60	£40

1878. *Lithographed. Perf. 15.*

1d. rose-red	.. 7/6	5/	15/	10/6
1d. red	.. 7/6	5/	10/6	7/
1d. bright red	.. 10/6	6/6	15/	10/6
1d. bright red (perf. 11½)	.. 12/6	8/6	35/	25/
4d. orange	.. 130/	95/	22/6	16/
6d. dark grey	.. 135/	100/	125/	85/
6d. olive-grey	.. 135/	100/	125/	85/
1/- pale green	.. 27/6	21/	63/	42/
1/- deep green	.. 30/	22/6	70/	47/6

1880.

1d. lilac	.. 10/6	7/6	10/6	7/6
2½d. red-brown	.. 32/6	25/	32/6	25/

1882-85. *Wmk. C.A. Perf. 14.*

½d. in purple on half 1d. lilac	.. 30/	22/6	20/	14/
½d. in black ditto	.. 30/	22/6	20/	14/
1d. lilac	.. 12/6	9/6	10/	7/
2½d. red-brown	.. 15/	12/	17/6	12/
4d. blue	.. 30/	22/6	17/6	12/
6d. green	.. 125/	105/	135/	105/

1883-90. *Wmk. C.A. Perf. 14.*

½d. green	.. 1/6	1/4	3/	2/
1d. carmine	.. 1/	1/9	1/3	1/9
2½d. ultramarine	.. 1/9	1/6	4/6	3/
4d. grey	.. 4/	3/3	4/	3/
6d. chestnut-brown	.. 8/	7/	30/	21/
1/- lilac	.. 25/	22/	120/	90/

Fiscal Postals.

Revenue in black on 1d. lake	.. 2/	—	15/	10/6
" " on 4d. orange	.. 6/	—	40/	27/6
REVENUE in black on 1d. mauve	.. 5/	—	20/	12/6
" " on 6d. green	.. 3/6	—	35/	21/

NEW BRUNSWICK.

3d. red	.. 80/	40/	12/6	8/
6d. yellow	.. £17/10	£10	70/	40/
1/- violet	.. £55	£35	£14	£9/10

1880-83. *No wmk. Perf. 12.*

1c. brown-purple	.. 6/	4/	5/	3/
1c. mauve	.. 1/4	—	5/	3/
2c. orange	.. 1/3	—	2/6	1/6
5c. brown (O'Connell)	.. £21	£15	—	—
5c. green	.. 1/3	—	1/6	1/4
5c. yellow-green	.. 1/3	—	1/6	1/4
10c. vermilion	.. 1/9	—	2/3	1/6
12½c. blue	.. 1/6	—	1/9	1/3
17c. black	.. 1/	—	4/6	3/

NEWFOUNDLAND.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1857. Imperf.				
2d. scarlet-vermilion ..	£90	£50	£9	£5
4d. do. ..	£27/10	£15	£6	£4
6d. do. ..	£65	£35	£9	£5
6½d. do. ..	£11	£7	£12	£7
8d. do. ..	25/	20/	40/	25/
1/- do. ..	£60	£35	£15	£11

1860. Imperf.				
2d. orange-vermilion ..	30/	22/	50/	32/6
4d. do. ..	£10	£6	60/	40/
6d. do. ..	£10	£6	55/	30/
1/- do. ..	£60	£35	£17/10	£11

1857-62. "Lake Issue." Imperf.

1d. violet-brown (thick paper)	6/	5/	15/	10/6
1d. purple-brown ..	10/	8/	17/6	12/6
1d. red-brown ..	?	?	?	?
2d. lake ..	22/6	16/	50/	30/
3d. green (thick paper) ..	7/6	6/	21/	15/
3d. green ..	3/9	3/3	15/	9/
4d. lake ..	2/9	2/3	15/	9/
5d. violet-brown (thick paper)	15/	12/	25/	17/6
5d. red-brown ..	4/	3/6	15/	10/6
5d. brown ..	7/6	6/6	25/	17/6
6d. lake ..	2/	1/9	8/	5/
6½d. lake ..	6/6	5/6	50/	30/
8d. lake ..	7/6	6/6	120/	85/
1/- lake ..	4/	3/6	25/	17/6

NOTE.—Varieties of the above issue are often met with bearing cleverly forged postmarks.

1866-73. Perf. 12. S.G. types 4 to 11.

1c. violet ..	4/	2/9	5/	3/6
1c. brown-lilac ..	5/	3/6	3/	2/3
2c. yellow-green ..	5/	3/6	5/	3/6
2c. green ..	2/	1/6	2/	1/6
3c. orange-vermilion ..	12/6	8/	12/6	8/
3c. blue ..	6/	4/	1/6	1/
5c. brown ..	22/6	16/6	21/	15/
5c. black ..	12/6	10/	10/6	7/
6c. dull rose ..	9/	6/	9/	6/
10c. black ..	7/6	5/	4/	2/9
12c. orange-brown ..	9/	6/	3/6	2/6
13c. orange-yellow ..	3/3	2/6	4/6	3/3
24c. blue ..	1/6	1/3	2/	1/6

1876-79. Rouletted.

1c. brown-lilac ..	6/	4/	4/3	3/
2c. green ..	3/	2/	3/	2/
3c. blue ..	6/	4/	1/3	9/
5c. blue ..	4/	2/9	9/	6/

1880. Perf. 12. S.G. type 12 to 15

1c. violet-brown ..	4/	3/	6/	4/
1c. grey-brown ..	3/	2/	4/	3/
2c. yellow-green ..	4/	3/	6/	4/
3c. blue ..	1/6	1/	3/	2/
5c. blue ..	1/3	9/	14/	3/

1887-90. Perf. 12. S.G. types 16, 17 & 18.

¾c. rose-red ..	1/		3/	2/
¾c. black ..	1/		1/	
1c. green ..	2/		2/	
1c. grey-green ..	4/	3/	3/	2/
2c. orange ..	3/	2/	3/	2/
3c. brown (S.G. type 14)	9/	6/	3/	2/
3c. slate (S.G. type 18) ..	8/	6/	2/	1/
3c. lilac ..	8/	6/	2/	1/
3c. red-lilac ..	3/		2/	1/
10c. black ..	1/	9/	1/	8/

1890-97. Perf. 12 (S.G. types 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16).

Re-issue in brighter colours.

¾c. vermilion ..	2/			
1c. green ..	3/			
1c. deep brown ..	3/			
2c. green ..	6/			
3c. sky-blue ..	9/			
3c. brown ..	6/			

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Continued.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
5c. bright blue ..	6/			
6c. crimson-lake ..	6/			
12c. puce ..	1/			

1897. Perf. 12 (S.G. types 19-32).

1c. green ..	2/		4/	3/
2c. carmine ..	3/		4/	3/
3c. ultramarine ..	3/		3/	2/
4c. grey-green ..	3/		4/	3/
5c. purple ..	4/		4/	3/
6c. red-brown ..	5/		5/	3/
8c. orange ..	6/		7/	5/
10c. sepia ..	7/		7/	5/
12c. deep blue ..	8/		10/	7/
15c. vermilion ..	10/		1/	9/
24c. violet ..	14/		16/	13/
30c. black-blue ..	19/		19/	13/
35c. brick-red ..	2/		2/	16/
60c. black ..	3/3		3/3	2/6

Provisional.

1c. on 3c. (S.G. No. 80)	1/6		1/9	1/3
Do. (S.G. No. 81)	6/		7/6	5/6
Do. (S.G. No. 82)	32/6		35/	26/

1897-99. Perf. 12 (S.G. types 36 to 40).

¾c. slate-green ..	1/		1/	
1c. carmine ..	3/		3/	2/
1c. green ..	1/		1/	
2c. orange ..	3/		3/	2/
2c. vermilion ..	2/		2/	1/
3c. orange ..	2/		2/	1/
5c. blue ..	4/		3/	2/

THE GUMLESS STAMPS OF B.S.A.

THE South African Journal, "Rhodesia," tells us of a wag who writes to a newspaper at Salisbury, over the signature "Pro-Gum," pointing out that it would save many people much trouble and language of a certain kind if the British South Africa Company, in addition to putting "Justice, Freedom and Commerce" on the face of their stamps, would also put a little gum on the back of them. B.S.A. people, it appears, have to resort to sealing wax. It certainly does seem desirable for Justice, Freedom and Commerce to stick together (adds "Rhodesia") but without the necessary gum they risk dissolution. Perhaps, to do the Company strict Justice, Freedom from wax spells more Commerce in stationery. But the absence of the adhesive certainly tends to make one wazy and swear by gum!

IS IT "EXIT WURTEMBERG"?

FROM the German philatelic papers we learn, as already mentioned, that the kingdom of Wurtemberg contemplates a surrender of its separate postal privileges.

Now it is not generally known that there exists at Stuttgart a special office for the sale of obsolete postal issues. In view of the increased business expected by the adoption of the Imperial stamps all the post offices in Wurtemberg have now been authorized to execute orders for obsolete stamps free of extra charge.

The stock in hand at present, and which is sold to the public at face value, consists of about

3500 stamps, 5 mark.	Issue of 81/82.
1900 " 3pf. green ..	175.
1900 " 5 " violet ..	"
1900 postcards, 3pf. brown ..	194.
2600 " 5pf. violet ..	188.
2200 " reply, 5 & 5pf. ..	"
2900 stamped envelopes, 5pf. violet ..	176.
3000 newsbands, 3pf. ..	184.
2500 money order cards, 4pf. ..	187.

Some imperforate copies of the 2 marks orange on white, issue of '81/82, have lately made their appearance.

The stamps are cancelled Stuttgart, No. 2, 16 Mrz, 95, 1-2, N. in the usual single circle. They are not so well printed as the perforated stamps and as the cancellation has been ascertained to be an unauthorized one, we caution our readers against purchasing any copies offered till something more is known about their official status.

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It is good to know that everything augurs well for the success of the London Philatelic Society's South African Exhibition in November. The thirteen different countries comprised in the scheme will be represented, Mr. Castle announces, by selections that will leave nothing to be desired.

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Farewell, a long farewell, to the British 4d. stamp. This denomination receives its definite dismissal from the public service by an official notice stating that after to-day (August 31) no further supplies will be issued to postmasters.

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The "Interchangeable" Albums supplied by Messrs. G. Hamilton Smith & Co. seem to carry everything before them at the philatelic exhibitions. A "highest possible" (silver medal) at The Hague is the latest score to be credited to these Beautiful Books from Bishopgate.

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Our Editorial Article on "Exchange Club Laxity" has brought us some most interesting letters, extracts from which will be published in our next. We have referred to this matter under "Twixt Editor and Reader" in this number.

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Elsewhere in this Number, under the heading, "When Theft is no Theft," we publish the report of a case tried in a Melbourne Court. A postal official who admitted having removed a postage stamp from a letter in course of post and substituted others therefor, has been acquitted of all blame and discharged. The law seems to be just as great a hass as ever!

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Some excitement, in America, has been occasioned by the arrest of one Harry Rosenbaum, who is alleged to have swindled American Stamp Dealers right and left. Listen to the roll of this gentleman's alleged aliases: Frank Duff, John Donnelly, Thomas Rich, H. M. Rosey, George Dengemaen, the Quaker City Stamp Company, Henry Rosemount, etc., etc. They do everything on a big scale in America.

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One of our prize-winners, Mr. J. W. Dorman, writing from Georgetown, British Guiana, says: "Many thanks for the prize you sent me. I had no hope of winning one. I have sent you my own subscription for six years for these reasons—firstly, because I always look forward to getting my *Fortnightly* and would much miss it if it were stopped on account of my forgetting to pay; and, secondly, because I thought it was very decent of the new proprietors, when they took over the paper to send it to all the old subscribers, although I understand they never received any consideration for so doing."

New and Recent Forgeries.

SOME IMITATIONS OF THE "LOCAL POST" STAMPS OF SWITZERLAND.

This fortnight, the exhibits in our gallery of frauds comprise two forgeries of the Swiss "Post Locale" 4 centime



FORGERIES OF THE SCARCE 4c. OF 1849.



IMITATIONS OF THE COMPARATIVELY COMMON 5c. OF 1850.

stamps of 1849, and three forgeries of the 5 centime issue of the following year.

Very few of our readers will need to be reminded that of these two stamps the 4 centime of 1849 is considerably rarer than its 5 centime successor, for while Messrs. Gibbons' latest catalogue for Foreign Countries prices the 4c. black and red of 1849 at £24 for a used specimen, the 5c. black and red of 1850 is priced at only 35s. in the used state.

Historically these are two of the most interesting of the old European stamps. The 5 centime of 1850 is a phoenix among stamps, for it was created by altering each "4" on the plate of the 4 centime stamp into a "5." This alteration was carried out by hand, with the result that each stamp on the sheet of the 5 centimes value is a variety unto itself.

The forgeries we illustrate are undoubtedly dangerous ones, in that they are well calculated to deceive the collector of limited experience of these old Swiss stamps. To show exactly wherein the imitations differ from the genuine stamps is not altogether practicable, and, for obvious reasons, not altogether desirable. Suffice it to repeat our warning that old European stamps of all sorts and descriptions are to be bought with infinite caution, and only from persons who have a reputation at stake.

Unfortunately it is not only the very rare stamps that one has to look upon with suspicion. "Little fishes are sweet," thinks the stamp forger, who very well knows that an imitation of a fairly common stamp will frequently pass muster for the simple reason that it is thought too common to be "worth the forger's while" to imitate it.

We are warned that an issue for British Somaliland is one of the probabilities of the near future.

We learn from "The Perforator" that Mr. John F. Seybold, of Syracuse, N.Y., a very well-known philatelist, has all but decided to sell his splendid collection of stamps and entires.

Mr. Cyril Crosse has seen a great many forged surcharges of the "C.E.F." Indians. "The type," says this gentleman, in a letter to the "P.J.L.," "is far smaller than in the original surcharge and is not likely to deceive any but the most ignorant and unobservant collectors."

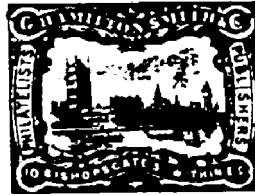
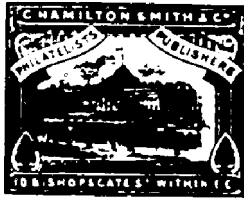
We greatly regret the news of the death of Mr. William Idler, of Philadelphia, one of the *Fortnightly's* oldest subscribers. Mr. Idler was one of the veterans of Philately and Numismatics in America. He was a man with a history, too, being a son of that Jacob Idler who aided General Bolivar in fitting out three ships with clothing and munitions of war after the "South American Liberator" had appealed in vain to the capitalists of New York.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Argentine Republic.—A letter sheet, or "Memorandum Postal," of the value of 15 centavos, is chronicled by the "Monthly Circular" as having appeared in April. Colour, dark ultramarine on white.

Bishopsgate Street Within.—We have received a set of three very handsome labels for this new Protectorate, which, of course, the careful reader will at once recognise as the place where the Interchangeables come from. The stamps illustrate certain well-known public buildings in adjacent parishes and bear the name of G. Hamilton Smith & Co.—presumably as a guarantee that you "buy of the



maker!" The labels bear no indication of value, but then it is not considered good form, down Bishopsgate way, to ticket all the goods. We can cordially recommend the issue to our readers. As plaisters for cut fingers they are most dainty and decorative, and one of them has already served us faithfully and well as a wafer on the flap of a refractory envelope. Who, then, shall dare to say that this is an unnecessary issue?

British Guiana.—We have to thank Mr. J. W. Dorman, of Georgetown, for specimens of the new 2 cent stamps (ship type), printed in black and red on red paper.

British South Africa.—Some high values have been added to the current set as follows:

• £5 dark blue. £10 blue lilac.

The stamps are larger than these of the lower denominations.

Chili.—The new 30 centavos is to hand. Colour orange. An American contemporary, the "Metropolitan Philatelist" speaks of another new issue in preparation! So soon? And from staid old Chili?

Crete.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells kindly sends us the new 25 centesimi of Italy with black surcharge:

LA CANEA
1 PIASTRA 1

We have to thank the same correspondent also for the 25 centesimi with similar surcharge for Bengasi (Tripoli) already described in the *Fortnightly* on the authority of an Italian contemporary.

By the way, the 1 drachma unpaid-letter stamp of Crete has been surcharged "1 drachma" in black so that it shall not be confused with the 1 lepton stamp of the same series.

Las Bela.—Concerning this Indian State, whose newest stamp was described and illustrated in the last *Fortnightly*, very little is known by the average philatelist. Major Evans, we have no doubt, will change all this when he reaches the

"L's" in his excellent articles on the Indian States. Meantime, Mr. Hamilton informs the "Philatelic Journal of India" that Las Bela started its postal issues on May 27th, 1897, and that only 10,000 specimens of the first—the white paper—issue were printed.

Mexico.—A correspondent of the "P.J.G.B." sends particulars of what is apparently a new, or, more likely, a provisional issue, which he has received by a recent mail (unfortunately, he does not say whether it franked the letter). The stamp is a 5 centavos with a portrait, presumably of the President, in an oval frame, while the numeral of value is in a label beneath the portrait, with the word "cent" each side, above which are the dates "1900" and "1901." It is printed in bright green and pin perf. about 5 by 14—a very extraordinary combination. Before listing the stamp the "P.J.G.B." await further particulars.

Orange River Colony.—The South African Stamp Company have shown us the very latest variety of the "V.R.I.'s"—occurring in the 1d. value. In every pane of 60 stamps there appears a thick V and an inverted I. This is only to be seen on one stamp in the pane of 60.

Sarawak.—The current 1 cent stamp has appeared in a bright blue instead of the dull shade hitherto in use.

Seychelles.—Regarding the provisional stamp of 3 cents on 36 cents, already mentioned in the *Fortnightly*, Messrs. Alfred Smith & Sons' "Monthly Circular" translates the following note from a French contemporary:

A Seychelles correspondent informs us that the 3 cent stamps being exhausted the Government turned 30,000 36 cent stamps into stamps of the former value by surcharging. As might have been expected, the whole of the issue was bought up immediately the post office opened, and the stamps are now being offered at a high price. It is evident, however, that 3 cent stamps were not absolutely indispensable, since the post office was sold out of that value the day after the provisionals were issued, and yet did not proceed to further surcharging. It is evidently the beginning of an attempt to make up the recent deficit of 13,000 rupees recently announced in the yearly account of the post office of the Colony.

As if to confirm this supposition we now receive from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., two further provisionals, the 3c. on 16c., and 6c. on 8c. We illustrate the first named and



also the 3c. on 36c. already chronicled. By the way, we referred to this latter in our last number as the 3c. on 30c. (Obviously a printer's error.)

Transvaal (Pietersburgh)—Regarding the Boers' Pietersburgh stamps, Mr. J. M. Mackenzie has sent the "Weekly Philatelic Era" the following most interesting excerpt from a gentleman now in the Transvaal:—

To-day I enclose you some of the last South African Republic issue (so-called Pietersburg issue), because printed in that town, the largest in Boer possession up to middle of April, 1901, when it was captured by British troops.

The Boers rubbed along with the 1896 issue on hand till exhausted, then they tried a month to do without any, and finding this unworkable caused this issue to be printed. Though ordered in February, 1901, it only circulated from middle of March. Owing to Controller's other work he did initialling in spare time and did not overwork himself. We have always plenty of time out here and rather do to-morrow what we ought to do to-day.

I am doubtful if I can let you have blocks of higher values, as the issue of these is only 1200 each. This gives 600 for type 1, 300 each for types 2 and 3. Stamps were printed in sheets of 24, first two rows type 1, third row type 2, and fourth row type 3; the 1p. value being mostly used 15,000 were issued, 4p. and 2p. only 2000 and 6000 respectively.

Used stamps are scarce, as the higher values had but a limited time, owing to British troops marching up so quickly; lower values are more plentiful and had a life of nearly a month.

After the war a full history will appear in London Society's philatelic paper. I cannot write now as I have no time and dare not touch politics which I cannot exclude from article. I am collecting dates, official notices and interviewing printer, controller and all who were connected with this issue; will be a nice article. Boers had up to 1st April, 51 Post Offices, over 100 miles railway and about 500 miles telegraph full working. Since then nearly all these have been captured and Boers have nothing left so will not issue any more stamps.

While on this subject it will be interesting to note the three types of these Pietersburg labels as listed by Mr. M. Z. Booleman, of Amsterdam:—

TYPE I. shows a large "P," for "Postzegel" in combination with large figures of date "1901."

TYPE II. has the large "P," but smaller figures of date.

TYPE III. has "Postzegel" with small "P" and small figures of date.

According to Mr. Booleman's list all the values from ½d. to 1s. exist in each of these three types.

Travancore.—We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for the newest stamp of this Indian State.

Value: ¾ chuckrum; colour black.



Victoria.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. now send us the modified 2d., 9d. and 5s. stamps, showing the word "Postage" and completing the revised set.

Our Review of Reviews.

[The *Fortnightly* wishes to exchange, regularly, two copies per issue, with all reputable philatelic magazines at home and abroad. Kindly address in all cases, The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.]

What the Syllabic Characters Really Are.

Mr. Richard Geoghegan has been contributing to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" some most interesting articles on the postal affairs of the Far East. His last, and we think the best contribution deals with the Japanese syllabic characters:—

All collectors are more or less familiar with the little signs, known as "syllabic characters," found on the Japanese issues of 1874 and 1875, yet very few, probably, could give any clear account of what these marks really are.

History records that, at first, the Japanese depended exclusively on Chinese characters to convey their ideas by written signs, the introduction of the Chinese characters into Japan taking place somewhere towards the close of our third century. In the eighth or ninth century, the Chinese characters were found to be too cumbersome and inconvenient for everyday use, and a writing called kata kana,—the syllabic "character" of the philatelist—was invented by taking certain strokes from the Chinese characters. This invention is ascribed by some to Kibi, a high court official, by others to a noted Buddhist priest, Kukai. Following, perhaps, the Sanskrit alphabet, the syllables: ka, ki, ku, ke, ko; na, ni, nu, ne, no; and so on, were arranged according to what is called goju-on, "the 50 sounds," five of which are the simple vowels.

The katakana being somewhat inconvenient for writing, as each character is formed separate from its fellows, as in our English print, a running hand, styled hirakana, was invented, and the syllables re-arranged so as to form a little poem. When a collector has his set of 1874 2 sen yellow on thick wove paper complete, his row of labels bears the first distich of this stanza, one syllable on each stamp:—

I-ro ha ni-ho-he to chi-ri-nu-ru wo;
Wa-ka yo ta-re so tsu-ne na-ra-mu?
U-wi no o-ku-ya-ma ke-fu ko-e-te.
A-sa-ki yu-me-mi-shi ye-hi mo se-su.

"The beauty and perfume of life disappear. In our world what is there that endures for ever? Behind the dark hill of existence the present day sinks, and nought remains but the baseless fabric of a dream."

In the catalogues the syllables are usually numbered, 1 representing "i," 2 "ro," 3 "ha," 4 "ni," etc. Only those from "i" to "mu" are found on stamps, and only on the 2 sen yellow do they all occur.

It will be news to many a young philatelist, and, perhaps, to some of the older ones, to learn that a certain combination of Japanese stamps will give him a verse of poetry. Quite an Eastern puzzle, is it not?

A Peculiarity of British Perforations.

"T.C.D." writes from Knoxville, Tennessee, to the latest issue of the "Virginian Philatelist":—

I notice in the Great Britain Jubilee issue of 1887 that the vertical and horizontal perforations coincide at all four corners of each stamp; this is particularly noticeable in the 4d., 4½d., 9d. and 10d. denominations, which have a double coloured lined square in each corner, and in many thousands I have examined the crossings of perforations are in, or almost in, the centre of the inner square, and they invariably coincide in one round hole. I do not find this to be the case in stamps of any other country. It would seem as though the designer of this issue and the manufacturer of the perforating machine had combined to produce a neat job.

A New Discovery in Dutch Indies.

The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" contains an interesting article founded upon a discovery made by Messrs. Senf Brothers, of Leipzig. In a recent number of Messrs. Senf's publication, the "Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal," the following paragraph appeared:—

A short time ago, whilst looking through a number of 1c. Dutch Indies 1883-87 issue, we accidentally made a discovery which no doubt will interest collectors. On the back of some of these stamps are thin light blue lines, running parallel from top to bottom. These lines make one think of the figure issue of Mexico, 1886, of which some were also printed on lined paper though they were varied, some of the lines being on the back and some on the face, and some on both sides. We find, however, that on the 1c. Dutch Indies the lines are only on the back and exactly 8mm. distant from each other. The lines are either exactly perpendicular or else they slant slightly at the bottom towards right or left. There are generally two lines on each stamp, seldom three.

After careful examination (adds the "P.J.G.B.") these were found amongst 1200 specimens of the grey-green 1c. only 27 with lines, which is about 2½ per cent. and shows that there are not many of these. Further, these stamps seem to have been used only at Semarang (a town on the north coast of Java), for 19 of the 27 are stamped with this postmark, whereas the postmark on the remaining 8 is not readable. The perforation is 12½ all round, but in a few of the copies the perforation is only 12 across and 12½ lengthwise. Several sheets of these stamps must have been printed, for the earliest date found was 29th May, 1894, and the latest 5th July, 1895, which is over 13 months; during this time a few thousand stamps must have been used. The other values of this issue, 2c. brown, 2½c. yellow, 3c. lilac, 5c. pale green and 5c. blue, were searched for copies with the lines—but in vain!

Wanted, an Editor.

Mr. C. Stewart Wilson prefaces the July issue of the "Philatelic Journal of India" with a notice which philatelists both in India and at home will read with great regret.

The Editor begs to give notice that his term of office must positively end this year. He fears that the overwhelming load of official work has left its mark only too plainly on the Journal of late. It most certainly has done so on his health. One man cannot do two men's work for very long in India without feeling it, and the Editor is no exception. He hopes to leave Bombay on 15th November on a year's leave. He hopes, however, that the Journal will not be allowed to die, but rather that it may renew its youth under the editorship of another whose brain is not in so decrepit a condition. He would be glad to hear from any members who are willing to take it over for a year at least.

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

MR. W. A. JUTSUM, of Cardiff, sends us a copy of a letter received from Mr. W. G. Walton, of Birmingham, Secretary of the Midland Counties' Stamp Exchange, with a request that we publish the same in the *Fortnightly*. The letter runs as follows:—

Birmingham, June 26th, 1901.
 MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of 24th, you are at perfect liberty to take what course you like; probably, however, you will find the paper you quote so glibly has more sense than you give it credit for and will not reproduce any libellous statement you send. My note of 22nd was not very "polite" as your crushing sarcasm describes it, nor was it intended to be polite. I do not mince matters with libellers and blackmailers in embryo. I suit my language to those with whom I am in correspondence and endeavour to make it equal to their comprehension. In addressing a gentleman I should express myself differently. I have looked up your quoted letter, &c., of 12th ult. I read and filed it as being unworthy of reply, for I found it was merely an impudent attempt to obtain a small sum by false representation.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. JUTSUM, Esq.

W. G. WALTON.

"The only reason I can give for such a letter," says Mr. Jutsum, "is the fact that I have left the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange."

Regarding Stamp Exchange Clubs in general, Mr. Jutsum has a serious complaint to make.

"At present," he writes (under date, July 29). "I have unreturned sheets for February in two clubs.

"Ditto for March in five clubs.

"Ditto for April in nine clubs.

"I maintain that three months is ample time for sheets to be away from their owners."

It was the receipt of Mr. Jutsum's letter, among others of a similar character, that impelled us to return to the subject of Exchange Clubs in the editorial column of the last *Fortnightly*.

Since the publication of that number we have to acknowledge a long letter on the subject from Mr. R. T. Morgan, who is Secretary of one of the smaller Exchange Clubs. Mr. Morgan cites the very smallness of his own club as a point in its favour. "I have at the moment about 26 members," he writes, and goes on to express the opinion that a membership of more than thirty generally leads to dissatisfaction among the members. On the face of it the contention seems a feasible one, but it must be remembered that some of the largest Exchange Clubs have the reputation of being the best managed. Hence doubtless, their great popularity. Cause and effect!

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One suggestion in Mr. Morgan's letter snacks so strongly of shrewd common-sense that we commend

A Practical Suggestion. it to the attention of all parties concerned:

"A very good plan for a Secretary to adopt (writes our correspondent) is to 'group' the post list. I mean in this way: Suppose he has three members in one town. Let those three members see the packet in rotation, and so on in the case of each town. I have noticed on some postal lists, something of this sort: Mr. So-and-so, London; next to him Mr. Somebody in Scotland, then, immediately following, a person in a suburb of London. What a waste of time! Why should not the secretary group up the various towns and thus perhaps save days in the travelling of the packets?"

The obvious answer is that, in many clubs the order of the circuit is settled by ballot; but it should not be difficult to devise some means—acceptable to all the members—by which the postal list could be manipulated on the common-sense lines suggested above. Time, after all, is of the greatest consideration in the conduct of an Exchange Club.

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Writing from Paris—lucky man!—a constant reader of the *Fortnightly* contributes the following "Song of the Philatelist." We are not quite easy in our editorial mind about publishing the same. A sickening fear haunts us, as we might say if we were the heavy villain in a penny novelette, that the screed may contain some subtle meaning that is hidden from our poor intelligence.

This is the song of the Philatelist,

This is his song.

You should see my collection of stamps,

You should see it.

You should see my stamps of Great Britain,

You should see them.

(Here follows a list of all the countries affected by the Philatelist, followed by the same refrain).

You should see my mint block of four "V.R.,"

You should see it.

You should see my mint pane of octagonal 1s.,

You should see it.

(Here follows an enumeration of all his superb rarities, followed by the refrain).

You should see my collection of stamps,

You should see it!

This is the song of the Philatelist,

This is his song.

Down to this point we thought it was merely a case of the philatelic liar getting in his usual mendacious work; but there is more to follow:

This is the song of the Specialist,

This is his song.

You should see my collection of Gobang,

You should see it.

You should see the rare surcharges,

You should see them.

You should see the compound perforations,

You should see them.

You should see the rare errors of colour,

You should see them.

You should see the 100 bango stamp,

(Only one of it issued, with a view of my house and my wife standing at the garden gate).

You should see it;

You should see my collection of Gobang,

(Made when I was postmaster of the Island).

You should see it.

This is the song of the Specialist,

This is his song.

This is the song of the Faker,

This is his song.

You should see my collection of stamps,

You should see it.

You should see the very rare errors,

You should see them!

You should see the perforations!

You should see them.

You should see the inverted centres. Unique!

You should see them!

You should see my surcharged stamps,

You should see them!!!

This is the song of the Faker,

This is his song!

We are real sorry it breaks off there. We were just beginning to like it. Perhaps, as a sequel, someone will kindly send us the Song of the Auctioneer. This is a chance indeed! There are quite a number of philatelists in London who could, an' they would, write something really crisp, not to say biting, about the Philatelic Auctioneer.

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Apropos of stamp auctioneers, the champions of the season 1900-1901, as regards the grand total of lots sold, are Messrs. Plumridge & Co., they being something like 1000 lots ahead

of Messrs. Puttick & Simpson and Messrs. Ventom Bull & Cooper. We understand it is partly this, and partly the rigour (?) of his work as a member of the Honorable Artillery Company that has put an additional inch or so on to what the proverbial Irishman would call Mr. Wilfred Plumridge's "perpendicular length!"

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In a recent letter, appreciative of our "Collectors' Guide to Values," Mr. W. T. Mark, of Cardiff, suggests that it would be well if greater attention were paid by Philatelists to France and Colonies. Stamps from such places as Djibouti, Obock, &c., must, he argues, be very scarce in a used state. One seldom sees such things on sheets.

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"A. G. H. L.'s" halfpenny British stamp has probably been blued by immersion in water. It is in no sense of the word a variety.

When Theft is no Theft.

AN INTERESTING PROSECUTION.

THE MORAL OF WHICH IS: "IF YOU ARE A POSTAL OFFICIAL YOU MAY STEAL WITH IMPUNITY."

ALL philatelists who have suffered the annoyance of having their foreign mail-matter stripped of its stamps by a postman of philatelic predilections—and their name must surely be legion!—will read with interest the following report of a case recently tried in the Colonies. The report is taken by the "Australian Philatelist" from the "Melbourne Argus" of June 13th last:—

Mr. Carl Rausch, a Sydney philatelist, took the opportunity during his recent visit to Melbourne to increase his collection by the addition of the current 1s. Victorian stamp. As its interest, from a collectors standpoint is enhanced by a postmark, he placed it on a letter addressed to himself at Sydney, taking the precaution of registering it at the Melbourne General Post Office.

When he received the letter he was surprised to find that the 1s. stamp had been replaced by two others with the face value of 2½d. He communicated with the G.P.O. authorities with a view to the elucidation of the mystery, and acting on their instruction Detective White posted a decoy letter. It was addressed in German characters to Herr Wilhelm Hardingen, Port Darwin, via Sydney, and contained a sheet of blank paper. A marked stamp for 2s. was placed on the envelope and checked by Detectives M'Williams and Nixon. White handed the letter to a telegraph messenger, who registered it at the G.P.O. and obtained a receipt signed by James Quick Lang, the registration clerk, dated May 30th.

The letter was intercepted, and it was found that the marked stamp had been replaced by a sixpenny one!

Detective White interviewed Lang at the G.P.O. next day in the presence of Mr. J. A. Springhall (Superintendent of the Mail Branch), and Detective M'Williams. On being questioned Lang admitted changing the stamp, and produced the marked stamp from a book provided by the Postal Department for advances of postage stamps in connection with registration. He denied all knowledge of the change of stamps on Mr. Rausch's letter, merely stating that he had registered it.

Lang was then arrested on a charge of stealing the 2s. stamp, which was recognised and initialled by Mr. Springhall.

He appeared at the City Court on the above charge, and was defended by Mr. Eagleson, who submitted that there was no evidence of larceny. A breach of the regulations might have been committed, but the accused, who had been in the employ of the Postal Department for 19 years, would not imperil his position for the sake of a stamp. He was not a collector, and there was no shortage in his cash. Mr. Springhall testified to the good character of the accused.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. Crook, J.P. (who adjudicated in company with Messrs. Cherry and Langshire, J.P.'s), said that no felonious intent had been proved. Whatever offence Lang had committed against the Postal Department regulations was no affair of the Bench, and accused would therefore be discharged.

The Postmaster General's Report.

TO a philatelist the only Government Blue Book of any interest is that which contains the Postmaster-General's account of the business of the Post Office during the year. The new issue of this, now before us, accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1901. The following table shows the gigantic numbers of the letters, newspapers, and other postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year:—

	Number.	Increase per cent.	Av. No. to each person.
Letters ..	2,323,600,000	3·4	56·7
Post Cards ..	419,000,000	4·7	10·2
Book-packets, &c. ..	732,400,000	4·2	17·9
Newspapers ..	167,800,000	2·7	4·1
Parcels ..	81,017,000	7·4	2·0
Total ..	3,723,817,000	3·8	90·8

The number of letters registered in the United Kingdom was 17,729,869, an increase of 9·1 per cent. over the number in the previous year. The number of parcels registered was 940,025, the increase over the number in 1899-1900 being 12·2 per cent.

ABSENT MINDED PEOPLE.

There has been a further very large increase—more than 12 per cent.—in the number of articles found loose in the post, which were more than twice as numerous as four years ago. The coin, which had escaped from packets, alone amounted to £902, or £122 more than in the previous year. No fewer than 3,15,690 packets were posted unaddressed. These contained £251 in cash and bank notes, and £7,203 in bills, cheques, postal orders, stamps, &c. The total value of property found in undelivered letters, which had to be opened in the Returned Letter Office, was £681,335.

CHANGES IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

One generally looks in vain for any important news as to British stamps in the P.M.G.'s report. In the blue book under notice we are told, with all solemnity, that the halfpenny stamps are now printed in green, and that the shilling stamp is now bi-coloured—green and red—instead of wholly green as formerly. Progress, the report is good enough to admit, has been made in preparing the dies for the stamps of the new reign.

THE WAR AND THE POST OFFICE.

More than 382,000 postal packets addressed to South Africa were returned to this country as undeliverable; and nearly 25,000 letters sent from the South African Field Force to addresses in this country could not be delivered, and had to be sent back.

The Army Post Office is still in operation in South Africa. The staff now consists of seven officers and about 540 men. The weekly mail for the Army Post Office contains on an average 204,000 letters and 115,300 packets of printed matter; and it is estimated that during the year ended March 31, 1901, 11,551,300 letters were sent to the troops and 9,250,000 were received from them. During the same period the parcels sent out to the forces in South Africa by post amounted to 534,245, the largest number despatched on any one occasion, namely, on December 1, 1900, being 19,672. About 8,745 such parcels are now sent each week.

The statement is quoted from Earl Roberts's despatch of April 16 last that "the Army mails from England have exceeded in bulk the whole of the mails arriving for the inhabitants of Cape Colony and Natal."

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The postal revenue of the year has amounted to £13,995,470 and the expenditure to £10,064,903, the net profit being £3,930,567, which is £220,231 more than in the previous year. On telegraphs there is a deficit of £353,216—the revenue being £3,459,353, and the expenditure £3,812,569—and if allowance be made for interest on the capital created for the purchase of the telegraphs the deficit is raised to £652,104.

Philatelic Exhibition at the Hague.

AN INTERESTING SHOW BY OUR DUTCH CONFRÈRES—FULL LIST OF AWARDS.

HELD in the Royal Botanical Gardens of the Dutch political capital, the Philatelic Exhibition "gotten up" by the Dutch Society was well attended by philatelists of all sorts and conditions. There was a punctual opening on August 10th, and the show remained open until August 10th.

Jonkheer C. Ph. L. van Kinschot well deserved his special prize for the stamps of Holland and Colonies, and an exhibit that, in point of rarity outdistanced everything else in the exhibition was the display of French stamps by Mons. le Comte Durrien.

To England comes a silver medal for Messrs. Hamilton-Smith & Co's. "Interchangeable" albums, a bronze medal for Mrs. Bridson's exhibit of Portuguese stamps, and a silver medal for Mr. Hugo Griebert's Uruguays.

To an American exhibitor, Mr. William Moser, was awarded a gold medal for a splendid display of the U.S.A. Postmasters' and Local stamps.

The judges were: H. F. W. Becking, Baron A. de Reuter-skiöld, L. A. Beausar, J. G. Bohlmeier, Dr. Diena, Th. Lemaire, J. Reclaire, D. E. Schreuders, and Anton M. van Hoek.

Mr. G. Hamilton-Smith, who attended the exhibition personally, was cordially invited to become a judge (for which he would have received a silver medal), but as this would have put his firm's albums out of competition, Mr. Smith declined the honour, preferring to stand by the chances of the "Interchangeable." The result admirably justified his sportsmanlike attitude, for although there is not a too great friendliness towards things British in Holland at the present day, Messrs. Hamilton-Smith's albums received a very decisive vote over all the rival books exhibited.

Mr. W. Dorning Beckton, who was to have represented England on the Jury, was not able to attend, and hence the invitation to Mr. Smith, already referred to.

In the following list of awards we have not recapitulated the full details as to the composition of each of the classes. For any fuller information our readers are invited to turn back to No. 166 of the *Fortnightly*, wherein a full tabulation of the classes was given.

THE AWARDS.

- CLASS 1.—H. H. J. Schaefer, gold medal; Jhr. C. Ph. L. v. Kinschot, silver gilt medal; J. A. Wreesman, Jr., silver medal.
 CLASS 1a.—Jhr. C. Ph. L. v. Kinschot, silver gilt medal; H. J. Schäfer, silver medal.
 CLASS 2.—Friedrick Krause, bronze medal.
 CLASS 3.—P. H. W. Provo Kluit, silver medal; Aug. Hoevels, bronze medal; A. C. W. Roodenburg, bronze medal.
 CLASS 4.—G. F. Leliman, silver-gilt medal; B. Holberstadt, bronze medal.
 CLASS 4b.—Jhr. C. Ph. L. van Kinschot, bronze medal; H. H. J. Schäfer, bronze medal.
 CLASS 5.—Jhr. C. Ph. L. Van Kinschot, silver medal; Freiheer Normaum, bronze medal.
 CLASS 6.—Jhr. C. Ph. L. Van Kinschot, silver-gilt medal; H. H. Schäfer, silver medal.
 CLASS 7.—Jhr. C. Ph. L. Van Kinschot, silver-gilt medal; J. A. Wreesman, Jr., silver medal; A. Berjen, bronze medal.
 CLASS 8a.—Graaf P. Durrien, gold medal; Geo. P. Grignard, silver medal; D. M. de Heer, bronze medal.
 CLASS 8b.—Fr. Theodor, silver-gilt medal; V. Haro, silver medal; Graaf D'Assche, silver medal; A. Markl, silver medal; Mrs. Francis M. Bridson, bronze medal.
 CLASS 8c.—D. M. De Heer, silver-gilt medal; J. Engel, silver medal; M. Berenbak, bronze medal; A. G. Rinders, bronze medal.
 CLASS 9a.—S. J. Van den Bergh, silver-gilt medal; Aug. Fortin, silver medal.
 CLASS 9b.—P. Jorissen, silver medal; C. P. Goffin Van der Star, bronze medal; M. Berenbak, bronze medal.
 CLASS 10a.—Wm. Moser, gold medal; S. J. van den Bergh, silver medal; Jos. Hüpfeld, bronze medal; D. M. D. Heer, bronze medal.
 CLASS 10b.—D. M. de Heer, silver medal; S. J. van den Bergh, silver medal.

CLASS 10c.—D. M. de Heer, silver-gilt medal; Aug. Hoevels, silver medal.

CLASS 11.—D. M. de Heer silver gilt medal; Graaf P. Durrien, silver medal; Léon Noël, bronze medal.

CLASS 12a.—W. W. Mann, gold medal; J. van den Bergh, silver medal; D. M. de Heer, bronze medal.

CLASS 12b.—A. C. W. Roodenburg, silver medal; A. W. Polman, silver medal; W. W. Mann, bronze medal.

CLASS 13.—A. W. Polman, silver medal.

CLASS 14.—J. L. F. Teixeira de Mattos, silver gilt medal; A. Deking, silver medal; W. Van Rede, bronze medal.

CLASS 14b.—M. Berenbak, silver medal; H. S. de Brujn, bronze medal; E. S. Richartz, bronze medal.

CLASS 16.—J. L. Van Dieten, gold medal.

CLASS 17.—Rudolf Friedl, gold medal; Philipp Karl Schauff, silver-gilt medal; Hugo Griebert, silver medal; Philipp Kosack, silver medal; J. L. van Dieten, Jr., bronze medal.

CLASS 19.—G. Hamilton-Smith & Co., silver medal; Paul Kohl, silver medal.

CLASS 20.—C. F. Lücke, bronze medal.

Faulty Printing of the Current French.

"We have noticed," runs a note in the same number of our Indian contemporary, "a fault in the plate of the current French 25 centimes stamp, of the edition in which the figures of value form part of the plate."

In the stamp before us, which is dated "Biarritz 16th June 1901," there is a curved white line extending from a little to the right of the bottom of "P" of "REPUBLIQUE" through the stroke of the "P," across the end of the top horizontal stroke of the "E" and out through the middle of the fold of drapery which extends through the frame of the stamp at the bottom left hand corner. The line is evidently due to a well-defined crack in the plate and no doubt extends to neighbouring stamps.

We have also seen on the 10 and 23 centimes the figures of value printed in a much darker colour than the colour of the stamp itself, and the first lighter printing can be seen under the second printing where the figures have not exactly registered over the first printing.

To Systematise Philatelic Societies' Work.

"Cornelius Wrinkle" contributes a good article to the "Record" on "Philatelic Societies Work," lamenting, among other things, the abolition of the Reference List Meetings of the London Society.

"I throw out the suggestion," he writes, "for the consideration of the powers that be, not only in the Philatelic Society of London, but in all Societies—(1) that at the commencement of every season some one country or group be chosen for special study; (2) that a Specialist thereof be appointed to act as Compiler and Editor of the Reference List; (3) that at least one meeting in each month be set apart for Reference List work; (4) that so much of the Reference List as can be completed be published monthly, quarterly, or at the end of each season, as may be decided by the Council of the Society."

Boer Philatelists who claim Compensation.

It appears that the Transvaal Compensation Commission now sitting to assess the amounts of claims for damage to property caused by the war have before them several claims for collections of postage stamps. One claimant wants £35 for 15,000 used Transvaal stamps (varieties not specified), while another wants £60 for his collection. In a leaderette referring to this matter the "Daily Chronicle" says—"These claims are significant of the great rage for postal rarities which has been one of the minor features of the war in South Africa We may hear next that the real cause of the Transvaal war was the machinations of philatelists covetous of V.R. surcharges! It would not be more absurd than some other theories of the war."

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

THE VARIETIES OF ST. VINCENT.

REGARDING the varieties of the 4d. yellow St. Vincent, described in our last number by Mr. Owen Wheeler, Mr. E. Heginbotham writes: "I have the variety also on Gibbons No. 41, in addition to those named by Mr. Wheeler, and also what I shall call a modified variety of the 4d. yellow with narrower "I." This is dated, Kingston, March 17, '96."

THE S.T.P.A. COMES TO CHANCERY LANE.

WE are notified by the Secretary of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, Mr. J. C. Crawford, that the London County Council having acquired Mr. Hadlow's premises at No. 331, Strand, for their new street improvement, the S.T.P.A. has, until fresh arrangements can be made, been accommodated by the kindness of Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at their offices, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELISTS AND THE DUKE.

"THERE are some things in the Philatelic world," remarks the "Daily Chronicle," "which even a Royal Duke in a time of Patriotic enthusiasm cannot command."

The remark is called forth by recent happenings in South Africa. It was proposed, it appears, that the Philatelists of the Cape should follow Australia's example, and present the Duke with a complete set of South African stamps. The idea had to be given up however. It was found to be hopelessly impracticable, for it would have cost many thousands of pounds.

THE "HOLLIDAY COLLECTION" FOR HUDDERSFIELD.

ANOTHER Stamp Collection bequeathed to the public! We extract the following from the "Wills and Bequests" as published in the daily newspapers:—

Mr. Robert Holliday, of Ravensknowle Hall, Huddersfield, and a managing director of Read, Holliday, and Sons, Limited, of Turnbridge, Huddersfield, manufacturing chemists, who died on the 3rd April last, at Bexhill-on-Sea, aged 45 years, son of the late Mr. Read Holliday, the founder of the business, bequeathed his collection of postage stamps and 40 Preference shares in Read, Holliday, and Sons, Limited, to the Huddersfield Corporation upon trust to deposit the said collection in the Huddersfield Free Library and Art Gallery, and to preserve, repair, and augment such collection out of the income to accrue from the said shares.

The late Mr. Robert Holliday's estate has been valued at £20,282 4s. 1d. gross, including personalty of the net value of £19,903 3s. 4d.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. J. W. JONES.

MR. J. W. JONES, the well-known dealer of Cheapside, has been victimised by a wily window-cleaner of burglarious propensities. On August 14 a window-cleaner, presenting the usual order from a window-cleaning firm, was admitted without question to Mr. Jones's offices. But when he went away again—alas, for the frailty of mere mortal window-cleaners!—a small collection of Swiss stamps went with him. There also vanished a quantity of wholesale stock, including sheets of 4d. and 1d. "V.R.I.'s," the Pretoria postal jubilee stamps in sheets, etc., etc.

Mr. Jones, on discovering his loss, telephoned to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited—see how soon that new 'phone has come in handy!—and in a short time all the dealers in the Strand knew of their Cheapside brother's trouble. The matter was placed in the hands of the police, and details were circulated, with the result that within two days, a considerable portion of the stolen property was recovered, and the burglar's residence located. Owing, however, to a piece of bungling on the part of a man sent to help the police, the culprit got clear away.

Not until the 23rd ultimo was anything further heard of the vanished window-cleaner. On that day he offered the book of stamps to Mr. Rayner, of Philpot Lane, E.C., who detained the book, but advanced a trifling sum upon it. Later in the day the man paid Mr. Rayner a second call, and drew a further small advance. Meanwhile Mr. Theodor Buhl, recognising the books telephoned Mr. Jones, and it was settled that a detective should be in waiting to arrest the thief with the property in his possession. In order to do this Mr. Rayner was asked to retain a few of the stamps to cover the amount

of his advances, and then to restore the book to its would-be seller.

This programme being duly carried out, the man was arrested, formally charged at the Cloak Lane Police Station, and on the following morning appeared before Alderman Sir Joseph Revels at the Mansion House, pleading "guilty" to the charge against him.

Alderman Revels was proceeding to pass sentence when a commotion arose in court. The prisoner's wife had fainted. The incident roused some sympathy in the accused's behalf and the sentence ultimately passed was one of a month's hard labour, while the wife awarded £2 from the poor-box in mitigation of her personal sufferings.

THE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION IN MALTA.

"W. R. G." communicates to the "Monthly Journal" the following account of a small but interesting Philatelic Exhibition, held in Malta, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York:—

In spite of the fact that this was the first philatelic show held in Malta, and had been arranged at very short notice, it was a great success, the exhibits being both numerous and interesting.

The forte of local collectors appeared to be the stamps of the old Italian and German States, most of the rarities of these being shown.

H. E. Sir Francis Grenfell, Governor of Malta, generously offered a prize in the shape of an *objet d'art* for the best general collection exhibited, and his example was followed by others.

Mr. R. Leonardini's general collection, ending with the year 1886, was very rich in old British Colonials, particularly Mauritius, among which the penny red, "Post Paid," was very conspicuous. It also contained some very good varieties of the Italian States, such as Naples, $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese, and Tuscany, 60 crazie. The feature of this collection was the perfect condition and light postmarks of the stamps. As it was not up to date it was awarded the second prize, offered by a Maltese gentleman.

Mr. Camilleri's collection, brought down to the present time, contained many rare and scarce stamps, as, for instance, the first issues of Ceylon; Cape, 4d., Woodblock; Schleswig-Holstein, first issue, red and blue; Tuscany, 2 soldi and 60 crazie. The Governor's prize was awarded to this exhibitor.

Mr. C. A. Micallet showed a specialised collection of the stamps of Malta, handsomely mounted and framed. On account of its local character it attracted much attention, and received an "honourable mention" from the Judging Committee. What interested both Philatelists and non-Philatelists in this collection were the numerous varieties of shade of the early halfpennies, the 4d. brown, *imperforate*, in pairs, and several varieties of watermark, mostly inverted, which are by no means common. Amongst the latter the following may be noted, as they have not as yet been mentioned in any of the leading philatelic catalogues:

CHARGES AGAINST HENRY SCOREY, OF SOUTHAMPTON.

ON Tuesday, August 20th, Henry Scorey, stamp dealer, of Northbrook Road, Southampton, was before the magistrates of that town, charged with thefts of foreign stamps from various persons. We cull the following account of the proceedings from the "Hampshire Independent" of August 24th:—

The particulars of the charges were that Scorey had stolen stamps to the value of £107 6s., from Hannah, Holme, Ashworth and Co., in September, 1899; stamps, the property of James Inch; two books of stamps, value £51 15s. 8d., the property of George C. Ginn; and two books of postage stamps, to the value of £99 9s. 10d., the property of Robert Kerr.

Mr. C. E. Martin prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, and Mr. C. A. Emanuel defended.

In opening, Mr. Martin said the prisoner was for some years a foreign stamp dealer at Southampton, and up to the end of August, 1899, he carried on his business in a proper manner. At the end of August in that year prisoner caused an advertisement to be inserted in the "Exchange and Mart," advertising for stamps. He also wrote to several stamp dealers, asking them to send stamps to him on approval, and he also answered the advertisements of stamp dealers, with the result that from August 28th to September 14th he had got altogether stamps to the value of more than £1000! On September 14th he absconded, and he was afterwards found dealing in stamps in Berlin and Paris. Latterly he returned to London, and had carried on a stamp business at Chertsey, under the name of Dean. As soon as it was found that prisoner had gone the police were communicated with, and a warrant for prisoner's arrest was issued in October, 1899, at the instance of Messrs. Ashworth and Co. Mr. Martin said he was not prepared to go into all the cases

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

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	1d. lake			42/	22/6	
	1d. carmine			45/	22/6	
	<i>The same on bluish paper.</i>					
	1d. pale red			50/	25/	
	1d. lake			50/	25/	
	Plate 2. (Gibbons' type 2.)					
	1d. red on yellowish			42/	21/	
	1d. bright red on yellowish			45/	22/6	
	1d. lake on bluish paper			40/	18/	
	1d. red ditto			37/6	18/	
	1d. carmine-red ditto			42/	21/	
	1d. red on laid paper			65/	27/6	
	<i>Varieties.</i>					
	1d. red on yellowish paper, hill unshaded			100/	60/	
	1d. red on bluish do.			90/	55/	
	1d. red on laid paper do.			140/	85/	
	1d. red on yellowish, without clouds			105/	65/	
	1d. red on bluish do.			85/	50/	
	1d. red on laid paper do.			140/	85/	
	1850. Plate 1 (Gibbons' type 3).					
	2d. deep blue			60/	30/	
	2d. blue			40/	20/	
	2d. blue (retouched die).. ..			42/	21/	
	Plate 2 (Gibbons' type 4).					
	2d. pale blue			35/	17/6	
	2d. deep blue			35/	30/	
	2d. lilac blue			90/	55/	
	<i>Varieties.</i>					
	2d. blue, the word "crevit" omitted			150/	75/	
	2d. blue, pickaxe and shovel omitted			120/	85/	
	Plate 3. <i>The same but bale undated.</i>					
	2d. lilac-blue			40/	20/	
	2d. pale blue			35/	17/6	
	<i>Variety.</i>					
	2d. blue, fan with six segments			120/	65/	
	1851. Plate 3. <i>First retouch.</i>					
	2d. pale blue			25/	16/	
	2d. deep blue			30/	20/	
	2d. lilac-blue			35/	22/6	
	<i>Variety.</i>					
	2d. blue, fan with six segments			120/	70/	
	<i>Laid Paper.</i>					
	2d. blue			32/6	16/	
	2d. violet-blue			50/	25/	

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
NEW SOUTH WALES—Continued				
<i>Plate 3. Second retouch. Pearl in Fan.</i>				
2d. blue	42/	20/
<i>Variety. Fan with six segments.</i>				
2d. blue	120/	65/
<i>Laid paper.</i>				
2d. lilac blue	60/	35/
1850. Wove paper. Gibbons' type 5.				
3d. yellow-green on yellowish paper	50/	20/
3d. myrtle-green do.	105/	42/
3d. green on bluish paper	40/	21/
3d. emerald-green do.	55/	25/
<i>The same but laid paper.</i>				
3d. green on yellowish paper	90/	50/
3d. emerald-green do.	85/	45/
3d. emerald-green on bluish paper	95/	50/
1851. Imperf., wove paper. Gibbons' type 6.				
1d. carmine on yellowish paper	10/	5/
1d. carmine on bluish paper	6/	3/
1d. orange-red do.	5/6	3/
1d. vermilion do.	12/6	6/6
<i>Varieties.</i>				
1d. "WALE"	35/	17/6
1d., without leaves right of "SOUTH"	17/6	8/6
1d., with two leaves right of "SOUTH"	22/6	12/6
<i>The same, but laid paper.</i>				
1d. red on bluish	30/	12/6
<i>Varieties.</i>				
1d. "WALE"	100/	40/
1d., without leaves right of "SOUTH"	90/	32/6
1d., with two leaves right of "SOUTH"	90/	40/
1851. Imperf. Fine impression.				
2d. grey-blue	75/	37/6	1/6	9/
2d. blue	75/	37/6	1/6	1/
2d. ultramarine
<i>The same, with coarse impression.</i>				
2d. blue	65/	35/	1/9	1/
2d. ultramarine	65/	35/	1/6	1/9
1853. Re-engraved. Background of crossed lines.				
2d. blue	80/	3/	1/9
1853. Imperf. Stars in corners.				
2d. blue	22/6	15/
2d. blue, error "WAEES"	90/	45/
1852. Imperf.				
3d. yellow-green	7/6	3/9
3d. green	10	5/
3d. dark green	22/6	12/6
3d. emerald green	12/6	6/6
3d. green, error "WAEES"
1852. Imperf. Plate 1. Fine back-ground.				
6d. brown	30/	17/
6d. brown error "WALLS"	100/	45/
1853. Imperf. Plate 2. Coarse back ground.				
6d. brown	25/	15/
6d. bistre-brown	30/	17/6
1855. Imperf.				
8d. yellow	80/	40/
8d. orange	100/	50/
<i>Varieties.</i>				
8d. yellow, without leaves right "of SOUTH"
8d. orange do.
1854. Imperf. The same, wmk. double-lined 1				
1d. orange	35/	17/6	4/

that day, but would take those in which Mr. Ginn and Mr. Inch were prosecutors.

George Charles Ginn, Baronet Road, Tottenham, wholesale and retail stamp dealer, deposed that in August, 1899, he received a letter by post dated from Northbrook House, Nichols Town, Southampton, asking for certain stamps to be forwarded to that address. Two stamp albums (produced) were his property. On August 28th he posted the two albums, which were full of foreign and Colonial stamps, to the value of £51 15s. 8d. The albums were addressed to the prisoner, who was requested to return them within seven days. The accused did not return either of the books. Witness had not had previous transactions with him. He sent the albums to prisoner on the strength of a "Bazaar" ticket. Amongst stamp dealers this ticket was considered a guarantee of good faith on the part of the person presenting it.

Cross-examined, he sent a letter to prisoner stating that the stamps were pence Ceylon and United States.

Ernest Lovell Foote, cashier in the Borough Accountant's Department, stated that prisoner was employed as temporary assistant in the Borough Accountant's Department in November and December, 1891. The letters (produced) were, he believed, in prisoner's handwriting.

Detective-Inspector Allison said that the warrant for prisoner was placed in his hands in October, 1899. Witness went to Northbrook House, prisoner's residence, and made a search. In a small room on the first floor, used as an office, he found two stamp albums, with other books and papers. There were no stamps in the albums. Witness charged the accused with stealing the stamps. He made no reply.

P.C. Cooper deposed that on August 10th he proceeded to Chertsey, and there saw the prisoner in custody. Witness read over the warrant to him, and then took him in charge. A letter addressed to "H. Dean, East-street, Chertsey" was handed to prisoner, who said it was his.

Jules Benjiman Neyroud, postage stamp collector and dealer, residing at Little Trinity-lane, E.C., said he saw an advertisement in the "Exchange and Mart" in August, 1899. On September 3rd he received a letter from "Scorey, Northbrook House, Southampton," asking him to forward certain British Colonial stamps. He sent a complete collection of West Australia and other rare Colonial stamps.

Mr. Emanuel objected to this evidence, as it referred to another case. Mr. Martin said he wanted to show intent to defraud. The prisoner had perpetrated a systematic swindle.

The Bench upheld the objection.

Mr. Martin proceeded with the case in which Mr. Inch prosecuted. The stamps, which formed the subject of this charge were valued at £42.

James Inch, residing at Kyverdale Road, Stamford Hill, deposed that he dealt in foreign stamps. In September, 1899, he received a letter from H. Scorey, asking him to forward certain stamps on approval. Witness sent two collections of "Picked" stamps, and subsequently received a communication from H. Scorey, stating that he had sent the stamps on to a friend. Witness had not received the stamps, nor payment for them. It was in consequence of the "Bazaar" ticket that the stamps were sent.

Ernest Foote again gave evidence as to prisoner's handwriting. Detective-Inspector Allison was also called.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Martin asked for prisoner to be committed for trial.

Prisoner, acting under advice, reserved his defence.

Mr. Emanuel said there was no doubt a prima facie case had been made out.

The Bench committed prisoner to take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions, and granted bail in two sureties of £75 each, and the accused's own recognisances of £100.

1863, ½d., yellow; perf. 14, CC, inverted. The only one known at present.

1882, ½d., green; wmk. O.A. Very distinct.

.. 1s., violet; wmk. inverted CA.

.. 5s., rose CC. Strip of three, unused. Very fine.

Mr. Owen Fearnley, of the Royal Navy, showed a frame of unused stamps issued during the Victorian Era. Each stamp bore an effigy of our late Queen, and nearly every British Colony and Protectorate was represented. The stamps were arranged in the form of a Maltese Cross.

The judges of the Exhibition were three well-known Maltese collectors—Messrs. G. Miller, G. Pulis, and P. De Petri.

H.R.H. the Duke of York was the recipient of a collection of the stamps of Malta from the Governor, Sir Francis Grenfell. He also accepted Baron Testaferrata Abela's entire and superb collection, with which the Duke was exceedingly pleased, and from which he stated that he would be able to make "some valuable additions" to his own albums.

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It is perhaps outside the province of the *Fortnightly* to criticise the working of our public departments, but, really, one must protest against the amazing record of the Official Receiver in the matter of Harry Hilckes and Company, Limited, as disclosed in the statement published elsewhere. The Circumlocution Office in Carey Street has had the matter of the Hilckes' business in hand for nearly two years, and after realising £1632 out of an estimated revenue of £2493, has paid out to preferential creditors and debenture-holders the sum of £960 odd. The little balance of £672 4s. 1d. is accounted for in the two items: "Total Costs of Realisation, £498 13s. 2d.; Costs of Petition, £173 10s. 11d." Thus, apart from the expenses of the petition, the net cost of the realisation of the estate is a cool 30 per cent. of the available assets. There was much wisdom in the philosophy of the bright fifth-standard board scholar who when asked what he would like to be above all things in the world, answered "A Government Department, Sir!"

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The "Philatelic Record's" editorial chair is empty. Mr. Nankivell announces in the September number that he can no longer spare the time for editing our aged and esteemed contemporary.

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What colossal ignorance of philatelic things is shown by the Lay Press! "Modern Society," speaking one might say, almost with bated breath, says: "It is not generally known that His Royal Highness possesses one or two specimens of the black penny stamp, which ought to bring large prices if ever they come into the market."

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Municipal Stamp Collections will perhaps be quite a common thing some day. The Huddersfield Corporation, as we note elsewhere has had "left" to it the fine collection of the late Mr. Robert Holliday, of that town.

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The "International Stamp" is sure to come in time, but the interesting question is: How soon? Mons Mougnot, the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs is about to address a communication on the subject to the postal administrations of other countries.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

British Guiana.—A correspondent of the "American Journal of Philately" states that a new 48c. stamp has been received in the Colony, but will probably not be issued for at least six months. It is also reported that the current 96 cents will shortly undergo a change.

British New Guinea.—It appears that the Descriptive Guide to the Queensland Court of the Glasgow Exhibition contains the following note:—

Philatelists will be interested in this exhibit (No. 68), as it not only contains all the stamps of the Colony of Queensland, which will shortly disappear when the new issue by the Commonwealth takes their place, but it also includes the most recent stamps of the British Empire, those lately issued by the Government of the Crown Colony of British New Guinea. These bear the impression of a native boat or proa, with double crescent-shaped sails, full of warriors, proceeding up one of the rivers of New Guinea, probably the Mambare. It is doubtful if anyone in Glasgow possesses one of these stamps.

On this subject, Mr. John Muir writes to "Ewen's Weekly" as follows:—

There is exhibited at the Queensland Court of the present Glasgow Exhibition a set of stamps of British New Guinea which I am unable to find chronicled in any of my papers and possibly this description of them may be of interest to you. The following are the values and colours, the native boat in the centre being in black in all the values.

½d. green	and black.	4d. dark brown and black.
1d. red	"	6d. dark green "
2d. purple	"	1/- orange "
2½d. ultramarine	"	

They are all oblong and resemble in size some of the North Borneo pictorials.

There is also a 1d. post card with the same type of stamp printed in red on buff card and a 1½d. post card with stamp in indigo on buff card.

Chili—We have to thank Mr. Fred D. Walters, of Valparaiso, for specimens of two new values, of which one—the 30 centavos—has already been mentioned in our columns:—

Adhesives: 30 centavos, orange vermilion.
50 " red brown.

Orange River Colony.—The variety of the 1d. "V.R.I." mentioned in the last *Fortnightly*, the South African Stamp Company was not quite accurately described. The variety consists of a thick "V" and an inverted "1"—not an inverted "I" as previously stated.

Somali Coast.—Mr. F. Noel informs the "American Journal of Philately" that on about July 3rd, the post office at Djibouti ran short of 15 and 25 centimes stamps. The stamps of 30 and 50 centimes were cut in halves vertically, and sold to the public in that shape without surcharge.

Transvaal.—The South African Stamp Company send us a new ½d. value, created by surcharged the 2d. value of the South African Republic "E.R.I.—Half—Penny" in black, and in three lines of type. A noticeable fact about the specimen our friends have sent us is that the original value of the stamp is not barred out. This, however, may yet be done.

Regarding the ½d. green stamp, now obsolete, the South African Stamp Company's cable and mail advices are to the effect the stamp was in issue only eight days, and that it has been selling recently at 2/- a copy in Cape Town. There is every indication that the price will rise to 4/- or 5/- shortly. We have been shown two distinct shades of this stamp, viz., yellow-green and emerald green. The issue was first placed on sale in Krugersdorp.

The 1897-01 Issue of New South Wales.

FROM THE "AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST."

SO little has been published about the 1897-01 issue of New South Wales, that a list of some of the varieties of perforation and shades may prove of interest to our readers.

The principal source from which we have gathered information is from the collection of the new President of the Sydney Philatelic Club, who specialises in the stamps of New South Wales.

The list of varieties in this collection, and some taken from an article published in the May number of the "Philatelic Record," gives a fairly complete list, but no doubt other varieties of perforation appear on the various papers, and if collectors will acquaint us of any that they may possess we will be very pleased, and will publish particulars in a future number of this journal.

For the information of Mr. E. J. Nankivell, editor of the "P.R." we may say that the 6d. green was never issued on "chalky" paper. A sheet certainly appeared, imperforate; but, as the 6d. green became obsolete in January, 1899, and the "chalky" paper did not appear until 1900, it is quite impossible that it was ever issued.

DATES OF ISSUE.

June 22nd, 1897—1d. carmine, Die I., 2d. dark blue, 2½d. purple, Die I., and 5s. red violet (re-issue).

October, 1898—9d. brown, short surcharge on paper watermarked large crown and N.S.W., 10d. purple, watermarked large crown and N.S.W.

September 30th, 1897—2½d. purple, Die II.

October 15th, 1897—1d. carmine, Die II.

December 1st, 1897—2d. pale blue.

May 1st, 1898—6d. green.

January 17th, 1899—¾d. green, 2½d. deep blue, 6d. orange.

The designs and watermark for the 3d. and 5d. have remained unaltered since the paper watermarked large crown and N.S.W. was first introduced—the 4d., 6d., 8d., 1s. and 20s. since 1888, the ½d., 7½d. and 12½d. since 1891, and the 10s. (long fiscal surcharge "postage") since it was issued on white paper in 1898, before that date being printed on bluish fiscal paper watermarked large N.S.W.

The shades, perforations, and papers here listed are only those that have appeared since June, 1897.

PAPERS.

Three papers have been used—(1) Ordinary white wove (2) highly surfaced white wove, and (3) "chalky" paper. This last is a paper specially prepared with a coating of starch applied to the side on which the stamps are to be printed. This paper can be distinguished by drawing a silver coin along the white margins, which will make a black mark similar to that made by a lead pencil.

PERFORATIONS.

The various machines at the Government Printing Office are capable of giving perforations gauging 11, 12, 11 × 12, 12 × 11, 11½ × 12 and 12 × 11½, 11 × 11½, 11½ × 11 and 10 compound with 11, 11½, or 12.

ORDINARY PAPER.

Perforated 11.

½d. grey
2½d. purple, Die I.
3d. green, deep green
4d. brown
5d. green, deep green
7½d. brown, pale brown
9d. red brown
10d. purple
12½d. red, deep red
5s. red violet
10s. carmine and violet
20s. pale blue

Perforated 11 × 12.

¾d. slate
½d. green
1d. carmine, deep carmine, Die I.
1d. carmine, Die II.
2d. violet blue
2d. violet blue, aniline
2d. dark blue (4 shades)

Perforated 12.

¾d. slate
½d. green
1d. carmine, deep carmine, Die I.
1d. carmine, Die II.
2d. violet blue
2d. violet blue, aniline colour.
2d. dark blue (4 shades)
2d. ultramarine
2½d. purple, Die I.
2½d. " " II.
4d. brown
5d. deep green
6d. carmine
6d. green
7½d. brown, pale brown
8d. mauve
9d. brown
10d. purple
1s. chocolate, pale chocolate
12½d. red, deep red

2d. blue
2d. ultramarine (shades)
4d. brown
5d. deep green
6d. carmine
6d. green
6d. orange
7½d. brown
8d. pale mauve
9d. red brown
10d. purple
1s. chocolate, pale chocolate
12½d. red, deep red
5s. red violet
20s. pale blue

Perforated 12 × 11.

2d. violet blue
2d. dark blue
2d. ultramarine
2½d. purple, Die I.
2½d. " " II.
3d. green, deep green
5d. deep green
7½d. brown
9d. red brown
5s. red violet
10s. carmine and violet
Variety 1s. chocolate, perf. 11
three sides × 12 (left hand side)

ORDINARY PAPER.

Perforated 10 × 11.

3d. green
5d. deep green
5s. red-violet

Perforated 10 × 11½.

5s. red-violet

Perforated 10 × 12.

½d. grey
3d. green
5d. deep green
7½d. brown
5s. red-violet

SURFACED PAPER.

Perforated 11 × 12.

¾d. green
7½d. brown, pale brown

Perforated 12.

1d. carmine, Die II.
7½d. brown, pale brown
12½d. red, deep red

Perforated 11.

9d. red-brown
9d. red-brown, double surcharge
9d. " " blurred "

"CHALKY" PAPER.

Perforated 12 × 11½.

¾d. green, pale green
1d. carmine, deep carmine, Die II.
2d. ultramarine (shades)
2½d. violet blue
2½d. dark blue, blue
4d. brown, red brown
4d. orange brown, yellow brown

"CHALKY" PAPER, ANILINE COLORS.

Perforated 12 × 11½.

4d. yellow brown
6d. orange
6d. orange yellow
8d. deep lilac
9d. brown
9d. " double surcharge
9d. " (10d.) without surcharge
1s. chocolate
1s. violet brown

The ½d., 1d. and 3d. have appeared perforated horizontally only, and the 1d. imperforate on ordinary paper. On surfaced paper the 1d. is known imperforate and partly perforated; and on "chalky" paper the ½d., 1d., 6d. green, 6d. orange, and 1s. are known in an imperforate state.

From the dates given above it will be seen that the 1d. carmine (Die I.) enjoyed only four months of life, the 2d. dark blue six months, the 2½d. purple (Die I.) three months only, 2½d. purple (Die II.) 16 months, and the 6d. green 8 months.

5s. red violet
10s. carmine and violet
10s. deep carmine and violet
20s. pale blue
Perforated 11½ × 12.
2½d. purple, Die I.
2½d. " " II.
2½d. dark blue
Perforated 12 × 11½.

¾d. slate
½d. green
1d. deep carmine, Die I.
1d. " " " II.
2d. violet blue
2d. dark blue
2d. ultramarine
2½d. purple, Die I.
2½d. " " II.
2½d. dark blue
2½d. deep blue
4d. brown, pale brown
6d. carmine
6d. green
6d. orange yellow
8d. deep lilac
10d. purple
1s. chocolate
12½d. red
5s. red violet

Perforated 11 × 10.
3d. green
5d. deep green
5s. red violet
20s. ultramarine

Perforated 12 × 10.

3d. green
5d. deep green
5s. red violet

Perforated 12½ × 10.

3d. green

Perforated 12 × 11½.

¾d. green
2d. ultramarine
2d. pale blue
2½d. dark blue
2½d. deep blue
6d. orange-yellow
8d. lilac
9d. red-brown
10d. purple
1s. chocolate
1s. pale chocolate

Our Review of Reviews.

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Philatelic Societies for Mutual Admiration.

Major Evans, in the "Monthly Journal," somewhat diffidently attacks the subject of Philatelic Societies and their work, apropos of an article by "Cornelius Wrinkle," already referred to in the "Fortnightly."

"It still remains a question," says Major Evans: "What are the Societies to do to render their meetings more attractive to the general body of their members? The reading of papers upon subjects which interest hardly anyone besides their authors is manifestly a very doubtful attraction; and the more a Society is filled with specialists, the more likely is this difficulty to arise. The Ideal Scientific Society would be one composed entirely of specialists; but if this were a Philatelic Society, and no two of its members were specialists in the stamps of the same country, there would have to be an agreement, either that all should come and listen in silent admiration to one another's papers, or that no papers should be read. The picture conjured up by the gallant Major of a solemn procession of Philatelic lecturers, each of whom is intelligible only to himself, is an appalling one, indeed. It looks as though the Philatelic Societies' meetings of the future are going to be conducted on the unworkable lines of the Tower of Babel."

Danish West Indies' Philatelic Record.

Mr. Wilhelm Kühn contributes to the "Stamp Collector" a useful compilation of the leading facts connected with the Philatelic history of the Danish West Indies, a group which have attracted a great increase of Philatelic attention ever since the first rumours of a sale to the United States. That rumour, by the way, is now being revived for perhaps the fiftieth time!

As an appendix to his article Mr. Kühn supplies the following useful "Reference List" of the Danish West Indies:—

1	Nov., 1855	3 cents, imperf.	Jan., 1872	500,000
2	Jan., 1872	3 cents, perf. 12½	Sept., 1873	250,000
3	Jan., 1873	4 " "	" "	250,000
4	Sept., 1873	1 cent, perf. 13½	? 1899	1,000,000
5	" "	3 cents "	" "	1,400,000
6	" "	4 " "	current	350,000
7	Sept., 1876	5 " "	? 1898	1,100,000
8	June, 1874	7 " "	July, 1896	350,000
9	Sept., 1876	10 " "	April, 1901	1,400,000
10	" "	12 " "	current	301,000
11	Sept., 1873	14 " "	Sept., 1877	100,000
12	July, 1879	50 " "	current	150,000
13	12th May, 1887	1 cent, on 7 cents	May, 1877	} No special figures given. They are presumably included in the different amnts. above
14	? 1895	10 cents on 50 "	? 1896	
15	1898-99	1 cent, perf. 12½	Feb. 1900	
16	" "	3 cents "	current	
17	" "	5 " "	Feb., 1900	
18	April, 1901	10 " "	current	
19	Feb., 1900	1 cent, perf. 13	" "	110,000
20	" "	5 cents "	" "	110,000

Countries "Afflicted" with a Rare Stamp!

"It is a great misfortune," the Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" remarks, "for a country to be saddled with a rare stamp. The existence of the 12d. Canada has prevented thousands from attempting the stamps of that colony. Barring the 12 pence our northern neighbour offers one of the most interesting fields for the stamp collector. Every stamp issued by the Dominion is a beautiful work of art, and no page in a collector's album is more beautiful when filled with uncancelled stamps.

All the British North American colonies are similarly afflicted with a rare stamp, and this has gone far to injure the sale of the other stamps which are well within the reach of the average collector.

Some Forgeries of Brazil, 1894 Issue.

A correspondent has sent the "American Journal of Philately" some dangerous counterfeits of the 300 and 500 reis of the 1894 issue of Brazil—Head of Liberty to right in oval. The 200 reis of the same series is also believed to have been forged.

"These counterfeits, says our contemporary, appear to have been made to defraud the government, as the copies shown us are on envelopes mailed in Rio de Janeiro in October, 1900. We give herewith a few points by which they may be distinguished from the genuine stamps.

On the original stamps the letters of "CORRÍEO" are equidistant and slant to the right. In the counterfeits there is a space between the first "o" and the first "r"; the letter "c" is upright and the first "o" is nearly so.

The ornaments in the upper corners are rather too white and distinct.

The letters of "ESTADOS UNIDOS DO BRAZIL" 1½ mm. high on the genuine stamps and 1¼ mm. on the counterfeits.

In "REIS" the letters are not well imitated; the "r" is too wide and has the strokes too thick, while the "j" and "s" are too thin.

At the bottom of the stamps, below "REIS," is a row of pearls, then a row of short thin vertical lines, and, finally, a row of heavier vertical lines representing the bevelled edge of the background panel. In the counterfeits the vertical lines in the upper row are much broken and often missing entirely, so that the line appears to be nearly white.

The most distinctive mark is found in the spray of laurel leaves on the head of Liberty. On the original stamps only a small piece of the stem, between the leaves, can be seen, and the bases of the leaves are usually lost in shadow. On the counterfeits the entire outline of each leaf can be seen, and the stem is strongly defined and extends below the lower pair of the leaves.

The 300 reis is printed in deep yellow green, whereas the majority of the genuine stamps are in grey-green or emerald-green. The 500 reis is in a dark dull blue, which does not differ perceptibly from the current shade of the original stamps.

The paper appears to be slightly thicker and harder than in the genuine issue. The stamps are arranged a scant millimeter apart, so that the perforations touch or cut into the design on all sides. The originals usually show a wide margin on one or two sides. The perforation gauges 11½ on the originals it varies from 11 to 14.

How Damp Sheets (of Paper) Affect Stamps.

A correspondent of one of the American Journals recently reported the discovery of a sheet of the 1c. "Buffalo" issue, in some specimens of which the bow of the ship protrudes far into the border, while in others the stern of the vessel commits a similar trespass. The centre stamps of the sheet are quite normal.

The Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" essays to explain the phenomenon, as follows:—

The explanation is simple. As has been previously explained in these notes, the sheets of Pan-American stamps before being given the first impression, are dampened. The method of dampening is to take say twenty sheets, lay them on a board, and sprinkle water upon the top sheet. Then twenty or so more sheets are placed upon the first twenty, and the top one sprinkled, and this process is continued until a pile containing perhaps a thousand sheets is made. Then a weight is placed upon the pile and it is allowed to stand perhaps a day. Then it will be found that the moisture has penetrated all the sheets and that they all feel about the same. The first printing is then made, this being the printing of the centre, or vignette.

The sheets are then thoroughly dried and again dampened in the same manner and the border is printed, after which the sheets are dried, gummed, perforated and sent to postmasters.

It is obvious that the designs on the plates do not move, therefore it must be in the paper, and this is just where the trouble lies. The paper is not dampened uniformly. When it is dampened it stretches, and the sheets getting the most water are going to stretch most. The plates are made with a view of taking into account an average stretching of paper and subsequent shrinking. When a sheet is unusually damp and stretches more than the others it never shrinks back to the normal. Consequently when the border is printed, the plates being fixed, the centre on the extreme right will invariably cut into the border at the right, and the centres on the extreme left of the sheet will cut into the border on the left.

This explanation does not apply to the ordinary "off centre" stamp; that is a matter of register and due to failure to follow the guide marks of the first printing when the sheet is put on the press the second time. When this is the fault the deviation from centre is uniform on all parts of the sheet

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

THE Press Censor in South Africa, whatever be his faults, never errs on the side of recklessness. Letters from our readers both in Cape Colony and in the ex-Republics now bear the triangular rubber-stamp device reading PASSED PRESS CENSOR. Mindful of the *Fortnightly's* big circulation in South Africa, the official Cerberus is naturally anxious that we should publish nothing which would assist the Boers in their military operations!

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Several most interesting and suggestive letters are before us, dealing with the subject of Stamp Exchange Clubs. A tiresome anachronism in the conduct of these concerns is commented upon by Mr. E. Heginbotham of Rochdale:—

I write to ask you if nothing can be done with reference to the numerous Exchange Clubs and their *two distinct ways of pricing their stamps!* As you know well, some Clubs have *nett prices* upon their sheets, whilst others are *gross prices less 50%*. As I happen to be a Member of Clubs adopting both these methods, naturally it is somewhat troublesome to remember which Society uses the nett system and which the other, and in making up sheets for both, one is very apt to get confused between the two.

For my part, I do not make up any very large number of sheets, not having many duplicates, but what little I do, I find it extremely inconvenient; and how much more must those find it so who send considerable number of sheets during the Season! I have on many occasions heard Philatelists grumble over the two methods of pricing, and I am a strong adherent of the nett prices being placed over the stamps for sale, as for the life of me I utterly fail to see what is the good of pricing gross with 50% off, when stamps so priced are naturally marked at double the figures they would be if prices were nett!

What, I ask then, is saved by this "gross" method of pricing stamps? Nothing at all, it seems to me. If I have a stamp to dispose of say at 1s. nett and I place it on a club packet which adopts the "gross" pricing, all I have to do, is to mark it at 2s. Why, then, not have a sensible nett price for all Clubs? Several very good Societies adopt this latter plan, but I am sorry to say several very large ones do not—such as the "Birmingham" and "Manchester Societies," "Otterdale," and others.

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"B. W. W." writes on the same subject as follows:—

Very little as to Stamp clubs can be said more than has recently appeared. The sooner some that are carried on under the name are ended, the better.

The question arises—What is meant by an Exchange Club? The originators of the present system may be taken to be the I.P. Union formed 20 years ago, whose rules have been adopted with slight variations of details by all the best societies.

They were intended for mutual exchange of stamps among their members—not as selling media for amateur dealers, which some have degenerated to. The defenders of the latter system say that Corn, Coal, or Stock Exchanges, &c., exist for selling purposes, so that, any member has a right to sell without being compelled to buy. True, but that was not the original idea with Stamp clubs. They were purely for Collectors who could not go to shops to buy, or get dealers to buy their duplicates. Mutual exchange and no cash payments except possibly of quarterly or half-yearly balances, therefore was the ideal. Dealers can form their own trade exchanges.

A considerable amount of book-keeping, however, is necessitated and some expense, so that few would volunteer to do the work—hence entrance fees or subscriptions became the rule, sometimes a small commission. Some of the large Philatelic Societies do not charge commission, but get a shilling extra to the general subscription of the

society. Where commission is charged, it ought to be the invariable rule, to be *only* on the balance of cash to be handed over to members, so inducing everyone to buy as much as he sells. This is the true exchange. By charging *all* members 5 to 10%, some "managers" make a nice addition to their income. It then becomes a business.

The complaints made are chiefly that sheets are not returned or cash paid promptly, and apply only to the 'one-man' clubs. A member of what is considered the best conducted private club in England wrote me lately that he had not had a settlement for over twelve months. If collectors would join one of the twenty Philatelic Societies in the Kingdom having elected officers and published accounts they would be fairly safe. At least they should insist on receiving an official paper in which brief reports of settlements appear monthly, which they can at once question, if not in accordance with their experience.

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I am glad (writes another correspondent, Mr. J. Johnston) to see you are again to take up the question of Stamp Exchanges and their management, and I hope something will be brought forward which will be of use to Secretaries and Members alike. I am a member of several Exchanges and just now, one or two of them are far behind as to returning sheets; not only so but letters of enquiry are simply ignored. If there is not an improvement, and that soon, I shall have to take other measures to get my sheets returned.

I entirely fail to see what advantage any Secretary can have by keeping members' sheets months after the return of packet. My opinion is, they are simply working the ruin of any Exchange they conduct, and the sooner it is wound up the better for all concerned. I think all Secretaries ought to be willing to publish in some paper (say the *S. C. F.*) the date of return of Packet, and also the date when they have all adverse balances against the Club paid over to the members. Any Secretary who would not be willing to submit to something like the above I would have all Stamp Papers to warn Collectors to avoid sending sheets to such Secretaries and their Exchanges would soon come to an end.

On the other hand I would ask members to be very considerate of those Secretaries who are really conducting their Exchanges in a proper manner. Sometimes a Secretary might be from home for a few days at the time the packet arrives, but let him say exactly when it was returned. Members should be reasonable and give a trustworthy Secretary plenty of time to get his accounts squared up. Members are often to blame in not sending their adverse balances within the proper time. I believe that this is what makes many a well-meaning Secretary late in paying his members. He simply cannot pay, not having got in the necessary cash to enable him to do so. Members who require to be written to several times ere they pay, ought to be dropped from Exchanges altogether. In conclusion I do hope something will be done to give Collectors more confidence in sending in sheets to Exchange Clubs, because if properly conducted, they are a very useful institution.

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"Some time ago" (one of our subscribers writes) "I was the victim of a robbery in which I lost a large lot of unused Italians, recent and current issues, to the face value of about 250 francs."

If it should happen that any one of our readers has any clue to the whereabouts of a parcel of stamps answering this description, we shall be pleased to place him in communication with our correspondent.

The work connected with the editing and publishing of a philatelic periodical is not a very profitable class of occupation, apart, of course, from the pleasure a philatelist derives from the work. It is therefore a genuine pleasure to receive a letter such as that addressed to us by a well known Australian collector, who prefers to use the pen-name of "Warwick."

"I regard the *Fortnightly*," writes "Warwick," "as one of the best philatelic journals published in the English language, and I get a good many!"

"I would not be without it if it were 10s. per annum instead of 3s. 3d.," he declares in another portion of a very cordial letter, and concludes his epistle with the words: "I trust to get the *S.C.F.* for many years to come!"

We thank "Warwick" most heartily for his kindly wishes. All good luck to him, and to his fellow members of the "Royal" Sydney Philatelic Club!

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By the way, one or two interesting jottings regarding current philatelic events in Australia occur in "Warwick's" letter:

We are just now debating (he writes) as to what the real changes are to be, and when they are to take place, regarding the Federal stamps.

In the meantime, Victoria is pushing her bargain-counter sale of stamps for all it is worth, and chopping and changing her issues. I suppose she intends to get off as many varieties as possible in the now limited time at her disposal. New Zealand has been doing a little bit at it, too; but the activity of the various other Colonies seems to be on the decrease.

One of our leading dealers here, Mr. Fred Hagen, shows a double impression of the N.Z. 6d. carmine. I wonder is it like our double surcharge, 9d. N.S.W., and also the same stamp, no surcharge, and our 1d., 3d., 6d., and 1/- imperf?

Our new paper, the "A. J. of P.," seems to keep up its standard, and is bringing its energetic publishers into some prominence.

Among recent finds was a block of N.S.W. 2d. laureates, unused, "Rouletted"—of course, unofficially, but with the original letter quoting price per sheet to do them. The stamps were evidently a sample.

The presentation to the Duke of York was a great success and gave philately a good "fillip" out here.

Findings.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, the well-known Canadian dealer, had his pocket picked of \$6000 worth of rare stamps while visiting the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition.

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"I think it would be an improvement," writes G.H.M., "if you dated the supplements of the S.C.F. When I have my numbers bound, the supplements will be undated, and I shall write dates on them, as the index figures will give no clue to date of issue."

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The matter of our supplements is one that has engaged our attention for some time past. In the near future we hope to introduce improvements that will greatly increase the value of the supplementary pages, but it is not practicable to do this until a new volume of the *Fortnightly* is inaugurated.

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Day by day we find the number of sneerers at philately decreasing. In fact at many scholastic institutions this most instructive of all hobbies is being encouraged in the student as a great aid in the knowledge of geography, mathematics, and the arts and sciences. The young student is as a rule only a general collector, but if he could be taught to confine his hobby to certain countries only, the number of scientific philatelists would increase largely in the future.—"Australian Philatelist."

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To total receipts from date of Winding-up Order, viz. :—											
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	£2493	4	4	1632	15	11					
				£1632	15	11					
By Board of Trade and Court Fees:—											
Notices to 1,221 Creditors, &c. ..	123	0	0								
Percentage on £1,632 15s. 11d. assets realized	75	6	3								
Percentage on £945 13s. 1d. assets distributed	23	12	10								
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							£	s.	d.		
Law costs of Solicitor to Official Receiver	28	17	4								
Other Law Costs	4	4	0								
									240	11	8
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Costs of possession and maintenance of Estate ..									57	10	4
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Incidental outlay									3	10	5
Total costs of realization									498	13	2
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Preferential	14	18	9								
Debenture Holders on account of £1000	945	13	1								
Unsecured	Nil.										
Amount returned to Contributories ..	Nil.										
Balance									960	11	10
									Nil.		
									£1632	15	11

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Appended to this statement are the following remarks, dated September 6, and signed, "G. S. Barnes, Senior Official Receiver and Liquidator":—

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

THE COLLECTORS CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE sixty-ninth meeting of the Board of
Governors was held at the Club House, on
Monday evening, August 12th, 1901.

Present: Messrs. Andreini (presiding),
Calman, Low, Scott and Perrin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and approved. The Secretary read a
number of communications. The Treasurer's
report for July was read showing a cash
balance on hand of \$222.81, also the August
report showing a cash balance on hand of
\$86,71 exclusive of \$1000 bond.

Both reports were approved as read.

The House Committee report was received
and read.

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Avenue, New York.

SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB.

THE annual report of this, the leading Aus-
tralian Society (of which the Duke of Cornwall
is now Honorary President), shows a present
membership of 80. The Club is felicitated on
the honour paid it by H.R.H. the Duke of
Cornwall, and there is a reference to the
Club's Exhibition in September of last year.

The election of officers for 1901-2 resulted
as follows:—President, Mr. R. Maney-Lake;
Vice-President, Mr. E. D. E. Van Weenen;
Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Witney; Librarian, Mr.
A. C. Gillies; Secretary, A. F. Basset Hull;
Exchange Superintendent, F. Hagen (Mrs.
Black having by permission withdrawn her
nomination).

On a ballot being taken for the executive
committee the following members were
elected:—Messrs. G. F. Davies, J. Ellis, H.
Himmelhoch, W. A. Hull, J. R. Leslie, A. H.
Pettifer, and J. H. Smythe.

BATHURST PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AT the annual meeting of this well known
Australian Society, held on July 5th, the
following officers were elected for the ensuing
year: Patron: Hon. Sydney Smith, M.H.R.;
President: W. Clunies Ross, B.Sc.; Vice-
Presidents: T. W. Willman, L. D. Marshall;
Committee: J. Hickson, J. Halstead, H.
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G. Cheesman; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:
H. C. Slade.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.

THE annual meeting was held on July 10th,
at 243, Collins Street, Melbourne. The annual
report records the membership of the Society
as 41 town, 16 corresponding, and one
honorary member.

The election of office-bearers for 1901-02
resulted as follows: President, Mr. W. Davies,
L.L.B.; vice-president, Mr. D. S. Abraham
(Mr. W. S. Rundell having previously with-
drawn his name from the list of propositions);
hon. secretary, treasurer, and exchange super-
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Mr. A. J. Derrick; committee, Messrs. A. S.
Whelen, J. Davis, C. Chapman, and J. Welsh.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE following is the Society's programme for
1901-1902:—

1901.—October 1st. Notes on Australian
Stamps, illustrated by specimens. M. P.
Castle, J.P.

Nov. 5th. Display and Paper, "Mafeking
Besieged Stamps." J. R. F. Turner.

Nov. 12th. Special Meeting. Display,
"Ceylon and Straits Settlements." W. B. Avery.

Dec. 3rd. Paper and Display. "Stamps of
the German Empire." Franz Reichenheim.

1902.—Jan. 7th. Display with Notes,
"India." L. L. R. Hausburg.

Feb. 4th. Display and Paper, "Lagos."
Rudolph Meyer. Display and Paper, "Mexican
Locals." Rudolph Frenzel.

Mar. 4th. Display and Paper, "Argentine"
(second part). T. W. Hall.

April 1st. Display "Gambia." Vernon
Roberts.

May 6th. Annual Dinner. Display "West
Africa Colonies." Baron A. de Worms.

May 20th. Annual Meeting—Election of
Officers; Receipt of Reports; Revision of
Rules; General Business.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

PHILATELISTS AND THE GIBRALTRA BUDGET.

MR. H. F. J. MAXTED has been kind enough to send us the following from the Annual Colonial Report on Gibraltar for 1899 (the last published). The excerpt speaks for itself:—

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS.

A decrease of £2952 caused partly by the reduction in postage between British possessions from 2½d. to 1d., and partly to reduced sales of stamps to collectors.

In 1898 the values of the stamp issue was changed from Spanish currency, and the new issue led to a heavy demand from collectors.

PORTUGUESE COLONIAL REMAINDERS TO BE AUCTIONED!

PORTUGUESE papers report that a large quantity of the postage stamps of the colonies are shortly to be disposed of by public auction at Lisbon. Their total face value is 1,400 contos, or nearly a quarter of a million sterling!

What an enormous quantity of remainders there must be, when one bears in mind that the highest denomination until recently for the colonies was 200 reis, or 8d!

This accumulation (remarks Mr. J. Godino in the "Philatelic Journal of India") has been caused by issues of new types being periodically brought out in supersession of those in use. The quantities printed have been far in excess of the postal requirements of the several colonies. The centenary celebration stamps interfered with the regular and gradual exhaustion of the regular series in use, and partly contributed to the increase of the remainders. The public were not allowed to use the stamps in their possession. For instance, in Goa, a peremptory mandate of the Governor-General ordered the return to the Treasury of all the postage stamps

forced out of circulation, the new ones being given in exchange. The result is the gigantic pile that is now to fall under the auctioneer's hammer.

Over ten years ago, on the introduction of the stamps bearing in relief the effigy of D. Luis, all the stamps of the Serviço Postal series and of the Crown series (surcharged and unsurcharged) were, by order of the Minister, returned to Portugal and sold by public auction. These stamps could at all events claim the fact of postal naturalization in the colony, to recommend themselves to the favour of philatelists. The bulk of the stuff now being sold, however, has never left the Lisbon mint!

PEN-MARKING POSTAGE STAMPS IN INDIA.

REGARDING a suggestion recently made to the Indian Government by the Calcutta Trades Association for the issue of a unified one anna stamp to serve both for postage and revenue purposes, as in Great Britain, it seems that the whole matter hinges on whether the Indian Public will now consent to abandon the present privilege of pen-marking postage stamps.

This is a privilege not allowed at home and so long as it continues in India it is considered to interfere with the introduction of the desirable reform which the Trades Association advocate, since there is no way of discriminating between stamps legitimately pen-marked on the envelope to prevent theft and others fraudulently re-used for postage purposes after having done duty on receipted bills where pen-marking is a recognised form of obliteration.

The postal authorities, we are told, are in no way opposed to the change, and the only reason for its not having been introduced long ago is the consensus of public opinion which was found to exist when the question was last raised against the rescinding of the pen-marking privilege. The "mild Hindoo" is a conservative kind of creature, and he can no more restrain a temptation to steal the postage stamps from letters given to him to post (if they be not pen-marked) than the proverbial negro can quit the habit, if once it is contracted, of looting the fowl-run!

ARE THE DANISH WEST INDIES SOLD?

It is now freely stated that the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States is practically an accomplished fact, the ratification of the treaty by the U.S. Senate being the only formality necessary to complete the "deal." The price is \$3,500,000. Whether this "includes anything" is not stated. It might be found to include a block of remainders of D.W.I. stamps, for Uncle Samuel is always open to do business, and he should know by this time to a dollar what the philatelic public is "good for."

BRITISH 40 PARAS WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE.

MESSRS. C. NISSEN & Co. having had a specimen offered them of the British 2½d. stamp, overprinted "40 paras," with a distinct double printing of the surcharge, wrote to the British Postmaster at Constantinople. The following interesting and convincing reply was the result:—

Gentlemen—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., and to inform you that as far as can be remembered a sheet of 120 2½d. stamps was received here which had been doubly over-printed. The stamps in question were sold over the counter in the usual way, about two months ago.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

M. LEWERSHAM,

British Post Office, Constantinople.

Postmaster.

"SHUNNED BY SELF-RESPECTING COLLECTORS."

A WRITER who has been contributing philatelic matter to a new journal known as "The Connoisseur" would do well to set a watch upon himself. This gentleman has recently declared that such stamps as the "Buffalo" Pan-American issue "are shunned by self-respecting collectors." He surely cannot mean this literally, for the words carry a distinct imputation that the collector who does not shun the "Buffalo" stamps is a person devoid of self-respect. It is a proposition which very many philatelists will indignantly resent—the more particularly as the Pan-American issue is emphatically not a Commemorative series in the objectionable sense of the word.

Many thousands of philatelists are putting these stamps in their albums—and rightly so; and our friend of "The Connoisseur" will be well advised, for the future, to keep that impulsive pen of his from calling names.

"DEATH AND THE STAMP COLLECTOR."

UNDER this catchy headline the "Morning Leader" recently related a lurid story of a British subject named Goldreich—what a good old British name is Goldreich!—looting stamps from the pockets of a dying Boer postmaster. Most of the readers of the "Leader" were content to shed a silent tear over the dying Boer postmaster, but one of their number caps the story with another, as follows:

May I add to the war literature of philately another incident? During the siege of Mafeking an enterprising stamp dealer in South Africa thought there was "money" in a complete set of unused Mafeking-Besieged stamps. So he hired some native messengers to try and elude the Boer cordon and get in and procure a set. Ultimately several sets were so procured, and are now worth about £50 a set. Their value is enhanced, not by a particular "watermark," but by something more like a "blood-mark," for they cost the lives of two of the native messengers!

ANTI-OOFLANDER.

It is difficult to see the point in such references to the "War Literature of Philately." Is it possible that some of the Stigginses and Chadbands imagine that the war was, in part, brought about by interested philatelic speculators?

EVEN A TIMBROLOGIST WILL TURN.

"Timbrologist," under date September 14th, writes as follows to the *Daily News*:—

"I write to protest against the collection of postage stamps being styled 'a fad,' and 'a freak.' Philately, besides being a most fascinating hobby, is of great use in teaching geography, and, if judiciously indulged in, forms a not un-profitable method of investing money. It is therefore incomparably superior to the collection of picture postcards. The writer of your leader on picture postcards in to-day's *Daily News* has evidently never tasted the delights of stamp collecting, or he would not be so ready to run down that art as he has done."

So Philately is an "art" now, in addition to being a science! We agree heartily with Timbrologist's protest, but we don't thank him for this word "art." The true and only proper word is hobby, and that is quite good enough for us.

"If," remarks "The Sun," "the international postage stamp becomes a fact it should give a severe blow to the stamp collecting mania, while, at the same time, it will serve to send up the price of the present stamps to a much higher figure."

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
NEW SOUTH WALES—Continued				
<i>Varieties.</i>				
1d. orange "WALE"	25/	15/
1d. orange, without leaves right of "SOUTH"	12/6	7/
1d. orange, two leaves right of "SOUTH"	15/	8/
1854. Same type; wmk. double lined 2.				
2d. blue	1/6	1/9
2d. deep blue	1/6	1/9
2d. ultramarine	5/	3/
1854. Same type; wmk. double lined 3.				
3d. green	5/	3/
3d. deep green	6/	3/6
<i>Varieties.</i>				
3d. green, "WABES"	25/	15/
3d. green, wmk. double lined 2
1854-56. Imperf. Gibbons' type 8; same wmk.				
1d. scarlet	2/6	1/3
1d. vermilion	2/6	1/3
1d. orange	2/	1/
2d. blue	1/6	1/3
2d. drak blue	1/6	1/4
3d. yellow-green	20/	10/6
3d. green	17/6	9/
<i>Varieties.</i>				
2d. blue (wmk. double-lined 1)
2d. " (" " 5)
2d. " (" " 8)
3d. green (" " 2)
1855. Imperf. Gibbons' type 9. Same wmk.				
5d. green	£7	£4
6d. grey-brown	4/6	2/6
6d. grey-lilac	3/6	2/
6d. sage-green	4/	2/6
8d. orange	£8	£4
8d. yellow	£9	£5
1/- pale red	12/6	7/
1/- red	10/6	6/
<i>Varieties.</i>				
6d. brown (wmk. double-lined 8)	12/	7/
1/- red (" " ")	35/	20/
1860. Perf. 12.				
1d. orange	21/	10/6	2/
1d. scarlet	15/	8/	1/3
2d. blue	15/	8/	1/9
3d. yellow-green	30/
3d. green	50/	27/6	4/6
5d. green	25/	15/	6/
6d. olive-brown	120/	70/	5/
6d. brown	110/	60/	4/
6d. violet	60/	35/	4/
8d. orange	60/
8d. yellow	35/
..	55/
..	30/

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1/- carmine	120/	65/	8/	5/
1/- pale red	200/	100/	8/	5/
5/- purple .. ..	..	..	75/	42/
<i>The same, but perf. 12½ to 13.</i>				
1d. scarlet	12/6	6/6	9	1/6
3d. yellow-green	50/	27/6	1/6	1/9
3d. green	5/	3/	1/9	1/6
5d. yellow-green	12/6	6/6	2/6	1/6
5d. green	7/6	4/	2/6	1/6
6d. violet	4/6	2/6	1/6	1/4
8d. orange	15/	8/	2/6	1/6
8d. yellow	20/	10/6	3/	1/9
1/- red	10/	6/	1/3	1/9
5/- purple	40/	21/	2/6	1/6
<i>Varieties.</i>				
1d. pale red, wmk. single-lined 1 ..	10/	5/6	2/6	1/6
2d. blue, compound perms... ..	..	..	5/	3/
3d. yellow-green, wmkd. double-lined 6 ..	..	..	1/	1/6
3d. green, do.	12/6	6/6	1/	1/6
6d. purple, wmkd. double-lined 5 ..	80/	45/	10/	5/
6d. purple, wmkd. double-lined 12 ..	60/	35/	3/	1/9
1862-64. No wmk. Perf. 14. Gibbons' types 11 and 12.				
1d. red	50/	27/6	7/6	4/
2d. pale blue	15/	8/	10/6	6/
<i>Varieties.</i>				
1d. red, wmkd. single-lined figure 1 ..	15/	7/6	7/6	4/
1d. red, perf. 12½, do	25/	15/	10/	5/6
1865-68. No wmk. Perf. 12½ to 13.				
1d. red	20/	10/6	1/6	1/9
2d. pale blue	20/	10/6	3/	1/9
<i>Wmk. single-lined figures. Perf. 12½ to 13.</i>				
1d. red	3/	1/9	1/6	1/3
1d. brown-red	6/	3/	1/9	1/6
2d. blue	3/	1/9	1/2	1/1
4d. red-brown	8/	4/6	1/9	1/6
4d. deep brown	15/	8/	1/6	1/9
10d. lilac	4/	3/	1/3	1/9

Notes on the Values of New South Wales.

THE task of editing the New South Wales section of our "Collectors Guide to Values" has proved a very difficult one, owing to the divergent opinions of various members of our Committee. Hence we must claim our readers' indulgence if this section of our Guide is rather in the nature of "linked sweetness long drawn out."

Quite lately the scarcer varieties of New South Wales in really fine condition have considerably appreciated—hence much of the information in the hands of the Committee, such as last season's auction results, &c., must be regarded as obsolete and useless. This appreciation of values extends to all scarce N.S.W. stamps, but it is in the imperf varieties (priced in the last *Fortnightly*) that we have experienced the greatest difficulty, and we desire the few remarks that follow to be read as supplementary to the list of values given in our last.

In the first place, Sydney views showing the *earliest* state of the plate, and in very fine condition, are undoubtedly worth much more than the values we have given.

As regards *unused*, the rare early imperf. New South Wales stamps are so seldom met with in very fine unused condition that it would be misleading, as well as unnecessary, to quote values for same. Sydney Views unused, in *mint* state, are scarcely ever seen. To our knowledge—and this will admirably illustrate our point—a superb mint copy of the Sydney View, 3d. green, changed hands not long ago for £60!

Genuine, or Counterfeit?

AN INTERESTING CONTROVERSY REGARDING A SPECIMEN OF THE 5c. URUGUAY OF 1866.

MR. EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN contributes to one of our brightest Transatlantic contemporaries, "The Adhesive," the following interesting article:—

Some time ago I mentioned a counterfeit of this stamp in an article published in the "Monthly Philatelic Post," without describing it minutely. The fact that my specimen was a forgery has been questioned by at least one authority, on the grounds, first, that no counterfeit of this stamp had been previously listed, and, second, that since each stamp in the sheet was engraved separately, by hand, a difference in engraving between two specimens does not necessarily mean that either copy is not genuine.

The first of these points, it seems to me, is not very strong, presuming, as it does, that every counterfeit in existence has been discovered and listed by eagle-eyed philatelists. It is possible that very few copies of a forgery have been printed, or that the greater number of them has circulated among beginners unaware of their real character; or that advanced collectors have obtained copies and added them to their collections without a very careful examination, because they had no reason to suspect their nature. Any one of these hypotheses would account for this forgery not being noticed before; and the cumulative force of the theories taken all together is most convincing.

Now, a few words in regard to the second reason given for their belief by those who uphold the genuineness of this stamp. Of course, it is true that the stamps of this issue were hand-engraved, and that no two in a sheet would be exactly alike, yet I think it will be found that the varieties are either minute or local—that is, confined to a certain part of the design. Hand-engraving does not bring as a logical consequence abnormal carelessness.

Further, I have read attentively, every article in any way on this stamp, that has appeared in the Philatelic Journals I receive; and nowhere do I find mention of so distinct and unusual a variety as my stamp, which I am more than ever convinced is a counterfeit.

Placing the genuine (which I will call g) beside the counterfeit (c), at the first glance one is struck by the fact that the background of c is lighter, and less closely engraved than that of g. Moreover the paper of c has a slightly yellowish tinge, while g is on white paper. The word *Montevideo* in c is spelt "Montevideo" but the e was evidently caused by the ink running. So I will pass this by.

The ball of the 5 of g is nearly circular; in c it is decidedly egg shaped. The lowest part of the 5 does not touch the frame in g; it touches for a distance of at least 2mm. in c. All angles (except of course those of 90 degrees) are more acute in c than in g. The parallel lines in the flag of the 5 are uniform in thickness in g. The lines in c are irregular and of various thicknesses. The rays which emanate from the half-head under the flag in g on the right side, are lacking from c, although a feeble imitation appears on the left. The lettering in the background, "5 centimos" repeated, is much more even and compact in g than in c.

Considering all these most distinctive differences, it seems to me to be very difficult to deny that the specimen is a rank counterfeit.

While the variations I have given above are numerous, they are not exhaustive by any means, and if anyone desires further information on the subject, I will cheerfully furnish all in my power to give.

Portugal appears to change the colour of its frank stamp for Civil Rifle Clubs every year. For 1901-02 it is carmine and orange-yellow, the "The Philatelic Journal of India" informs us.



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Between Ourselves

AN amazing instance of the ignorance displayed by the lay Press in dealing with stamps is supplied by **Stupidity at its worst.** An article headed "How International Franking is Done" in the Manchester "Sunday Chronicle," a copy of which has been sent us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich. The article runs as follows:—

In civilised countries to-day Government documents are sent free through the mails and bear stamps showing that such a privilege has been accorded to them. On each of these stamps appears the name of the country or city where it is issued, the number of the document and the letter R, which is the initial of the French word "Recommandée," and which indicates that the document is franked, or, in other words, is exempt from the usual postal charges.

These stamps when first introduced were regarded as a startling innovation, and some years passed before they were universally adopted. For a long time the Governments of France, Russia, and Spain looked askance at them, but finally even they saw the advantages of the system, and to-day franked documents pass through the mails in those countries as regularly as in Germany or Great Britain.

The stamps are issued in the following countries:—Russia, Italy, Finland, Japan, Roumania, Mexico, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Greece, Chili, Sweden, Ecuador, Germany, Austria, United States of America, Colombia, Holland, Hungary, Persia, Great Britain, Switzerland, Montenegro, Costa Rica, France and Uruguay.

While all the stamps bear a general resemblance to each other, each is really in some detail different from the others, and students of human character would have us believe that the intellectual and artistic characteristics of each nation may be learned through a careful study of these little rectangular bits of paper.

The whole article, from the first word to the last, is an effort of imagination based on a misconception as to the use of the word "Recommandée." It is unnecessary to inform *Fortnightly* readers that the labels in question are those which are affixed to ordinary registered letters. International Franking, forsooth!

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Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is said to be a stamp collector. Well, he's got *one* of the essentials to success, anyway!

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"Avast there, shipmate!" writes a fellow philatelic journalist to the Editor of the *Fortnightly*. "You and your Ancient Mariner are all at sea. 'The Castle Collection passed from C—— to C——'—fudge! The similarity between the Castle Collection and the Ancient Mariner is just this: The Collection was *shipped* to a man for a *sale*, and the Ancient Mariner *manned* the ship for a *sail*! See? If you look hard enough at this, you'll find the name of the purchaser."

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

British Guiana.—We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for a specimen of the new 48c. stamp, which is of the ordinary ship type. Colours, black for the body of stamp; mauve for words "Postage and Revenue" and the value.



British New Guinea.—We now illustrate one of the new set, fully described in the last *Fortnightly*. Specimen kindly sent by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Chili.—Illustrations are now given of the two latest portraits of Christopher Columbus supplied by the Republic of Chili:



China (British).—The "Philatelic Journal of India" observes:—

We have received a block of 20 of the precious railway fee stamps issued by the British Railway Administration in China. The block is *unused*, but each stamp is neatly obliterated with a circular aniline impression showing "RAILWAY POST OFFICE TIEN-TSIN." The obliteration was not done by any post office. Only a very small proportion of the stamps surcharged for this purpose appears to have been used. Where are the rest? As we said before, it seems very doubtful whether these labels were ever required at all, and it is quite certain that they never did any kind of postal work.

Hong Kong.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., send us the new 4 cents stamp. Colour, carmine.



New Zealand.—Mr. A. Rosenburg, of Woodville, New Zealand, kindly sends us the two stamps illustrated here, and explains that these are official stamps issued in connection



with the Printing and Stationery Department, and that one of them represents a revised type with "E.R." substituted for "V.R." The stamps are not adhesives but are printed on the official envelopes, and represent official franks.

King Edward's Stamps.

WHICH WAY WILL HIS MAJESTY'S HEAD TURN ON THE FORTHCOMING NEW ISSUE.

THE author of an interesting article, in the "Bay State Philatelist," headed, "In the Reign of King Edward," writes as follows:—When Queen Victoria ascended the throne, postage stamps had not been adopted, so there are no precedents to be followed in respect to changing the design, but with coins it is different, and doubtless the same rules which apply to these will be held as applicable to stamps also. It is a law that on coins the head must be shown in profile, in order that the face may be turned to look left and right in alternate reigns. George III. faced to the right; George IV. to the left; William IV. to the right, and Victoria to the left. Therefore Edward VII. must face to the right. The same rule holds good for the postal issues of certain other countries, and the fact that it does so, will probably weigh with the postal authorities of Great Britain when they are ready to institute a change. Take Holland for instance, Wilhelmina looked to the right in her first issue; her predecessor looked to the left, and his predecessor to the right. This same plan of reversal was followed in the Dutch Colonial issues too.

In the majority of the stamps bearing Victoria's head, the face looks to the left, just as it does on all British coins. The exceptions are few, the Colonies supplying them all, as Great Britain itself invariably has the head turned correctly towards the left. The chief sinner against the rule is Canada who never seems to care much whether the Queen looked right, left, or straight ahead; Newfoundland, too, has been careless in this respect, as a glance at the catalogue cuts will show. In the issues of Falkland Islands every stamp has the head incorrectly facing the right, so if the law of reversal is followed there King Edward must gaze to the left. The 1878 issue for the Transvaal bears practically the same head as do the Falklands, and facing the same way. Victoria, as befits its name, has not gone wrong at all in its postal issues, unless the full face and enthroned varieties can be considered wrong (which is not probable), but among its revenues are several that face as King Edward ought to face, viz., towards the right. The two first Tasmania face to the right, but this appears to have been corrected promptly, as all later issues look to the left.

These exceptions referred to are the only ones I can recall to the general rule of having the Queen look to the left as was the law with regard to the coins of the Empire, therefore we may be fairly certain that when stamps bearing the head of Edward VII. appear they will almost without exception show a profile looking to the right. Of all the Colonies under the British rule, Newfoundland alone has no need to make extensive changes in her postal issues. She may decide to turn around the portrait of King Edward now adorning her two cent stamp, so has to have him looking in the correct direction (to the right), but otherwise she is well prepared for anything which may come along since the five cent bears the portrait of the next in the line of succession, the Duke of Cornwall and York, and the half-cent that of his son, little Prince Edward.

Summing up, we may decide with good reason that the reign of King Edward VII. will be an era of "looking to the right." In the matter of coinage it assuredly must be, for as stated above, the law demands that the heads of ruling monarchs shall face alternately left and right: there is no reason why this law is not equally applicable to stamps, both postage and fiscal. It will probably not be very long (generally speaking) before the first stamp in the new design and position appears, and then the other colonies will gradually fall into line with similar emissions. In a few years the stamps bearing the long familiar head of Victoria will have vanished entirely from the mails, to be seen only in the possession of collectors and dealers.

Our Review of Reviews.

[The *Fortnightly* wishes to exchange, regularly, two copies per issue, with all reputable philatelic magazines at home and abroad. Kindly address in all cases, The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.]

Changes in Philatelic Journalism.

Mr. E. W. Wetherell is to succeed Mr. Stewart-Wilson as Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of India." Many London philatelists, remembering Mr. Wetherell, will look for the "P.J.I." with added interest.

As regards the "Philatelic Record" we understand that the position vacated by Mr. E. J. Nankivell, will be filled by Mr. Dorning Beckton, of Manchester.

Every Philatelist Has His Own System!

The most important thought of every collector, according to Mr. Th. Hoffman, should be the arrangement of his collection. Writing in the "Philatelic Journal of India" this gentleman goes on to set forth his views on the subject:

Albums with printed spaces, illustrated or otherwise, are, in my opinion, out of date before they leave the printers' hands, as so little forethought is used with regard to new issues which occur almost daily, and a collector arranging his stamps in one of these books, invariably finds that he has to stick stamps on the margin or any other spare place, which certainly does not improve the looks of a collection. I invite collectors to discuss the subject as to which is the most satisfactory system of arranging a large collection. It would be a great help to beginners and advanced collectors, who, having begun in a wrong way, find it necessary to re-arrange their whole collection. Every one appears to have a system of his own, and I have not met two persons whose ideas on this subject coincide.

For the sake of argument and to invite criticism (and perhaps to be pulled to pieces), I venture to describe my method. I use Stanley Gibbons' Philatelic Albums, which are small with blank leaves and are interchangeable, the size of the leaves being 13 x 9½ inch. On one side of each leaf is printed a narrow marginal border and a faint network of squares to assist the collector to place the stamps in correct positions.

I have adopted the chronological system according to Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue. Above each issue in the left corner is marked in pencil the year of issue, watermark and perforation, the catalogue number is below each stamp, so that in this way a place is reserved for each stamp in the catalogue. With each country one or two extra leaves are reserved for blocks and pairs or anything else I wish to collect. I keep a small stock of spare leaves for new issues. When the album refuses to hold any more leaves, it is quite simple to re-arrange all the leaves in your collection and add another album to the number of your books. My collection is a general one of about 9,000 stamps. I have arranged them in nine albums, each book holding about 115 leaves on which I have mapped out, so to say, both of Stanley Gibbons' catalogues. Stamps mounted in these albums look uncommonly well. So far this system has worked very well with me, and I have no reason to regret the immense amount of time and labour bestowed on my hobby. In the catalogue I mark off each stamp which I have with a — or +, the former denoting used, the latter unused; in this way it is easy to see if any particular stamp is in the collection or not.

Can we Reject all Reprints?

The present attitude of American collectors towards reprints, as set forth in a short article in "Mekeel's Weekly," is of distinct interest:—

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 as 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.

Taking this state of affairs as its text, "Mekeel's Weekly" urges that philatelists who cannot secure original stamps, either because of their cost or their rarity, would do well to

fill the spaces in their albums with *authorised* reprints, if such can be obtained.

We often read strong expressions adverse to reprints and decrying their collection, continues our contemporary. 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 numbers 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 authorised 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.

Some "C.E.F." Statistics Revised

The "Philatelic Journal of India" recently gave some figures relating to the issues of Indian stamps with "C.E.F.," but now finds that these statistics were wrongly computed. The true figures, representing the total issues up to July 5th, are as follows:—

¼ anna	..	..	..	..	204,800
½ "	..	..	..	..	314,880
1 "	..	..	..	..	156,560
2 annas	..	..	..	..	32,920
2½ "	..	..	..	..	24,320
3 "	..	..	..	..	20,000
4 "	..	..	..	..	22,800
8 "	..	..	..	..	18,720
12 "	..	..	..	..	13,326
1 rupee	..	..	..	..	17,640

Some Stamps "Reprinted to oblige."

From one of the chatty little articles on stamps in our weekly contemporary, "Hobbies," we extract the following—

It is one of the philatelist's stereotyped boasts that there is no royal road to success in Philately; and, like most sweeping assertions of this kind, it is, in strict fact, inaccurate. In Philately there is a special road laid down for the stamp-collector with money, or what is equally good, an exalted position.

The monied man finds no difficulties in his path as a stamp-collector or, rather, a stamp accumulator. He just buys, and pays, and accumulates. Mr. Pierpoint-Morgan, if he wished, could become in a very short time the greatest philatelist in the world, for by sheer weight of money he could command all the greatest varieties now on the market in London, Paris, Berlin, New York, and all the other great philatelic centres.

Similarly, a personage of commanding eminence, such as a Russian Grand Duke or a Prince of the blood royal of any leading nation, may be in a position to receive exceptional favours such as would never be granted to a philatelist of lower rank.

In this sense only is there a Royal road to Philately. And though the millionaire may bring all the weight of his money-bags to bear on his hobby, though a royal personage may avail himself of the privileges of his lofty station, each must study his stamps and learn the lessons of his hobby ere he can be called a philatelist in the fullest sense of the word.

Instances of stamps being reprinted to "oblige" eminent personages are many.

H.I.H. the late Grand Duke Alexis Michalovitch, of Russia, had been for years an ardent philatelist at the time of his tragically early death in 1895. He associated himself with the Philatelic Society of London, and took a keen interest in all things philatelic. In 1893, the Grand Duke applied for, and was readily granted by his august relative, the Czar, a special reprint of the earlier stamps of Finland. These were the large oblong stamps of 1856, the quaintly-perforated stamps of 1860, and the issues of 1866-67 and 1875-81.

Our own Duke of Cornwall, when Prince George of Wales, had a special reprint made of the 1d. red English stamp, as fully described in a previous article in *Hobbies*. His Royal Highness's present tour around the Empire will have procured him many additions to his valuable collection. In Sydney, New South Wales, a special philatelic souvenir has been promoted, and presented to the Duke by the members of the Sydney Philatelic Club. But special printings for Royal and distinguished personages would not, nowadays, be granted with such readiness as formerly, and it is doubtful whether the Duke of Cornwall, on his side, would now consent to any such act of vandalism, as a good philatelist must consider it.

From the Auction Rooms.

Once again the hammer of the stamp auctioneer is heard in the land, and as a natural consequence the *Fortnightly's* auction reports re-commence. Messrs. Plumridge & Co. have opened the ball with a satisfactory and well-attended sale, and one that demands a good deal of our space. It will be seen that many interesting Transvaal lots were included in the catalogue. From now throughout the season auction fixtures will come thick and fast, and we shall endeavour as in former years to give a faithful account of the more important realisations. Messrs. Puttick & Simpson and Messrs. Ventom Bull & Cooper's arrangements for forthcoming sales will be found advertised in their old familiar places in this issue of the *Fortnightly*.



Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Sept. 21st & 22nd.

	£	s.	d.
Bahamas, no wmk., rough perf., 4d. rose	2 12 6
Barbados, 5/- dull rose	1 5 0
British Honduras, 2c. on 6d. rose, slightly torn	0 19 0
Do. wmk. CA., 6d. yellow	2 2 0
Cape of Good Hope, triangular 1d. red, a pair,* no gum	1 12 0
Do. do. 4d. blue, a ditto pair	1 10 0
Do. woodblock, 4d. blue	1 5 0
Ceylon, imperf., 1/9 green	2 2 0
Do. wmk. star, clean cut perfs., 2/- blue	1 5 0
Dominica, wmk. CA., 1/- lilac-rose*	2 2 0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, 1/- bistre..	1 16 0
Gold Coast, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 1d. blue*	2 2 0
Mauritius, 1859, imperf., 1/- yellow-green, a horizontal pair*	2 2 0
Monaco, 1st issue, 5f.	1 9 0
Montserrat, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 2½d. red-brown*	1 3 0
Naples, 1860, cross, ½t., dark blue	2 8 0
Nevis, perf. 13, 4d. rose,* no gum	1 5 0
Do. do. 1/- green*	2 0 0
Do. perf. 15, 1/- blue-green*	3 7 6
Do. lithographed, perf. 15, 6d. grey-black*	4 4 0
Do. do. 1/- dark green*	1 1 0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow, creased	1 9 0
Do. another fine copy	2 12 0
Do. 1/- violet	12 10 0
Do. another not so fine	5 15 0
Newfoundland, 2d. carmine	5 5 0
Do. 6½d. carmine*	5 5 0
Do. 1/- orange, defective	4 0 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. bright red, plate 1..	1 16 0
Do. do. 1d. red do.	1 16 0
Do. do. 1d. bright red, plate 2..	2 2 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 1..	2 10 0
Do. do. another copy, early plate but torn	1 6 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 3, on laid paper	2 2 0
Do. 1855, imperf., 5d. green	5 12 6
Do. Registered Stamp, perf. 12*	1 10 0
New Zealand, 1855, 1/- green	1 5 0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown	1 2 0
Do. 6d. yellow-green	2 6 0
Do. another copy, darker shade	2 2 0
Do. 1/- mauve, heavy postmark	7 0 0
Queensland, 1st issue, imperf., 1d. carmine-rose	1 5 0
Do. do. 2d. deep blue	3 13 0
Do. do. 6d. green	1 8 0
Roumania, 1862, laid paper, 3p. yellow*	1 0 0
Russia, 1884, 7 roubles, black and orange-yellow, without thunderbolt*	1 12 0
Do. Levant, the large blue rectangular stamp*	1 14 0
St. Lucia, wmk. Star, 6d. green	1 14 0
St. Vincent, no wmk., 4d. yellow	1 10 0
Spain, 1850, 10r. blue-green	1 0 0
Tasmania, 1st issue, 1d. blue	2 10 0
Do. another copy, stained*	2 6 0
Do. 1864-70, serrated perfs., 2d. green	2 7 6

	£	s.	d.
Transvaal, 1869, roulettes, 1/- emerald green, no gum*	1	2	0
Do. 1870, 1/- deep green*	1	16	0
Do. 1872, 1/- green*	1	8	0
Do. German printing, imperf., 3d. dull mauve*	1	5	0
Do. 1874, perf. 12½, 1d. red*	1	10	0
Do. do. 6d. deep blue* without gum	3	3	0
Do. 1875/6, pelure paper, 1d. dull red*	3	5	0
Do. do. 6d. blue	1	13	0
Do. wide roulettes, 1d. red	2	16	0
Do. do. 6d. blue	1	1	0
Do. 1875, 6d. bright blue*	2	0	0
Do. 1877, surcharged with Gibbons' type 4 in red, imperf. 1/- green	2	2	0
Do. do. do. in black, pelure paper, imperf., 1d. red (S.G. No. 62A)	1	3	0
Do. do. do. thick paper, 1/- green with surcharge inverted..	6	5	0
Do. do. do. 1d. red	1	15	0
Do. do. do. 3d. dull mauve (S.G. No. 89)*	2	17	6
Do. do. do. 6d. blue (S.G. No. 70)	1	6	0
Do. do. do. 1/- green (S.G. No. 71)	1	9	0
Do. do. fine roulettes, 6d. blue on rose, thinned*	2	2	0
Do. do. another copy used	1	4	0
Do. do. imperf. 6d. blue on rose, sur. inverted*	1	1	0
Do. 1878, sur. with Gibbons' type 5, imperf., 1d. red on blue*	1	1	0
Do. do. do. 6d. blue on green*	1	12	0
Do. do. fine roul., 1d. red on blue (S.G. No. 97)*	1	10	9
Do. do. do. 3d. lilac*	1	15	0
Do. do. do. 6d. blue on green*	2	2	0
Do. do. wide roulettes, 6d. blue on green	4	7	6
Do. Surcharged in black with Gibbons' type 6, imperf 1d. red on orange and 3d. mauve on buff (3 shades)	1	16	0
Do. do. do. 6d. blue on blue, with surcharge inverted (S.G. No. 113)	12	0	0
Do. do. do. fine roulettes, 6d. blue on blue, with surcharge inverted (S.G. No. 116A)	12	0	0
Do. do. do. 6d. blue on blue	1	9	0
Do. do. do. 3d. mauve on green (S.G. No. 122)	2	6	0
Do. 1878-79, Queen's head, 1d. on 6d. black (S.G. No. 160)*	1	4	0
Do. do. do. (S.G. No. 161)*	4	0	0
Trinidad, litho., 1d. deep blue, blotchy impression	1	7	0
Do. pin perf., 4d. brown-lilac, a horizontal pair*	2	8	0
Do. do. 6d. yellow-green, a do. pair, slightly defective*	2	5	0
Turkey, 1886, 25p. black*	1	0	0
Turks Islands, 2½d. on 6d. black*	1	10	0
United States, 1869, 90c. carmine and black	1	6	0
Do. Executive, 1c. carmine	1	0	0
Do. do. 6c. pale carmine, torn	1	9	0
Do. do. 10c. carmine*	1	3	0
Victoria, 1854, serpentine roulettes, 6d. orange-yellow	1	8	0
Do. 1862/63, wmk. double-lined & 1d. green*, no gum	1	7	0
Do. 1868/81, 5/- blue on yellow, slightly defective	2	4	0
Do. The Too Late Stamp, poor copy*	1	10	0
Do. The Registered Stamp*, no gum	3	10	0
Virgin Islands, perf. 15, 1/- rose-carmine, with single-lined border*	1	16	0

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS & Co.'s Sale, Tuesday, 24th September, 1901.

Cape of Good Hope, "Mateking Besieged," 10 varieties, Gibbons' Nos. 1,3,6,7,8,10,12,13,14 and 17	5	10	0
Ceylon, imperf., wmk. star, 4d. rose	5	5	0
Great Britain, "1-9. official," £1 green	2	5	0
New South Wales, 1890, 20/- blue	0	19	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. brown, a horizontal pair	2	2	0
Orange River Colony, 6d. blue, defective	2	0	0
Queensland, 1882, 1/- mauve, perf. 9 x 12 (S.G. No. 127)*	1	16	0
United States, 1851, imperf., 12c. black, a pair* no gum	2	8	0

The Indian "Tommy Atkins" has free postage, too. The "Statesman," of Calcutta, points out that the privilege of free postage for their private correspondence is extended to all ranks of the Native Army on field or foreign service. The postage is paid by ordinary postage stamps, the value of which is recovered by corps and departments monthly.

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

WE have some further interesting letters on the fruitful topic of Stamp Exchange Clubs. The first is

from Mr. Leicester A. B. Paine, of Longsdon, Stoke-on-Trent, who writes:—

As the Hon. Sec. of an Exchange Club and a member of several others, I certainly agree in grouping the postal list. The time saved is of material value and I find since I adopted this rule that I get my packets returned 14 days earlier.

I fear it is the poor Secretary alone who knows how greatly the members can assist him if they could but be induced to regard their duties and obligations seriously. What a small matter it seems and yet how fruitful of delay is the omission to remit adverse balances, often trivial in amount.

My experience is that the smaller the sum the greater is the delay, and yet how difficult a task it is to persuade members that this laxity on their part is the occasion of much irritation and endless waste of time. A Secretary cannot return sheets if he has not the necessary £ s. d. to meet them.

Again a Secretary cannot be for ever dipping into his private purse to meet these unpaid accounts and hope to keep his books straight.

Co-operation is undoubtedly essential to the maintenance of every Exchange, and each member ought to obey the rules, and do everything in his power to make his Club a success.

Let members learn to do their duty and successful Clubs will assuredly prevail!

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Mr. F. C. Henderson, of Eton Grove, Lewisham, writes:—

I entirely agree with Mr. Heginbotham as to the absurdity of pricing stamps at double prices. Besides being Secretary of the "Blackheath" and the "Blankshire Swap," I am a member of over 30 Exchange Societies, the majority of which have cash settlements at 50% discount. I have worried the Secretaries of many to have prices altered to nett, but was not very successful, as only two have since altered, though another couple have it under consideration. I think however in the near future we may find the majority adopt the nett system, though I doubt much whether the "Birmingham" or "Northern" will alter, even if approached, without at least a good majority of the members appealing for the same. The old system of catalogue prices was I contend for exchanging only, and in Exchange Clubs, pure and simple, I consider that as it should be, but in all Clubs that have cash settlements, monthly or quarterly, I certainly think it puerile to price stamps at double value to reduce it again for settlement.

There are other interesting points raised in Mr. Henderson's letter, and in communications from other readers, but as space is limited we must reserve these for our next.

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Mr. Geo. Blockey, of Pirie Street, Adelaide, acknowledges receipt of the second (Colonial) prize of £5 awarded him in the *Fortnightly's* competition.

I was much surprised (he writes) to receive such a substantial prize as £5 for my efforts, and have to thank you for the very prompt manner in which you forwarded the awards.

The S.C.F. has always been an old favourite of mine. I fancy, by the way, that I was one of the original subscribers to the "Stamp Collectors' Monthly," some good few years back during my collecting days in England.

Well, I am writing you again next week with particulars of your new subscribers' addresses, so will close with every wish for your Journal's continued prosperity.

In reply to various enquiries we wish to announce that the wholesale agents for the *Fortnightly* are Messrs. C. Nissen & Co., 77 and 78, High Holborn, W.C., from whom back numbers, bound volumes, &c., can be obtained. Readers who obtain the S.C.F. through newsagents would help us by mentioning that the trade is supplied by Messrs. C. Nissen & Co., at the address stated.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

"CALEDONIA" STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE July packet returned from circuit on the 9th September, and all cash due to members was sent off by the 17th, except to one member who is on the continent on holidays. Since last report the following have joined the Club, viz.:—Mrs. Calder and Messrs. B. Jay, H. Woodley and T. F. Bourdillan. There is still room for a few more active members.

JOHN JOHNSTON, Secretary, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE Seventieth Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, Monday, September 9th.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Luft, Scott and Perrin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$279,98, exclusive of \$1000 bond, was approved as read.

House Committee report read.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AT a Meeting of the Committee of this Society, held on September 20th, the Secretary, Mr. Crosby Blumsum, tendered his

resignation. He said that he was compelled to take such a course because he found the time he could give to the Society during the coming season would be so limited that he did not feel justified in retaining his position as Secretary.

The Committee accepted his resignation, and expressed their sincere regret at having to lose his services as Secretary, which position he has faithfully fulfilled, and the success which has attended the Society has been to a very great extent due to his ungrudging efforts on its behalf. They added that they hoped he would still remain a member of the Committee.

Mr. Blumsum, in reply, said he thanked them for their warm expression of thanks, and had always felt it a pleasure to do all in his power to further the interests of the Society, and it was his regret that circumstances would not permit him to do as much in the future. He did not intend to leave the Society altogether, and would be happy to continue a member of the Committee.

Mr. W. G. Parker was nominated as Secretary in place of Mr. Blumsum, and it was unanimously agreed that he should take up his duties at once, as the season was rapidly approaching.

All communications must in future be addressed to the Hon. Secretary: MR. W. G. PARKER, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, London, S.E.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE Annual Report will be ready in the first week in October and will be sent free to applicants. The August packet completed its rounds September 19th, when it was immediately broken up, all accounts paid and sheets returned to members by September 23rd. The September packet is still out on circuit and carries stamps to the value of £56 6s. 3d.

nett. The October packet starts 1st October. There are still a few vacancies for new members.

Rules and all information may be obtained from the Secretary, MR. NELSON T. HILLIER, Member S.E.P.S., 16, Grosvenor Crescent, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

MANCHESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE following is the programme of arrangements for the forthcoming session:—

1901.—Oct. 11th. Opening Meeting, Conversazione and Display of Stamps.

October 25th. Papers, "Five minutes with interesting stamps." G. F. H. Gibson, W. Grunewald, J. C. North.

Nov. 8th. Display with Notes, "British Bechuanaland." J. H. Abbott.

Nov. 22nd. Paper, "Early School Albums." Nathan Heywood.

Dec. 6th. Display with Notes, "Queensland." W. W. Munn.

Dec. 20th. Display with Notes, "Gold Coast and Lagos." F. J. Beazley.

1902.—Jan. 10th. Paper, "History and Development of the Post Office." G. B. Duerst.

Jan. 24th.—Display with Notes, "India." J. C. North.

Jan. 29th, *Wednesday*. Annual Dinner. 6.45 p.m.

Feb. 14th. Display with Notes, "Denmark." W. D. Beckton.

Feb. 28th. Papers, "Five minutes with interesting stamps." C. H. Cootc, W. W. Munn, E. T. Roberts.

March 4th. Display with Notes, "Samoa." J. H. Abbott.

April 4th. Paper, "The Tête-bêche Varieties of France." W. D. Beckton.

April 18th. Display with Notes, "Unpaid Stamps of Holland and Colonies." A. H. Harrison.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

A BANKRUPT STAMP DEALER'S STORY.

ONE OF THE MANY VICTIMS OF "WILLIAMS & Co.," OF LIMA.

At the Liverpool Bankruptcy Court on Thursday, September 26th, Bertram Allen came up for public examination before Mr. Registrar Bellringer.

The bankrupt is described as a journeyman watchmaker, of 13, Nansen-grove, Walton, and the statement of affairs shows liabilities £144, and assets £68. Mr. Sprott appeared for the bankrupt, who was examined by the Official Receiver, and stated that down to March, 1899, he was in the employ of a watchmaker in Oldhall Street, but gave up his situation because of the irregularity with which he received his wages.

UNFORTUNATE STAMP DEALINGS.

He had also, starting as a collector, developed into a dealer in foreign stamps, but with unfortunate results. One of the debts due to him was from Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, for stamps he had supplied. They had advertised very largely in all the philatelic journals in Great Britain, and had got selections of stamps from himself and other people, giving as references Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co. and other firms. Having got a lot of stamps from all parts of the world, they "did a bolt" with the lot, and nobody had been able to get any satisfaction from them. He bought both from clerks in offices and from firms, paying from 3s. 6d. to 10s. per hundred stamps. He "bought the mails."

OFFICE BOYS' LOST PERQUISITES.

It was now quite a common practice for principals of firms to sell the foreign stamps they received at their offices, stamps being no longer the perquisites of the office boys. Principals took the proceeds, and used them for "tobacco money" or for charitable purposes. There was now, the bankrupt added, great competition in the stamp business. There were twenty-five or thirty firms of dealers in the Strand. He reckoned his profits from the stamp trade at 25 per cent.

HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL DEAL.

The utmost he had paid for a collection was £250, this being four or five years ago, and he had sold it for £280 right away. That was his most successful deal. He believed he could make money at the trade if he had capital. There was a good and profitable market for stamps. Buyers were everywhere; London was teeming with them.

Further examination showed that Allen gave up the stamp trade about the end of 1899, and in March, 1900, obtained a situation as a journeyman watchmaker. He had borrowed money from money-lenders, and had been obliged to sell his furniture to pay various creditors. The public examination was closed.

SUCCESSFUL MOURNING STAMP FOR MCKINLEY.

THERE is talk of creating a McKinley "mourning stamp" in America, either in the form of an entirely new stamp or by surcharging a black border on the current 2 cents value. Many suggestions have been made by philatelists and others, and "The Optimist," writing in the "Metropolitan Philatelist" of September 28, says that in all probability the matter will be determined within a few days.

Meanwhile, postcards showing pictures of the White House and portraits of the murdered President—on the message side of the card—are finding a ready sale.

HENNIKER HEATON ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAMP.

A LETTER addressed to the Press by Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P. for Canterbury, puts in a succinct form the principal obstacles in the way of an international stamp.

The problem how to get over the attendant difficulties will be very great (writes Mr. Heaton). I have had numerous conferences on the subject with the magnates at St. Martins-le-Grand, and with experts on postal matters at the Postal Union at which I was a Government delegate. Every merchant feels the difficulty of remitting to foreign countries small sums by post, for newspapers, publications, or the thousand and one little articles required from France, Germany, Switzerland, etc.

Our smallest postal order is 1s., and to send 6d. to France by money order a commission of 6d. is charged.

The grand difficulty in the way of introducing an international postage stamp is the absence of a common coinage. Twenty-five centimes (French), or its nearest equivalent, is the rate fixed by the International Postal Union for foreign postage.

If we had international postage stamps they would be bought where they were cheap, and used where they were dear. To-day 96 letters can be sent from England to a foreign country for £1; while to England Germany can send 100 letters for £1; France, 100 letters for £1; Spain and Turkey, 120 letters for £1; Italy, 110 letters for £1; Corea, 120 to 140 letters for £1; Greece, 133 letters for £1; Guatemala, 240 letters for £1.

In conclusion Mr. Henniker Heaton suggests that the difficulty of remitting small sums could be met, in part, by the fitting up of a room in a few of the more important British post offices for the sale of foreign stamps. He also suggests that the Postmaster-General be empowered to issue sixpenny postal orders.

IS AN ESSAY GOOD FOR POSTAGE?

OUR excellent French contemporary, *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* recently asked the question: "Can one in France, prepay a letter with an essay?" Readers of the said excellent contemporary are expressing opinions pro and con. Wouldn't it save a great deal of time and work to stick the essay on the letter right away, and let it take its chance?

BIG FIGURES IN A SALE AT "PUTTICK'S."

MESSRS. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S most recent auction sale of stamps, extending over four days, realised no less than £3650 nett. There were big attendances each day, and much spirited bidding went on.

THE HOLLIDAY COLLECTION AT HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. PHILIP H. LEE contributes to the "Huddersfield Chronicle" an interesting article anent the Holliday Collection, bequeathed by the late Mr. Robert Holliday to the Huddersfield Corporation.

"The collection handed over to the local authorities (writes Mr. Lee) consists of no less than 18 volumes, with interchangeable leaves, each volume containing between 30 and 36 leaves. On some leaves there are as many as 40 to 50 stamps, and this will give an idea of the extent of the collection. Most of the specimens are good ones, but the collection does not appear to contain any really valuable stamps. There are, however, a number of stamps which are worthy of special notice, to which I hope to refer on some future occasion, as it is impossible to deal with them from a preliminary and superficial examination. The whole of the stamps are mounted, and it is thus an easy matter to examine the watermarks.

"A noticeable fact is that the collection contains no English stamps. I understand, however, that at one time Mr. Holliday had a large number of English stamps, but these were probably disposed of prior to his death.

"The collection contains a very large number of duplicates and also many forgeries and reprints. Why Mr. Holliday should have retained so many copies of quite common stamps is difficult to understand. Of course in many issues it is important to have duplicates to show correctly the various shades, etc., but many instances occur in Mr. Holliday's collection of stamps of exactly the same shade, value and issue in duplicate."

Very many Locals are included in the collection, it appears, and notably a large showing of the Russian "Rural" issues.

In concluding his article Mr. Philip Lee suggests that the whole collection "be carefully examined and re-arranged by an expert philatelist or a committee of philatelists, who should have power to dispose of the various duplicates and with the proceeds purchase other stamps and thus augment the collection. The forgeries and reprints could be arranged in a separate album and would be useful for reference. The stamps could be exhibited in sections in glass cases, each section to remain on view for a fixed period, and each section should be properly labelled and notes made of the date of issue of the various stamps exhibited, together with particulars of the watermarks and any other interesting facts concerning them."

"Genuine, Or Counterfeit?"

MR. WILLIAM H. TERRY, of Birkdale, Lancs., writes us as follows:—

In reference to the article, "Genuine or Counterfeit?" in your issue of Sept. 28th, regarding a specimen of the 5c. Uruguay of 1866, I beg to say that I have a copy which, in every detail, corresponds to the one Mr. Brightman maintains to be a forgery (the E instead of I in "Montevideo" being particularly distinct), with the exception of being printed on stout white paper instead of yellowish.

The engraving of the background consists, in the genuine copy I have before me, of the words "5 centesimos" repeated 67 times; in the variety in question, this is repeated only 50 times, giving the background a lighter appearance.

The words "Republica del Uruguay" are in the variety printed in larger type and closer together than in the genuine one, besides many other minor variations which would take up too much space to enumerate here.

Making all due allowance for the differences caused by hand-engraving, I should be disposed to consider the discrepancies named as exceeding reasonable limits.

Still, never having seen a complete sheet of this stamp, I should hesitate to form any decided opinion on the subject, and should be glad to hear if any of your readers possess similar specimens or any information on the matter, as it would be interesting to have the point cleared up.

My copy is postmarked and came out of an old collection, formed about 1870—or earlier, if anything.

"Gibbons No. 999."

IS IT A GOOD OR A BAD SYSTEM TO DESCRIBE STAMPS BY THEIR CATALOGUE NUMBERS?

A CONSTANT reader of the *Fortnightly*, adopting the pen-name of "Bidder by Post," draws attention to a matter that will interest all auction-buyers as well as other philatelists:—

Lately (he writes), I have received several auction catalogues in which the lots are described by reference to a number or numbers in Stanley Gibbons' current Catalogue. Thus, Lot 71, Barbados, No. 101; Lot 77, British Guiana, Nos. 7, 77 and 177.

If auctioneers think that intending purchasers prefer this class of description, that it helps in identifying the stamps, or makes the catalogue more interesting, they are greatly mistaken. The trouble of unravelling such puzzles make clients who are unable to inspect the stamps simply pass over these lots.

Any collector will tell at once if he wants a British Guiana, 1876 issue, 96 cents, but will probably fail to recognise it by its number, or may not have a Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue at hand.

This system is of advantage to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, but as Mr. Phillips is so down on Stamp Auctions, there appears no reason why the interests of all parties—vendors, auctioneers and purchasers—should be prejudiced, in order that his firm may receive a gratuitous advertisement.

In reply to this, Messrs. Plumridge & Co., the publishers of the auction catalogues in question, write us as follows:

As we are the only firm of Auctioneers adopting the system referred to by the writer of the letter you have shown us, we trust that you will be good enough to permit us through your columns to remove the writer's erroneous impressions.

In the first place, although we admire the business acumen and application that has made the firm of which Mr. C. J. Phillips is the managing director the premier one of its kind in the world, at the same time when we decided, for the sake of general convenience, to amplify our catalogue descriptions by making use of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' numbers, we did so from selfish and not from philanthropic motives. Our description of varieties by Gibbons' catalogue numbers is in addition to and does not supersede ordinary descriptions. We should never dream of cataloguing a stamp like the British Guiana, 1876, 96 cents, otherwise than as written here. Stamps worth from 5/- to 10/- each were formerly included under the indefinite term "and others," and our plan of mentioning "useful medium stamps" for the benefit of buyers unable to inspect the lots, by simply giving the catalogue numbers, has brought us in many laudatory commendations from vendors and buyers alike.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Amazonia.—Not long since we chronicled, with all reserve, a stamp from South America inscribed "Poste Amazonie." The "Philatelist Français" now hears from one of its readers that the stamps are not speculative, but a bona fide issue, printed to the order of the Railway Company of Carseveire, and used to frank mail matter from the mining districts of Carseveire to Para, and from Para by sea to Cayenne in French Guiana. Letters destined for places beyond Cayenne have needed the addition of French Guiana stamps. Thus a good case seems to be made out for the stamps of Amazonia, but of course only as an issue of private locals.

Bahamas.—The "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung" illustrates a new penny pictorial stamp for these islands. This is a large rectangular label (25 × 30mm.) showing a view of some tit-bit of Bahamas scenery. From the "D.B.Z.'s" illustration, it is not easy to say what the scene is supposed to depict, but it looks like a steep canyon, with at its farther extremity something that might be either a waterfall or a flight of steps!

The stamp is printed in red and black; its perforation is 14, its watermark Crown and C.C.

Colombia.—We illustrate provisional 1c. and 2c. stamps from this distressful Republic. The "American Journal of Philately," commenting on these stamps, describes them as



very rough engravings. They are printed in sheets of one hundred.

Every horizontal strip of five (continues the "A.J.P.") is surcharged in violet ink with a double rectangle, 85mm. long, containing the letter "s" repeated fifteen times. This surcharge is not quite the full width of the five stamps surcharged, so that, while in the three central specimens it runs across the entire stamp, it covers somewhat less than half of the width of the extreme right and left hand stamps. There appear to be two varieties of this hand-stamp, one having three horizontal lines at the bottom and the other only two. There are also two smaller hand-stamps, one 33mm. long and containing three letters "s," and the other 23mm. long, and containing a single "s." These smaller hand-stamps appear to have been applied to stamps which have been missed by the large surcharge.



Corea.—Some day, we presume, the set for Corea will be completed. Some of the higher values are now to hand, as follows:—

- 50 cheun, olive green and pink.
- 1 wen, rose, black and blue.
- 2 wen, purple and green.

Crete.—It was announced some time ago that the similar-ity between the 1 lepton and the 1 drachma of the Cretan "Unpaid" series would necessitate a black surcharge on the letter stamps. A copy of the 1 drachma Unpaid with value surcharged horizontally in black is now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Great Britain.—It is stated that the printing of the new ½d. stamps with head of King Edward commenced some little time ago, the imprimatur sheet being lodged at Somerset House on September 26th. On the subject of the design a correspondent of "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" supplies the following interesting note:—

The first stamp (½d.) of our King's head series for use in Great Britain has been printed and the imprimatur sheet duly recorded and filed. The colour is a somewhat sagey green; the design, head looking to left in upright oval with curved label above and rectangular label below. The sheet is similar in size to the current issue, consisting 2 panes of 120 each, with space between panes filled in as at present; control letter A. For those who wish to keep a record the writer is in position to state that the imprimatur sheet was dated 26th Sept., 1901. 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. In view of this latter feature it seems doubtful whether the new issue will be received with much satisfaction.

Holland.—Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Pemberton have received the current 3 cents in a new colour. It is now a pale sage-green, instead of orange-yellow as formerly.

Labuan.—The current stamps of Labuan have all received a vertical surcharge in black, "Postage Due." The surcharge reads upwards—at present. It is quite possible that it will read downwards next week, or the week after.

Malta.—Mr. W. Hadlow has shown us the farthing stamp in a distinctly new shade—quite a deep red-brown.

Newfoundland.—Newspaper despatches announce that the Government of Newfoundland will issue a new four-cent stamp of purple colour, bearing an engraving of the Duchess of Cornwall, in honour of the royal visit.

Orange River.—A gentleman, recently home from the Cape, has shown us a sheet of Orange River Colony, 1d. value surcharged E.R.E. instead of E.R.I. On finding the error, our friend immediately applied for more at the Post Office out there, but found they had only a very small stock.

Queensland.—From Mr. Hadlow we learn that the new 1d. Duty stamp is now issued.

Seychelles.—We must thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for a specimen of yet another provisional, the 10 cents red-brown and blue, surcharged in black "3 cents." The person in Seychelles who wishes to use a 3 cents stamp will have quite a bewildering variety to choose from if this sort of thing continues!



Zanzibar.—Two stamps are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., in new colours. The 1 anna now appears in rose-carmine, while the ¼ annas has been changed to dark blue and scarlet.

A New Firm of Philatelic Auctioneers.

Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co., of Lonsdale Chambers, 27, Chancery Lane, notify us of their intention to hold periodical auction sales of stamps during the present season. Details of Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co.'s arrangements will be found embodied in an advertisement in this issue of the S.C.F.

"Stamps of New South Wales, 1897-1901."

The "Australian Philatelist" makes the following additions and corrections to its list of N.S.W. perforations which we recently reprinted verbatim in the *Fortnightly*:—

Ordinary Paper, 20f. ultramarine, perf. 11, 11 × 12, 11½ × 11, 2½d. blue, 10d purple, perf. 12 × 11; 3d. green, deep green, perf. 12 × 11½. The 2½d. purple Die I. and II. and the 2½d. blue, deep blue, should be 11½ × 12, not 12 × 11½; 3d. green, deep green, 5d. deep green, 5f-red-violet 11 × 11½. **Chalky Paper**: The 2½d. violet blue, dark blue should be 11½ × 12 not 12 × 11½.

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Between Ourselves

VERY many of the *Fortnightly* readers, we feel sure, have followed with very great interest the letters we have been publishing on the subject of Stamp Exchange Clubs and Societies. More interesting, in a way, than the letters we have published are the letters we have not published. To be more exact, let us say the letters we have not yet published. One must carefully consider the pros and cons before publishing a letter which commences something in this wise:—

Mr. — is a thief and a scoundrel. Please expose him in your paper. He has owed me money for nearly ten years, and I cannot get a reply to any of my letters.

We say it is necessary to exercise great caution in publishing letters of this character, not only because of the libel law (and the libel law of this country is absurdly tender towards a thief and a rogue!) but also because of one's own sense of straightforwardness and fair play. We do not for a moment impugn the good faith of any one of our correspondents, but accusations are easily made, and it is necessary most carefully to verify the statements made before publishing any defamatory communication. But in our own good time we promise that certain individuals who are consistently and persistently swindling their fellow philatelists shall be given a little more publicity than will be good for them. As an instance of the complaints that have reached us, take the following extract from a letter recently received:—

This man — owes me as a member of the —, the sum of £5 odd for stamps removed from six sheets sent in in the year 1893, and one sheet in in the year 1894. I have repeatedly written to get payment but he has not answered since 1895!! He ought really to be exposed in some way or another. How can it be done?

Now that is a letter which has reference, not to a person conducting one of the many small stamp exchange clubs, with only a score of members, but to the secretary of a large and well-known stamp-exchanging organisation. That such statements can be made is surely a most lamentable state of things; and still more lamentable is it to learn on the authority of Mr. F. C. Henderson (the concluding portion of whose letter we publish in this number) that certain conductors of stamp exchange clubs, though they are known to the members of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society as *thorough rogues*, "still carry on their little game of 'doing' the contributors of sheets!"

It is the beautiful libel law of Britain which has, up to the present time, protected these dishonest "philatelists" from the just consequences of their knavery. In the United States they would be exposed ruthlessly by the first editor who heard of their misdeeds, and in any other European country save the United Kingdom the Black List would claim them for its own. Well, we shall hope to find some way of reaching these gentry, and we know that in any effort we may make in this direction we can claim the cordial support of Mr. F. A. Wickhart, of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society, and of all the directors of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, to say nothing of the warm sympathy of our readers.

In the meantime, we want *evidence*, and plenty of it. Readers are invited to send us clear statements as to their grievances (of a *financial* nature only) against Stamp Exchange Secretaries, and at the same time to mention whether they are prepared to assist us further by means of affidavits, etc. This matter of the dishonesty and the dilatoriness—in a few cases the *guilty* dilatoriness—of Stamp Exchange Secretaries must and shall be fully exposed. The *Fortnightly*, always the friend of the amateur philatelist, asks its readers' cordial co-operation in the fight.

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The vexed question as to which way the King's head will turn on the new stamps is answered at last. It will turn to the left.

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Our "Collector's Guide to Values" must once again be held over, but will be resumed in the next *Fortnightly*.

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Two Stamp Exchange Societies have already seriously considered the question of pricing, as a result of the letters published in the *Fortnightly*. The County of Stafford Exchange has decided to adopt nett prices forthwith, but the Birmingham Philatelic Society will remain faithful to the fifty per cent system.

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The International Stamp seems to be a favorite topic among people who "write to the newspapers." Mr. W. R. Kennan, addressing "The Globe," says: "I beg to suggest that Consular Agents be empowered to keep a small supply of stamps of the country they represent, and also to change English stamps for foreign ones. I fear if we wait for an international stamp, we shall have to wait a long while."

A Patched Sheet of New Zealand Stamps.

Fortnightly readers will remember our story of the frugal French postmaster who skilfully patched a torn sheet of low-value postage stamps. That feat is matched by a case just brought to our notice by Mr. Rosenberg, of Woodville, New Zealand. From this gentleman we have received a corner block of four stamps of the New Zealand 3d. "Lina-bird" issue. In this case, for some reason, the perpendicular row of stamps to the left of the sheet has been removed, and a fresh row of stamps of a rather different shade inserted in its place. There is a neat patching at the back of the sheet by means of narrow strips of gummed paper. What the object could have been for this substitution, Mr. Rosenberg is unable to guess. He bought the stamps as sent to us at the Woodville Post Office. What makes the matter still more curious, is the fact that the inserted strip of stamps has been re-perforated in order to make it appear, at first glance, part and parcel of the sheet. None but a philatelist would have given the phenomenon a second thought. It looks as though somebody in the New Zealand postal department, gifted with deft fingers (but not blessed with a very keen eye for colour), had gone to extraordinary pains to make good a damaged sheet of stamps.

The New "Gibbons."

CHANGES AND REVISIONS IN THE LATEST BRITISH EMPIRE CATALOGUE.

ONE important change in Part I. of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue (the 1902 edition of which is just to hand) had been long foreseen—viz., the inclusion of the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal. Indeed, pending the publication of this new edition, Messrs. Gibbons from time to time issued copious appendices, giving their latest quotation for "Mafekings," Transvaals and other stamps created during, or affected by, the war; and so the "innovation" is one that has been fully discounted, and its only effect now is to increase the bulk of "Gibbons' Part I" by a dozen or more pages.

The book, as a book, needs no lengthy review, because it is simply the 1900 Edition revised and in certain directions amplified.

Varieties of the Boer issue of Pietersburg take up nearly three pages of the catalogue's space—a state of affairs quite inexplicable to anyone gifted with a sense of proportion. However, the Gibbons' Catalogue is declared, in the publishers' preface, to be "a catalogue of what we have for sale at the time of going to press"; and the imaginary person aforesaid, who is gifted (or afflicted?) with a sense of proportion, will conclude that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have a fairly fat stock of Pietersburgs for disposal.

Before leaving the subject of South Africa, it is interesting to note where Messrs. Gibbons have drawn the line between inclusion and exclusion. Stellaland and the New Republic are excluded from the British Empire—and rightly so—but Swaziland is included, because that territory was under the control of the Transvaal and had latterly used the Z.A.R. stamps.

Among countries thoroughly overhauled and re-arranged in the new catalogue, the most conspicuous is Griqualand. Madagascar also has been entirely re-listed, and extensive revisions have been made in many of the British Colonies.

"Ewen's Weekly," in an interesting "First Review" of the new Catalogue, points to the following notable advances in the prices of Great Britain:—

	1900.	1902.
1d. black, unused	15/-	25/-
2d. blue, Large Crown, p. 16. used	5/-	10/-, 12/6
2/- brown, used	55/-	65/-
" unused	£6	£7
2/- dull blue, unused	35/-	50/-
2/- pale blue, "	50/-	60/-
10/- grey, Cross, used	22/6	27/6
£1 brown "	35/-	40/-
1½d. venetian red, unused	1/-	2/6
1d. pale lilac, 14 dots, unused	2/6	4/-
£1 brown, 3 Crowns, used	10/-	15/-

In the older Colonials and in all "gilt-edged" descriptions there is, as was expected, a general appreciation. But the new Gibbons' Part I is in no sense a sensational publication. We believe that the book, taken as a whole, is a fair and reliable reflex of the market in stamps as it exists in London to-day, but in a future number of the *Fortnightly* we may discuss further the all important question of prices.

In get-up and in thoroughness the new catalogue is a tribute to the enterprise and acumen of Stanley Gibbons, Limited.

Mr. Fred Hagen has made a big "find"—an entire block of 24 of the 1d. "diadem" N. S. W., *rouletted*!

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"Stamp dealers issues" will become quite a large branch of Philately at the present rate of progress. Messrs. Hamilton Macrae & Co., of Hay Street, Perth, W.A., issue a fancy post card, self-addressed, and bearing a fac-simile of the Victorian 5s. stamp, though this is printed in one colour, blue, only. The selection of a 5s. stamp for a post card betrays the possession of a lively fancy. There hasn't been a siege at Perth, W.A., has there?

The Printings of Greece.

ILLUSTRATIONS THAT WILL HELP YOUNG COLLECTORS TO CLASSIFY THEIR PARIS AND ATHENS PRINTS.

MR. CRAWFORD CAPEN, the "Boss" of the new American philatelic "combine," begins his reign well by contributing to his "house organ," the "American Journal of Philately," the first of a series of articles on the stamps of Greece. This opening article is remarkable for a series of enlarged reproductions of the head of Hermes as shown on the Greek stamps of 1861-88. Mr. Capen divides the issues of this period into five "general divisions" as follows:

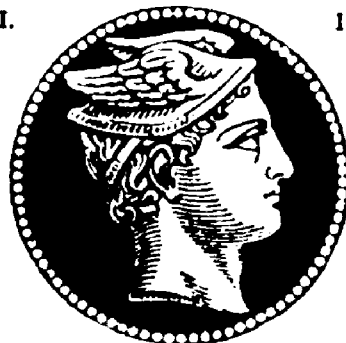
1. Paris Print, 1861.
2. Clear Athens Print, 1861-62.
3. Coarse Athens Print, 1863-69.
4. Cleaned Plate Athens Print, 1870-76.
5. Very Coarse Athens Print, 1877-88.

These five divisions Mr. Capen proceeds to illustrate by means of his magnified reproductions of the central circle, which reproductions we have taken leave to "transfer" to the *Fortnightly's* columns.



I.

II.



III.



IV.



V.

The descriptions given of the printings represented by these five cuts are as follows:—

Cut I. shows the central portion of the Paris print. The noticeable peculiarities are the fine horizontal lines on the cheek, which, because of their fineness, break up into dots and dashes. It will be noticed also that these lines begin at the left with a sharp point, widen as we pass to the centre and end at the right in a sharp point. This is also noticeable in the lines on the back of the neck. This seems to be characteristic of prints from the plate when in its best condition.

Cut II. shows the fine Athens print. It will be noticed at once that the horizontal lines on cheek and neck begin and end in blunted

points. The lines are more nearly the same thickness throughout, and are less broken up into dots and dashes.

These lines are, however, fine and separate one from another. Our cuts are not exaggerated and frequently we find specimens of the stamps themselves in which the peculiarities noted are even more plainly shown than in these cuts.

Cut III. is of the coarse Athens print. It will be noticed that the lines on cheek and neck are not so fine as in Cut II. It is usually the case that some of them in each stamp examined are so rough and irregular that they touch one another at certain points.

Cut IV. shows the plate cleaned, after it had become so dirt y that stamps printed from it were too poor to satisfy the postal authorities. The principal characteristics of the pl. of the cleaned plate are the shortness of the lines on the cheek and the return to the pointed end of each line, such as we noticed in Cut I, Paris print. It is also characteristic of the cleaned plate in many of the values, that the lines on the cheek break up into dots and dashes to some extent, although not so much as in the specimens of the Paris Print. This peculiarity will be noticed in our cut in the lines just in front of the ear and also at the base of the neck.

Cut V. shows the plate in its last and worst state, when it had been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that all lines on cheek and neck were exceedingly coarse, blunt at the ends, and in many cases the ink ran together producing solid blotches of colour on the back of the neck and at the throat.

These cuts show the five main differences in the stamps of Greece. The descriptions will require modifications for the different values, but the collector who uses them as the foundation of his classification of the stamps of Greece will find it possible to make an arrangement of the different issues which will be complete and satisfactory.

A "Depreciation" of Original Gum.

Our worthy contemporary, the "Metropolitan Philatelist," thinks no great shakes of original gum. Just listen to this:—

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.

An Order for Two Million Stamps.

A would-be forger arrested in Paris recently appears to have desired to carry on business on a colossal scale. According to Mons. Maury's journal, this gentleman, a Russian by nationality, ordered a printer in the Rue Lafayette to print him two millions of Russian stamps of the face values of 7 and 10 kopecs. It is said the printer had already obtained the paper ere his suspicions were aroused. Truly, a simple and confiding printer! The Russian is now in custody.

New French Postmarking Dies.

The "Philatelic Record" reprints from the French newspapers an item concerning the new French obliterating dies. These, it appears, will show the hour of the day by the figures 1 to 24, and the minutes by the figures 5 to 55. The minutes will be separated from the hours by a comma. Hours alone (without minutes) will be denoted by a star after the figure.

The "Educated Crook" in Philately.

Mutual confidence is a good thing, but the "Montreal Philatelist" points out that it can easily be overdone.

This mutual confidence among philatelists (our contemporary asserts) is the parent of a downright carelessness that does not exist in any other business. A stamp is a small article easily purloined by the sneak thief while turning over the pages of a stock book, still how often are valuable collections handed over for examination in the stamp shops to complete strangers. As long as stamps were comparatively cheap, they received no attention from that section of the community which lives on the proceeds of theft, but of late these birds of prey have given some unpleasant study to philately. The recent robberies at the Paris and Buffalo exhibitions are evidence of the fact.

The recent exploits of the young man who swindled a Montreal dealer, who travelled on his swindling tour as far east as Halifax, and who has just been arrested in Omaha, Neb., are evidence that the educated crook has turned his undesirable attention to the stamp trade. To guard against such depredations, only ordinary business prudence is required. Dealers need only be more watchful and less confiding, and collectors, who are business men themselves, should not take it amiss, if the guarantees they would require in their own transactions, are more strictly demanded, hereafter, by the stamp merchant.

From the Auction Rooms.

Undoubtedly the auction season has opened with a rare swing.



Messrs. Venton Bull & Cooper on Friday, September 27th, held a most successful sale at their new venue, the Hotel Cecil, realising a total of about £1000. At "Puttick's" on Oct. 1 and following days a big collection was dispersed, one of the lots being the coveted 81 paras of Moldavia. This, from an opening bid of £100, rose by fives and tens to £220.

The last specimen sold at auction, it will be remembered, "made" £227, and it was said, though we know not on what sort of authority, that the specimen sold at Puttick's the other night had a short time before changed hands privately for £500. Below we continue our detailed report of recent interesting realisations:—

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, September 26th and 27th, 1901.

	£	s.	d.
British East Africa, On Company's Stamps, 2a. vermilion	1	12	0
British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta thinned	2	15	0
Do. 1862, Provisionals, 1c. black on rose, a sheet of 24, comprising 12 with border of crossed ovals, 8 with pearl border, and 4 with border of grapes	44	0	0
British Honduras, 1885, 6d. yellow*	2	2	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 1/9 green, slightly thinned,	2	6	0
Do. 2 rupees, 50 cents, lilac-rose*	4	0	0
French Colonies, 1871-77, 4c. grey, imperf.	1	3	0
Gambia, 1/- green*	1	10	0
Gt. Britain, V.R., 1d. black*	7	5	0
Do. 1858-64, issued at Cardiff, 1d. red, imperf., plate 116*	2	8	0
Do. do. 1d. red, plate No. 225* but badly centred	1	0	0
Do. 3d. carmine, imperf. with secret mark*	2	10	0
Do. 6d. plate 6, wmk. emblems*	3	3	0
Do. 8d. brown-lilac*	3	3	0
Do. 1/- green with hair lines, imperf.*	3	0	0
Do. 2/- brown*	5	10	0
Do. 2/- dull blue*	2	0	0
Do. 2/- deep blue*	3	5	0
Do. 2/- pale blue*	2	10	0
Mauritius, Greek Border, 1d. red	1	16	0
Newfoundland, 6½d. carmine*, cut close	3	12	6
New South Wales, Laurated, 2d. blue, stars in corners, the error "Waees" ..	2	0	0
Nova Scotia, 1/- violet ..	6	6	0
Orange Free State, 6d. blue. block of 4*	8	10	0
St. Lucia, 1st issue, 6d. green ..	1	7	0
Spain, 1851, 2 reales*, no gum ..	14	15	0
Straits Settlements, Provisional, 10c. on 30c. claret, Gibbons' No. 37*	3	0	0
Do. 2 cents on 12c. blue, Gibbons' No. 66*	2	5	0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, 1/- rose-carmine, with single lined border*	1	14	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE, Oct. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

EUROPE.

Austria, Newspaper stamp, 1851-56, head of Mercury, 6 Rr. yellow*	9	0	0
Do. another specimen, used ..	3	10	0
Do. Do. 30 Rr. rose on entire original but cut into ..	8	10	0
Austrian Italy, 1850, 15c. red on laid paper, a pair ..	8	15	0
Bremen, 1867, 7 grote, black and yellow, on entire ..	5	15	0
Bulgaria, 1882, 5 stotinki rose, error* ..	9	0	0
Do. another specimen, used, with a 10 stotinki rose on piece of original ..	8	0	0
Finland, 1867-70, 8 penni black on green, perf. 10½ ..	16	0	0
Do. 1897, 3½ roubles black and yellow, error ..	30	0	0

	£	s.	d.
France, 1849, 1 frc. orange* no gum	8	15	0
Do. another specimen, used	5	5	0
Do. 1872-75, 15c. bistre on rose, error, with 10c. "se tenant"	13	0	0
Do. 1877-89, type 2, 1c. black on Prussian blue, a pair*	5	10	0
Gt. Britain, 1880 2/- brown*	4	15	0
Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 1864, rouletted ¼sch. red, dotted background, a vertical pair, no roulettes at left ..	7	0	0
Naples, 1860, ½ tornese blue, Arms	10	0	0
Do. ½ tornese, Cross*, but no gum	8	5	0
Do. Another specimen, used, on entire	4	0	0
Oldenburg, 1859, ½ gros., black on green, creased ..	4	0	0
Do. 1861, ½ gros., orange-yellow	3	0	0
Do. do. ½ gros., green, the error "Oldeiburg" .., no gum	3	10	0
Parma, 1854, 5c. orange-yellow*	5	15	0
Do. 15c. red*	4	0	0
Do. Another specimen, paler shade*, no gum ..	3	15	0
Portugal, 1866, 120 reis blue, with lozenge perforation*, slightly clipped	3	15	0
Prussia, 1857, 2 sgr. blue*	2	2	0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 27 paras, black on rose ..	29	0	0
Do. 54 paras, blue on green*	25	0	0
Do. another specimen, used, but thinned	10	5	0
Do. 81 paras, blue on blue*, a fine copy	220	0	0
Do. 108 paras, blue on pink*	50	0	0
Do. Another specimen, used	28	0	0
Russia, 1858, 30 kopecs, crimson and green*	4	12	6
Saxony, 1850, 3pf. red*, thinned in one spot	4	10	0
Do. a pair used, heavily cancelled	8	0	0
Do. 1851, ½ngr., black on blue, error*	44	0	0
Spain, Madrid, 3 cuartos bronze*	12	10	0
Do. 1851, 2 reales red* no gum	13	10	0
Do. 1852, 2 reales red* part gum	9	9	0
Do. Another specimen used	7	5	0
Do. 1854, 1 real light blue, heavily cancelled and slightly torn	6	15	0
Do. 1865, 12 cuartos blue and rose, the error with inverted centre	5	10	0
Sweden, 1872, 20 ore vermilion, the error "Tretio" ..	11	15	0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen blue and red ..	4	0	0
Do. Geneva, 1843, 5+5c. yellow-green severed and rejoined*	15	10	0
Do. another pair, used, cut close	10	0	0
Do. 1847, envelope stamp used as adhesive, 5c. yellow-green on entire	4	4	0
Do. Vaud, 1849, 4c. black and red on entire	17	0	0
Switzerland, Winterthur, 1850, 2½ rappen, a pair ..	5	0	0
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen, black and red, vertical lines, type 1, torn in two places	5	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, vertical, type 2, slightly torn	6	5	0
Do. do. another with horizontal lines, type 4 ..	8	15	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 60 crazie red on blue, *	15	0	0
Do. another copy used, cut close	6	5	0
Do. 1853, 1 soldo yellow, *	5	10	0
Do. 9 crazie lilac	2	15	0
Do. 1860, 3 lire yellow, * cut into at top	40	0	0
Do. another specimen used, slightly cut into ..	33	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1875-79, 2 marks yellow, *	5	10	0
Do. do. 2 marks vermilion, *	5	15	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 4d. rose, * slightly defective ..	10	10	0
Do. do. 8d. brown	11	5	0
Do. do. 10d. vermilion, * no gum	3	0	0
Do. do. 1/- lilac, * no gum	6	0	0
Do. do. 1/9 green, *	4	4	0
Do. 1861, 8d. brown, *	6	10	0
Ceylon, do. another copy, used	3	5	0
Do. do. 8d. yellow-brown	4	5	0
Do. 1863-67, wmk. CC., 2d. yellow-green	2	12	0
Do. 1872-80, 2 rupees 50c. lilac-rose, *	6	5	0
Labuan, 1879, 12c. carmine	5	0	0
Do. 1880, 8 in black on 12c. carmine with additional figure over value	2	10	0
Do. 1891, 6 cents on 8c. purple with double inverted surcharge,	2	7	6
Philippine Islands, 1854, 10c. carmine, *	2	6	0
Do. do. 1 real slate-blue, the error "Corros" ..	4	17	6
Do. 1863, 2 reales blue, *, no gum	2	10	0

AFRICA.

	£	s.	d.
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, Woodblock, 1d. scarlet, fine ..	6	0	0
Do. another fine specimen	5	10	0
Do. do. another	5	10	0
Do. do., 1d. blue, error, no margin at left	37	0	0
Do. do., 4d. blue	3	12	6
Do. do., 4d. dark blue	7	10	0
Do. another specimen, heavily cancelled	5	15	0
Lagos, 1874, 1/- orange (value 15½mm.)*	3	4	0
Do. Do. (value 16½mm.)*	4	7	6
Do. 1885-87 5/- blue*	5	5	0
Do. Do. 10/- lilac-brown	8	8	0
Mauritius, 1848, post paid, 1d. orange, medium impression*	18	0	0
Do. 1859, large fillet, 2d. dark blue, 2 copies on entire original	27	10	0
Do. Do. Greek Border, 1d. scarlet* no gum	4	15	0
Do. 1854, Britannia, imperf., Four Pence, black and green, *, but no gum	4	15	0
Natal, 1857-58, 9d. blue, 25 x 28mm., indistinct embossing	4	10	0
Do. 1869-74, Postage in Tall Capitals, 3d. blue, * ..	6	0	0
Do. do. 6d. violet, *	4	0	0
Do. do. Postage, 12½mm., 3d. blue, *, but no gum ..	5	0	0
Sierra Leone, 1883, wmk. CA, 4d. blue*	7	0	0
Swaziland, 1889-90, 10/- brown*	4	10	0
Transvaal, 1879, 1 penny on 6d. black, type 10* ..	3	5	0
Zululand, 1894-96, £5 black and purple on red	4	5	0

NORTH AMERICA.

British Columbia, 1865, imperf. 10c. blue* but no gum ..	2	6	0
Canada, 1851, 12d. black*	61	0	0
Do. 1852-57, 7½d. green*	7	0	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 6d. yellow*	8	8	0
Do. another specimen* but no gum	6	5	0
Do. do. 1/- mauve* do.	36	0	0
Do. another specimen used, pin holed	9	0	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 2d. scarlet, slightly thinned in one spot*, part gum	45	0	0
Do. do. 4d. scarlet	6	10	0
Do. do. 6d. scarlet, cut rather close	5	0	0
Do. do. 6½d. scarlet*, part gum	7	5	0
Do. do. another specimen, nice margins	10	10	0
Do. do. 1/- scarlet*, no gum	28	10	0
Do. another specimen, used	14	10	0
Do. 1860, 4d. orange*, but no gum	6	10	0
Do. 1/- orange	15	0	0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 6d. dark green, *, no gum	10	5	0
Do. do. 1/- purple, * do.	36	0	0
Do. do. 1/- dark purple, used	15	0	0
Do. Another specimen	13	0	0
Do. 1/- violet	16	5	0
United States, 1869, 90c. carmine and black, *	3	17	6
Do. State, 10 dollars, *, no gum	8	10	0
Do. Newspaper Stamps, 1875-94, 1c. to \$60 complete, the eight high values being *, the 9c. damaged	12	5	0
Do. 1895, without wmk., 1c. to \$100 complete, *, perfs. missing on several stamps ..	11	0	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1859, imperf., 6d. rose red, a pair, *, no gum ..	8	10	0
Do. 1870, large Star, rough perfs, 1d. blue, *	16	0	0
Do. do. 1/- black	4	15	0
Do. 1872, perf. 11 x 13 x 14½-15½, ½d. blue-green, a fine pair*	5	0	0
Do. 1873, 1d. on right half of 5/- rose	4	5	0
Do. 1875-78, wmk. CC., 4d. carmine, perf. 14 x 12½, a pair*	14	0	0
Grenada, 1888-90, 4d. on 2/- orange, with upright "D" ..	7	0	0
Montserrat, 1884-85, 4d. blue*	6	0	0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow-green*, no gum	13	0	0
Do. 1878, 1/- deep green, an entire sheet of 12	14	0	0
Do. 1882-86, 6d. green*	4	12	0
St. Christopher, 1882-90, wmk. CA., 1d. lilac-rose* ..	2	10	0
St. Lucia, 1883-84, wmk. CA., Fourpence black and yellow, perf. 12*	3	3	0
Do. One Shilling black and orange	2	6	0
Do. 1885-86, 1/- orange-brown	3	10	0
St. Vincent, 1871-77, 1/- rose-red*, no gum and off centre ..	3	10	0
Do. do. 1/- vermilion*, badly centered	6	5	0
Do. 1880, wmk. Star, 6d. yellow-green*	2	4	0

(To be continued.)

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnighly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

IN the last *Fortnighly* we gave a portion of a most interesting letter on the subject of Exchange Clubs, from Mr. F. C. Henderson, of Lewisham. On the question of pricing, this gentleman contends that Exchange Clubs that abide by a certain catalogue and have *exchange only*, should price according to that catalogue; but "in all clubs with cash settlements let stamps be priced at their cash value instead of making owners act like children and double prices to make the stamps *appear* more valuable!"

Then as to "B.W.W.'s" remarks on entrance fees and commission (continues Mr. Henderson), I entirely agree that the extra work occasioned by the 50% pricing makes it necessary to charge commission, as well as entrance fee or subscription. That, however, it is necessary in a Club with net prices I cannot conceive, considering that I have conducted the "Blackheath" for several years now on merely a 6d. subscription, without charging commission or levying fines in any form! And as to settlements being delayed by *good* (that is, genuine—conducted to the best of the Secretary's ability) Clubs I can well believe, as I am a sufferer also—not yet having had settlement from one Club for stamps sent out over a year ago! I have appealed to the Secretary to drop the defaulters out of the Club, as members should not "take" unless in a position to make settlement in a reasonable time. There are other so-called Clubs—of which, unfortunately for myself, I have had bitter experience—from whose Secretaries it is difficult to obtain either sheets or settlements, and although Mr. Wickhart says these men are known as thorough rogues by members of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society, they still carry on their little games of "*doing*" contributors of sheets.

Many Clubs—the Otterdale especially—return my sheets within a few days of the return of the packet, but many of our other large Clubs are not so prompt, and, according to their rule, do not return sheets that have credit balances until all debit balances have been paid. I have requested many Secretaries to return my sheets without cash balance, when I have a credit account, and credit the amount to my next account, when probably I may have a debit balance. It is one way of getting sheets home earlier, as Secretaries cannot be expected to pay out money until it has been paid in. I certainly think valuable sheets should be returned as soon as possible after packet is finished, without being kept in hand sometimes months by the Secretary until a long-winded debtor has thought fit to settle his account.

I have little doubt the ventilation of Club doings in your magazine will bear good fruit, and open the eyes of many as to ways of betterment.

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Mr. J. Spibey, of Stafford, writes from the standpoint of a Secretary whose members give him—happy man!—very little trouble:—

I read with much interest the letter of Mr. Leicester Paine in your last issue. It is certainly true that in a great many instances the members are more to blame than the poor Secretary, though the latter always has to bear the brunt.

As Secretary of the County of Stafford Exchange I have little to complain of, as, with one or two exceptions my members are all very law-abiding, and that indeed is much to be thankful for. As a result I am always able to return sheets to all members within three to ten days of return of packet.

On the question of prices, I think every collector of experience will agree that the 50% system ought to be relegated to the fossil heap. It has always struck me that if all Exchange Secretaries were communicated with and a definite proposal made for combined action, very few would remain content with the old system, but would adopt the more rational one of net prices. Commencing with next month's (November) Packet my Exchange adopts *nett prices*, and from my varied experience as a member of many clubs I have no hesitation in saying that we shall go along even more

prosperously than of old. I will not enter into details as to the absurdity of 50% prices—that has already been fully dealt with—but it is quite certain that *nett* prices have everything to recommend them.

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We thank the many readers who have written on this question of Stamp Exchange Clubs. It was inevitable that many non-essential matters should be imported into the discussion. The question of pricing net or at 50%, for instance, is necessarily a matter that must be settled by the club members for themselves. Presumably there is machinery available by which the views of the majority of the members of any club can be communicated to the Secretary in such a way as to insure the proper consideration of any suggested reform. Our object was not so much to discuss the general working of Stamp Exchange Clubs (though the many letters received have contained some most valuable and interesting suggestions) as to enquire into the financial relations of club secretaries and club members. These relations, in some cases, leave much to be desired, and we ask every reader of the *Fortnighly* interested in this matter to peruse very carefully our editorial article in this number, headed "Dishonest Stamp Exchange Secretaries."

Where do all the old stamp albums go to? the "Metropolitan Philatelist" asks. Nearly 100,000 new ones, it appears, are sold annually in America.

The Philatelic Society, New York, is offering a prize for the best collection of 1000 stamps, the contest being open to all. A public exhibition of the collections sent in is to be held in rooms of the Collectors' Club, Fourth Avenue, New York, on October 21st.

Postmasters have almost as many curious questions to answer as magistrates! A young woman went to the Postmaster of Chicago not long since and wished to know the wholesale price for 2 cent postage stamps. She had figured out a bright scheme for retailing 2 cent stamps as a livelihood, and she must have felt bitterly disappointed when the Postmaster told her that there was no wholesale price!

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
THE first meeting of the season was held on October 5th, in Clapham Hall. The President, in his annual address, remarked on the first meeting of the society, held away back in the last century, and in a room not a stone's throw from their present position. There, in a close, stuffy room, nine enthusiasts met together, and the outcome of that meeting could be seen today in a membership roll that any society might be proud of. The new prospectus has been somewhat delayed by the change of secretary, but is now in the press, and no doubt all members will have received it by the time this *Fortnightly* appears. A copy will readily be sent to anyone on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. Parker, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.
OCTOBER 4th—The August Exchange Packet returned from circuit on September 26th, and all sheets and cash due to members sent off by the 2nd October.

In order to make the Exchange a success during the coming winter, would members send in regularly as good sheets as possible, and *send early*, so as not to delay the packet from starting on its journey at the proper time.

At this date some good sheets have come to hand for the October Packet.

JOHN JOHNSTON, Secretary, Moss-Side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD PHILATELIC EXCHANGE.

THE October Packet started on the 1st inst. with a very fine lot of Triangular Capes, Pence Ceylon and other early stamps—an indication that the season has opened.

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There are three vacancies for Members and the Secretary will gladly send copies of Rules, &c. to applicants.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

Oct. 3rd. Annual Meeting. The election of the following members was confirmed: Rev. F. J. Williams, Messrs. H. Saville, W. M. Gray, A. G. M. Dickson. The following were unanimously elected members: Messrs. G. Owen Wheeler, L. E. Bradbury, C. T. Reed, A. H. Dingwall, H. Grindell, W. E. White, H. B. Bilbrough, A. Gisborne.

It was unanimously decided to approve the recommendation of the Committee, that a Permanent Collection of Stamps be formed for reference at meetings, &c., and every member present promised to contribute.

The Society and the Hon. Sec., were accorded a series of congratulations on the remarkable and valuable additions made to the library during the past year, additions which it would be very difficult to duplicate. Further particulars of the above items will be found in the Annual Report, of which 4000 copies were ordered to be printed, and which should be in the members hands about Oct. 16th.

The Officers for the ensuing Session were elected as above.

The Programme was approved as follows:

Oct. 17. Stamps of "Great Britain and Colonies." Sale and Exchange. Display of "Society's Forgery Collection."

Nov. 5. Display of "Great Britain and African Colonies," by Mr. W. B. Avery.

Oct. 21. Discussion "Great Britain," Line Engraved Stamps, by Mr. R. Hollick and others;

followed by Display of New Issues by Members, and Exchange.

Dec. 5. Auction.
Jan. 9, 1902. Discussion "Great Britain"—Embossed Stamps; Paper "Tonga," by Mr. T. W. Peck.

Jan. 14, 15, 16, 17. Exhibition.
Feb. 6. Lantern Display, by Mr. J. A. Margoschis.

F b. 27 and 28. Auction.
Mar. 6. Display "Great Britain," by Mr. J. Steele Higgins.

Mar. 20. Discussion "De la Rue Plate Nos., 24d. to 1/-." Mr. G. Johnson.

Mar. 20. Display "Ceylon," by Mr. W. S. Vaughton.

April 10. Discussion "Great Britain, High Values and recent Issues," by Mr. C. A. Stephenson; Display "Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta," by Mr. W. Pimm.

May 1. Resumé of Great Britain.

At the suggestion of Mr. W. Scott a discussion took place on the 50 per cent. rule with the idea of substituting nett prices in the Exchange Packets. Mr. Scott in his letter, and some of the members present, for the sake of fully discussing the matter, raked up everything plausible and otherwise in favour of nett prices. But at the end it was unanimously decided to keep to the 50 per cent. rule, the Committee emphasising it by the expression of opinion that no one, who had had any experience of the inner working of a big exchange, would ever think of giving up the rule and adopting nett prices; and that the advantages of the 50 per cent. system were overwhelming compared with any seeming disadvantages. It does not say 50 per cent. off catalogue but off prices asked, and is the only legal method of applying the lever for prompt payment. Although some of us may like full catalogue for poor specimens and would prefer nett prices so that they may be less noticeable, it may be taken for granted that if ever the 50 per cent. rule becomes unworkable, the exchange club as a "popular institution" will be doomed to the loss of dealer and collector alike.

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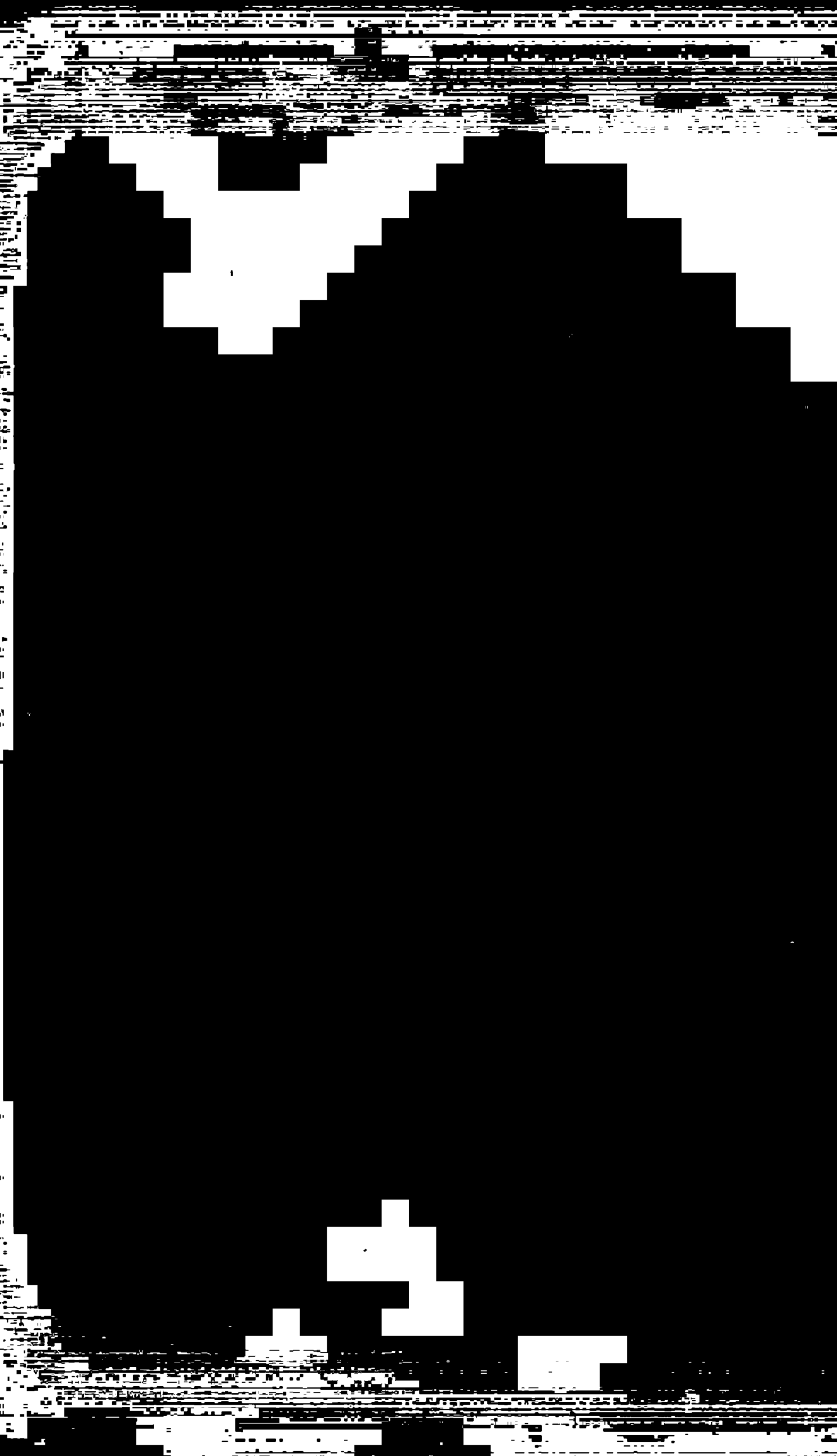
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Notice.

DURING the Season, this LIST will be PUBLISHED WEEKLY, and can only be obtained by subscribing to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* (either by post—6/6 per annum or 1/6 for 12 numbers—or through a local newsagent—1d. every Saturday.)

INDEX NUMBERS.

ALL orders should give the index-number of the set, the name of the Colony, and the price, and be written on a separate piece of paper, with name and address. Printed order forms will be supplied on demand. Our invariable terms are cash in advance, postage extra.

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REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICE.

THE Colonial Stamp Market now imports large quantities of all newly issued adhesive postage stamps, and any collector wishing to obtain such (in mint unused condition, well centred), directly they appear, and at the lowest possible prices, has only to send name and address, with a small deposit, to the Secretary of the Market, and a selection of new issues will be sent on approval once a week.

Every application should distinctly state:—

(a). Whether foreign stamps are required as well as British Colonials, or the latter only, or certain countries or colonies only.

(b). Whether all stamps regardless of face value are wanted, or whether only those up to 20/-, or 10/-, 5/-, etc. (The Colonial Market can furnish all, including £20 and £25 stamps, if required).

(c). Whether only single specimens are required or whether blocks or sheets are preferred. Sheets of 1d., 1/2d. and 1d. stamps with full margins are generally imported; sometimes sheets of even the highest values can be supplied. Blocks of 4 to 12 can nearly always be furnished in any stamp.

Terms. The Colonial Market supplies new issues at the exceptionally low rate of 5/10 per 5/- face value, although in reckoning the price of low value stamps, fractions of a penny are generally reckoned as a penny.

Deposit. The usual deposit ranges from 10/- to £5, according to whether high or low values are wanted. Although the amount of each invoice is debited at once to the account, credit will be given for returns made within 30 days.

EXPECTED SHORTLY.

Orders can now be booked for the following:—

(Those marked with an asterisk will be sent out through the medium of our regular weekly service of new issues, and readers who are in receipt of the service need not therefore especially book their order, unless pairs, blocks or sheets are wanted.)

- *Victoria, Head of King Edward. New £1 and £2 postage stamps.
- Victoria, 1d. green, "Stamp Duty."
- Southern Nigeria, sets, 1/2d. to 1/-
- *Malay Federated States, \$1, 2, 5, 25.
- *Northern Nigeria, 2/6 and 10/-
- Tonga, all values up to 5/-
- North Borneo, sets from 1c. to 24c.
- " high values, 25, 50c., \$1, 2, 5, 25.
- Labuan, sets from 1c. to 24c.
- " high values, 25, 50c., \$1.
- *Transvaal, 1/2d. on 2d., E.R.I.
- *Seychelles, provisionals.
- *Victoria, old types with "Postage," 1/2d. to 5/-.
- *Mauritius, new colours.
- *Hong Kong, new colours.
- *Cayman Islands, new 2 1/2d., 6d., 1/-.
- *Trinidad, new colours, 1/2d., 1d., 1/-.
- And others.

FOR FOREIGN ARRIVALS.

See Page 3 of E.W.S.N..

LATEST ARRIVALS.

N.B.—Collectors wishing to complete their Collections of current unused Colonial stamps should not delay making their purchases, as most varieties will become OBSOLETE shortly, and the Colonial Market cannot undertake to continue to supply at old rates after receipt of advice that new stamps with Head of King Edward have appeared. The opportunity to buy cheaply must inevitably soon pass.

- New South Wales, chalky paper.
 - 4d. red-brown, nett 6d.
 - 4d. yellowish-brown, nett 6d.
- Trinidad, current type.
 - 1/- yellowish-green, nett 1/4.
 - 1/- dark green, nett 1/3.
 - 5d. lilac and violet, cat. 4/6, nett 2 1/11.
 - 10/- pale green and greyish-ultramarine, nett £5 10s.
 - 2d. Commemorative (cat. 6d.), nett 3d.
- New Zealand (Pictorial).
 - 5/- London print, mint, superb, 22 6 nett.
- Turk's Island, entire panes of 30, mint.
 - 1d. lake (cat. 10/-), nett 5/-.
 - 6d. yellow-brown (cat. 30/-), nett 25/-.
 - 1s. black-brown (cat. 60/-), nett 48/-.
- Turk's Islands (old types).
 - Set of seven, 1/2d., 1d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/- (cat. 6/3), nett 5/-.
- Seychelles (old colours).
 - 2c. green and carmine, nett 2d.
 - 15c. sage-green and lilac, nett 8d.
- Niger Coast, wmk. Crown CA.
 - 1/2d. green, nett 2d.; block of 4, 8d.
 - 1d. orange-vernillion, nett 3d.; block of 4, 1/-.
 - 2d. lake, nett 5d.; block of 4, 1/8.
 - 2 1/2d. blue, nett 6d.; block of 4, 1/9.
 - 5d. purple, nett 10d.
 - 6d. yellow-brown, nett 1/-.
 - 1s. black, nett 2/-; block of 4, 8/-.
 - 2s. 6d. olive, nett 4/-.
 - 5d. purple, no wmk., sheet of 48, nett 35/-.
- Niger Coast, 1893, set of 6, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 5d., 1/-; nett 13 3/6.
- Northern Nigeria, 2/6 green and blue, nett 2 1/11.
- Gibraltar, 75 cmos., olive-green, mint, 6/-.
- " 1 peseta, bistre, mint, 7/6.
- Note.—The bulk of the Colonial Market's superb stock of old unused Colonials is now being mounted in the B series of Approval Books, announced on page 3 of E.W.S.N.
- British Central Africa. New Colours.
 - 1d. carmine and violet, nett 2d.; block of 4, 6d.
 - 4d. green and violet, nett 5d.; per dozen, 4/8
 - 6d. brown and violet, nett 8d., per dozen, 7/-
 - 4d. green and violet, pane of 60, 23/4.
 - 6d. brown and violet, pane of 60, 35/-
- South Australia.
 - 1/2 blue, perf. 11 1/2. Nett, 23/4.
 - 10/- green, perf. 11 1/2. Nett, 11/8.
- Northern Nigeria.
 - Set, 1/2d. to 1/- Nett, 2/10.
- British Guiana. In going over our stock of the 1c. green, we find same are in two quite distinct shades, although both printed from plate 3.
 - 1c. bright green, 1d.; block of four, 3d.; pane of 60, 2 1/11.
 - 1c. grey green, 1d.; block of four 3d.; pane of 60, 2/11.
- Hong Kong. The 4c. grey (2d. each), can be supplied in pale or dark shades.
- New Zealand, Universal Postage, local print.
 - 1d. pale rose, nett, 2d.; block of 4, 6d.
 - 1d. bright rose, nett, 2d.; block of 4, 6d.
- Southern Nigeria. We have a small supply of high values, all without gum. The 5/- value is already obsolete.
 - 2/6 brown and black, 2/11.
 - 5/- orange-yellow and black, 7/-
 - 10/- violet and black on yellow, 11/8.
- Bechuanaland Protectorate.
 - 1/2d. vermilion, nett 1d.
 - 1d. lilac, nett 1 1/2d.
 - 2d. green red, nett 3d.
 - 4d. green and brown, nett 6d.
 - 6d. lilac on rose, nett 8d.

- Great Britain, new dies for stamping envelopes.
 - 1 1/2d. orange, with Arrow-heads instead of florets, nett 3d. (Entire or cut square).
- Victoria, old types in new colours (without "Postage").
 - 1d. green, nett 1d.; block of 4, 3d.
 - 2d. violet, nett 4d.; block of 4, 11d.
 - 3d. brown, nett 6d.; block of 4, 1/8.
 - 4d. ochre, nett 8d.; block of 4, 2/4.
 - 6d. green, nett 11d.; block of 4, 3/6.
 - 1s. orange, nett 1/6; block of 4, 5/9.
 - 2s. blue on rose, nett 2/8; block of 4, 10/6.
 - 5s. rose and blue, nett 7/6; block of 4, 30/6.
- With "Postage" added.
 - 1d. rose, nett 2d.; per dozen, 1/2.
 - 2 1/2d. blue, nett 3d.; block of 4, 1/-.
 - 5d. brown, nett 6d.; block of 4, 2/-.
- Great Britain, 6d. rose. I.R. Official, used, 1/3.
- " 1/- green, do., used, fine, 1/3
- Mauritius, 4c. lilac on yellow, 2d., per doz. 11d.
- " 2c. lilac and violet, nett 1d.
- Malay Federated States, 50c., nett 1/3.
- British South Africa, new type.
 - 5/- orange-brown, nett 5/10.
- Uganda, shades.
 - 1r. bright blue, nett 2/-
 - 1r. milky blue, nett 1/9.
- Uganda, singles and blocks.
 - 1a. carmine, nett 1 1/2d., block of 4, 6d.
 - 2a. red-brown, nett 3d., block of 4, 1/-.
 - 3a. grey, nett 4d., block of 4, 1/3.
 - 4a. green, nett 6d., block of 4, 1/9.
 - 8a. olive, nett 11d., block of 4, 3/3.
 - 1r. blue, nett 1/9, block of 4, 6/3.
 - 5r. brown, nett 7/11, block of 4, 31/6.
- British Guiana. Entire envelopes.
 - New 2c. pink, embossed, grey paper, 2d. each.
- Malta, 1/2d. view of Valletta Harbour.
 - 1/2d. red-brown, wmk. Crown CA., 1d. each; block of four, 2d.
- Queensland.
 - 2/- brown, old type, 2/6 each; block of four, showing variety "LA" joined, 10/6 nett.

BLOCKS OF FOUR.

			Single.	Block of 4.
Bechuanaland Protectorate, on English.				
1001.	1/2d. vermilion	...	1d.	3d.
1002.	1d. lilac	...	1 1/2d.	6d.
1003.	2d. green and red	...	3d.	11d.
1005.	4d. green and brown	...	6d.	1/11
1006.	6d. lilac on rose	...	8d.	2/8
British Guiana.				
1008.	1c. current, bright green	...	1d.	3d.
1009.	" grey green	...	1d.	3d.
British Bechuanaland.				
1010.	3d. lilac, old type	...	4d.	1/3
Bahamas.				
1011.	1/- yellow-green, CC14	...	1/3	5/-
1012.	1/- blue-green, CA14	...	1/3	5/-
Bermuda.				
1013.	1/2d. on 1/- grey	...	1d.	2d.
1014.	1/- green, p. 14 x 12 1/2	...	2/3	—
Barbados Envelopes.				
1015.	1/2d. on 1d. pink, cut square	...	2d.	—
1016.	" " entire	...	2d.	—
Barbados wrappers.				
1017.	1/2d. on 1d. carmine, cut square	...	2d.	—
1018.	1/2d. on 1d. carmine, entire	...	2d.	—
Barbados Jubilee.				
1019.	1/2d. grey and rose	...	1d.	4d.
1020.	1/2d. green	...	1d.	4d.
1021.	2 1/2d. ultramarine	...	5d.	—
1022.	5d. brown	...	10d.	—
1023.	6d. lilac and carmine	...	1/-	—
1024.	8d. orange and blue	...	1/3	—
1025.	10d. green and carmine	...	1/6	—
British Central Africa.				
1026.	1d. blue and black	...	2d.	8d.
1027.	2d. yellow and black	...	4d.	1/4
1028.	4d. carmine and black	...	8d.	—
1029.	6d. green and black	...	1/-	—
1030.	1/- lilac and black	...	1/6	—
British Guiana.				
1031.	2c. lilac and orange	...	2d.	8d.
1032.	2c. lilac and carmine	...	2d.	6d.
British Guiana envelopes.				
1033.	2c. pink on grey, cut square	...	1 1/2d.	—
1034.	" " entire	...	1 1/2d.	—

For Low Values at Dozen Rates, see page 2.

Unused British Colonial Stamps.

The Finest Possible Investment. The Best Stamps to Buy.

Unused British Colonial Stamps are at the present moment one of the finest investments that anyone, whether collector or not, could wish to make, provided of course that they are purchased judiciously. It is safe to say that a collector five years hence would cheerfully pay £100 to have the opportunities that are free to everyone to-day. We fear these opportunities may not be appreciated by many collectors until lost (as has happened in the past), but readers of *E.W.S.N.* can have no excuse for not availing themselves of them. Splendid bargains have already been lost by procrastination. Last year (1900) the 10/- Trinidad and Niger Coast were freely offered by the Colonial Market at 11/8 apiece, and the £1 green and yellow Tasmanian could have been obtained for 23/4 (as much as £4 has already been offered and refused for this stamp), besides dozens of lower priced stamps such as the uncharged 25c. British Honduras, 5d. Trinidad, Ceylon 2r. 25c. yellow, surcharged, old Turk's Island, St. Vincent, Newfoundland, etc., etc. Many of those still offered will be equally scarce and desirable before the end of 1902. In all probability

ALL SETS QUOTED BELOW WILL SOON BE OBSOLETE.

Particular values may drop out at any moment, as in view of the preparation of new stamps with Head of King Edward, it is hardly likely new printings of the old stamps will be sent out to any colony. Therefore the collector who intends to buy, should translate his intention into action at once.

Index No.	Particulars of Set, Current, 1901.	No. in Set.	Values in Fare.	Our Price.
GROUP I.—WEST INDIES, Etc. (The 15 sets for 45/-).				
1	Bahamas, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	5	2/1 1/2	2/5 1/2
2	Barbados, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d.	9	2/11 1/2	3/5 1/2
3	Bermuda, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11 1/2
4	British Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24c.	8	2/7	2/11 1/2
5	British Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25c.	8	3/6 1/2	4/2
5a	Cayman Islands, 1/2d., 1d.	2	0/1 1/2	0/2
6	Falkland Islands, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1/-	8	3/1	3/7 1/2
7	Grenada, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1/-	8	2/11	3/5
8	Jamaica, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11 1/2
9	Leeward Islands, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1/-	7	2/9	3/4
10	St. Lucia, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	3/0
11	St. Vincent, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/10	3/4
12	Trinidad, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/2	2/6 1/2
13	Turk's Island, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/4	2/9
14	Virgin Islands, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1/-	7	2/9	—
GROUP II.—EUROPE. (The 5 sets for 13/9).				
15	Gibraltar, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/4	2/8 1/2
16	(Morocco Agencies), 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.	8	3/0	3/6
17	Cyprus, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 piastres	7	2/5	3/2
18	Malta, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 4 1/2d., 5d., 1/-	9	2/7 1/2	3/1
19	British Post Offices in the Levant, 40, 80 pa., 4 pias.	3	1/2	1/5
GROUP III.—NORTH AMERICA. (The 4 sets for 7/3).				
20	Canada, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20c.	9	2/4	2/9
20a	Maps, set of three shades	3	0/3	0/3 1/2
21	Newfoundland (Royal Family), 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5 cents	5	0/6	0/7
22	(Cabot), 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24	7	3/3 1/2	3/10
GROUP IV.—AFRICA. (The 20 sets for 57/6).				
23	Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/4 1/2	2/10
24	B. C. A., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	5	2/1	2/6
25	B. E. A., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 7 1/2, 8 as.	10	3/3	3/9 1/2
26	B. S. A. (Rhodesia), 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/1 1/2	2/6
27	Cape of Good Hope, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11 1/2
28	Gambia, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	3/0
29	Gold Coast, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/1	2/6
30	Lagos, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7 1/2d., 10d., 1/-	11	4/5 1/2	5/2 1/2
32	Mauritius, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 18, 25, 50c.	8	1/6	1/9
33	Natal, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11 1/2
35	St. Helena, 1/2d., 1d., 1 1/2d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 5d., 10d.	7	1/10 1/2	2/3
36	Seychelles, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 36, 75r.	11	2/9	3/2 1/2
37	Sierra Leone, 1/2d., 1d., 1 1/2d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	10	3/1 1/2	3/8
38	Sudan, 1, 2, 3, 5 millièmes	4	0/3	0/3 1/2
39	1, 2, 5, 10 piastres	4	3/9	4/4 1/2
40	Zanzibar, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 1 1/2, 5, 7 1/2, 8 annas	10	3/3	3/9 1/2
41	Northern Nigeria, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/5	2/10
42	Orange River Colony, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/3	2/8
43	Transvaal, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	3/-
44	Uganda, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 annas	5	1/7	1/11
45	Southern Nigeria, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	—	—
GROUP V.—ASIA. (The 7 sets for 23/0).				
51	Ceylon, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 15, 25, 30, 75c.	10	2/5	2/10
52	Hong Kong, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 30, 50c.	8	2/9	3/2 1/2
53	India, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 12	10	2/11	3/5
54	Sarawak, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50c.	9	3/1	3/7
55	Straits Settlements, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 21, 25, 30, 32, 50c.	13	4/2	4/11
56	Malay Federated States, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 50c.	8	2/1	2/6
59	Johore, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 25, 50 cents	9	2/2 1/2	2/7
64	North Borneo, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c.	10	—	—
62	Labuan, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c.	10	—	—
GROUP VI.—AUSTRALIA. (The 9 sets for 33/0).				
69	British New Guinea, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	—	—
70	Tonga, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7 1/2d., 10d., 1/-	11	—	—
71	Cook Islands, 1/2d., 1d., 1 1/2d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-	9	—	—
72	Fiji Island, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/10	3/3
73	N. S. W., 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6d., 7 1/2d., 8d., 10d., 1/-	13	5/10 1/2	6/10
74	N. Z. (Local print), 1/2d., 1d., 1 1/2d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1/-	13	4/6 1/2	5/4
75	Queensland, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	9	3/0	3/6
76	S. Australia, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1/-	10	3/9	4/4
77	Tasmania (Queen's Head), 1/2d., 2 1/2d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1/-	6	3/0	3/6
78	Victoria, 1d., 2d., 5d.	3	0/8 1/2	0/10
79	Western Australia, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/9	3/3
80	Tasmania (Pictorial), 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d.	8	2/0	2/4
GROUP VII.—MISCELLANEOUS. (Mostly obsolete.)				
90	Barbados Jubilee, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d.	8	2/9 1/2	3/11
91	B.S.A., 1896, 1c engraved, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d.	7	2/0 1/2	1/7
92	Gibraltar, pesetas, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.	8	3/0	3/6
93	Puttialla Service, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12as., 1r.	7	4/5	5/2
94	St. Helena, old types, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	3/0
95	Sudan, Milit. Electr., 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10p.	5	3/10 1/2	4/7
96	" Postage Due, 2, 4m., 1, 2p.	4	0/9	0/11
97	New Zealand, Postage Due, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 1/-	10	4/3 1/2	4/11 1/2
98	Victoria (without Postage) 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/3 1/2	3/3
99	" (1887 types) 1/2d., 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2d., 3, 4, 5, 6, 9d., 1/-	11	3/10 1/2	4/10
100	New Zealand (old type) 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8d., 1/-	10	3/8	5/6

Index No.	Particulars of Set, Current, 1901.	No. in Set.	Values in Fare.	Our Price.
LOW VALUES (Wholesale.)				
WEST INDIES.				
101	Bahamas, 1d.	1/2	5/10	—
102	Barbados, 1/2d.	4d	1/7	—
103	" "	7d	2/11	—
104	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
105	Bermuda, 1/2d on is.	5d	—	—
106	" "	1d	—	—
107	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
108	Brit. Guiana, 1c	7d	2/11	—
109	" "	2c (1900)	1/3	6/3
110	" "	2c (1901)	—	—
111	Br. Honduras, 1c	8d	—	—
112	" "	2c	1/2	5/10
113	Cayman Is., 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
114	" "	1d	1/2	—
115	Falkland Is., 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
116	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
117	Grenada, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
118	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
119	Jamaica, 1/2d	—	—	—
120	" "	1d	—	—
121	Leeward, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
122	" "	1d	1/2	—
123	St. Lucia, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
124	" "	1d	—	—
125	St. Vincent, 1/2d	7d	—	—
126	" "	1/2	5/10	—
127	Trinidad, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
128	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
129	Turks & Caicos, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
130	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
131	Virgin Is., 1/2d	—	—	—
132	" "	1d	—	—
EUROPE.				
151	Gibraltar, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
152	" "	1d	—	—
153	Morocco, 5c	—	—	—
154	" "	10c	—	—
155	Cyprus, 1/2p	10d	3/11	—
156	" "	1/2p	5/10	—
157	" "	1p	7/9	—
158	Malta, 1/2d	4d	1/7	—
159	" "	1d	7d	2/11
160	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
NORTH AMERICA.				
(* Prices are for half sheets of fifty.)				
161	Canada, 1/2c	4d	1/5	—
162	" "	1c	—	—
163	" "	2c	—	—
164	" "	2c on 3c	1/3	5/2
165	Maps, 2c lavender	1/2	4/10	—
166	" "	2c pale blue	1/2	4/10
167	Newfoundland, 1/2c	5d	1/4	—
168	" "	1c	8d	2/8
169	" "	2c	—	—
AFRICA.				
171	Bechuanaland, 1/2d	—	—	—
172	" "	1d	1/3	—
173	B.C.A., 1d (old)	1/3	6/3	—
174	B.E.A., 1/2 anna	8d.	3/3	—
175	" "	1/2	5/10	—
176	B.S.A., 1d	7d	2/11	—
177	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
183	Cape, 1/2d	7d	2/11	—
184	" "	1d (old)	1/3	5/10
185	" "	1d (Table Hay)	1/2	5/10
188	Gambia, 1/2d	8d	3/3	—
189	" "	1d	—	—
190	Gold Coast, 1/2d	—	—	—
191	" "	1d	1/2	5/10
195	Lagos, 1/2d	8d	2/11	—
196	" "	1d	1/2	—
197	Mauritius, 1c	4d	1/3	—
198	" "	2c	6d	2/3
199	" "	3c	8d	—
200	" "	4c (old)	1/-	4/9
201	" "	6c	1/3	6/3
202	" "	4c (new)	11d	4/3
208	Natal, 1/2d	—	—	—
209	" "	1d	—	—
215	Niger Coast, 1/2d	—	—	—
216	" "	1d	—	—
LOW VALUES—continued.				
217	N. Nigeria, 1/2d	—	—	—
218	" "	1d	—	—
219	Orange River, 1/2 V.R.I.	1/-	—	—
220	" "	1d V.R.I.	1/2	—
221	O.R.C. on Cape, 1/2d	8d	—	3/3
225	St Helena, 1/2d	—	—	—
226	" "	1d	—	—
227	Seychelles, 2c	—	6d	—
228	" "	3c	—	9d
239	" "	4c	—	1/-
230	" "	6c	—	—
232	Sierra Leone, 1/2d	—	—	—
233	" "	1d	—	—
235	S. Nigeria, 1/2d	—	8d	3/3
236	" "	1d	—	—
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Unused British Colonial Stamps.

British Colonial High Values.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
301 Bahamas, 5s. sage-green ...	5/0	5/10
302 " £1 venetian-red ...	20/0	23/4
304 Barbados, 2/6 black & orange	2/6	2/11
305 " 2/6 jubilee type ...	2/6	2/11
310 B.C. Africa, 2/6 ultramarine	2/6	2/11
311 " 4/0 carmine ...	4/0	4/8
312 " 10/0 olive & black	10/0	11/8
313 " 20/0 lilac ...	20/0	23/4
314 " £10 yellow ...	200/0	233/4
315 B.E.A., 2r. orange (large type)	2/9	3/5
316 B.E.A., 1r. blue (large type)...	1/4 1/2	1/8
317 " (small) 3r. ...	2/9	3/9
318 " " 3r. ...	4/2	4/10
319 " " 4r. ...	5/7	6/6
320 " " 5r. ...	7/0	8/2
321 " 10r. yellow-brown	13/7	15/10
322 " 20r. yellow-green	27/1	31/8
323 " 50r. lilac ...	67/9	79/1
324 Brit. Guana, 48c. lilac and red	2/0	2/11
325 " 72c. " brown	3/0	3/6
326 " 96c. " rose	4/0	4/8
330 Brit. Honduras, 50c. g'n & red	2/1	2/6
331 " \$1 grn & red	4/2	4/10
332 " \$2 grn & blue	8/4	9/8
333 " \$5 grn & bl'k.	20/10	24/2
336 B. Levant, 12 piastres ...	2/0	2/4
340 B.S. Africa, 2/- indigo on buff	2/0	2/4
341 " 2/6 brn. on yellow	2/6	2/11
342 " 3/- green on blue	3/0	3/6
343 " 4/- red on green...	4/0	4/8
344 " 5/- chestnut & green	5/0	5/10
345 " 10/- slate on rose	10/0	11/8
347 " new 5/- orange ...	5/7	5/10
348 " £1 lilac ...	20/0	23/4
350 " £10 lilac ...	200/0	233/4
351 Canada, 20c. red ...	0/10	1/3
352 " 50c. blue ...	2/1	2/6
353 " 20c. sage-green ...	0/10	1/0
358 Cape, 5/- brown-orange ...	5/0	5/10
361 Ceylon, 1.50c. rose ...	2/1	2/5
362 " 2.25c. blue ...	3/2	3/8
363 " 2.50c. purple on red	3/5	4/3
365 Cyprus, 18pi., slate and brown	2/0	2/4
366 " 45pi., lilac and blue...	5/0	5/10
370 Falkland Islands, 2/6 blue ...	2/6	2/11
371 " 5/- brown-red	5/0	5/10
373 Fiji Islands, 5/- black and rose	5/0	5/10
375 Gold Coast, 2/- green and rose	2/0	2/4
376 " 5/- green and violet	5/-	5/10
377 " 10/- green & brown	10/0	11/8
378 " 20/- lilac on red	20/0	23/4
380 Hong Kong, \$1 on 96c. black	2/1	2/5
381 India, 1 rupee, rose and green	1/4	1/7
382 " 2 rupees brown and rose	2/8	3/2
383 " 3 " green & brown	4/0	4/8
384 " 5 " violet and blue	6/5	7/10
386 Jamaica, CA. 14, 2/- brown-red	2/0	2/4
387 " 5/- violet	5/0	5/10
388 " CC. 12 1/2, 2/- br'n-red	2/0	2/8
389 Johore, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 dollars ...	30/0	35/0
390 Lagos, 2/6 green and rose ...	2/6	2/11
391 " 5/- " blue ...	5/0	5/10
392 " 10/- " brown...	10/0	11/8
393 Leeward Islands, 5/- gn. & blue	5/0	5/10
393a " " 5/- gn. & ult.	5/0	5/10
394 Mauritius, 2r. 50c. on 5/- violet	3/5	3/11
395 " 2r. 50c. violet brown	3/5	3/11
396 Malta, 2/6 grey-green ...	2/6	2/11
397 " 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/10
398 " 10/- deep blue ...	10/0	11/8
399 Malay Fed. States, \$1 ...	2/1	2/5
400 " " \$2 ...	4/2	4/11
401 " " \$5 ...	10/5	12/2
402 " " \$25 ...	52/0	60/8
403 Natal, 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/10
405 Newfound'd, Cabot, 30, 35, 60c.	5/3	6/1
406 New South Wales, 12 1/2d. red	1/0 1/2	1/3
407 " " 5/- Coin type	5/0	5/10
408 " " 10/- lilac & red	10/0	11/8
409 " " £1 ultramarine	20/0	23/4
410 N.Z., (local print) 2/- blue-green	2/0	2/4
411 " 5/- vermilion ...	5/0	5/10
415 Northern Nigeria, 2/6 grn. & blue	2/6	2/11
416 " " 10/- grn. & brn.	10/0	11/8
417 Southern Nigeria, 2/6 brown	2/6	2/11
418 " " 5/- orange	5/0	7/0
419 " " 10/- lil. on yel.	10/0	11/8
420 Orange River, V.R.I., 5/- green	5/0	5/10
421 Queensland, 2/- brown, old type	2/0	2/6
422 " 2/- green ...	2/0	2/4
423 " 2/6 vermilion ...	2/6	2/11

*Southern Nigeria are without gum.

HIGH VALUES—continued.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
424 Queensland, 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/10
425 " 10/- brown ...	10/0	11/8
426 " £1 deep green ...	20/0	23/4
430 St. Helena, 5/- orange (old type)	5/0	5/10
431 St. Lucia, 5/- lilac and orange	5/0	5/10
432 " 10/- " black ...	10/0	11/8
434 St. Vincent, 5/- green and blue	5/0	5/10
435 " 5/- lake (old type)	5/0	5/10
437 Sarawak, \$1 green and black ...	2/1	2/5
438 " \$1 green & carmine...	2/1	2/5
440 Seychelles, 1r. mauve & rose	1/4 1/2	1/7
441 " 1r. 50c. grey & rose	2/0 1/2	2/5
442 " 2r. 25c. mauve & grn.	3/0 1/2	3/7
445 Sierra Leone, 2/- grn. and blue	2/0	2/4
446 " 5/- green and rose	5/0	5/10
447 Sierra Leone, 20/- lilac on red	20/0	23/4
450 South Australia, 2/- carmine	2/0	2/4
451 " 2/6 lilac, perf. 11 1/2	2/6	2/11
452 " 5/- rose, perf. 11 1/2...	5/0	5/10
453 " 10/- green, perf. 11 1/2	10/0	11/8
454 " 15/- buff, perf. 10 ...	15/0	—
455 " £1 blue, perf. 11 1/2	20/0	23/4
458 Straits, \$5 orange & carmine	10/0	11/8
460 Tasmania, 2/6 brown and blue	2/6	2/11
461 " 5/- lilac and red ...	5/0	5/10
462 " 10/- mauve & brown	10/0	11/8
467 Transvaal, 2/6 V.R.I. ...	2/6	2/11
468 " 10/- V.R.I. ...	10/0	11/8
470 Trinidad, 5/- green & orange	5/0	5/10
471 " 20/- green & carmine	20/0	23/4
475 Turks Islands, 2/- violet	2/0	2/4
476 " 3/- carmine ...	3/0	3/6
480 Uganda, 1r. blue ...	1/4	1/9
481 " 5r. brown ...	6/8	7/11
484 Victoria, 1/6 orange ...	1/6	1/11
485 " 2/- blue on pink ...	2/0	2/8
486 " 5/- rose & blue (old type)	5/0	7/6
487 Virgin Islands, 5/- indigo ...	5/0	5/10
489 Zanzibar, 1 rupee...	1/4 1/2	1/7
490 " 2 rupees ...	2/9	3/2
491 " 3 " ...	4/2	4/10
492 " 4 " ...	5/7	6/6
493 " 5 " ...	7/0	8/2

HIGH VALUES. (OBSOLETE).

495 " B.C.A." on " B.S.A." 2/- red	2/0	2/4
496 " 2/6 purple ...	2/6	2/11
497 " 3/- brn. & grn.	3/0	3/6
498 " 4/- grey & red	4/0	4/8
499 " 5/- orange ...	5/0	5/10
500 " 10/- deep green	10/0	11/8

Blocks of Four—(continued from page 1).

	Single.	Block of 4.
British Honduras.		
1035. 5c. blue, unsurch.	5d.	—
1036. " surch...	5d.	—
1037. 10c. lilac and green, unsur.	10d.	—
1038. " " surch.	7d.	—
1039. 25c. brown and green ...	1/3	—
1040. 5c. black on blue ...	3d.	1/-
1041. 24c. yellow and blue ...	1/6	—
Hong Kong.		
1042. 2c. green ...	1d.	3d.
1043. 4c. pale grey or dark grey	2d.	6d.
1044. 5c. blue ...	2d.	8d.
1045. 10c. blue ...	4d.	1/3
1046. 7c. on 10c. green ...	1/6	—
1047. 12c. blue ...	5d.	1/6
Great Britain, Army Official.		
1048. 4d. green ...	1d.	4d.
India.		
1049. 3 pies, grey ...	1d.	2d.
1050. 4a. yellow-green ...	1d.	3d.
1051. 3 pies, carmine ...	1d.	3d.
1052. 2 as. blue ...	3d.	1/-
Mauritius.		
1053. 2c. lilac and orange ...	1d.	4d.
1054. 2c. lilac and violet ...	1d.	3d.
1055. 4c. lilac and rose on yellow	2d.	6d.
1056. 6c. on 18c. green and blue	2d.	8d.
1057. 6c. green and carmine ...	2d.	6d.
1058. 1c. lilac and blue ...	1d.	2d.
New South Wales.		
1101. 5d. green, old type ...	7d.	2/-
New Zealand.		
1105. 1 1/2d. khaki ...	2d.	8d.
1106. 1d. lake, Universal Postage	2d.	6d.
1107. 1d. bright carmine, do.	2d.	6d.
Nova Scotia.		
1108. 1c. black ...	1/9	6/9
1109. 2c. lilac ...	1/9	6/9
1110. 8 1/2c. green ...	4/6	17/6
Orange Free State.		
1111. 1s. brown (cat. 12/6) ...	6/6	26/-
St. Christopher.		
1112. 6d. green ...	3/-	12/-
Sarawak.		
1113. 1c. dark blue and carmine	1d.	2d.
Southern Nigeria.		
1114. 4d. black and green ...	1d.	3d.
Straits Settlements.		
1115. 1c. on 12c. purple-brown	9d.	2/6
1116. 4c. on 5c. rose ...	2d.	6d.
1117. 5c. blue ...	2d.	8d.
1118. 5c. plum ...	2d.	8d.
1119. 10c. slate ...	4d.	1/4

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LOW VALUES (Wholesale).

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(Half-dozens and blocks of four pro rata, if price per dozen exceeds 5s. State if blocks with margins are preferred.)

Table listing various stamps from Br. Guiana, Br. Honduras, Falkland, Grenada, Jamaica, Leeward Is., St. Lucia, Trinidad, Canada, Newfoundland, Mauritius, Niger Coast, N. Nigeria, O.F.S., Ceylon, Hong Kong, India, Malay, Straits, etc. with prices per dozen and pane of 60.

OBSOLETE ISSUES.

Table listing obsolete stamps from Antigua, Barbados, Br. Honduras, Br. Guiana, Ceylon, Dominica, Grenada, Labuan, Pahang, Perak, Sierra Leone, Tobago, etc. with prices.

Special Offers.

MINT UNUSED COLONIAL STAMPS.

All stamps are unused unless otherwise described.

QUEENSLAND.

Table listing Queensland stamps from 1882 to 1895, including Wmk. Crown and Q., Thick paper, Large Crown and Q., Thin paper, Crown and Q. impressed, and Figures in lower corners only.

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Table listing St. Helena stamps: 2546 1/2d. dark green, 36; 2547 1d. deep red, 37; 2548 1d. red, 38; 2550 2d. yellow, CA. 14, 39; 2551 2 1/2d. blue, 40; 2552 3d. deep violet, 42; 2554 4d. sepia, CA. 14, 43; 2555 6d. grey, 44; 2556 1s. yellow-green, CC. 14, 25; 2557 " CA. 14, 45; 2558 5/- orange-yellow, CC. 12 1/2, 18.

HONGKONG.

Table listing Hong Kong stamps: 2583 2c. bright-rose, 43; 2584 2c. green, new issue; 2585 4c. grey, 62; 2587 5c. bright ultramarine, 44a; 2589 10c. brown on red, 50; 2590 10c. ultramarine, new issue; 2591 12c. blue, CC. 14, 18; 2592 20c. on 30c. green, 55; 2593 30c. grey-green, 51a; 2594 50c. on 48c. violet, 56; 2595 \$1 on 96c. black, 63.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Table listing Straits Settlements stamps: 2601 1c. green, 88; 2602 2c. rose, 48; 2603 3c. carmine-rose, 89; 2604 3c. brown, 89a; 2605 4c. on 5c. carmine, 100; 2606 4c. on 8c. ultramarine, 98; 2607 4c. rose, CA. 14, 44; 2608 5c. blue, 90a; 2609 5c. blue, 50; 2611 6c. lilac, 45a; 2612 8c. ultramarine, 91; 2613 10c. on 24c. green, 77; 2614 10c. slate, 47; 2616 24c. blue-green, 54a; 2617 25c. purple and green, 93; 2620 30c. claret, 53, cat. 3/6; 2621 32c. orange-vermilion, 54; 2622 50c. olive-green & carmine, 94; 2623 \$5 carmine and orange, 95.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

PROVISIONAL ISSUES, SURCHARGED 'V.R.I.'

First printing, with level stops.

Table listing Orange River Colony stamps: 2693 1/2d. orange, 101; 2694 1d. purple, 102; 2695 2d. bright lilac, 103; 2696 2 1/2d. on 3d. blue, 104; 2697 3d. blue, 106; 2698 4d. blue, 107; 2699 6d. blue, 109; 2700 1s. brown, 110.

Second printing, with raised stops.

Table listing Orange River Colony stamps: 2705 1/2d. orange, 143; 2706 1d. purple, 144; 2707 2d. bright lilac; 2708 3d. blue, 148; 2709 4d. blue, 149; 2710 6d. blue, 151; 2711 1s. brown, 152; 2712 5s. green, 153.

Variety, no stop after V.

Table listing Orange River Colony stamps: 2713 2d. orange, 172 (cat. 6/-).

Thick V, in pair with normal.

Table listing Orange River Colony stamps: 2717 1/2d. orange, 143, 176 (c. 8d.); 2718 1d. purple, 144, 177, c. 10d.; 2719 2d. lilac, 145, 178, c. 1/10; 2720 3d. blue, 148, 179, c. 3/-; 2721 6d. blue, 151, 181, c. 4/10; 2722 1s. brown, 152, 182, c. 10/3; 2723 5s. green, 153, 183, c. 30/-.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Surcharged on Cape Colony.

Table listing Orange River Colony stamps: 2730 1/2d. green, 191; 2731 2 1/2d. blue, 192.

NEW ZEALAND.

Pictorial Types. All local prints unless noted.

Table listing New Zealand stamps: 2643 1/2d. pale green; 2644 1/2d. dark green; 2645 1d. lake, obsolete; 2646 1d. rose; 2647 1d. Univ. Post, London print; 2648 " Local print; 2649 1 1/2d. khaki; 2650 2d. bright violet; 2651 2d. mauve; 2652 2d. deep lilac; 2653 2 1/2d. blue, Wakitipu, London; 2654 " Local; 2655 3d. yellow-brown; 2656 4d. brown and blue; 2659 5d. dark brown; 2661 6d. apple-green; 2662 6d. dark green; 2663 6d. pale pink; 2665 8d. blue, 218; 2666 9d. purple, 219; 2667 1s. vermilion; 2668 1s. red-brown.

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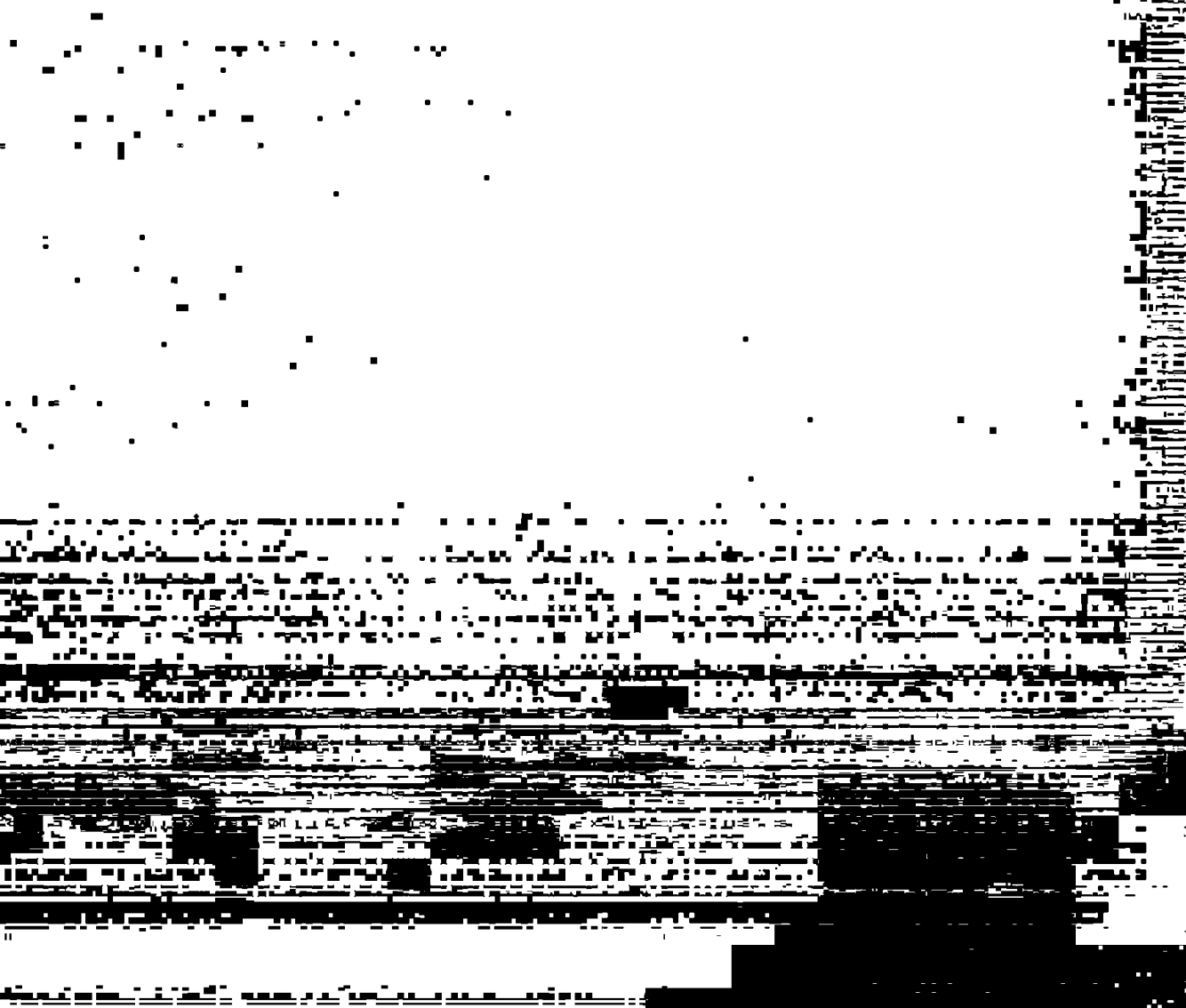
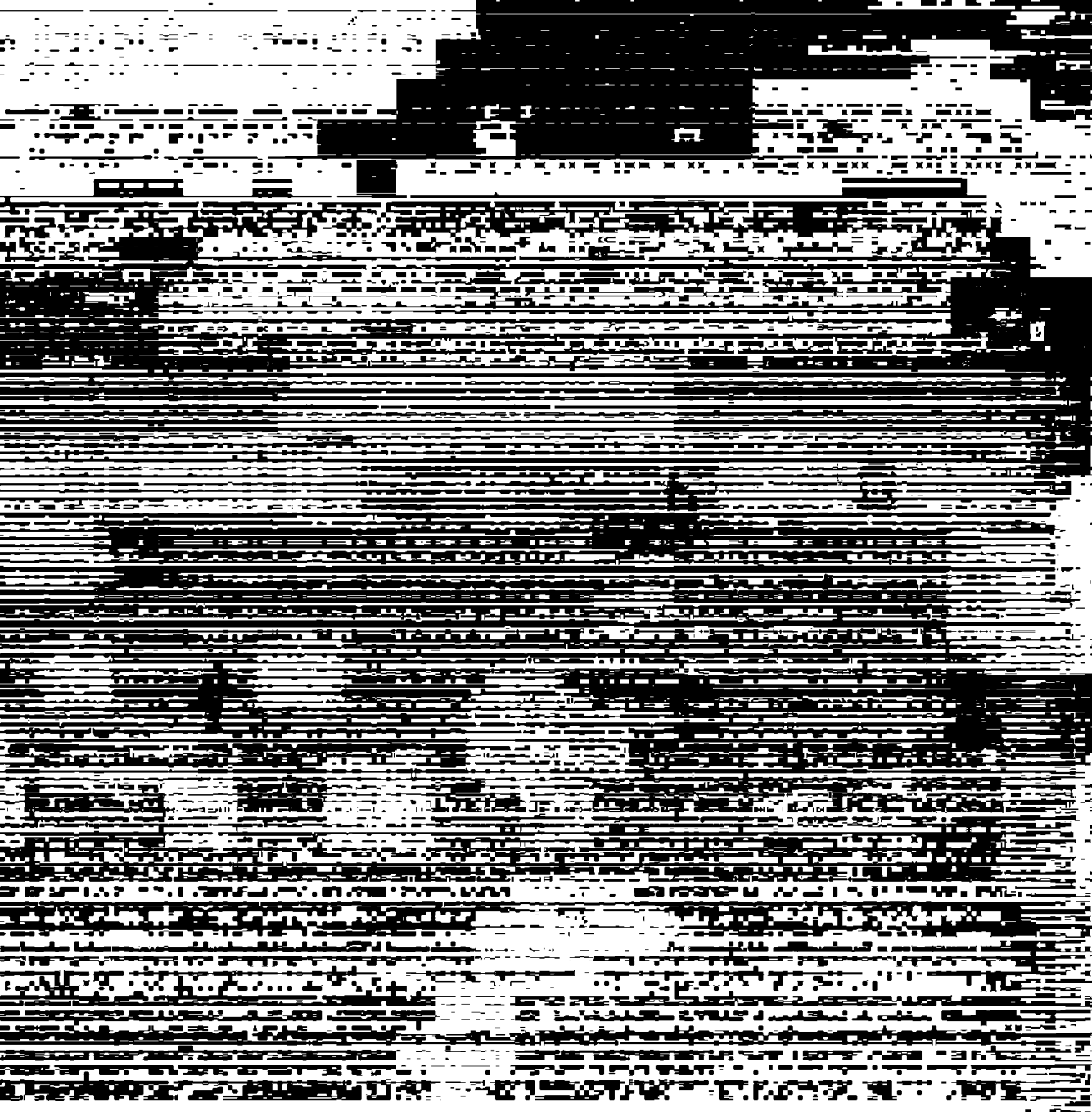
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1882.	Wmk. Crown and Q.	s.	d.
2501	1s. pale mauve, 124	1	9
2502	3d. brown, 140	0	8
2503	.. blk. of 4, with LA joined	3	6
2504	2s. red-brown, 144	2	6
2505	.. with LA joined	3	0
2506	.. blk. of 4, both varieties	10	6
NOTE.—The LA joined variety occurs once in every block of four.			
1894.	Thick paper, large Crown and Q.		
2507	1d. vermilion-red, 145	0	3
2509	2d. blue, 146	0	5
2509A	.. block of 4, normal	1	8
2510	1s. mauve, 147	2	9
2510A	.. block of 4, normal	10	6
1895.	No wmk., Burelé band.		
2511	1d. vermilion-red, 148	0	3
2512	.. block of 4, with LA joined	0	11
1895.	Watermark Crown and Q.		
2513	3d. green, 149	0	2
2514	1d. pale red, 151	0	3
2515	2d. blue, 152	0	6
2516	2½d. carmine, lined ground, 139	0	8
2517	2½d. rose, plain ground, 153a	0	10
2518	5d. purple-brown, 154	1	3
1895.	Thick paper, Large Crown and Q.		
2519	3d. dark green, 156	0	3
1895.	No wmk. Burelé band.		
2520	3d. pale green, 157	0	2
2521	3d. dark green, 158	0	4
1895.	Thin paper, Crown and Q impressed.		
2522	3d. green, 160	0	5
2523	1d. orange-red, 161	0	4
2524	2d. pale blue, (not cat.)	0	6
1896.	Figures in lower corners only.		
2525	1d. vermilion, 162	0	3
1897.	Figures in all four corners, perf.		
2526	3d. deep green, 163	0	2
2527	1d. vermilion, 165	0	2
2528	2d. blue, 166	0	3
2529	2½d. red, 167	2	6
2530	2½d. purple on blue, 168	0	3
2531	3d. brown, 169	0	4
2532	4d. yellow, 170	0	5
2533	5d. purple-brown, 171	0	6
2534	6d. yellow-green, 173	0	8
2535	1s. mauve, 174	1	3
2536	2s. blue-green, 1901	2	4
2537	1d. red, zigzag roulette, 176	0	4
2539	3d. green, new type, 179	0	1
ST. HELENA.			
All CA 14, unless noted. Old design.			
2546	3d. dark green, 36	0	1
2547	1d. deep red, 37	0	4
2548	1d. red, 38	0	2
2550	2d. yellow, CA. 14, 39	0	3
2551	2½d. blue, 40	0	3
2552	3d. deep violet, 42	0	4
2554	4d. sepia, CA. 14, 43	0	5
2555	6d. grey, 44	0	7
2556	1s. yellow-green, CC. 14, 25	1	9
2557	.. CA. 14, 45	1	3
2558	5/- orange-yellow, CC. 12½, 18	5	10
HONGKONG.			
2583	2c. bright-rose, 43	0	3
2584	2c. green, new issue	0	1

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2693	3d. orange, 101	2	0
2694	1d. purple, 102	2	6
2695	2d. bright lilac, 103	0	6
2696	2½d. on 3d. blue, 104	12	6
2697	3d. blue, 106	0	9
2698	4d. blue, 107	-	-
2699	6d. blue, 109	1	6
2700	1s. brown, 110	1	9

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2705	3d. orange, 143	0	1
2706	1d. purple, 144	0	2
2707	2d. bright lilac	0	4
2708	3d. blue, 148	0	5
2709	4d. blue, 149	2	6
2710	6d. blue, 151	0	8
2711	1s. brown, 152	1	3
2712	5s. green, 153	5	10

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2713	2d. orange, 172 (cat. 6/-)	3	0
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2717	3d. orange, 143, 176 (c. 8d.)	0	4
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2720	3d. blue, 148, 179, c. 3/-	2	6
2721	6d. blue, 151, 181, c. 4/10	2	9
2722	1s. brown, 152, 182, c. 10/3	6	6
2723	5s. green, 153, 183, c. 30/-	18	6

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2730	3d. green, 191	0	1
2731	2½d. blue, 192	0	4

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2643	3d. pale green	0	1
2644	3d. dark green	0	2
2645	1d. lake, obsolete	0	3
2646	1d. rose	0	3
2647	1d. Univ. Post, London print	0	4
2648	.. Local print	0	1½
2649	1½d. khaki	0	2
2650	2d. bright violet	0	8
2651	2d. mauve	0	4
2652	2d. deep lilac	0	3
2653	2½d. blue, Wakitipu, London	0	5
2654	.. Local	0	3
2655	3d. yellow-brown	0	4
2656	4d. brown and blue	0	10
2659	5d. dark brown	0	6
2661	6d. apple-green	-	-
2662	6d. dark green	3	6
2663	6d. pale pink	0	8
2665	8d. blue, 218	0	10
2666	9d. purple, 219	0	11
2667	1s. vermilion	1	4
2668	1s. red-brown	-	-

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<i>On blue granite paper.</i>					
2d. violet	..	5/0	—		
4d. "	..	10/0	16/0		
<i>On Straw coloured paper, Embossed Arms.</i>					
1d. violet, dated	..	12/0	20/0		
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2d. "	..	1/9	6/0
3d. "	..	7/6	—
4d. "	..	—	15/0
6d. "	..	—	12/6 25/0
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Prot., Bicycle, small			
B.P. Head 45/0			
Schweizer Reneke Besieged Sets.			
½d., 1d. and 2d.	..	—	42/0
Vryburg, Z.A.R.			
½d. and 1d.	..	—	40/0
Transvaal, V.R.I. Sets.			
½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d.,			
6d., 1/-	..	3/9	4/6
O.R.C., level dots, Sets.			
½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d.			
blue and 1/-	..	9/6	12/6

		Unus. Used	
<i>Second Printing.</i>			
½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d.			
blue and 1/-	..	4/8	5/6
British New Guinea Sets.			
½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d.			
and 1/-	..	—	4/6
Victoria, 1901, without postage,			
<i>except 1d., 2½d. and 5d.</i>			
½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d.,			
6d., 1/- and 5/-	..	17/0	16/0
Chili, Set, 1898, Unpaid.			
1, 2, 4, 10	..	—	1/0
Ecuador, 1895, Jubilee Issue.			
Set 7. 1c. to 1s., complete		2/0	—
W.S. America, 1890.			
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15,			
30 and 90	..	—	1/9
<i>Columbus.</i>			
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15,			
30, 50	..	—	3/6
Labuan, 1899, surcharged 4 cents			
On 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 25,			
50 and 1 dollar	..	5/0	—
North Borneo, 1899.			
4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24,			
25, 50, \$2, \$5 and \$10	..	7/6	—

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Queensland, no wmk., 6d. green 2 0	4 0
Nevis, 2½ CA, unused 9 0	17 6
St. Christopher, 1d. on ½d., 1887, unused	... 5 0	8 6
B. Bechuanaland, 2d. on 2d., 1888	... 4 0	6 6
" " 6d. on 6d., unused	... 3 0	5 0
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" " " " 8 6	14 0
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

TICKETS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXHIBITION.

PHILATELISTS will not need to be reminded that the London Philatelic Society's Exhibition of South African stamps is to be held at Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, on November 16th. Readers of the *Fortnightly* who wish to attend may obtain tickets (for which no charge will be made) from the Honorary Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, Mr. H. R. Oldfield, 13, Walkbrook, E.C.

A "WOMEN'S RIGHTS" STAMP FOR FRENCHWOMEN.

SAYS the Paris correspondent of the "Morning Leader" in a letter dated Thursday, October 17th:—

A new stamp made its appearance this morning, one which will not be recognised by stamp collectors, because it is not official, but which nevertheless deserves mention.

It seems that much offence was given to our Parisian "féministes," or supporters of women's rights because the lady on the comparatively new French postage stamps was represented with the table of the "Rights of Man" on her knees. They complain that it is always "man's rights" which are spoken of, and never "women's rights." So the Société du Suffrage Universel des Femmes, which has its headquarters at the Mairie of the Eleventh Arrondissement, decided to issue a stamp of its own, which members could affix to all their letters, side by side with the official stamp. It was a good method of spreading their ideas—a much-needed protest against man's egoism.

The "women's rights stamp" is exactly the same size as its official brother; but its colour is blue instead of red. The draped female figure depicted upon it is standing up, one hand resting on a colossal table of the law, upon which are the words "Droits de la Femme."

THE KHEDIVÉ GIVES AWAY HIS STAMPS.

THE Khedive of Egypt, who has not infrequently given himself away—from the point of view of the diplomats—has now given away his stamp collection.

It appears from newspaper despatches that this most chivalrous of philatelists, while dining with Sir Nicolas O'Connor in Constantinople, sat next to Mrs. Barclay, the wife of the second Secretary of the British Embassy; and in the course of the conversation it transpired that both were enthusiastic stamp collectors.

The Khedive asked Mrs. Barclay if she would permit him to present her with a few stamps from his collection, and on the following day an aide-de-camp brought the lady, not a few stamps, but the entire valuable collection of the Khedive!

A BIG BUNDLE OF FORGED RUSSIANS.

THE Lord Mayor, sitting in the Justice Room of the Mansion House, on Tuesday, October 15th, had before him a Russian (said to be a naturalised British subject) known as Samuel Miller, 48, tobacconist, of 512, Commercial-road, E., who was charged with having unlawfully in his possession a quantity of forged and counterfeit representations of a certain foreign postage stamp, namely, 1,470 Russian stamps, of the value of about £7 10s. The prisoner was further charged with forging and uttering the stamps, well knowing them to be false.

Detective-Inspector Davidson, of the City Police, said: In consequence of information received, since Sunday last, in company with other officers, I have been keeping observation on certain rooms at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Shortly before three o'clock yesterday afternoon we proceeded to Room No. 42, on the third floor. In that was Mons. Antipov, the superintendent of the Russian Mint at Kieff. To make sure that there were no stamps concealed in the room or on Mons. Antipov we made a search. We then left that gentleman in the room and retired to another room, No. 45, in the Hotel. Later on we received a communication, and went back to Room 42, where I saw the prisoner. He was standing by the side of a dressing table, and Mons. Antipov was in conversation with him in a foreign language. Another Russian, whom I know as an agent acting on behalf of the Russian Police, was also present. I told the prisoner, who speaks English, that I was going to take him into custody for having in his possession a number of forged Russian postage stamps, also for uttering them knowing them to be forged. The prisoner said, "I have nothing in my possession." I saw lying on a table a bundle of Russian postage stamps, and said, "These are the stamps." Prisoner replied, "They

are not in my possession." On the way downstairs he said "Why don't you bring those other two?" I asked him what two, and he said, "Those two in the room. Those stamps were not in my possession." After removal to the Bridewell Police Station he was charged, and replied, "I have had nothing in my possession. I did not forge them."

The Lord Mayor: His name appears to be Samuel Miller. Is that his name?

Prisoner: Yes, my Lord.

Are you a Russian?—I was born in Russia, but I am a naturalised English subject.

Monsieur Michael Alexandrovitch Antipov, whose evidence was interpreted, said he was the superintendent of the Russian Mint at Kieff. The stamps produced by Inspector Davidson were forgeries, and he produced a sheet of the genuine stamps showing the official watermark. There were 1,470 of these forgeries in the bundle produced by Inspector Davidson, and they were worth 1½d. each in English money. On the previous day the prisoner brought the forged stamps to him at Anderton's Hotel, and offered them for sale.

Inspector Davidson: There was a conversation about the price, and the prisoner brought them to Mons. Antipov in the room just prior to our entrance.

Prisoner was then remanded in custody for a week.

THE MELBOURNE P.O.'s "PHILATELIC DEPARTMENT."

GREAT credit is due to the editor and proprietors of our go-ahead Colonial contemporary, the "Australian Journal of Philately," for their efforts in securing a debate in the legislature on the subject of the extensive and peculiar "philatelic" dealings of the Victorian Government.

Having deemed it advisable (says our contemporary), to take further steps in regard to the sale of obliterated stamps at the Melbourne Post Office, we wrote Mr. Henry Willis, M.H.R., giving him all the facts and requesting that he would take some action in the matter. This he did in the form of questions, and we have to thank Mr. Willis for the official printed report of same, together with the answers given by Sir Philip Fysh on behalf of Government.

Presuming it will be of interest to our readers we reproduce it *in extenso*.

SALE OF OBLITERATED STAMPS.

Mr. Willis asked the Postmaster-General, upon notice—

1. Whether it is a fact—

(a) That the Melbourne Post Office is a philatelic department for the sale of obliterated postage stamps that have never been used in the ordinary course of business.

(b) That some of the sets for sale include high-value stamps up to £100, and are sold at £5 per set, others containing lower values at £100 per set, and a recent issue, representing the face value of about 10s., at 4s. per set.

(c) That the Postmaster-General is about to issue a set of stamps, lightly postmarked, to order, which will include new £1 and £2 stamps, at 10s. per set, having on them the portrait of King Edward VII.

(d) That £1 and £5 sets of Victorian stamps, lightly post-marked, to order, have been sold to a dealer, "at a price," as a job lot.

2. Whether, if it is a fact that the Postmaster-General is conducting a philatelic business in competition with dealers in legitimately-used postage stamps, he will discontinue the practice.

Sir Philip Fysh.—The following information has been supplied:—

1. (a) The Melbourne Office is not a philatelic department, but sets of current postage stamps postmarked that have not been used in the ordinary course of business are sold. (b) The only sets on sale are those from a half-penny to five shillings in value, and the price is four shillings. (c) A recommendation has been made that sets of current stamps, including those referred to be sold at one pound per set, but this has not yet been approved. (d) No such transaction has ever taken place.

2. In accordance with the regulations of most of the States, sets of current postage stamps (post-marked) are sold at prices fixed by the regulations. The matter of the continuance of this practice is under consideration.

We think Sir Philip Fysh in replying to question No. 2, was wrongly informed, as the only stamps sold postmarked at a fixed price are New South Wales postage dues, but it must be borne in mind that these stamps are not sold to the public unused, and are only affixed to letters by officials in the department. It is consoling to know that "the matter of the continuance of this practice is under consideration," and we have every reason to believe that immediately after the Postal Bill has become law the practice will be definitely and finally abolished.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. If we describe a stamp as worth five shillings we mean that it is really worth that sum in the philatelic market. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit. At first we shall deal only with British Colonial Stamps.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Continued

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
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Varieties of wmk.

1d. pale red (wmk. single-lined 2)	90/	50/	12/6	6/
2d. pale blue (" " 1)	£5	50/	1/6	1/
2d. blue (wmk. double-lined 2)	15/	8/	1/9	1/6
2d. blue (" " 5)	60/	35/	15/	8/
2d. blue, perf. 12 (wmk. double-lined 2)	40/	21/	1/	1/6

1871-83. Wmk. Crown and N.S.W.

Perf. 12½, 13.

1d. red	1/6	1/	1/3	1/2
2d. blue	1/3	1/9	1/3	1/2
3d. green	5/	3/	1/9	1/6
4d. red-brown	7/6	5/6	1/	1/6
6d. lilac	4/	3/	1/4	1/2
8d. yellow	10/	7/	1/3	1/9
9d. on 10d. pale brown	10/	7/6	2/6	1/6
9d. on 10d. deep brown	2/6	1/9	2/6	1/6
1/- black	10/	7/	1/9	1/6

The same. Perf. 10.

1d. salmon	1/6	1/	1/1	
1d. red	1/	1/8	1/1	
2d. blue	1/9	1/6	1/1	
3d. yellow-green	2/	1/6	1/2	1/1
3d. blue-green	2/	1/6	1/2	1/1
4d. brown	7/	5/	2/	1/3
5d. yellow-green	1/6	1/	1/3	1/2
5d. myrtle-green	5/	3/6	1/3	1/2
6d. lilac	2/	1/6	1/1	
8d. yellow	8/	5/	1/6	1/
10d. lilac	8/	5/6	7/6	5/
1/- black	3/	2/	1/3	1/2
5/- purple	50/	40/	4/	2/9

The same. Perf. 11.

3d. green	1/6	1/	1/2	1/1
5d. myrtle green	1/	1/9	1/3	1/2
6d. lilac			1/	1/8
10d. lilac	2/6	1/9	2/6	1/9
5/- purple	40/	35/	4/	3/

The same. Compound Perfs.

1d. red	4/	1/3	1/1	
2d. blue	1/8	1/6	1/1	
3d. green	1/5	1/3	1/3	1/2
4d. brown	5/	3/6	1/9	1/6
5d. green	2/6	1/9	1/9	1/6
5d. deep green	1/8	1/6	1/4	1/3
6d. lilac	6/	4/6	1/6	1/4
8d. yellow	3/6	2/6	1/	1/8
9d. or 10d. red-brown	2/	1/6	2/	1/3
10d. lilac	20/	16/	7/6	5/
1/- black	4/	3/	1/9	1/6
5/- mauve	6/3	5/	3/6	2/6

NOTE.—Numerous varieties of perforation may be found in most of the above stamps.

1885. Bluish wove fiscal paper. Perf. 10.

1d. red	5/	3/6	1/6	1/4
2d. blue				

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
<i>The same. Perf. 11 × 12.</i>				
1d. red	1/	1/8	1/4	1/3
2d. blue	1/6	1/	1/3	1/2
1888-98.				
5/- green and violet (compound perfs.)	15/	10/6	7/6	5/
10/- carmine & violet (perf. 11½ to 12)	16/	10/6	9/	6/
10/- ditto (compound perfs.)	11/6	10/	7/6	5/
20/- carmine and violet ..	30/	22/6	17/6	10/6
1888.				
1d. deep violet	1/2		1/1	
1d. pale violet	1/2		1/1	
2d. blue	1/3		1/1	
2d. pale blue	1/3		1/1	
4d. red-brown	1/8		1/2	1/1
6d. carmine	2/	1/6	1/2	1/1
8d. red-lilac	1/6	1/3	1/9	1/6
1/- marone	2/6	2/	1/3	1/2
<i>The same. Bluish fiscal paper.</i>				
1d. violet	1/6	1/	1/4	1/3
2d. blue	6/	4/6	2/6	1/9
1888. Wmk. "5/-" Perf. 10.				
5/- mauve	45/	35/	15/	10/
20/- blue	42/	32/6	42/	27/6
1890-98. Various perfs.				
5/- mauve (wmk. N.S.W. in diamond)	20/	12/	6/	4/6
20/- ultra. (wmk. N.S.W. in circle)	25/	21/	25/	21/
1891-92. Wmk. Crown and N.S.W.				
Halfpenny on 1d. grey	1/2		1/2	1/1
½d. grey	1/3	1/2	1/1	
2½d. ultramarine	1/6	1/4	1/1	
3d. green (wmk. 10)	1/6	1/4	1/6	1/4
7½d. brown	1/	1/9	1/9	1/6
12½d. red	1/6	1/3	1/9	1/3
NOTE.—Numerous varieties of perforations exist in the above stamps (1890-1892).				
1897-98. Same wmk.; various perfs.; unsurfaced paper.				
½d. blue-green	1/1		1/1	
1d. rose-carmine (die 1)	2/6	2/	1/1	
1d. scarlet (die 2)	1/2		1/1	
2d. ultramarine	1/3		1/1	
2d. blue	1/	1/9	1/2	1/1
2½d. purple (die 1)	3/6	2/9	1/4	1/3
2½d. purple (die 2)	1/9	1/3	1/3	1/2
4d. yellow-brown	1/6	1/5	1/6	1/4
6d. emerald	7/6	6/	1/6	1/4
6d. orange	1/	1/9	1/1	
8d. magenta	2/6	2/	1/6	1/4
9d. on 10d. red-brown (surcharge 13½ mm. long)	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/9
10d. violet	1/3	1/	1/1	1/8
1/- chocolate	2/6	2/	1/3	1/2
<i>The same, but surfaced paper.</i>				
½d. blue-green	1/1		1/1	
1d. scarlet (die 2)	1/2		1/1	
2d. ultramarine	1/3		1/1	
2½d. violet (die 21)	1/4		1/1	
4d. orange-brown	1/6		1/3	1/2
6d. emerald	7/6	6/	1/1	1/8
6d. orange	1/8		1/1	
8d. magenta	1/		1/6	1/4
9d. or 10d. red-brown	1/		1/1	1/8
1/- chocolate	1/3		1/2	1/1
Registration stamps.				
1886. No wmk. Imperf.				
(6d.) orange-red and blue	£8	£5	11/6	6/
(6d.) vermilion and blue	£6	£4	8/6	5/

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1860. No wmk. Perf. 12.				
(6d.) Orange-red and blue	70/	40/	10/	6/6
(6d.) rosy-red and blue	60/	35/	7/6	4/6
1862. Perf. 12½. Wmk. double-lined 6.				
(6d.) red and blue	20/	12/6	4/	2/3
(6d.) red and indigo	50/	25/	5/	3/
<i>Unpaid letter stamps.</i>				
1890-92. Wmk. Crown and N.S.W. Various perfs.				
½d. green	1/1			1/1
1d. "	1/2			1/1
2d. "	1/3			1/3
3d. "	1/5			1/4
4d. "	1/6			1/4
6d. "	1/9			1/9
8d. "	1/			1/3
5/- "	8/			8/
10/- "	17/6			17/6
20/- "	30/			30/
Service Stamps.				
1871-83. Surcharged O.S. Red Surcharge. Various perfs.				
2d. blue				
3d. green				
5d. green				
8d. yellow	30/	20/		
10d. lilac				
1/- black	1/4	1/	1/3	1/2
<i>The same, but black surcharge. Various perfs.</i>				
1d. red	1/6	1/4	1/3	1/2
2d. blue	1/4	1/3	1/2	1/1
3d. green	1/6	1/4	1/4	1/3
4d. red-brown	1/6	1/5	1/3	1/2
5d. green	1/9	1/7	1/9	1/6
6d. lilac	1/	1/9	1/4	1/3
8d. yellow	1/	1/9	1/1	1/8
9d. on 10d. red-brown				
10d. lilac				
5/- purple	12/6	10/6	5/	3/6
<i>The same surcharge on fiscal stamps. Perf. 10.</i>				
1d. red				1/9
2d. blue				1/6
<i>Perf. 11½ to 12.</i>				
5/- green and violet (Roman capitals)				
10/- carmine and violet (block type) ..				
10/- " " (Roman capitals)				
20/- " " " "				
1888-92. Black surcharge.				
½d. or 1d. grey				
½d. grey	1/6	1/4	1/4	1/3
1d. violet	1/2		1/1	
2d. blue	1/4	1/3	1/1	
2½d. blue	1/9	1/6	1/4	1/3
4d. red-brown	1/6	1/5	1/1	
6d. carmine	1/9	1/7	1/3	1/2
7½d. or 6d. brown	3/	2/6	4/	2/9
8d. red lilac	1/	1/10	1/1	1/9
1/- marone	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/2
12½d. on 1/- red				
5/- purple (wmk. 5/-)				
5/- " (red surcharge)				£8
5/- mauve (wmk. N.S.W. in diamond)				£5
20/- blue (wmk. 5/-)				
20/- ultramarine (wmk. N.S.W. in circle)				
<i>On bluish wove fiscal paper.</i>				
1d. violet				
2d. blue				

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Between Ourselves

Since the cessation of our occasional chatty articles, "Something About Entires," those philatelists who devote special attention to the study of Post Cards, Envelopes and Wrappers have been practically unrepresented in our columns—not because the subject has been deemed of no importance, but because no contributor has been forthcoming who was sufficiently learned in the cult, and at the same time sufficiently *courageous* to tackle the intricacies of "Entire"-collecting in the interests of *Fortnightly*-readers. All that is now to be changed. Beginning with our next issue—that dated November 9th—we shall devote a section of our space to this subject once a month—in alternate issues, that is to say—and the writer of the various jottings and new-issue notes will be a philatelist who, for years past, has been prominently identified with this phase of philatelic study.

Much interesting correspondence is unavoidably held over until our next number.

More British Forgeries! Messrs. C. Nissen & Co., who make quite a speciality of this class of discovery, have found some clever imitations of the surcharge "Govt. Parcels" on the current 1s. and other values of Great Britain. The forged surcharge, we understand, is slightly smaller than the genuine.

The obstinate conservatism characterising the methods of British trading concerns is such a favorite newspaper text that one rejoices to find a shining exception to the rule in the ranks of the stamp dealers. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, are publishing a special American edition of their new British Empire Catalogue, with all prices "translated" into dollars and cents! This should prove to be a distinct score for the Strand, for it is an axiom among up-to-date business men that if you want to work up a trade with a foreign country you must price your goods in the currency of that country.

Philatelists with a taste for sport will probably permit themselves to enter for the novel prize competition now being promoted by the South African Stamp Company. Full particulars are given in the S.A.S. Company's advertisement on the back page of the *Fortnightly*, and it will be seen therefrom that ample time is given to a philatelist in any part of the globe to participate in this big tourney of philatelic skill.

Railway Letter Stamps.

MR. L'ESTRANGE EWEN'S EXHAUSTIVE HISTORY OF THESE INTERESTING ISSUES.

FROM Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, of Palace Square, Norwod, comes a large quarto volume of over 400 pages, entitled: "A History of Railway Letter Stamps: Describing all Varieties issued by the Railway Companies of Great Britain and Ireland, under the authority of the Postmaster-General."

As Author, Editor and Publisher of this work Mr. Ewen has filled a triple rôle with conspicuous success. His "History of Railway Letter Stamps" is a book calculated to throw the would-be carping critic into a condition of despair. The Literary arrangement of the book is an ideal one: its printing reflects the highest credit upon Messrs. Parry & Son, of Bournemouth, and from a purely philatelic stand-point the work is one that will rank as one of the finest stamp-collecting monographs ever issued in the history of our hobby.

The stamp collector who has never devoted a moment's study to Railway Letter Stamps can learn all that there is to learn about them, from beginning to end, by a perusal of this book. Railway Letter Stamps were first created and issued in February, 1891, and since that time 106 British and Irish railways have availed themselves of the privilege then conferred upon them by the Postmaster-General. At one time, by the way, it was intended that ordinary postage stamps should be used to frank railway letters, and an essay was prepared in the shape of the 3d. yellow of Great Britain with a surcharge of the words: RAILWAY LETTER POSTAGE.



An idea of the thoroughness with which Mr. L'Estrange Ewen has gone into his subject is gleaned from his classification of the principal types of Railway Letter Stamps as shown in the printings of the various large firms who contract to keep the railway companies supplied. The leading printers of these stamps are Messrs. McCorquodale, of London and elsewhere; Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, London; Messrs. Bemrose & Sons, Derby; Messrs. Blacklock & Co., Manchester; and Messrs. Sealy, Bryers & Walker, Dublin. The different types of stamp turned out by these firms are clearly illustrated and described in the volume before us.

In his preface Mr. Ewen tells us that he has examined upwards of 30,000 specimens for the purposes of his book. We can readily believe, for on every page there is distinct



TYPE 1.



TYPE 2.

evidence of patient study and research. Wonderfully full information has been obtained as to printings, transfers, control numbers, and so forth, and many interesting varieties are described, such as the two types of the East London Railway Companies' stamps—Type 1, showing small "R" of "Railway," and Type 2 with larger "R." At page 67 one's eye is caught by the illustrations of the unique stamps of the Lancashire, Derbyshire & East Coast Railway. For some reason this company



issues stamps that differ in a marked degree from the conventional design used by all other railways.

Not the least valuable feature of Mr. Ewen's "History" is a tabular statement of the 106 railway companies aforesaid, showing, practically at a glance, how many of these railways are still issuing letter-fee stamps, and various other particulars of great value to the collector. As we have said the philatelist who owns this book can "know it all." But it is something more than a mere compendium of facts. It is a book which will appeal to a philatelist's book-loving side, for in printing and general "get up" we doubt if it has its equal on the stamp-collector's bookshelf—and that is high praise indeed. The illustrations in particular are superbly done. We sincerely congratulate Mr. L'Estrange Ewen, and trust that his work, which is indubitably a *succes d'estime*, may also prove a success in a more practical sense of the word.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Bahamas.—The view shown on the new pictorial stamp, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us, depicts what is known in the colony as the "Queen's Staircase."

Barbados.—The following Post Office Notice is extracted from the Barbados "Official Gazette" of July 4th:—

Notice is hereby given that the stock of Jubilee postage stamps which may be on hand at the end of the current year, 1901, will be destroyed, and no further sales will be made of Jubilee stamps after that date.

The only values of the Jubilee issue now on hand are 2s. 6d., 8d., and 2½d.

W. H. BAILEY, *Colonial Postmaster.*

British North Borneo.—Will the time ever come when the postal administrators of North Borneo and Labuan are hard up for some way of introducing philatelic novelties? Only the other day we had an inundation of the vertical surcharges of "Postage Due." Now, by the kindness of the South African Stamp Company, we are enabled to chronicle a new surcharge of the words "British Protectorate"—in two lines—on the North Borneo set. In some cases the surcharge is red; in others black—as follows:—

1c. brown and black,	red surcharge.
2c. green and black	" "
3c. violet and green,	black "
4c. carmine and black	" "
5c. rose and black,	red "
6c. brown and black	" "
8c. purple and black,	black "
12c. blue and black,	red "
18c. green and black	" "
24c. lake and blue,	black "

Canada.—The 5 cents (says "Ewen's Weekly") is now coming over in a very dark blue shade, printed from plate No. 3. We understand that several values of the "figures" issue are obsolete. No doubt the new King's Head stamps will fill the gap shortly.

Greece.—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Sons' "Monthly Circular" thus comments upon the printing of the current issue:—

It has been said that the whole of the new series is lithographed, but we are able to confirm positively our statement that only the

three highest values are so printed. The rest are printed direct from line-engraved plates. We were also right in supposing that the "E.T." watermark was not made in the usual way. It is produced by a special process, and the paper so marked is used for all the values.

Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. have nothing to do with this issue. The designs are due to Perkins, Badon & Co., who also made the plates and are the printers of the stamps. They are not, however, responsible for the engraving of the original dies, which were supplied to them by the contractors, a London mercantile firm.

We were wrong in saying that "impressions in metallic colours cannot be made from plates engraved in recess." It is a difficult and expensive matter, but one quite possible, at any rate to a firm with Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s resources.

We were also mistaken in supposing that the letter card and post cards of the new issue are made by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Their origin is at present unknown to us.

Jamaica.—We have to thank Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Pemberton for a specimen of the one penny pictorial issue (Llandoverly Falls), with the centre printed in greenish-black and the frame in a somewhat lighter shade of red than heretofore.

Kuruman.—We have not yet chronicled the latest "Siege" stamps from South Africa, which are listed as follows in the "Monthly Journal":—

Surcharged "Kuruman Besieged," with new value and date, on Cape postage stamps:

2d. on ½d. green.
3d. on ½d. "
3d. on 1d. carmine.
1s. on 1d. "

Surcharged on Cape Fiscal stamps:

6d. on 3d. red on yellow.
6d. on 1d. green on yellow.
1s. on 6d. maroon on "
5s. on 1s. " on white.

Queensland.—The South African Stamp Company have shown us a pair of the 1d. Queensland of 1894 (burelé at back) with a curious double perforation.

South Australia.—Mr. W. Hunt informs the "Australian Journal of Philately" that the current 1s. and 2s. stamps were issued on new paper, watermarked wide "S.A." and crown, on August 30th.

Transvaal.—A vertical strip of three of the 1d. "V.R.I." has been shown us by the South African Stamp Company, the top stamp of which shows two distinct stops after the "I"—in the form of a colon—while the lower stamps have no stop after the "I" at all.

PHILIPPINES MAY BE CALLED MCKINLEY ISLANDS!

THE project of a McKinley mourning stamp in America has been abandoned, owing to a pressure of urgent work at the Printing Bureau. A McKinley post card, however, is to appear in December next.

Meanwhile, the proposal has been made that the Philippine Islands be re-christened McKinley Islands! This would be a revolution, indeed—from a philatelist's point of view.

STAMPS FOR AUSTRALIAN M.P.'S.

MR. A. ROSENBERG, of Woodville, New Zealand, writes us as follows:—

In No. 165 of the *Fortnightly* you give a detailed list of the sets of stamps presented to Colonial Legislators. I think this is wrong, as far as the New Zealand M.P.'s are concerned. I have seen two of these gentlemen, and the only stamps they have received are a set of the *South Australia*, current issue, ½d. to 20s., lightly postmarked. The list you publish must be what has been presented to the Technological Museum in Sydney for the Australian National Collection.

Our list of the sets of stamps was given on the authority of the "Australian Philatelist." It may be that the New Zealanders were not included, but only the legislators of the six Federating Colonies.

From the Auction Rooms.



Recent realisations at auction have been so interesting, that we are giving a further lengthy report in this number, believing that this is a feature which commends itself to the great bulk of the *Fortnightly's* readers. We resume our report of Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's big sale at the point at which it was broken off in our last number, and the reports of more recent sales bring our Auction Record almost up to date.

Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co., by the way, held their first Auction Sale of postage stamps, at Anderton's Hotel, on Saturday last, and secured a very satisfactory attendance.

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

Oct. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th (contd.)

BRITISH WEST INDIES—Continued.

	£	s.	d.
St. Vincent, 1880, 5/- rose-red* no gum ..	9	0	0
Do. Provisional, 4d. on 1/-, vermilion* ..	15	7	6
Tobago, 1882-84, wmk. CA., 6d. stone* ..	4	10	0
Trinidad, 1852-60, litho, 1d. blue, early impression, fine copy, on entire original ..	4	0	0
Do. do. 1d. red ..	3	17	6
Do. 1859-63, perf. 13, 1/- bright mauve,* badly centred ..	13	0	0
Turks Island, 1881, Provisional, ½ on 1d. red. A reconstructed plate,* consisting of 20 type 3, 8 type 4, and 2 type 5 ..	14	0	0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, 1/- carmine on toned* ..	2	15	0

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

British Guiana, 1850, 4c. orange-yellow, cut octagonally ..	35	0	0
Do. 8c. green cut round and torn into ..	5	0	0
Do. 12c. blue cut round* unsigned ..	10	0	0
Do. 12c. blue, cut octagonally ..	6	0	0
Do. 1852, 1c. magenta* no gum ..	8	0	0
Do. do. 4c. blue, cut close on 2 sides ..	4	15	0
Do. do. another specimen with margins, but surface has been touched up with paint ..	3	17	6
Do. 1853, 1c. vermilion* no gum ..	5	12	6
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, fine ..	9	0	0
Do. 1862, Provisionals, 1c. pink, a vertical pair* (Nos. 10 and 16) ..	4	0	0
Do. do. a single specimen* (No. 20) ..	2	0	0
Do. do. another used, damaged (No. 13) ..	3	0	0
Do. do. another, full roulettes, slightly defective type (No. 21) ..	6	0	0
Do. do. 2c. yellow slightly torn at left, full roulettes (No. 9) ..	2	12	6
Do. do. another specimen showing full roulettes (No. 19) ..	4	0	0
Do. do. another, but no roulettes at left (No. 20) ..	4	0	0
Do. do. do. full roulettes, type (No. 22) ..	8	5	0
Do. do. 4c. blue, full roulettes (No. 2) ..	10	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, but slightly thinned (No. 6) ..	7	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, no roulettes at sides, and thinned* (No. 11) ..	6	15	0
Do. 1876, Wmk. CC, 96c. drab* ..	3	15	0
British Honduras, 1885-87, 1/- grey ..	2	2	0
Do. 1888, 50 cents on 1/- grey* ..	2	8	0
Do. 1891, 6 in red on 10 cents on 4d. violet, with inverted surcharge ..	3	0	0
Do. another specimen, with inverted surcharge in black ..	5	5	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Tres Pesos, green ..	3	17	6
Do. do. Cuato Pesos, red ..	8	10	0
Peru, Pacific Steam Navigation Co., 1857, 1 real, blue, on bleuté ..	4	5	0

AUSTRALASIA.

	£	s.	d.
Fiji, 1874-75, 2d. in black on 12c. on 6d. rose, the variety with inverted A ..	6	6	0
Hawaii, 1851, 5c. blue, repaired ..	50	0	0
Do. 1853, 5c. blue on medium paper, an entire sheet of 20 ..	10	10	0
Do. do. 5c. on thick paper, thinned ..	3	7	6
Do. Interisland Postage, 2c. black on greyish wove*, part gum ..	2	18	0
New South Wales, Sydney view, 1d. carmine, plate 2, defective ..	5	0	0
Do. do. 1d. deep lake ..	3	7	6
Do. do. a vertical pair, cut close at right ..	5	5	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 2, worn impression, defective ..	5	15	0
Do. 1853-55, 8d. orange, no leaves to right of "South," slightly torn ..	3	12	6
Do. Registered 1856, imperf. (6d.) red and blue*, part gum ..	3	12	6
Queensland, 1860, imperf., 2d. blue, a strip of 3, fine ..	16	0	0
Do. 1860-61, 1/- violet* ..	2	2	0
Do. do. clean cut perfs., 1/- violet*, no gum ..	3	0	0
South Australia, 1859, 1/- yellow, rouletted, clipped, top and left side*, no gum ..	2	8	0
Do. 1867-70, 1d. yellow-green* ..	2	7	6
Do. do. 4d. purple, no roulettes at right* part gum ..	5	15	0
Do. do. 10d. blue on yellow*, no gum ..	5	12	6
Do. do. 1/- brown*, slightly thinned, and no roulettes at left ..	4	4	0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue, slightly thinned in one spot, and cut rather close* ..	3	7	6
Do. do. a vertical pair, used ..	6	0	0
Do. 1856-57, 2d. emerald-green, cut close at left*, without gum ..	14	10	0
Victoria, 1861, laid paper, 3d. blue, thinned* ..	4	4	0
Do. 1862, 6d. orange, deep colour ..	7	0	0
Do. 1868-81, 5/- blue on yellow*, no gum ..	9	5	0
Do. do. another specimen, used, torn ..	2	4	0
Do. do. 5/- red and blue*, part gum ..	2	2	0
Do. Too LATE Stamp, 1855, 6d. lilac and green, slightly thinned* ..	2	4	0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown on Indian red ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 6d. gold-bronze, showing full lustre ..	4	4	0
Do. do. 2d. brown on red rouletted top and bottom only ..	6	0	0
Do. 1860, 6d. green* no gum ..	3	7	6
Do. do. another specimen do. ..	3	10	0
Do. 1861-62, wmk. swan, rough perf., 2d. blue* ..	10	0	0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Oct. 8th and 9th.

Barbados, 1873, wmk. small star, perf. 14, 5/- dull rose* no gum ..	2	8	0
Brazil, 1st issue, 90 reis black* part gum but creased ..	1	4	0
British Columbia, perf. 14, 10c. ..	2	6	0
Do. wink C.C., perf. 12½, 5c. red and black* ..	1	12	0
Do. do. do. 10c. lake and blue* ..	2	0	0
British Guiana, 1882, 2c., black on yellow, without specimen* ..	2	0	0
Canada, perf., ½d. rose*, part gum ..	1	2	0
Cape of Good Hope, Triangular, 1d. brick-red on blued paper* without gum ..	2	4	0
Do. do. 4d. blue on blued paper* without gum ..	1	6	0
Do. do. 1/- dark green*, without gum ..	2	10	0
Do. Woodblock 1d. red, poor copy* ..	2	10	0
Ceylon, imperf. 10d. orange-vermilion, slight tear on right* ..	2	0	0
Cyprus, 1st issue, ½d. rose, plate 19, badly perfd.* ..	1	9	0
Do. do. 1/- green* ..	1	4	0
Dominica, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 1/- lilac-rose* ..	1	16	0
Gt. Britain, small crown, perf. 14 1d. red-brown*, die 1 ..	1	2	0
Do. do. 2d. blue* badly centered* ..	1	10	0
Do. wmk. emblems, 6d. deep lilac (plate 6)*, without gum ..	1	5	0
Do. V.R. 1d. black, a block of 12, from bottom of sheet*, mint ..	8	1	0
India, 1866, "Service" 2a. purple* ..	2	0	0
Do. do. another copy* ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 4a. purple (S.G. No. 517)* ..	3	7	6

	£	s.	d.
Labuan, 1880, 8 on 12c. carmine (S.G. No. 10)*	..	1	6 0
Do. wmk. CC. perf. 14, 12c. carmine*	..	1	10 0
Do. 1881, 8c. on 12c. carmine (S.G. No. 14)*	..	1	1 0
Lagos, wmk. CC. perf. 14, 1/- orange, rather poor copy*	..	3	0 0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. red on bluish, late plate*	..	2	10 0
Modena, 1852, imperf., 40c. black on blue, the error S.G. No. 24*	..	2	0 0
Do. 1859, imperf., 15c. brown, the error, S.G. No. 81*	..	1	5 0
Do. do. 80c., the error S.G. No. 83*	..	1	16 0
Nevis, perf. 13, 4d. rose*	..	1	5 0
Do. ,, 15, 4d. deep orange-yellow (plate Nos. 7 and 8), a horizontal pair*	..	4	7 6
Do. ,, 15, litho, 4d. orange, a horizontal pair* (plate Nos. 11 and 12)	..	9	0 0
Newfoundland, 6½d. carmine*	..	7	5 0
New South Wales, 1860, perf. 12, 6d. purple*	..	1	7 0
New Zealand, 1882, perf., £1 rose*	..	1	3 0
Niger Coast, Provisional, ½d. on halfpenny lilac (S.G. No. 7) a pair*	..	1	3 0
Do. do. Halfpenny in violet on 2d. (S.G. No. 12)*	..	2	2 0
Do. do. do. in green on 2½d. (S.G. No. 13)*	..	1	8 0
Do. do. do. in blue on 2½d. (S.G. No. 15a)*	..	1	9 0
Do. do. do. in verm. on 2½d. (S.G. No. 14)*	..	1	1 0
Do. do. do. in carmine on 2½d. (S.G. No. 15)*	..	1	12 0
Do. do. Half Penny in verm. on 2½d. (S.G. No. 18)*	..	0	18 0
Do. do. do. in green on 2½d. (S.G. No. 20)*	..	1	14 0
Do. do. ½d. in violet on 2d. (S.G. No. 21)*	..	2	2 0
Do. do. One Shilling in violet on 2d. (S.G. No. 28)*	..	2	6 0
Do. do. do. in verm. on 2d. (S.G. No. 29)*	..	3	0 0
Do. do. 10/- in vermilion on 5d. (S.G. No. 32)*	..	8	10 0
Queensland, 1881, perf. 12, 2/6 scarlet*	..	1	1 0
St. Vincent, wmk. Star, compound perfs., 1/- vermilion, badly perforated*, part gum	..	1	18 0
Do. 1881, ½d. in red on half 6d. yellow-green, a horizontal pair*	..	2	4 0
Sandwich Islands, 1853, 13c., dull red on thin paper*	..	3	7 6
Servia, 1866, perf. 12, 10p. orange*	..	1	13 0
Do. do. 40p. blue*	..	1	14 0
South Australia, rouletted, 6d. sky-blue*	..	3	15 0
Straits Settlements, 1885, 3c. on 5c. purple-brown (S.G. No. 42)*	..	1	7 0
Tasmania, 1864-70, perf. 12½ to 13, 6d. mauve*	..	2	0 0
Transvaal, 1872, 1/- green*	..	1	16 0
Do. 1876, fine roulettes, 6d. dark blue, on thick coarse paper*	..	1	16 0
Do. 1879, surcharged with Gibbons type 7, imperf. 1d. red on orange, a block of 4*	..	1	12 0
Do. do. a horizontal pair of same stamps showing variety small "T"	..	4	10 0
Do. do. 3d. mauve on blue, showing variety small "T"	..	2	12 6
Do. Queen's Head, 2/- blue*	..	1	1 0
Do. 1885, ½d. on 1/- green (S.G. No. 200), a block of 4, showing one stamp tete-beche*	..	2	12 6
Do. 1887, 2½d. on 1/- green (S.G. No. 228), a block of 9 showing the variety S.G. No. 230*	..	2	10 0
Trinidad, 1863, perf. 11½ to 12, 4d. reddish-purple*	..	1	13 0
United States, 1851, 90c., deep blue*	..	2	4 0
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Do. State, 90c.*	..	1	7 0
Victoria, 1862, 4d. rose*	..	1	6 0
Do. 1865, 6d. blue, wmk. double-lined "4," badly centred*	..	7	0 0
Virgin Islands, perf. 15, 6d. pale rose*, rather poor copy..	..	1	14 0
Do. do. 1/- black and rose-carmine, with single-lined border*	..	1	14 0
Western Australia, 1860, rouletted, 2d. pale orange*	..	1	9 0
Do. Wmk. CC, perf. 12½, 1/- sage-green*	..	1	4 0

Messrs. VENTOM BULL & COOPER'S Sale,
Oct. 10th and 11th, 1901.

Buenos Ayres, Steamship, 3 pesos green*, rather poor	..	2	0 0
Brazil, 1st Issue, 90 reis, a horizontal strip of 3..	..	3	5 0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. red, damaged	..	1	12 0
Do. 6d. lilac, rouletted	..	2	18 0
Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf., defective	..	2	4 0
Gt. Britain, 3d. carmine, with secret mark, perf. 14*	..	3	10 0
Do. 2/- brown*	..	4	5 0

	£	s.	d.
Gt. Britain, I.R. Official, 1885, 1/- green	..	1	4 0
Do. do. 5/- rose	..	1	16 0
Lagos, 2/6 olive-black, slightly creased*	..	2	12 0
Mafeking Besieged, set of 19 varieties..	..	19	0 0
Natal, 1861, clean cut, perf. 14 to 16, 3d. blue*, part gum	..	2	17 6
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow*, creased	..	5	17 6
Newfoundland, 6d. orange	..	1	13 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d., plate 2, slightly torn	..	1	13 0
Do. do. 3d. green	..	1	6 0
Oldenburg, 3rd issue, ½gr. moss green*	..	1	8 0
Orange Free State, 6d. carmine, surcharged V.R.I., 2nd printing	..	1	6 0
Switzerland, Vaud, 4c. black and red*, rather poor	..	4	8 0
Do. Winterthur, 2½ rappen, red and black, a vertical pair, fair	..	2	10 0
Transvaal, Lydenburg Provisionals, 3d. on 1d. carmine, a block of 6, one having the variety long-tailed R*	..	4	6 0
Do. a similar pair, one showing the same variety, used	..	2	8 0
Turks Islands, 1/- lilac, fair copy	..	9	0 0
Do. Provisionals, 2½d. on 1/- blue, type 13*	..	10	0 0
Do. do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac, type 6*	..	3	0 0
Do. do. a similar specimen*	..	2	10 0
Do. do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac, type 11*	..	7	15 0
Do. another specimen*, very poor	..	4	7 6
Do. 4d. on 1/- lilac, type 16*	..	1	6 0
Tuscany, 60 crazie, brick-red, slightly damaged*	..	11	10 0
Uganda, 1st issue, 5 cowries, black, a horizontal pair	..	2	4 0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange	..	4	12 0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, 6d. rose*	..	4	10 0
Do. Provisional, 4d. in violet on 1/- crimson*	..	1	1 0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 6d. black-bronze	..	2	0 0
Zululand, £5 purple and black on red	..	4	4 0

Mr. W. HADLOW'S Sale, Oct. 7th, 1901.

British East Africa on Company, 2a., pair	..	2	6 0
New Zealand, thick paper, no wmk., 1/- blue-green, with serrated perfs., slightly torn	..	6	15 0
South Australia, wmk. V. and C., error, 4d. purple	..	1	16 0
Tobago, 1st issue, wmk. CC., 5/- slate*	..	2	17 6
Do. do. another specimen*	..	2	17 6

Notings.

Messrs. E. Hyam & Co., Stamp Dealers, have taken more convenient premises at 158, Brompton Road, S.W.

In an article in the "P.J.G.B.," Mr. H. Wilfred Plumridge asserts that the support accorded to the Stamp Trade Protection Association is "disappointing."

"Invest large amounts of money in stamps only after investigation proves that you can afford to do so," writes a philosophical contributor to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News."

The town of Aversa, in Italy, numbering over 30,000 inhabitants, has recently been in a curious predicament. For three days it was impossible to procure a postage stamp. The stocks kept by the tobacco shops had been exhausted; at the central post-office and its branches the supply had equally given out; and, as the result, non-stamped letters were sent in all directions, to earn in surtaxes for the Italian Treasury as much again as the stamps would have cost. There is a useful wrinkle herein for impecunious Governments!

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on Thursday evening, October 17th, at the Wharnclyffe Hotel, the President (Mr. J. H. Chapman) in the chair. The evening was devoted to an exhibition of recent issues of stamps, Mr. Peace showing a set of the new stamps of Greece, Italy, etc. Other exhibitors were Messrs. Chapman, Sneath and Spowart.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President - MR. WALTER SCOTT.

THE Second annual meeting was held at the Societies room in the Y.M.C.A. Institute on the 8th inst., the following members being present—Mr. Walter Scott, president; Messrs. E. W. Shackell and W. J. Trounce, vice-presidents, and Messrs. W. G. Bowden, J. L. Everett, W. A. Jutsum (hon. Sec. and treas.), B. W. King, G. E. Petty and B. Rowlands.

The report showed a membership of 24 for the past year with an average attendance of 12. The financial position was considered to be satisfactory there being a substantial sum in hand.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, viz.—Mr. Walter Scott, president; E. W. Shackell, J.P., and Alderman Trounce, J.P., vice-presidents; Mrs. Groves, librarian; committee:—Messrs. C. J. Bedlington, J. L. Everett, G. E. Petty, B. W. King, and B. Rowlands; Hon. Sec., W. A. Jutsum.

The programme for the Session was arranged as follows:—

- Nov. 12. Display with notes, Norway and Sweden—Mr. B. Rowlands.
- Dec. 10. Ditto, Mauritius. Mr. Walter Scott. 1902.
- Jan. 14. Ditto, Newfoundland. Ald. Trounce.

Feb. 11. Ditto, Belgium. Mr. E. W. Shackell
 Mar. 11. Ditto, Denmark. Mr. Jutsum.
 April 8. Ditto, Portugal. Mr. G. E. Petty.
 Mr. J. L. Everett after the business was concluded, displayed his stamps of Holland, and several other members showed their collections of that country.

The residential limit for members has been enlarged from 10 to 30 miles, and it is hoped that this will add to the growth of the Society.

The next meeting will be held on the 12th November, at the Society's room, when Mr. Rowlands will introduce the stamps of Sweden and Norway.

Official address: 371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING of this Society was held on Saturday, October 19th, in Clapham Hall. A lecture on "The Duke of York's Tour," from the stamp collectors' point of view, illustrated by Aphenescopic lantern views, had been arranged to be given by Mr. Fred J. Melville, but owing at the last moment to a disappointment with the lantern, the views had to be dispensed with, and the stamps were instead handed round the meeting for inspection. The lecture was most interesting notwithstanding the disappointment, and its appreciation by all present was evident by the hearty vote of thanks accorded to the lecturer.

The prospectus for the new season is now ready and may be obtained by sending stamp for postage to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. Parker, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

The Meetings of the Society are held on the first and third Saturdays during the months from October to May, in Clapham Hall, Old Town, Clapham, from 7 till 10 on Saturday evenings. The first Saturday evening in each month has been set aside for the conduct of a

general Sale and Exchange. This meeting will be open to members, and to non-members on introduction.

The following arrangements have been made for lectures and papers. Lectures begin promptly at 8 p.m. Speakers joining in the debates are limited to five minutes each.

1901.

- Nov. 2—General Sale and Exchange. Subject for Debate (at 8.30): "Specialism or Generalism."
- Nov. 16—Combined Exhibit of "The Stamps of Great Britain," by Members of the Society.
- Dec. 7—General Sale and Exchange. Subject for Debate (at 8.30): "Philatelic Morality."
- Dec. 21—Display: "Stamps of the German Empire," by Frau Reichenheim, Esq.

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The accounts for the July packet were sent out on Sept. 30th, and some of them have not been settled by the debtors up to this date.

The Secretary hopes to pay the remaining Cr. accounts in a few days, but it is manifestly unfair that the cash should come from him, and not from the debtors who selected and removed the stamps.

H. CUMMINGS, Secretary, Littlemore, Oxford.

British South Africa. . .

Value.	Price.	Cat.	Price
1890. 6d. blue	-	-	7d. 2/0
8d. lake and blue	-	-	1/6 2/6
1/- brown	-	-	1/6 2/0
5/- yellow	-	-	6/0 10/0
2/6 purple	-	-	7/6 12/6
10/- green	-	-	8/0 17/6
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3d. rose	-	-	20	7	6
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3d.	..	8d.	9d.	5d.	6d.	3d.	..	5d.	6d.	1 "	8/0	8/0				
4d.	..	2/9	3/6	1/9	2/3	4d.	..	6d.	8d.	2½ annas	9/0	9/0				
6d. blue	..	2/0	2/6	9d.	1/0	6d.	..	9d.	1/0	4½ "	12/6	—				
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2½d.	..	110/0	—	—	—	½d. on 2d.	..	1d.	3d.	1d. on ½d. "	17/6	—				
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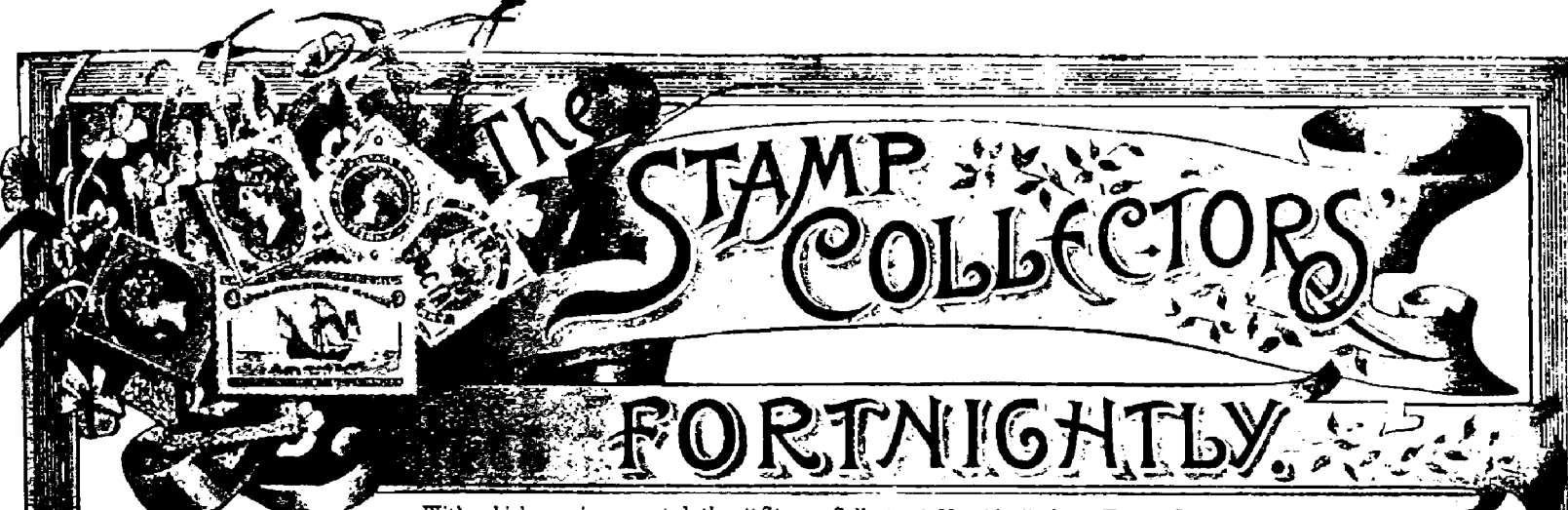
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

DUKE OF CORNWALL A BRITISH MUSEUM TRUSTEE.

We take the following interesting announcement from the "London Philatelist":

It is with great gratification that we are authorised to announce that the President of the London Philatelic Society, His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York, has accepted the position of a Trustee of the British Museum on the retirement therefrom of His Majesty the King. We are convinced that this intimation will be heartily acclaimed by all Philatelists, and that hopes will be justly entertained that the influence of His Royal Highness will be exercised in the furtherance of the legitimate recognition of the claims of Philately in the National Museum. It is idle to deny that the action of the Trustees of the British Museum with regard to the magnificent bequest of the late Mr. T. K. Tapling has failed to satisfy British Philatelists, and we sincerely trust that the day may not now be far distant when that splendid collection may be properly displayed for the pleasure and instruction of the large number of persons in this country who take an interest in postage stamps.

PHILATELISTS IN CONGRESS AT BERLIN.

AMONG German philatelists this year the cry has been "à Berlin!" for it was in the capital of the Fatherland that the annual "Philatelisten Tag" of 1901 was held.

There is not, nowadays, the same cordial unanimity among German philatelists on the subject of this annual congress, and at Berlin in September many notable people were conspicuous by their absence. Nevertheless there was a

good muster, and interesting contributions were forthcoming from Dr. Brendicke, Herr König, Lieutenant Maus, and Mr. W. Sellschopp, the last named gentleman having apparently forsaken San Francisco to settle down again in his native country.

We regret that the manuscript of a special *Fortnightly* report of the German Philatelic Congress was lost in the post. This will account for the lateness and the brevity of our references to the Berlin reunion.

Next year the German philatelists are to meet outside their own country. They go, however, no farther than Vienna, where no German need sigh in vain for the society of those who speak his own mellifluous (!) tongue.

THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL REMAINDERS.

REGARDING the statements made in the *Fortnightly* as to an impending auction sale of a huge accumulation of Portuguese Colonial remainders, it now appears that the authorities have changed their minds, and that the big auction at Lisbon will not be held. Messrs. Bright & Son have had reliable information to this effect. So, for the time being, the matter of the disposal of these stamps is in abeyance.

Of one thing, however, we may rest assured: the stamp collector has got to buy this heap of stuff from His Majesty Dom Carlos, of Portugal, sooner or later!

WHY THE CAPE TRIANGULARS WERE DEMONETISED.

THE reason given for the demonetisation of the triangular stamps of the Cape is curious and, to philatelists, most interesting. It appears that reprints of the wood-block triangulars were being used on envelopes to be sent through the post, and the officers of the postal department being unable to distinguish the reprints from the original stamps, it was decided that the only course left to the authorities was to demonetise the whole of the triangular series!

It is conceivable that, one of these fine days, no Post Office Department will be deemed complete without an expert philatelist in attendance to deal with such little difficulties as this.

CHARGES AGAINST HENRY SCOREY, OF SOUTHAMPTON.

SENTENCE OF 12 MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

IN No. 170 of the *Fortnightly* we gave a lengthy report of the proceedings against Henry Scorey, 25, stamp dealer, of Southampton, against whom there were many allegations of fraudulent transactions with stamp dealers. The specific charge on which the police proceeded was one of stealing

books of stamps, &c., to the value of £51 15s. 8d., from Mr. George Charles Ginn, of Tottenham. On that occasion the prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Southampton Quarter Sessions last month.

To give a full report of the trial would be to recapitulate a great deal of evidence already given. The prisoner was defended by Mr. S. H. Emanuel, LL.D.; Mr. H. L. Chancellor prosecuted; and Mr. G. W. Ricketts watched the case on behalf of the "Bazaar" newspaper. The case, after a full hearing of the evidence, concluded as follows:—

Dr. Emanuel made a powerful speech for the defence, and, after criticising the evidence of identification of the hand-writing, he urged that the jury should satisfy themselves whether or not the prosecution was an attempt to use the criminal law to obtain payment for these stamps, and contended that that Court should not be the means of putting pressure on a man to obtain money.

Mr. Chancellor having replied, the Recorder summed up.

The jury after a brief deliberation found the prisoner guilty, but recommended him to mercy on account of his youth.

Mr. Chancellor stated that there were three other indictments of a similar character, and under the circumstances he did not wish to proceed with them unless the Recorder desired it. It was stated that there were eighteen complaints received respecting value to the amount of over £1000 in one week, and in one case a man lost £200 worth of stamps.

Prisoner was asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him.

Dr. Emanuel, speaking for him, said that he was instructed that the market value of the stamps was not one sixth of the £1000, and what made him abscond was that he had been betting, the ruin of many a young fellow. Having lost his money he had not the pluck to tell his father, a respectable man, to try and get out of the difficulty. He appealed to the Recorder to treat the prisoner as leniently as he could.

The Recorder, however, characterised it as a bad case, and intimated that the least sentence he could pass was one of 12 months' imprisonment, with hard labour, and he directed that there should be no further prosecution in respect to the other cases.

WHAT WE OWE TO JACOB PERKINS.

ONE hears a great deal about Rowland Hill and Henry Archer, but there is another whose memory all philatelists should honour—Jacob Perkins.

Reading a paper on the subject of "Philately" before the members of the Midland Institute Scientific Society, Birmingham, on Wednesday, October 23rd, Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., devoted some attention to the subject of the first distribution of British postage stamps in 1840. The provision of an adequate and unfailing supply of impressions (he pointed out) was rendered possible by an invention, introduced into England by Jacob Perkins, by which a design engraved on a steel plate could be reproduced on any number of similar plates absolutely identical with the original. The background was first engraved by machinery on a softened steel die. The central part was subsequently erased to receive the head, engraved by Frederick Heath, from a drawing by Henry Corbould from William Wyon's medal in commemoration of her Majesty's visit to the City of London in 1837. By the aid of great pressure exerted by compound levers, this die, after hardening, was used to obtain an impression on a softened steel roller. The first design was in intaglio, the one on the roller subsequently in cameo. This roller was then hardened, and was ready to reproduce intaglio impressions, one by one, on a plate of softened steel. In this case 240 impressions were put on each plate. The burr caused by the rocking of the roller was then removed, the corner letters added, the plate hardened, and then printed from.

A "TRISECTED" U.S.A. PROVISIONAL.

MR. H. B. PHILLIPS (the "American Journal of Philately" tells us), has recently discovered an interesting variety in the 1851 issue, U.S.A. He has an envelope bearing three copies of the three cent stamp and one-third of another copy, used as a total of ten cents. The postmark is "Wrentham, Mass., June 4", but the year is missing, as is usual with letters of that period. The letter was addressed to a gentleman in San Francisco, from whose correspondence Mr. Phillips obtained it. Its antecedents appear to be established beyond question.

"IN REPLY TO YOUR ADVERTISEMENTS—"

ALLEGED EXTENSIVE STAMP FRAUDS.

ONE Wilfred Baines, recently arrested in London, was brought before the Resident Magistrate at Downpatrick on Thursday, October 31, charged by District-Inspector O'Shee with obtaining a quantity of British, colonial, and foreign stamps from Rev. E. Brooke, of Strangford, private chaplain to Lord DeRos.

The accused (who, by the way, was defended by Mr. H. C. Weir) is alleged to have used the following aliases: Wilfred Payne, Albert Perry, Walker V. Page, Oscar Kohler, Eugene Butterworth, Frank Dacre, and Dalthorp.

The story told by the prosecutor, the Rev. Edward Brooke, was as follows:—

In the month of May last he advertised stamps for sale in the "Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart," under the name of Collector, Strangford. He got a reply from "Wilfred Baines," auctioneer, 66, Mordanne Street, Stockwell, London, S.W., dated 2nd May, as follows:—"Dear Sir,—In reply to your advertisement in yesterday's 'Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart,' kindly send me a selection of the colonial stamps you advertise on approval. If reference is required, please apply Eugene Butterworth, Esq., auctioneer, 39, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C."

Witness forwarded stamps in answer—two books of used and unused British Colonials. He valued them at £20. They were registered at Strangford, and he produced receipt, and inside the books he attached printed conditions, namely—(1) Return within seven days, with remittance for stamps retained; (2) no stamps to be exchanged off sheet, and no stamp to be removed unless purchased; (3) prices net; (4) keep book clean. A few days after sending he got another letter from Baines acknowledging receipt of books, and promising to return them in a few days. He never heard from Baines again, but wrote several times to him, and made inquiries. He wrote to Butterworth (his reference) but the letter came back from the Dead-letter Office, marked "Gone; not known." He took out a warrant for the arrest of Baines on 30th July. Afterwards, on October 4th, he inserted another advertisement in "Bazaar" medium:—"Rare stamps, British, colonial, and foreign, bargain prices.—'Philatelist' 249, Glossop Road, Sheffield." He inserted this as a blind and got an answer from 6, Bowler Street, Heygate Street, Walworth, London, signed Walter V. Page, and giving as reference, Messrs. Howard & Verdon (Mr. Howard), Solicitors, Broad Street, London.

After receiving this, witness wired to Detective-Sergeant Hawkins, of Scotland Yard, giving the name and address on the letter.

A short time later he got a further letter asking for stamps, signed "Albert Perry." He sent stamps in answer, value £10, but never got them back nor their value. He believed the writing to be the same as Page's and Baines's, in consequence of that belief wired Page's address to London.

After evidence of Baine's arrest by Sergeant Perry, the accused was remanded.

LARGE PROFITS AND VERY QUICK RETURNS.

MR. NANKIVELL vouches for the accuracy of the following story. A Colonial recently walked into a London dealer's office and offered some stamps for sale. One, an error, for which he had paid one penny at the post office when it was issued many years ago, he thought he ought to get a good price for. He was not a stamp collector, but he put 25s. on it. The dealer purchased the stamp, and a few hours after his exacting customer had left he sold his new purchase to a well-known Strand dealer for one hundred pounds. The last purchaser has boasted to me of his acquisition, well knowing what was paid for it by the former dealer seller. The £100 is by no means an outside price. Being a grand specimen the present owner will probably make a profit of £50.

JOTTINGS.

ALL the Buffalo "Pan-American" stamps unsold on October 31st were to be destroyed by fire, and presumably are by this time burnt. It is believed that many speculators will also be scorched.

Writing to "the Stamp Collector" on the subject of the Pietersburg issue, a Durban correspondent says; "This is the biggest attempt to rob collectors that has ever been recorded. The bulk of the stamps have been sent to London where I sincerely trust they will be burned."

On Postal Cards and Covers.

By A SPECIALIST.

In taking up this department of the *Fortnightly*, I would like to explain that I wish to follow as far as possible the events of this branch of philately, and the new issues and varieties of old issues that come under my observation.

Although the study of postal cards and other entires is much neglected at the present time in this country, yet it is full of attractiveness and charm and has much to recommend it to collectors. Perhaps it gains by the fact that the number of specimens to be collected is but a small fraction of the number of possible adhesives, since one country seldom has more than two or three varieties of cards, with their replies, in use at any time. Our own country is one of the exceptions, for in this case a specialist can find anywhere between one and two hundred varieties of cards alone. The comparative cheapness of entires and the freedom from forgeries and unnecessary issues are other points in their favour. I do not care, however, to enter more particularly into the reasons why I and other entire collectors choose our hobby, for they are legion and apparent to the most superficial observer. The old difficulty of storing a collection has certainly been the chief reason why entires have been neglected, but this reason no longer exists. There are a hundred ways in which both cards and envelopes may be conveniently and neatly arranged, ways which will form a subject for later discussion in this column.

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A new postal card is being prepared for the United States which is to bear the head of the late President McKinley. It is expected to be in general use about Christmas. The year of birth and death will find a place at each side of the name under stamp, and a new arrangement of the headline United States of America will allow a space at top of card for postmarks and extra stamps. This latter feature is distinctly interesting.

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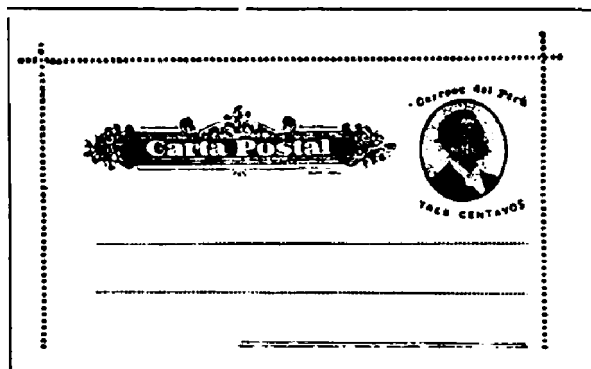
Our American cousins are considering a scheme for a new kind of reply post card, which is to be a boon and a blessing for many users of that commodity in business. The idea is to prevent the waste on reply halves provided and not used in the interest of the sender or for the purpose intended. The postage on the reply half of these is not paid until the reply is received, when it is paid by the sender of the original double card. There are many practical difficulties to this idea, chief of which is that a tremendous weight of matter would have to be carried by the long suffering post office for nothing, and next that the cost of collecting would be considerable, as proper accounts would have to be kept of the postage due as a check on letters-carriers.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

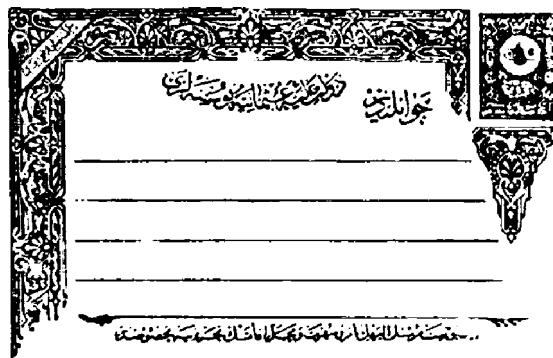
Great Britain.—A correspondent writes that a new Registration Envelope is on sale with stamp now on front instead of on flap. There is no compensation table at the back. Sizes F and G.

India—Travancore.—A newsband is reported with a rectangular stamp 6 cash green on buff. The "London Philatelist" says a variety can be found in which the inner circle is lined horizontally instead of being plain and the outer circle touches the label.

Peru.—Two varieties of a new 3 centimes Letter Card have appeared, one in blue-grey on white and the other in black on yellowish. The illustration will show that they resemble the recent cards in appearance, but being locally produced they are rough in execution.



Turkey.—Following the 20 para cards recently issued, one of which (the "Interior" variety) is illustrated here, a 10 and 10+10 para value has been issued, of the same type, but in green on a pale rose card.



Victoria.—The 1d. rose card in current use has undergone a change in its inscriptions. The paragraph originally was four lines; it now runs two words into the fifth line.

Zanzibar.—The "Monthly Circular" chronicles a new 1 anna envelope, carmine on white, laid, 140×70 mm. The stamp is of a new type with head of Sultan.

THE POST CARDS OF THE COOK ISLANDS.

Mr. A. F. BASSET-HULL contributes to the "Monthly Journal" a long descriptive article on the stamps of the Cook Islands, and concludes with a chapter on the two cards only, which have been issued here. He says that of the first card, the stamp of which bears the name and value and the seven asterisks denoting the seven Islands of the Federation, 500 copies were first ordered on Feb. 29th, 1892. The full list of printings was as follows:

Feb. 29th, 1892	..	..	500
Aug. 23rd, "	..	..	500
Sept. 6th, "	..	..	500
Oct. 3rd, "	..	..	300
Nov. 11th, "	..	..	600
Dec. 4th, "	..	..	253
Dec. 14th, "	..	..	600

Total .. 3,253

Mr. Hull is unable properly to explain why this card appeared double the size required. He says the postal tariff rate for 'open' letters 1d. per oz. and 'closed' letters 2½d. per oz. might account for this double card. I should have liked to be certain whether this card was usually folded by the post office people or sold flat. Mr. Hull says it was folded, but I have usually found it flat or cut down in an irregular manner. Mr. Hull does not notice the vast difference in the white card used for this issue, some of which is about as thin as our British buff cards, and some as thick as our white stout cards, the latter being, we think, most frequently met with.

Of the later issue now in use, blue on buff, or more correctly chamois, 2,000 were printed October 31st, 1893, and no further printings are recorded.

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Christmas approaches, and the Christmas number of the *Fortnightly* is in active preparation. Full particulars in our next number.

Many Happy Returns to our Liverpool friends on the thirteenth birthday of their Philatelic Society. Liverpudlians who are not already members should send to Mr. W. Halfpenny, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool, for the terms of membership.

Stamp Collectors in London will not lack for Exhibitions next Saturday, November 16th. In addition to the big South African show at the London Society's rooms, Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, there will be an exhibition of British stamps under the auspices of the Junior London Philatelic Society at Clapham Hall (33, Old Town, Clapham). It is printed out that the two fixtures will not clash, for while the South African Exhibition closes at 6 p.m. the Clapham display will be on view from 7 to 10 p.m.

We have to acknowledge two interesting new publications, of which we shall give more extended notices in our next number. The first is a "History of the South African Provisional War Stamps," by Bertram W. H. Poole, published at 1s. by Messrs. R. T. Morgan & Co., of Norwood. A useful and well-written book, this, which visitors to the London Society's South African Exhibition might do worse than slip into their pockets for reference. The second of the new publications to hand is an illustrated Catalogue of stamps issued by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, of Amiens, France, the well-known publishers of "L'Echo de la Timbrologie"—the French fortnightly Stamp Journal.

A novel and interesting suggestion is made by a philatelist signing himself "Ceylon";—

As a somewhat advanced collector may I suggest that an Agent, to bring together advanced *amateur* philatelists, who have rare stamps to sell or exchange, is very much wanted in London—I mean a person through whom alone advanced collectors can buy and sell to each other, or exchange, and who also would receive a commission on each transaction, the names of the principals being known only to the Agent.

The late Mr. Charles Alexander Macy, of New York, bequeathed his fine collection of stamps to "the Countess de Seilorn, née Antoinette Woerishoeffler, now in London, England.

We have to thank Mr. G. E. C. Riding, an old subscriber, for showing us two distinct shades of the 2 mils. Egypt, one being a very dark green on tinted paper, not to be found in any catalogue.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Bulgaria.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., we have received a series of stamps which mark a new era in Bulgaria postal issues. The old, familiar lion appears to be deposed for good, and in its place we have a fine portrait of Prince Ferdinand. The stamps are above the average size and appear very large indeed when contrasted with the diminutive labels to which Bulgaria has accustomed us. The colours of the new set are somewhat difficult to fix. We set them down roughly as follows:—

- 1st. black and purple.
- 2st. blue and green.
- 3st. black and orange.
- 5st. brown and emerald.
- 10st. brown and rose.
- 15st. black and lake.
- 25st. black and blue.
- 30st. black and brown.
- 50st. deep brown and blue.
- 1l. deep green and red.
- 2l. black and red.
- 3l. lake and grey.



France.—Various of our contemporaries mention a recently issued set of Parcel Post stamps, which appear to be of the same class as those of Belgium and Italy. They are oblong, with a picture of a railway engine in the centre, the words "RESEAU D'ETAT" above, and the value in words below and in figures at each side. Perf. 13½ and 14. Values and colours:

- 5c. black.
- 10c. green.
- 20c. carmine.
- 50c. blue.
- 1fr. bistre.
- 2fr. brown-lake.

Great Britain.—Opinions widely differ as to when the first of the new stamps may be placed on sale. The "London Philatelist" and many of the newspapers give currency to the rumour that the ½d. and 1d. issues may appear to day (November 9th), and it would certainly be a happy notion to bring out these new labels on the King's sixtieth birthday. Meanwhile, the following paragraph has appeared in the organ of the London Society:

A friend who has seen the stamps gives us the following further particulars. On the left of the oval is a branch of bay, and on the right, one of oak leaves. The inscription in upper label, in small white sans-serif caps, "POSTAGE AND REVENUE"; on label below, "HALF PENNY," in small white Roman caps. The background is very deeply shaded round the face, throwing it in relief. The colour is green, with a tinge of blue. Above the oval is an imperial crown.

The 1d. value is similar in design to the ½d., colour deep carmine on white.

Holland.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., send us the 3 cents in a new colour—olive-green. The "Monthly Journal" mentions the 5 cents in a new shade—rose-red.

Hungary.—The 6 filler stamp appears to have been "resurrected," and is now printed, according to "Ewen's Weekly," in a new colour—bistre.

Italy.—We now have to chronicle the values from 40 centesimi upwards, completing the new set:

- 40c. deep brown.
- 45c. olive-green.
- 50c. mauve.
- 1 l. dark brown and blue-green.
- 5l. blue and rose.

The stamps follow the general design of the 10 centesimi label, already illustrated in the *Fortnightly*.

Mauritius.—The 1 and 4 cents stamps of the "Arms" type, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us, are now issued in new colours, as follows:—

- 1c. grey-black.
- 4c. brown and carmine on yellow.

Stamps of the Duchy of Parma, 1857-1859.

BY DR. EMILIO DIENA IN THE "LONDON PHILATELIST."

It is quite evident that the design of the stamps of the third series issued by the Duchy of Parma was copied from the type of the first issue of Austria and Austrian Italy. The design was laid before the Duke of Parma at the end of 1851, or at the beginning of 1852, but the Duke preferred another essay (Fleur-de-lis in a circle), which in fact formed the type of the first two issues. According to M. Moens, the design was rejected on account of the branches of oak and olive, which were displeasing to the Duke. It must, however, be



pointed out that by a Decree of January 27th, 1852, the term "Stati Parmensi" (the Parma States) had taken the place of the longer designation "Ducati di Parma, Piacenza e Stati annessi." It was for this reason perhaps that the well-known type of 1852, which bore the new official designation, "STATI PARM." (the abbreviation of "Parmensi") was preferred.

We do not know, however, the reason why the design refused in 1852, and which had moreover been engraved, was adopted about five years later. No one could be satisfied with the type of 1852, which, as printed at first in black on coloured paper for four of the values, and on white for the 10 centesimi, or as printed later (end of 1853) in colour on white paper, often had a very blurred appearance, the inscriptions being sometimes unreadable. This was no doubt put down to the engraver, who certainly had not produced a masterpiece, although it was really more the fault of the printer, and the same defect has occurred many times since in the history of stamps.

In any case it is curious to notice that when the design taken from the first stamps of Austria was adopted at Parma, there was a question in Vienna of replacing it by another. The Chief Postal Authorities of the Austrian Empire had long looked upon the first series as "Provisional," as we learn from a letter dated November 27th, 1850, from the said authorities to the Postal Authorities of the Duchy of Modena, in which it was stated that the Austrian stamps then in use did not seem to afford a sufficient guarantee against forgery.

The type in question was presented for the approbation of the Duke Charles III. by Professor Donnino Bentelli, but according to M. Moens it was engraved by Paolo Formenti.

A single die was engraved for the three values by substituting figures for each denomination. This substitution was not made upon the *clichés*, but on the original die, from which one or two matrices were prepared in copper for each value. From these matrices the *clichés* were obtained for the surface-printing.

In the 15 and 25 cent. we find no difference either in the disposition or in the form of the figures of value, which leads us to believe that the *clichés* all came from a single matrix for each value. But in the 40 cent. I can make known the existence of two varieties: that is to say, A, with a large "o"; B, with a thin "o." The impression was made in the Palace of the Postal Department by the printers, Rossi Ubalbi, of Parma. The sheets contain seventy-two stamps in nine horizontal rows of eight stamps. An entire sheet of the 40 cent. which I have before me, enables me to fix the disposition of the two varieties. It is as follows:—

A	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
A	A	B	B	A	B	A	B
A	A	A	B	A	A	B	A
A	A	A	B	A	A	B	B
A	A	A	A	A	B	A	B
B	A	A	B	B	B	B	A
A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A

That is, fifty-two stamps of the "A" variety, and twenty of the "B" variety. The stamp which occupies the sixty-fourth place, i.e. the last in the eighth horizontal row has the "o" a little more thick and open; but I am persuaded that this is due only to a fault in the making of the *cliché*. We find, especially in the 15 and 25 cent., several defects; thus portions of the arms are sometimes lacking, and there is no stop after "ecc" in the upper inscription: but it seems to me useless to insist upon such trifles, or to point out others. If we notice that the disposition of the *clichés* was not always quite regular, we see that the space between the stamps, which is as a rule about 2 mm. horizontally (2½ mm. in the case of the 15 cent.) and 1½ mm. vertically, varies sometimes.

The paper of these stamps is machine-made and rather thin, of white colour, and of bad quality. We meet, rather frequently, with copies on ribbed paper; but this in my opinion, is purely a fault in the making, the quality of the paper seeming to me to be absolutely the same for all the 25c. and 40 centesimi, and a little thicker for the 15c. The gum is likewise of an inferior quality, and is often sprinkled over with little black spots. I have met with some copies of the 25c. gummed on both sides, with a postmark over the gum.

The worst impressions are to be found in the 15 cent., due doubtless to the bad quality of the ink employed. The 25 cent., most frequently met with in an unused condition, is of a pale shade. We have—

15 cent.,	vermilion-red (shades).
25 ..	brown, dark brown, reddish brown.
40 ..	blue to deep blue.

For the series now occupying our attention, the catalogues generally give the dates 1857-9, and nothing more. But if we will just consider that it was in June 1859, that the fall of the Bourbon Government of Parma took place, it will be found to be of great interest for serious collectors, in the absence of an official Decree for the issue, to fix the date at which each value appeared.

These are the dates adopted so far, according to the work of M. Moens, published in 1878:—

25 cent.,	July, 1857.
40 ..	January, 1858.
15 ..	March, 1859.

From an examination I have made of a considerable number of original letters, I have found specimens of the 40 cent. postmarked six months previously. The following are the earliest dates known to me:—

40 cent.,	June 30th, 1857.
25 ..	July 28th, 1857.
15 ..	March 10th, 1859.

According to a table published by M. Moens, there were printed on June 12th, 1857, 216,000 stamps of 40 cent. in 3,000 sheets, and on the 20th of the same month 432,000 of the 25 cent. in 6,000 sheets. It is said that on February 8th, 1859, 648,000 stamps of the 15 cent. (9,000 sheets) were printed. We see that these dates, which were either those of the printing of the stamps or those on which the stock was taken over by the General Keeper of Stamps—it is not known which—approach much nearer to the dates of the obliterated specimens which are now before me.

It is as well to add that the series of 1857-9 was in circulation together with that of 1852 (except the 25 cent., black on violet, which is rarely met with even in 1856) and with the 25 cent. brown on white, of 1853. As to the 5 cent., yellow, and the 15 cent., red-vermilion on white, of 1854, since we no longer find them upon the correspondence of 1856, they were doubtless exhausted at that date.

The 15 cent. of March, 1859, had the very short existence of about four-and-a-half months, and this explains its rarity in a used state. As the two Post Offices at Parma and

* By a Decree of June 30th, 1848, Professor Donnino Bentelli had been appointed Keeper of the Mint and Engraver of the State Medals.

Piacenza had adopted during the first months of 1859 an obliterating mark of a lozenge of eight parallel bars, similar to that in use in the States of the Church, but longer, it follows that for the 15 cent. alone this obliteration is the more ordinary; while it is found less often upon the two other values, which we find, as a rule, obliterated by date-stamps.

No reprints of these stamps exist. Many imitations are known. A *lôte-bêche* pair of the 25 cent. has been described as a rarity, but it is a poor imitation in a brick shade of colour, and it is useless to describe it. It is, however, important to notice that there exists a successful imitation of the 40 cent., on paper too thick and hand-made. This imitation, made about ten years ago at Genoa, is to be recognised especially by the letter "A" in "PIAC," for it lacks the horizontal bar, and by the first "c" of "ECC.," which is too open. This forgery occurs, as a rule, with the lozenge obliteration.

Essays. I know the following in the type adopted, on white paper:—

25 cent., milky blue (no gum).
15 ,, dark blue (with gum).
25 ,, green (with gum).

The last two, like the stamps, were printed in sheets of seventy-two specimens.

To the essays above mentioned the following must be added of the type adopted. They are pointed out by M. Moens, and, like the stamps, were printed in sheets of seventy-two:—

5, 10, 15 cent., black on blue-grey (with the maker's mark, a monogram "G.A.," as a watermark).

15 cent., blue on blue-grey.

40 cent., black on blue-grey (with maker's mark, "Portorano," as watermark).

M. Moens adds that this last sheet of essays has in the eighth row, sixth place, a 15 cent. *lôte bêche*; but this *cliché* was, without doubt, replaced before the printing of the stamps. In fact, the essay of the 15 cent. dark blue, pointed out above, is of a different shade of colour from that of the stamps of 40 cent. The printing of them is more careful and sharp; the quality of the gum also differs.

Before concluding I will add that about ten years ago a dealer in antiquities offered me a matrix in copper, with a boxwood handle, of an essay of a type similar to that adopted in 1857, but bearing above the crown the inscription in Roman capitals: "CARLO III DUCA DI"; on the left of the crown, "PARMA"; and on its right, "PIAC.E." The lower label has "5 CENT."

The Duke Charles III. of Parma died by an assassin's hand on March 27th, 1854, and it seems to me probable that the essay in question bearing his name dates from 1852, and that it was brought forward when the question arose of choosing a type for the first issue. I have neither met with nor seen mentioned anywhere any essays in the type which I have just described; and had it not been for the forethought of the dealer in question, collectors would perhaps never have heard of it.

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,
October 15th and 16th.

	£	s.	d.
British Columbia, perf. 14, 10c. lake and blue*	..	2	7 6
Do. 1 dollar, green*	..	2	12 6
British Guiana, 1850, 12c. blue, cut round, on entire original	..	7	5 0
Do. 1852, 1c. magenta	..	3	5 0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta	..	8	12 6
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Cinco Pesos, olive-yellow, cut close*	10	0	0
Canada, 1851, imperf., laid paper, 12d. black, cut close and torn*	..	18	0 0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 4d. dark blue	..	7	0 0
Do. do. another, on entire original	..	6	6 0
Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 8d. brown	..	10	10 0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown	..	4	15 0
Do. do. another, slightly torn	..	2	7 6
Do. 1861, 8d. yellow-brown	..	4	5 0

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Fiji, 1874-75, 6c. on 3d. green variety with inverted A* thinned	..	3	17 6
India Service, 1866, 2 annas, purple and black, * a, pair	..	3	17 6
Montserrat, wmk. CA. 4d. blue*, no gum	..	2	15 0
Natal, 1869-74, Postage, 13½mm., 6d. violet, *, part gum..	7	5	0
Nevis, perf. 15, litho, 6d. grey*	..	4	4 0
Newfoundland, 1860, 4d. orange*, no gum	..	3	17 6
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney Views, 1d. red plate 1 a pair	..	6	10 0
Do. do. a single specimen	..	2	2 0
Do. do. 1d. carmine	..	3	3 0
Do. do. 1d. lake, plate 2*	..	5	10 0
Do. do. 1d. dark scarlet	..	3	3 0
Do. do. 1d. carmine on blue paper	..	3	12 6
Do. do. 2d. grey-blue, plate 1, a strip of 3, one stamp thinned, others fine	..	7	7 0
Do. do. a pair of ditto, fine	..	4	17 6
Do. do. 1d. slate-blue, a pair	..	4	7 6
Do. do. 1d. dark grey-blue, early state of plate	..	10	0 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, early impression	..	2	15 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 2	..	2	12 0
Do. do. 2d. dark blue	..	3	3 0
Do. do. another specimen, variety without pick or shovel	..	2	12 6
Do. do. 2d. indigo	..	4	0 0
Do. do. 2d. dark blue, the error, with "Crevit" omitted	..	4	15 0
Do. do. 2d. grey, blue, plate 3	..	3	5 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, the variety Fan with Six Segments	..	3	17 6
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 3, 2nd retouch	..	4	17 6
Do. do. 3d. green on bluish, a pair	..	4	0 0
Do. do. 3d. emerald, slightly damaged	..	3	3 0
Do. do. 3d. olive-green	..	2	15 0
Do. do. 3d. yellow-green	..	2	15 0
Do. 1851-53, 1. laureated, 8d. orange, cut into	2	2	0
Do. do. 8d. orange-yellow	..	3	3 0
Do. 1854-56 Diadem, imperf., 5d. green	..	4	7 6
Do. do. do. 8d. orange	..	5	12 6
Do. do. do. 8d. orange-yellow	..	7	0 0
New Zealand, 1862-63, rouletted, 6d. brown	..	3	5 0
Do. 1863, wmk. star, rouletted, 1d. orange*, no gum	..	3	3 0
Do. 1864, wmk. N.Z., 1/- green*	..	2	10 0
Do. 1872, wmk. lozenges, 2d. vermilion	..	2	5 0
Queensland, 1860, imperf., 1d. carmine, a fine pair	..	9	0 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, a fine strip of 3	..	20	10 0
Do. 1860-61, wmk. large star, clean cut perfs., 6d. green*, part gum	..	2	10 0
Do. 1868-74, 1/- violet* fine	..	2	10 0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 54 paras, blue on green	..	9	10 0
Do. do. 108 paras, blue on rose, thinned in several places	..	10	0 0
St. Christopher, wmk. CA., 4d. blue*	..	2	4 0
St. Vincent, No wmk., 1/- slate, compound perf.*	..	2	8 0
Do. wmk. Star, One Penny, in black on 6d. yellow-green*	..	2	15 0
Saxony, 1st issue, 3pf. red*, soiled at top	..	2	12 0
South Australia, 1867-70, perf. 10, 3d. blue and red*, no gum	2	7	6
Do. do. another specimen*	..	2	10 0
Do. do. 1/- chestnut*	..	3	17 6
Do. do. 1872, perf. and roulette, 9d. grey-lilac	..	2	10 0
Do. do. wmk. V. and Crown, 4d. purple	..	..	..
Do. P.S. on 10d. black on yellow, pf. 10 x 11½, clipped on left side*	..	2	10 0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen blue and red*, but slightly torn	..	3	5 0
Do. Geneva, 1843, 5c. yellow-green, the right half of the double stamp*, but no gum	..	2	2 0
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen black and red, vertical lines, type 1, defective	..	3	15 0
Do. do. another specimen with horizontal lines, type 2, slightly thinned	..	6	0 0
Do. do. another specimen, type 3	..	7	10 0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue, a pair*, cut rather close	..	6	6 0
Do. 1864-70, wmk. numerals, serrated perfs., 2d. green	..	2	5 0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 2 soldi red on blue	..	3	17 6
Do. do. 60 crazie red on blue, slightly torn	..	5	0 0

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United States, 1847, 10c. black, a vertical pair, fine*	4	15	0
Do. 1861, 90c. blue*, defective	10	0	0
Do. 1861-66, 3c. scarlet*, no gum	10	0	0
Do. do. 5c. dark ochre*	3	0	0
Do. do. 5c. brick-red*	4	10	0
Do. 1870, 24c. bright violet*	2	5	0
Victoria, 1850, 2d. lilac, fine background	8	0	0
Do. 1852, litho., 2d. grey-lilac, a strip of 3*, one stamp pinholed, others fine	10	10	0
Do. 1858-61, 2/- green, rouletted, cut at bottom	6	0	0
Do. 1862, 6d. orange, pearls. cut at left	2	12	6
Do. 1868, 5/- blue on yellow	5	10	0
Do. 1857, 6d. gold-bronze, very fine	6	12	6
Western Australia, 1857, rouletted, 2d. brown on red*	4	4	0
Do. 1860, 6d. green*, no gum	3	0	0
Do. another specimen*, cut into..	2	4	0
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Do. 1882, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 5/- ochre, a horizontal pair*	1	18	0
Bolivia, perf., 500r. black with nine stars	2	2	0
British Columbia, perf. 14, wmk. CC., 1 dollar green on green, a horizontal pair*	4	10	0
British Guiana, 1852, imperf., 1c. black on magenta, cut into ..	2	8	0
Do. 1853, imperf., 1c. vermilion	1	18	0
Do. do. 1c. brownish-red..	1	18	0
Do. 1862, Provisional, rouletted, 2c. black on yellow with border of pearls, complete roulettes ..	4	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. bright-red, slightly skinned ..	2	17	6
Do. do. 1d. scarlet, defective ..	1	14	0
Do. do. 4d. blue ..	1	12	0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, 1d. on ½d. green, Cape (present type)*, part gum ..	2	12	6
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Do. do. Baden Powell, small head, 3d.*	1	5	0
Ceylon, wmk. star, imperf. 4d. rose ..	7	0	0
Colombia, 1861, imperf. 2½c. black ..	1	3	0
Do. 1862, do. 1p. lilac ..	1	14	0
Gambia, wmk. CC. perf. 14, 1/- green*	1	18	0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, 1/- bistre, skinned at back ..	1	7	0
Gt. Britain, I.R. official, 10/ blue ..	2	2	0
India, 1866, Service, 2a. black on purple (S. G. No. 515)*	0	16	0
Jamaica, wmk. pine, half 1d. blue, bisected diagonally and used as ½d. on entire ..	1	0	0
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Natal, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 5/- marone*	2	0	0
Nevis, perf. 15, engraved, 6d. grey ..	3	10	0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow ..	1	12	0
New South Wales, 1888, wmk. 5/-, 5/- mauve, a vertical pair* ..	2	10	0
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St. Vincent, wmk. C.A., perf. 12, 4d. ultramarine*	2	12	6
Spain, 1852, 2r. vermilion, cut rather close ..	3	0	0
Straits Settlements, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 96c. grey*	3	15	0
Switzerland, 1850, Vaud, 4c. black and red, slightly defective	7	5	0
Tobago, 1880, 1d. in manuscript on half of 6d. orange	3	7	6
Transvaal, 1877, Surcharged "V.R. Transvaal" in red, imperf., 1/- green ..	2	17	6
Do. do. fine roulettes, 6d. deep blue on white ..	1	5	0
Do. 1878, imperf., "V.R. Transvaal," 1d. red on blue*	2	0	0
Trinidad, Clean cut perfs. (1d.) rose-red*	1	10	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 2 soldi brick red on azure ..	4	10	0
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NO one denies that the Secretary of a Stamp Exchange has a great deal to put up with. In all our strictures upon the few secretaries who bring discredit on the many we have never lost sight of the fact that the conductor of a Stamp Exchange is often sorely tried.

Rev. Hayman Cummings, Secretary of the Oxford Stamp Exchange, writes on this subject as follows:—

May I add a word to the correspondence on this subject—from the poor Secretary's point of view?

I dare say there are other Secretaries, who like myself, are prevented settling within 10 days of the return of the packets, by the conduct of two or three members who, though otherwise good, will not keep the rules as to paying debit balances.

When the amounts are not too heavy I have always paid them myself, but this should not be expected of a Secretary. I have a debit balance owing to me now from the April packet, and another member still owes for his June purchase, over £2.

The remedy is a very unpleasant one all round, remove the offenders from the list of members, probably losing the money they owe, and leaving them to begin again in some other Exchange or Club.

Even the attempt to "squeeze" the recalcitrants by giving notice on postal list that their names will be made known to the members of the Club, brings more troubles in shape of a letter from a member to say, he will send no more sheets till he knows the defaulters have paid or been turned out.

Meantime, one of these gentlemen causes a post card to be sent to me, that Mr. So and So is away from home, etc., etc., but has he been away ever since Aug., and if not, why not reply to one or other of the five applications made for payment.

No! there are two sides to the question.

There are dishonest Secretaries—may they be exposed!—but there are also dishonest members who take stamps without paying for them. Why not also expose them?

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We have on hand other interesting correspondence on the same subject, which we shall touch upon in our next. Meanwhile an interesting fact relating to the circulation of exchange packets is mentioned by a member of the Surrey Philatelic Club.

The Club (our correspondent remarks) has adopted a *perpetual* Packet, whereby all grumbling is averted. As regards the sending back sheets, each member takes out his old sheets on arrival at his residence, and sends the cover back to the Secretary at once, (showing his takings and sales), and then puts in his new sheet. In this sense we are, I believe, a unique and happy exchange family.

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On the question of the 5 cents Uruguay of 1866 (the subject of recent articles headed "Genuine, or Counterfeit?") Mr. C. J. Patman, of Carshalton, writes as follows:—

I fully agree with the general opinion held by your correspondents as to the unreasonable assumption of the genuineness of the specimens described.

I, like them, have a copy which appears to agree in the essential points, and I give my reasons for believing my copy to be a forgery: (1) The paper being stouter and differing slightly in colour; (2) the E instead of I in "Montevideo," which I cannot personally reconcile with the running of the ink; (3) the whole general coarse and badly executed designs, seeming to be the work of an amateur, especially on the right side, some of the words "centavos" being retouched.

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STRAWS show which way the wind is blowing. The petals of a chrysanthemum, Mr. W. C. Eaton tells us, will tell us whether our Japanese stamps are genuine or forged. The heading of Mr. Eaton's article on the subject in the "American Journal of Philately"—*A Simple Test by which Most Japanese Counterfeits can be Detected*—is one well calculated to catch the eye and compel a perusal.



JAPANESE STAMPS SHOWING THE 16-LEAVED CHRYSANTHEMUM.

"The thing to do," writes Mr. Eaton, "is to count the leaves, or petals, of the chrysanthemums;" and then he goes on to explain the why and the wherefore:—

The Imperial crest of Japan is the chrysanthemum; not any chrysanthemum but the "sixteen leaved chrysanthemum" only. It was formerly, and probably is still, a very grave offence to counterfeit this Imperial crest and therefore most Japanese counterfeiters avoid it by making the chrysanthemum with some other number of petals and, while it does not necessarily follow that all Japanese stamps with a "sixteen leaved chrysanthemum" are genuine, it is a sure thing that all which do not have sixteen petals are counterfeit. This is a very simple test to which I have never seen any other writer direct attention. Some years ago I sent a brief article on this point to a now defunct Boston philatelic journal but have never seen it elsewhere and I doubt that it is generally

known. Even the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors has overlooked it.

On the sheet of "fac similes" I have in my collection only the 4 sen (both rose and green) has sixteen petals, so the test easily disposes of all of that lot with this exception of the 4 sen. There are also some exceedingly dangerous counterfeiters of the rare 1 sen brown (without syllabic characters), with no "fac simile" inscription, in which the petals are correctly given as far as the number is concerned. But it will be found that the great majority of counterfeit Japanese stamps on the market have more or less than sixteen, generally less.

Another point is also worthy of notice. On every genuine Japanese stamp which I possess, issued previous to the 1876-77 issue (and my collection is very full, with scores of shades and syllabic characters nearly complete) the centre of the top of the chrysanthemum is the dividing line between two petals; while in the 1876-77 issue and all issues thereafter the centre of the top is the centre of a petal; that is to say, from 1876 on, one of the petals occupies the central position at the top but does not in any previous issue. My counterfeiters, however, do not follow this rule at all. My counterfeiters of the rare 1 sen referred to above, and I have several, all fail in this feature, a petal occupying the central position, which should be occupied by the dividing line between two petals. The only counterfeiters I have which are correct both as to position of top petal and number of petals are the 4 sen "facsimile" rose and green, and they can be told by the colour as well as the two extra characters denoting "fac simile."

Of course, without having a dealer's stock to examine, I cannot affirm positively that the positions of the top petals are always as I have stated, but my collection contains some four hundred and eighty specimens, exclusive of the counterfeiters, of which over three hundred and fifty are of the issues bearing the chrysanthemum, and this feature is true of every one of them, and so I think it may be fairly concluded that it is the case with all, and that any departure from this arrangement may be considered a fairly conclusive test that the stamp is a counterfeit.

As counting the petals is an especially easy way in which to detect the great majority of Japanese counterfeiters, I trust this information may be not unwelcome to your readers, though I fear that many will have that "tired feeling" when they apply it to their collections, for the Japanese counterfeiter is a crafty workman and much of his work is abroad.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

(Secretaries of Societies are invited to contribute, promptly, brief reports of their meetings, fixtures, &c.)

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE 13th Annual Meeting of the Liverpool Philatelic Society was held at the "Alexandra Hotel," Dale Street, Liverpool, on Monday, October 21st, there being an attendance of 20 members.

The Balance Sheet was duly presented to the Meeting, and the statement of accounts showed the Society to be in a sound position.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the retiring officers and committee, for their services during the past year.

The election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—*President*, J. G. Tweedle; *Vice-Presidents*, J. Hughes, C. S. Milner; *Committee*, M. Broad, W. Gill, W. McQuie Green, W. F. H. Hill, H. Woods; *Hon. Sec and Treas.*, W. Halfpenny, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool; *Hon. Exchange Secretary*, T. Whitworth, 1, Green Bank, Waterloo, Liverpool.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* was again declared to be the official journal of the Society.

It is the especial desire of the Committee that the meetings of the Society shall be rendered as interesting as possible, and to this end a programme of proceedings will be drawn up at an early date.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING of this Society was held on Saturday, November 2nd, 1901, at Clapham Hall, Old Town, Clapham, S.W. Being the first Saturday in the month, a general sale and exchange was held. Before the debate commenced at 8.30 the following telegram was prepared and dispatched:

H. R. H. The Duke of Cornwall and York,
Marlborough House.

SIR,—We are requested by the members of the Junior London Philatelic Society to convey to Your Royal Highness congratulations on your safe return from a tour through dominions far across the seas, over which at some time it may be your destiny to rule. The meeting of our Society coincided to your return and we thought it a fitting occasion for putting on our records an expression of not only our loyalty to you as heir-apparent to the throne but also of our appreciation of your services to the Science of Philately, by your patronage of that Science both as Collector and President of the Senior Society.

Your most obedient Servants,

(Signed) FRED J. MELVILLE, President, J.L.P.S.
W. PARKER, Hon. Secretary, J.L.P.S.

The Debate—Specialism or generalism was lively and interesting, both sides being about equally supported.

The Hon. Librarian reported that he had received several additions to the library. The Stamp Collector, from Mr. E. D. Bacon; A History of Railway Letter Stamps, from Mr. H. L. Ewen; Catalogue of the Stamps of Great Britain, Catalogue of the Telegraph Stamps of the World, Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of the British Colonies, Vol. I. of Morley's Philatelic Journal and current numbers of same, from Mr. Walter Morley; A Colour Dictionary, from Mr. B. W. Warhurst; South African War Provisionals, from Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole. A vote of thanks was passed to each of these gentlemen for their kindness.

Next Saturday, November 16th, an Exhibition of the stamps of Great Britain, will be held by the Society, at Clapham Hall. Tickets

of admission may be obtained (free) from the Hon. Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, Mr. Chas Purdom, Neptune Street, South Lambeth, S.W.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE First General Meeting of the season was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, October 1st, 1901, at 7 p.m.

Present: Messrs. G. Haynes, Franz Reichenheim, J. C. Sidebotham, W. G. Cool, W. Simpson, L. E. Bradbury, W. A. Bois, W. Jacoby, R. Meyer, R. Frenzel, Burton F. J. Cooper, L. S. Charlick, L. Magnee, H. Wills, Charles P. Sisley, Fred J. Melville, F. W. Mellor, Robert Ehrenbach, A. G. Wane, W. Boyes, A. G. Haynes, D. Thomson, M. P. Castle, C. R. Sutherland and H. A. Slade.

The following were elected as ordinary members of the Society: R. Blenkinsop, R. Raikes Bromage, H. L. Hayman, H. J. Bilborough, B. F. J. Cooper, C. L. Fagan and A. G. Haynes.

Donations to the Forgery Book were received from Messrs. R. Raikes Bromage and F. Grove Powell.

Mr. G. Haynes signified that it would give him great pleasure to welcome and entertain the members at The Grange, St. Albans, at a Summer Meeting to be held in May or June of next year.

At the conclusion of routine business Mr. Haynes vacated the chair in favour of Mr. M. P. Castle, who delivered a most interesting and instructive discourse on some of the early issues of Australia, illustrating his remarks with specimens of his own collection. Space forbids more than the briefest reference, but amongst the stamps displayed may be mentioned a fine selection of Tasmania 1d. blue, early impressions; a series of 2d. Sydney Views, showing the gradual wear of the plate; a pair of West Australians, 2d. 1857 issue, lightly postmarked; a perfect used copy 2d. Victoria (S.G.'s Catalogue No. 7), on original; an enviable collection of New Zealand 1856, Colonial print, blue and white papers; New Zealand, *pelure*, with postmark 1860, antedating 1862 issue by two years; and many other rarities.

With regard to the stamps of New Zealand, the Chairman called attention to the difficulty in fixing exact dates for the blue and white papers, and was of opinion that the imperforate and rouletted varieties were in use at the same time. He also commented on the fact that it was impossible for the Philatelist of moderate means to attempt to form a complete unused collection of Australia, and insisted that used varieties were quite as interesting, and perhaps called for more discrimination and knowledge in their collection. They certainly helped to solve many vexed questions as to dates of issue, &c.

In response to a hearty vote of thanks, Mr. Castle complimented the Society on its progress, and in expressing his pleasure at being able to attend the opening meeting, promised to assist the Society on some future occasion. Discussion and private exchange followed, and the meeting terminated at 9.10 p.m.

H. A. SLADE, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A VERY successful "Philatelic Gathering" was held at the Patent Library, Leeds Municipal Buildings, on October 15th. Amongst the exhibits was a collection of stamps of the British Empire, shown by a new member, Mr. Frankland, of Crossgates. Mr. C. Quarkowsky, of Bradford, present as a visitor, exhibited the penny Cape of Good Hope stamp of the old design with anchor watermark, but in the colour of the 3d. value.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE seventieth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club-house, on Monday evening, September 9th, 1901. Present:—Messrs. Andreini, Luff, Scott and Perrin. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President called the meeting to order at 8.30 p.m. A number of communications were read by the Secretary. The Treasurer's Report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$279.98, exclusive of \$1,000 bond, was approved as read. House Committee report read. Adjourned at 9.45 p.m.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

SYDNEY PHILATELIC CLUB.

AT the monthly meeting held at the Equitable Building, Sydney, on August 28th, a debate took place on the question: "Should revenue stamps—authorised for postal use—be included in a postal stamp collection; and if so, in what condition?"

Several members took part.

The President summed up, and all the members being agreed that unauthorised fiscal stamps postally used should be inadmissible, the only point in dispute was whether revenue stamps duly sanctioned for postal use by Act of Parliament or official notification were admissible to a postage stamp collection in an unused state.

The question was put to the meeting and carried by a large majority in the affirmative.

TASMANIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AT the monthly meeting, held on August 12th, Mr. R. Morgan presiding, Mr. W. N. Atkins was elected Exchange Superintendent for the ensuing twelve months, and Mr. Malone (late Exchange Superintendent) was elected a member of Committee.

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All letters will be opened on the 28th February. None will be received after 4 p.m. on Feb. 24th.

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Philately at Home and Abroad.

DANGEROUS FORGERIES OF ST. VINCENT AND ST. LUCIA.

We must warn our readers against some very dangerous forgeries of the St. Vincent 5s. wmk. star, and also of some of the early St. Lucias. We hope to give more definite information at an early date. The counterfeits are believed to hail from Paris.

THE DEATH OF "FILATELIC FACTS AND FALLACIES."

A MONTHLY stamp journal that worked wonders in the development of Philately in the Far West—we refer to the oddly-spelled "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies"—will visit us no more. Mr. Sellschopp, its proprietor, has definitely abandoned San Francisco as a stamp-dealing headquarters for Hamburg, and has no further use for his spirited little sheet. But philatelists in the Golden City will long remember "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies" and Mr. Sellschopp, and also Mr. Sellschopp's quaint advertising motto: "They Sell in Sellschopp's Shop!"

MR. HINTON'S POCKET DUPLICATE BOOK.

MR. T. H. HINTON'S latest philatelic enterprise takes the form of a handy pocket duplicate book. The size is about 4in. by 5in., and the little book is arranged on the now well known principle employed by manufacturers of dealers' stock books. A sample book sent us by Mr. Hinton contains half a dozen leaves, with six rows to the leaf. A handy and well-planned shillingsworth which we commend to the attention of philatelists in the habit of carrying duplicate stamps.

WAS THIS WHERE FORGED MAFEKINGS CAME FROM ?

HERE is an interesting news despatch to the Cape Town newspapers, dated Kimberley, October 12th.

Before the resident magistrate to-day, Gustave Adolph Ettling, master printer, was charged with fraud. The affidavits stated that the accused employed members of his staff to print the words "Mafeking Besieged" on postage stamps. A large number is alleged to have been printed, the establishment being kept locked while the work was going on. Thomas Henry Reaman, stamp collector, deposed to having extensively purchased stamps from the accused, some of which were returned from London, as being forgeries. A local engraver named King deposed that the accused requested him to manufacture a brass stamp for cancelling postage stamps. The accused stated that he wanted to cancel some genuine stamps, received from Mafeking. King made two stamps at different dates. The accused, who was defended by Messrs. Mallet and Bowen, was remanded until November 6th, but was admitted to bail.

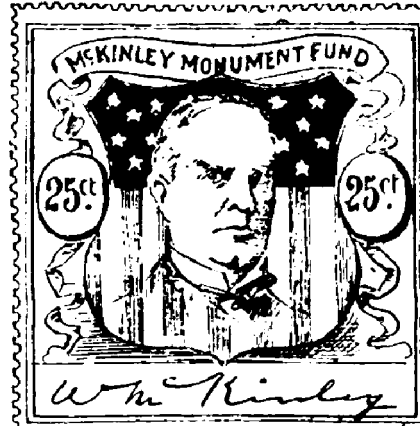
WHY ARE JAMAICAN STAMPS UNDER-VALUED ?

A KINGSTON, Jamaica, publication, "Winkler's Monthly Bulletin," publishes the following paragraph:—

Our stamps need protection. Can any philatelist give a sound reason why our Jamaica stamps should be so undervalued by all the dealers? Take, for instance, our pineapple shilling, issued forty-one years ago, very seldom used, and yet priced in "Scott's 1901" at 2s. only. Something is wrong, but is the fault ours or the dealers'?

A MCKINLEY STAMP ON THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM.

THE American people seem quite determined to have a McKinley stamp and to have it at once. The latest scheme is to promote a big "McKinley Monument" fund, and to provide the money either wholly or in part by the sale of a "McKinley Monument" stamp, which would be of the face value of 25 cents (one shilling). The scheme is avowedly inspired by "the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund worked so successfully in England." From



"Mekeel's Weekly" we reproduce the suggested design.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit.

NEW ZEALAND.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1855. Wmk. Star. Imperf. White paper (London Print).				
1d. carmine	100/	70/
2d. blue	40/	30/
1/- green	40/	22/
<i>The same, but on bleute paper.</i>				
2d. deep blue	20/	12/6
1/- green	27/6	15/
1856. No wmk. Imperf. Blue paper.				
1d. red	50/	32/6
2d. blue	10/	6/6
1/- green	65/	35/
1856. No wmk. Imperf.				
1d. orange	50/	35/	10/ 6/6
2d. blue	42/	27/6	4/ 2/6
6d. brown	60/	40/	6/ 4/
6d. dark brown	45/	27/6	4/ 2/6
6d. chestnut brown	90/	60/	12/6 7/6
1/- green	30/	15/
1/- blue-green	30/	15/
1863. No wmk. Perf. 13. Thick paper.				
2d. blue	50/	25/
<i>No wmk. Imperf. Pelure paper.</i>				
1d. vermilion	60/	40/
2d. lilac-blue	200/	100/	50/ 25/
3d. lilac
6d. black-brown	25/	12/6
1/- deep green	35/	17/6
<i>The same. Rouletted.</i>				
1d. vermilion
6d. black-brown
1/- deep green
<i>The same. Perf. 13.</i>				
1d. vermilion	£15	£10
2d. lilac-blue	90/	40/
6d. black-brown	45/	22/6
1/- deep green	100/	50/
1863. Wmk. Star. Imperf.				
1d. vermilion	35/	25/	7/6 5/
1d. carmine-vermilion	17/6	12/6	6/ 4/
2d. blue	20/	12/6	3/6 2/6
2d. slate-blue	25/ 15/
3d. brown-lilac	30/	17/6	7/6 5/
3d. lilac	50/	30/	21/ 15/
3d. mauve	45/ 32/6
6d. black-brown	42/	27/6	3/6 2/6
6d. red-brown	35/	21/	3/6 2/6
1/- green	65/	42/	8/6 5/
<i>The same. Rouletted.</i>				
1d. orange-vermilion	60/	30/
2d. blue	25/	12/6
3d. brown-lilac	60/	30/
6d. red-brown	35/	17/6
6d. black-brown	25/	12/6
1/- green	40/	20/

NEW ZEALAND.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1864. Wmk. N.Z. Imperf.				
1d. carmine-vermilion	21/	12/6	6/ 4/
2d. pale blue	75/	45/	17/6 10/
6d. red-brown	17/6 10/
1/- green	65/	40/	9/ 6/
1864-72. The same. Perf.				
1d. carmine-vermilion
1d. brown
2d. pale blue	30/	20/	6/ 4/
2d. vermilion	50/	35/	10/ 6/
6d. red-brown	35/	21/	7/ 5/
1/- green	50/ 30/
<i>The same. Rouletted.</i>				
1d. carmine-vermilion
2d. pale blue
6d. red-brown
1/- green
1863-72. Wmk. Star. Perf.				
1d. orange	8/	5/	1/3 1/9
1d. carmine-vermilion	6/6	4/	1/3 1/9
1d. brown	6/	4/	1/6 1/
2d. blue	6/	4/	1/9 1/6
2d. deep blue	10/	6/	1/9 1/6
2d. orange	9/	6/	2/ 1/6
2d. vermilion	15/	9/	2/ 1/6
3d. brown-lilac	6/6 4/
3d. lilac	7/	4/6	1/ 1/8
3d. mauve	40/	22/	4/6 3/
4d. rose-carmine	30/	21/	7/ 5/
4d. yellow	12/6	7/6	3/6 2/6
6d. red-brown	10/	6/	1/6 1/4
6d. black-brown	30/	21/	8/ 5/6
6d. blue	7/	5/	1/3 1/9
1/- pale green	12/6	8/	3/ 2/
1/- green	20/	14/	5/ 3/6
1/- deep green	£10	£6	10/ 6/
1872. The same. Perf. 10.				
1d. brown	60/	42/	9/ 6/
<i>The same. Perf. 10x12½.</i>				
1d. brown	15/	10/6	2/ 1/3
2d. vermilion	25/	17/6	4/ 2/6
6d. blue	25/ 17/6
1872. No wmk. Perf.				
1d. brown	20/ 12/6
2d. vermilion	15/	10/6	3/ 2/
4d. orange	21/	15/	..
1872. Wmk. Lozenges. Perf.				
2d. vermilion	90/ 65/

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New Zealand's Government Printery.

WHERE THE COOK ISLANDS STAMPS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE ISLAND COLONY ARE MANUFACTURED.

THE "Australian Journal of Philately" brings us an interesting account of the Government Printing Office in Wellington, New Zealand, the greater part of which we reprint here:—

Mr. H. Hume, the overseer of the stamp-printing branch in New Zealand, who has been engaged in stamp-printing since the year 1865, a period of thirty-six years, very willingly explained the whole process.

Away back in the 60's postage stamps were printed from copper-plates by the hand press, and under the control of the Stamp Department. Some years later the method was altered to that of surface, or letterpress, from electrotype blocks, on a hand press. Duty stamps of high values, and beer-duty stamps are still printed by this process.

In course of time the printing was transferred from the Stamp Department to the Government Printer, who at once procured a Napier platen machine, which can be fed from both ends, and is capable of printing about 1000 sheets per hour, each sheet containing 240 stamps. The Government Printer at that time (Mr. George Didsbury) also introduced a gumming machine and rotary perforators.

In 1898 the Government offered a bonus for the best design typical of the scenery, fauna, and flora of the Colony for the several values of stamps from ½d. to 5s. The best of these designs were selected; and, as the steel-plate or recess method of printing was capable of giving greater depth of detail than the surface or letterpress method, dies of the respective designs were cut for that process, and steel-plates prepared in England. The first issues from these plates were also printed there.

The gentleman now in charge of the Government Printing Office in Wellington procured from Messrs. R. Hoe & Co., New York, one of their power plate-presses. This press was the first used outside the United States, and has proved a very satisfactory machine. It has been in constant use since 1898, and the whole of the stamps issued in the Colony are now printed upon it. A similar machine has since been introduced into the Government Printing Office in Sydney, and is also now being used by several steel-plate printing firms in London. There is also a small plate-press for printing the stamps of higher value than 2½d., of which smaller supplies are required.

The machine referred to has four "planks" or carriages, each having attached to it a plate containing 240 stamps of the ½d., 1d., or 2d. value. Each plank is attached to an endless chain, similar to that used in driving a bicycle. The plate first passes under the inking-rollers, where the engraved portions are filled with ink; it then passes under a large oscillating pad, which takes from it all the surface ink; it then passes to the operator, who polishes it. The plate is now ready for printing, and a girl places upon it the sheet of paper to be printed, laying it to marks upon the plate; the plate, with the sheet of paper upon it then passes under the printing cylinder, and the sheet of printed stamps is taken off by a second girl sitting at the other side of the machine.

These sheets of stamps are then gummed, dried, perforated, pressed, made up in parcels, and delivered to the Stamp Department. The perforating is done on rotary perforators.

The Cook Island stamps are also printed here; and, till Samoa became a German Colony, the stamps for that group were issued from this office.

New Zealanders may well be proud of their stamp-printing branch, as we know they are of the artistic character and excellent workmanship of their present issue of stamps.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that during last year the number of stamps printed was over 91,000,000, and the value £1,164,154.

WE have received a copy of Mr. L. E. Charlick's retail price list, and should recommend collectors—especially young enthusiasts—to secure same, as it contains hundreds of cheap and useful stamps, ranging from ½d. to £2 each.

HENCEFORTH the Canton Stamp Exchange Club is to be known as the Cardiff Philatelic Exchange.

New Philatelic Publications.

TWO NEW CATALOGUES.

THE third edition of Messrs. Whitfield King & Co's. "Universal Standard Catalogue," just to hand from Ipswich, is a worthy successor of the first and second editions. It is not a book that calls for a lengthy review; indeed one would be hard put to it to write at any length on a book whose simple aim is to give the prices of all standard varieties of adhesive stamps for the guidance of the young collector. It is essentially the catalogue for a beginner—for the novice in Philately, who must walk before he can run, and who, at the outset, does not wish to be bothered with (not to say terrified by) long lists of varieties and sub-varieties. In completeness and up-to-dateness the "Universal Standard" merits high praise. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have even included, at the last moment, the new stamps for Bulgaria, which must have arrived literally at the last moment.

Our Ipswich friends do not put forward this book as merely a price-list of goods they have for sale, but candidly state that many of the rarer stamps they have priced are not in stock, their object being to provide values for all the World's stamps as a guide to the collector.

The catalogue is excellent value for its modest price of 1s. 3d.

MESSRS. YVERT & TELLIER'S CATALOGUE.

A feature of the priced catalogue just issued by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, of Amiens, that should commend it to British philatelists is the pricing of Telegraphs. On the Continent telegraphs stamps have always had an extensive following, and in our own Country they are undoubtedly growing in favor. The values assigned by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier to these stamps are a fair reflex of the actual market worth, but many philatelists not conversant with the subject will be astonished at the substantial figures quoted for many "lines" in this Section. There are used telegraphs priced as high as £5, and unused as high as £20. In postage stamps France is well done, as one would naturally expect, and there is a good list of the rare Swiss stamps. British Colonials, perhaps, are not the strongest feature of Messrs. Yvert & Tellier's book. As an instance, the unused stamps of South Australia are priced too low, and the perforations of this same Colony are not at all well listed, the poor "O'S's" being deprived of any perforation varieties whatever!

Like Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Messrs. Yvert & Tellier aim at making their Catalogue a "guide to values" as well as a price list. But this, in at least one instance, is productive of rather an anomalous state of affairs. In British Guiana, for example, "the scarcest stamp in the world," the 1c. of 1856, is priced by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier at a little over £300, whereas, in the same page, the 2 cents circular stamp is left unpriced. Is it possible that the owner of the only known specimen of the former variety, Mons. Von Ferrary, has commissioned Messrs. Yvert & Tellier to sell his unique stamp for a matter of £300 odd?

On the whole the Amiens firm are to be congratulated on the latest edition of their Catalogue, which is well illustrated, and undeniably cheap at its published price of three francs.

THE STAMPS OF THE WAR.

Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole's handbook, "The South African Provisional War Stamps" (R. T. Morgan & Co.; price one shilling) is an interesting history and a reference list combined. Out of all the varied information published on the subject of the South African War Stamps, the author of the book has evolved a sequential story of the various siege and emergency issues, as well as those overprinted stamps for the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony which, if time is to be the test, are surely growing a little too venerable in the public service to be regarded any longer as provisional issues!

The Mafeking stamps; the Pietersburgs, the Vryburgs and all the other "burgs"; the "V.R.I.'s" in all their infinite *V.R.I.-ty*, so to speak; the Boer "Commando Briefs"—all are given due place and attention in this handy shilling volume. And though there may be faults in the arrangement of the "V.R.I.'s" one would need to be a carping critic indeed to speak other than favourably of Mr. Poole's praise-worthy work. The publishers, Messrs. R. T. Morgan & Co., inform us that, in addition to the 1s. book in paper covers, they have in preparation a cloth gilt edition at 2s. 6d.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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DURING the week ending November 16th—a crowded week for London philatelists—it must have occurred to many that the idea of an Annual Convention, or Congress, of Philatelists in something of the style of the famous "Philatelisten Tag" of our German friends is one that British stamp collectors might well adopt. It is no new suggestion. Almost every editor of a British philatelic periodical has at one time or another supported the idea of an annual reunion of philatelists, to be held in turn in London and the leading provincial cities. Of course the greatest difficulty in the way is the inconvenience that many philatelists may experience in travelling to another part of the country at a given time.

Collectors are mostly busy men—merchants, bankers, solicitors, doctors, etc., and many of them men whose time has to be mapped out with great care and economy. But we submit that a date fixed upon some months ahead, and agreed to by the councils and committees of all the leading societies, would present no special difficulty, especially if the leading events of the philatelic year were compressed within the space of one week. For example, London, in the nature of things, would necessarily be the venue—in the first year of the convention, at any rate. Now imagine a week in London in which we had, firstly, the convention of the philatelic societies, secondly, exhibitions by the Philatelic Society, the International Philatelic Union, etc., thirdly the annual dinners of the leading London stamp organisations, and lastly a specially interesting auction sale. Would not that make a full and enjoyable week? And would it not bring our country friends to London in their hundreds? Such a "Philatelic Week" would be a thing to look forward to with pleasurable anticipation, and afterwards to recall with delight.

Although we have briefly sketched our own conception of an annual "Philatelic Week," we regard this as essentially a matter for the Societies themselves to initiate and to carry into execution. There would of course be conflicting ideas on the subject; there would certainly be no conflict of interests. The convention—or as we prefer to think of it, the "Philatelic Week" as a whole—would be a source of profit and enjoyment to all who participated, and would, we feel sure, redound greatly to the advantage of the philatelic hobby.

We suggest that a first move be made before the close of the current year. The Philatelic Society, as representing London, has only to take the initiatory step to secure, at once, the sincere support and sympathy of the sister societies. In nearly every walk of life an annual foregathering—an annual taking-of-stock and comparing-of-notes—has become a recognised and almost indispensable institution. Why should stamp collecting wait?

Philatelic Week in London.

TWO STAMP EXHIBITIONS, MANY AUCTIONS, AND THE LONDON SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER.

LAST week in London might well be called Philatelic week, for the combined attractions of the annual dinner of the Philatelic Society on the Thursday and the South African Stamp Exhibition on the Saturday, brought many leading provincial philatelists to London, and lured many "town mice" forth from their suburban fastnesses. As a consequence there was much foregathering of old friends and acquaintances, and many new friendships were made, many old ones renewed. It would not be at all a bad idea to establish such a "philatelic week" as a recognised annual event in London stampdom!

The Philatelic Society's rooms at Effingham House were crowded on Saturday afternoon last, on the occasion of the South African Exhibition, notwithstanding the efforts of the weather to keep us all at home. Collectors who were hardy enough to brave a London fog at its worst were, however, well rewarded for their trouble.

Philatelists, we think, are not more sinful than the rest of the community, but we fancy that among the many guests of the Society on Saturday last there was not one who would not confess to an infraction of the commandment against covetousness. For our own part, we must admit that we coveted the possessions of *all* the exhibitors!

Among so many fine exhibits one finds it hard to decide which to praise the most. Mr. Duveen's Transvaal collection and Mr. Vernon Roberts' collection of Capes were the two most important exhibits, and if the latter received more attention from visitors than the former it was, we think, chiefly because triangular Capes have interested us all from our schooldays, while the numerous and complicated issues of the Transvaal only appeal to a certain number who have tried to understand them and know how hard it is to obtain even a moderate collection of them.

The only fault we have to find with Mr. Vernon Roberts' collection is that there is too much of it! It is too bulky. As a display we should have liked it better had it contained fewer specimens. In the case of the wood-block Capes for instance, some twenty copies of each shade of the penny were shown—all fairly good copies and some extraordinarily fine copies only—just two or three of each shade. The rest do not seem to us to be wanted. In the same way with the unused; we do not consider a mint block of thirty-two stamps of any more interest than a neat block of four or eight.

In the case of Griqualand, of course, the matter is quite a different one. Complete sheets showing different varieties of surcharge are just the things we want to find in a special-ists collection. Among the Griqualands shown, we thought the block of 13 copies of the 5/- in mint state in Mr. Dorning Beckton's collection the finest exhibit.

What would be the value of a complete set of 19 Mafekings in mint state? In the two collections shown on Saturday by Mr. Oldfield and the Earl of Crawford we counted 14 and 11 respectively, out of the 19 varieties, in unused condition.

The British Bechuanalands shown by the Earl of Crawford included some good stamps, particularly the 2d. surcharged in green on the lilac stamp. In addition to the stamps we have mentioned, there were many other fine exhibits; the following being the complete list:—

British Bechuanaland	The Earl of Crawford.
British South Africa	Eliot Levy.
Cape Colony	Vernon Roberts.
Do. (Mafeking)—	The Earl of Crawford.
	A. H. Stamford.
	H. R. Oldfield.
Griqualand	W. Dorning Beckton.
	R. B. Yardly.
Natal	T. W. Hall.
Orange Free State	The Earl of Crawford.
	Mortimer Menpes.
Orange River Colony—	C. J. Daun.
	G. F. H. Gibson.
Swaziland)	
Stellaland)	The Earl of Crawford.
Transvaal	H. J. Dunveen.
Zululand	J. H. Abbott.

The Exhibition was in every way a triumph for the Society, and its organisation reflects the greatest credit upon the Exhibition Committee and its Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. R. Oldfield. Fog or no fog, we would not have missed it!

The Philatelic Society's annual dinner at the Café Monica, on Thursday, November 14th, proved a pleasant prelude to the fiercer joys of the Exhibition. Some fifty members and friends were present, with Mr. M. P. Castle, Vice-President, in the chair. Interesting speeches, many of them most interesting and amusing, were made by Mr. Castle, Mr. Herbert Oldfield, Mr. Gordon Smith, Mr. Ehrenbach, Mr. L. W. Fulcher, Mr. Wickham Jones, Mr. R. Meyer, Mr. Crafer, and Mr. Percy Bishop.

On the same day as the Society's Exhibition, the "juniors" had a show of the stamps of Great Britain, at Clapham Hall—a most enjoyable and well-arranged display, reflecting the greatest credit on the Junior London Philatelic Society. Some thousands of stamps were arranged in frames, and hung where they could be seen to their best advantage.

The Exhibition was timed to open at 7 p.m., but long before then visitors had arrived in considerable numbers, and by 7.30 the Hall was crowded.

The British £5 Stamp.

ITS USES; AND THE QUESTION OF ITS POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL.

DESPITE what appears to be a semi-official announcement in the daily newspapers to the effect that the new British Stamps will range in value "from ¼d. to £5," there is room for doubt as to whether we shall see any re-issue of the £5 postage stamp. Some little time since in a conversation with a Government Official we were told that in all likelihood the £5 value would be abandoned! "There is really very little use for this stamp" said the Official in question, "and, in fact, the Postal Department regard it as being far more trouble than it is worth!"

Stamp collectors, from their knowledge of the scarcity of the £5 stamp, are well able to believe that there is only an infinitesimal demand, in a strictly postal sense, for our highest value stamp. But even stamp collectors, taking them in the mass, are not fully aware of the uses to which the £5 stamps are applied. Of course numbers of them are used telegraphically, and quite lately there have been "revelations" both in the lay and the philatelic press as to "leakages" of these stamps from the old telegram forms that accumulate at the telegraphic headquarters.

But, aside from telegrams, how are the £5 stamps used? Well, many of them become postmarked in a very curious manner. As even that much maligned individual the Man in the Street is aware, it is possible to post large quantities of circulars, newspapers or other printed mail-matter without the use of halfpenny stamps at all. The money representing the total of the postage is paid over the counter at the G.P.O., and the circulars are taken over by certain officials who stamp them all with a red circular "Paid" mark, which franks them to any part of the United Kingdom. But what has all this to do with the £5 stamp? Just this:—The money paid over the G.P.O. stamp counter has in some way to be accounted for. There must be some sort of official note of the transaction. To provide this, the stamp clerk who receives the money enters the amount on a slip and stamps this with high value postage stamps corresponding to the sum of money received. These stamps he obliterates with the ordinary dated postmark; but he does not hand over this valuable receipt to the person who has paid the money. It is retained in the department—until the date of the next official bonfire—as a record of the transaction. If only the stamped slip were handed over the counter as a receipt, what a number of publishers and business men would suddenly decide to send out their "halfpenny mail" in the way we have described!

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Bahamas.—We now give an illustration of the new pictorial stamp, already fully described. Of "the Queen's staircase," the scene depicted on the stamp, a correspondent of the "Montreal Philatelist" writes as follows:—"It is a great passage-way cut through the solid coral rock. The cut is about an eighth of a mile long, 40 feet wide and about 70 feet in depth; at the end is what is called the Queen's Staircase (cut in the rock), which leads to Fort Fincastle, built about 150 years ago on the high land just above the stairway."



"The exact object of the cutting is not known, but it is presumed it was to allow the soldiers to pass to and from the harbour and fort free from observation."

French Colonies.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have received the following additions to the Philately of the French Colonies:

Dahomey.—A 1 centime stamp of the French Colonial type, with red inscription at base, "Dahomey et Dependances."

Guadeloupe.—5 centimes in the yellow-green shade.

St. Pierre et Miquelon.—10 centimes rose, surcharged "Colis Postaux" for parcels post service.

Indo-Chine.—Full set from 1c. to 5fr. surcharged "Canton" and an inscription in native characters.



Newfoundland.—The 4 cents Princess of Wales stamp foreshadowed in the *Fortnightly* a month ago, is now to hand from Messrs. G. Hamilton-Smith & Co., Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., and others. It is a very handsome stamp in purple, giving a remarkably good portrait of Her Royal Highness.

South Australia.—Apropos the fact that some of the South Australian stamps are now being issued on the old Crown and S.A. paper, with "S A" widely spaced, the "Monthly Journal" thinks it well to explain that the illustrations in the Catalogue do not represent these watermarks with absolute accuracy. The Crown is not quite the right shape, and the difference in the spacing of the letters is somewhat exaggerated; the widely spaced ones measure about 12½mm. across, and the narrow about 10mm.

F. C. PENNEY (Proprietor).

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	Price	s	d.
Borneo, 1897, surcharged "British Protectorate," unused.	Price	1	0
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1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, set of 10	3 0
1897, surcharged "Postage due."			
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, set of 6	0 8
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, set of 9	1 6
Labuan, 1897, surcharged "Postage Due."			
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, set of 6	0 8
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, set of 9	1 6
25, 50, and 1 dollar, cat. at 5/- the set	1 6
Abyssinia, complete set of 14, cat. 23/-	3 0
Seychelles, used, 3, 5, 4, 8, 10, 15, 3, on 4, 12 on 16, 15 on 16, 18 on 36 (cat. 7/-)	2 9
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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

(Secretaries of Societies are invited to contribute, promptly, brief reports of their meetings, fixtures, &c.)

THE IRISH PHILATELIC CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Club was held in the Club Room, D.B.C. Premises, Lower Sackville Street, Dublin, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 6th. The President, Mr. Wm. Lane Joynt, in the chair.

Amongst those present were: Miss Martin, Miss Ogilvie, Rev. W. Reynell, Mrs. Forbes Watson, H. Stodart, H. Harden, T. A. Stodart, Capt. Crookshank, W. T. Williams, J. P. O'Connor and F. C. Scarr.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the President gave his annual address, in which he said that the club was in a very satisfactory condition. It has over 50 members including foreign corresponding members on the Continent, in North and South America, Australia and New Zealand. The standard catalogues and all the first class philatelic magazines are supplied by the club for the use of its members.

The officers for 1901-1902 were then elected. Messrs. F. C. Scarr and H. Harden were added to the Committee.

Mr. Wm. Lane Joynt was unanimously re-elected President of the Club.

Committee: Miss Hogg, Capt. Crookshank and Messrs. H. Harden, F. C. Scarr, T. A. Stodart and W. E. Peebles.

Hon. Treasurer (pro tem): Mr. Lane Joynt.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. T. Williams.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Society's Exhibition on Saturday, Nov. 16th, is reported in another part of the *Fortnightly*. Full particulars of the exhibits and the names of exhibitors are contained in the Descriptive Catalogue of the Exhibition, copies of which, price 2d. each (postage extra), can be obtained from the Hon. Sec. of the Exhibition Committee, Mr. Chas. Purdom, Neptune Street, South Lambeth, S.W.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7th, in Clapham Hall, when a general *Sale and Exchange* will be held. The subject for debate at 8.30 will be "Philatelic Marality." All philatelists cordially invited.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE Seventy-first meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, on Monday, October 14th.

The resignations of Messrs. Stehlin and Morgan were read and accepted.

The resignation of Mr. O'Donohue, both as governor and member was accepted, and Mr. G. E. Jones, was appointed on the Board to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance on hand of \$184.26, exclusive of \$1000 bond, was approved as read.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Club donate a medal to cost \$25 for the best collection of coins to be exhibited at the Club House, said exhibition to be held in January, 1902, and competition to be open to all coin collectors whether members of the Club or not.

Messrs. Low, Luff and Scott were appointed as the committee to make arrangements for the coin Exhibition.

The following applications having been posted the required length of time, their names were balloted upon and were duly declared elected.—Benj. C. Williams, J. H. Makins, C. B. Corwin, J. B. Aldred, Chas. A. Brown, Fritz Hoeninghaus.

ALBERT PEKIN, Secretary, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York City.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Hon. Sec. & Treas.: MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

OCT. 17. The following were unanimously elected members:—Dr. J. M. Armendariz, Messrs. B. Jay, B. Szekula, Stuart J. Anderson, G. P. Jenkins, H. G. Hanson, F. L. Sanchez. The Society's Forgery Collection was then displayed and Mr. Conolly showed his collection of Great Britain.

Messrs. H. M. Hepworth and T. W. Peck were thanked for valuable contributions to the permanent collection, Messrs. R. Hollick and Connolly for donations to the forgery collection and Messrs. Stanley Gibbons to the library.

Nov. 5. The following were unanimously elected members:—Mrs. E. K. Marr, Mrs. C. B. Caswell, Rev. Cornford, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Messrs. F. W. Franklin, E. Lintels, C. Bigg, S. Spyridakis.

Contributions to the Library were received from Messrs. E. Roberts, C. S. S. Johnson, C. A. Stephenson, R. H. Ridout, H. M. Campbell, Wilmot Corfield, S. F. Bickers; to the Permanent Collection, from Messrs. E. J. Nankivell, H. B. Bilbrough, W. S. Vaughton, Dr. J. N. Keynes and vote of thanks were accorded to them.

It has been decided to go carefully through the stamps of Great Britain during this Session in addition to other work, and the first serious discussion of them was opened by Mr. R. Hollick. After briefly recapitulating the chief points about their manufacture he proceeded to the details of the varieties of perforation and die. The discussion was taken up by a good number of those present and some interesting points were touched on, which it is hoped will lead to further investigation.

For instance, one member by means of reconstructed sheets and the postmarks on the same, showed that the letters in the corners were at first all small ones, but that afterwards, as the punches wore out, others were supplied with larger letters so that sheets can be reconstructed with small letters, large and small on the same stamps, and large only.

The blueing of the paper was next brought forward and as a number of experiments on various papers and preparations of paper, have not yet been finished, it could not be definitely stated what the cause actually was, although it was hinted at. Since the "gum explanation" has been put aside, it has been generally put down to the alum in the ink; but this idea was most unceremoniously brushed aside by the fact that the blueing does not go through except in the very thinnest paper. In the case of all the thicker paper the blue surface can be skinned off, leaving the inner portions as yellowish, as unaffected by the blueing, as before it was printed upon. It follows therefore that it was not the gum nor the ink that had any material part in this blue colour. It must be looked for in the chemical action that took place when the damp sheets of paper were subjected to the influence of steel plates, of which more anon.

CALEDONIA STAMP CLUB.

THE September Packet returned from circuit on November 14th. All sheets and cash due to members, sent off November 16th. This should satisfy members as to prompt settlements. It is to be hoped that the members will send on their adverse balances on receipt of statements, and thus enable the Club to keep in front as to making settlements early.

We have to welcome into the Club, Messrs. John Harms, Junior, and Herbert W. Hackins, who have joined since last report.

It would save time if intending members

would send good reference along with their application for membership. Sheets can be sent for circulation in the packets pending inquiries.

Will all the members send specially good selections for our Xmas packet (Dec.), when it is hoped many good stamps will change hands. Club Rules free on application.

JOHN JOHNSON, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Second Meeting was held on the 12th inst. at the Society's room in the Y.M.C.A. Institute, the members present being the President (in the chair), Mrs. Marshall, Messrs. J. L. Everett, T. Edwards, W. A. Jutsum (Hon. Sec.), J. Lewis, G. E. Petty, B. Rowlands, E. W. Shackell and Alderman Trounce.

A new member, Mr. J. Lewis, was elected, and the adoption of the Canton Stamp Exchange as the official medium for Exchange of the Society was confirmed. The name of the Exchange will in future be the Cardiff Philatelic Exchange, and collectors outside the residential limit of the Society will be eligible for membership of the Exchange only.

Mr. B. Rowland gave a paper on the Stamps of Sweden and Norway, dealing with the many varieties of design, watermark and perforation, and exhibited his collection. Nearly the whole of the members present displayed their collections of these countries and a very interesting and instructive time was spent inspecting the exhibits and discussing the numerous types and varieties.

The next Meeting will be held on the 10th prox., when the Stamps of "Mauritius" will be introduced by the President. Any collector who may be in the district on that date is heartily invited to be present.

Official Address—371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

APPENDED are the Dec. arrangements of the Leeds Society:—

Dec. 3—At Patent Library—Paper by the

PRESIDENT.

„ 17—"At Home" with REV. T. S. FLEMING.

EXCHANGE CORRESPONDENCE desired with Medium Collectors and Specialists seeking minor varieties at reasonable rates. Basis: Gibbons' Latest—HENRY WILLS, Meadowcroft, Woking.

PUBLICATIONS.—Wanted an offer for the following—Gibbons' Stamp Collector, South Australia, Stamps of U.S.A., Stamps of U.S.A. Envelopes, Vols. of London Philatelic Monthly Journal, Fortnightly, Philatelic Journal, Ewen's Weekly, 12 different Catalogues and some odd papers.—Box 106, S.C.F.

FREE! FREE!—25 picked stamps, including Sur-charged Bermuda, Gold Coast, West Indies, China, America 8 cents, British Guiana, &c., to all applicants for sheets enclosing stamp for postage.—MARTIN, 1, Wisteria Road, Lewisham.

MEMBERS wanted for a new Club Exchange only.—HENDERSON, Eton Grove, Lewisham.

INDIA.—Exchange desired with all countries, against Asiatic and African stamps. Basis: Gibbons, Bright's and Whitfield's Catalogues. Common stamps not wanted. I do not send first. Wanted, wholesale and retail price lists of stamps and specimen copies of Philatelic journals.—HAJEE ESMAIL ABOOBAKER JEWELRY PORBANDAR, Kachiwar, India.

GOOD VALUE. Clean stamps. On approval. References.—HAMILTON, 47, Thorngate Road, Paddington.

WHY NOT, why not, why not call on W. & S. MITCHELL, 55, Ledbury Road, Westbourne Grove and see their fine selection of good medium stamps. 173-178

50 VARIETIES South and Central America, 1/4; 100 varieties, 2/6; 20 Ecuador, 1/-; 8 Hawaii, 1/1; 10 Labuan, 1/0; 9 Siam, 1/1; 9 Newfoundland, 10d.; 3 Zululand, 7d. Post free.—A. BRERETON, 7, Clarendon Crescent, Eccles, Manchester. 171-176

SERGE RALSEVITCH, a Grodna, Russia, sells and exchanges Local Russian Stamps. For references apply Publishers, S.C.F.

Two Types of the Greek "Unpaid."

HOW TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE ISSUES OF 1875 AND 1879.

THE reproduction in No. 172 of the *Fortnightly* of Mr. Crawford Capen's excellent exposition of the printings of Greece, seems to have been greatly appreciated by many readers. Philatelists interested in Greece—and their name, seemingly, is legion—will also be glad to know of a definite test by which the two types of the Unpaid Letter Stamps of the Hellenic Kingdom may be unerringly detected. Our acknowledgments are due to Mons. L. St. Martin, whose interesting article in our French Contemporary, "L'Echo de la Timbrologie" forms the basis of the remarks which follow.



As Mons. St. Martin points out, the only indication of a difference of type afforded by the dealers' catalogues is the statement that, on the later type, the word "lepton" (or "lepta," as the case may be) is larger. This point of difference is sufficient if one has a supply of both types for comparison—but not otherwise. A further difference between the two types is a variation in the outer border of the stamp, that of Type I. measuring 24 millimetres in height, while in Type II. it is only 23 millimetres. Here again one needs either a stock of both types or a millimetre measure, an instrument which probably does not figure in the outfit of the younger philatelist. We come now to Mons. L. St. Martin's own test, which, with commendable public spirit, he presents to his fellow philatelists "in the hope that it will help them out of their perplexities."



TYPE I. (1875).

TYPE II. (1879).

The illustrations we give are those furnished by Mons. L. St. Martin in "L'Echo de la Timbrologie." They represent the lower portion of the central circle of the Unpaid Letter Stamps of Greece, as depicted in Types I. and II. respectively, but only the first letter ("E") of the word "Enapiomon" in the surrounding band is shown.

The essential difference will be readily seen by glancing at that letter of the word "Eispractea" which is the equivalent of our English "p." In Type I. the tail of this letter points vertically downward, whereas in Type II. it has a slope more in harmony with the setting of the whole word. The difference becomes more accentuated if one follows out the direction of the tail of this letter, for, whereas in Type I. a continuation of this line would strike the left extremity of the small ornaments in the band, the same continuation in Type II. would carry the line of the "p" along the leading line of the "E" of "Enapiomon."

DURING the year ending June 30, 1900, the United States Printing Bureau broke all previous records for work accomplished. It appears that the total number of 4,255,000,000 stamps of all kinds were printed during the year.

AFTER the experience of six years ago with the Columbian stamps (remarks the "Metropolitan Philatelist") it is hardly likely any man with both cash and sense will be disposed to take advantage of the suggestions of a Washington correspondent relative to cornering the five cents Pan-American stamp. Any one attempting such a deal will be welcome to all the profit there is in it.

At a recent conversazione of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A., exhibited a fine display of stamps, envelopes, &c., of the British Empire as depicting her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

MESSRS. VENTOM BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Oct. 24th and 25th, 1901.

	£	s.	d.
Belgium, 1850, wmk. in frame, 40c. carmine*	..	1	8 0
Bremen, 7 grote, imperf. .. .. .	..	1	16 0
Ceylon, 1862, 5d., no wmk., one perf. missing ..	..	1	6 0
Do. 1863-67, 5d., wmk. C & CC., purple-brown	..	1	2 0
Denmark, 1st issue, 2 rbs. blue*	..	2	6 0
France, 1st issue, 1 fr. carmine*	..	1	10 0
Do. do. 1 fr. vermilion .. .. .	..	5	10 0
Do. Journal Stamp, 1868, perf. 12½, 5c. mauve*	..	2	5 0
Gt. Britain, 2/- brown, rather poor .. .. .	..	1	10 0
Hong Kong, 96c. yellow-brown, wmk. C & CC...	..	1	4 0
Japan, 1876, 45 sen. carmine, perf. 9,* no gum ..	..	1	15 0
Mexico, 1865, Eagle, 3 centavos red-brown*	..	2	18 0
Do. do. 3 centavos dull-brown .. .. .	..	1	18 0
Modena, the large B.G. .. .. .	..	1	18 0
Naples, 50gr.* .. .. .	..	1	17 0
Do. ¾t. blue, "Cross," rather poor copy .. .. .	..	2	0 0
Newfoundland, 8d. vermilion, a pair* .. .. .	..	2	10 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. pale red on white ..	..	1	10 0
Do. do. 1d., plate 11., scarlet, laid paper, cut close .. .. .	..	1	5 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 1., retouched, rather poor copy .. .. .	..	1	16 0
Do. do. 3d. myrtle-green .. .. .	..	1	16 0
New Zealand, 1/-, pelure paper, perforated .. .. .	..	3	5 0
Do. 6d. on pelure, rouletted.. .. .	..	2	2 0
Nova Scotia, 1d. .. .. .	..	1	5 0
Do. 3d. bright blue*, creased.. .. .	..	1	0 0
Orange River Colony, One Penny, surcharged V.R. only*	..	2	16 0
Do. Right and left panes of V.R.I., 2½d., showing errors, no stop, square stops and varieties, Roman I. and antique 2*, 120 stamps ..	..	50	0 0
Queensland, 1860, 2d. deep blue, imperf., an unsevered pair, one stamp pinholed .. .. .	..	7	15 0
Do. do. 6d. green .. .. .	..	1	10 0
St. Lucia, 6d. green, star .. .. .	..	1	18 0
Switzerland, Basle, 2½ rappen .. .. .	..	3	17 6
Do. Geneva, the double stamp .. .. .	..	14	0 0
Do. Zurich, 4 rappen, black, with horizontal lines	..	5	10 0
Do. do. another copy, with vertical lines and black postmark .. .. .	..	5	17 6
Tasmania, 1st issue, 4d. orange, cut square*, defective ..	..	1	10 0
Do. do. 1d. .. .. .	..	1	12 0
United States, 1855, 90c., perfs. clipped at bottom, plain edge to left side .. .. .	..	1	12 0
Do. 1869, 90c.* .. .. .	..	3	5 0
Victoria, 1st issue, 2d., fine background, cut close .. .. .	..	2	0 0
Do. Too Late .. .. .	..	1	16 0
Do. 1d., Queen on Throne, strip of 3* .. .. .	..	3	5 0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 2d. red-orange, cut close	1	6 0
Do. do. 6d. black-bronze	2	8 0

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Bahamas, 1st issue, 1d., imperf., on thick paper	1	12 0
British East Africa, 1st issue, ½, 1 and 4 annas*, mint	5	0 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1d. on blue*	..	1	14 0
Ceylon, 2r. 50c., a few faulty perfs. .. .. .	..	1	8 0
Gold Coast, 1st issue, 6d. orange*, no gum .. .. .	..	1	8 0
Labuan, 8, twice surcharged on 12c. (once sideways over value)* .. .. .	..	2	0 0
Nevis, litho., 6d. grey* .. .. .	..	3	15 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d., plate 1, retouched, dark blue .. .. .	..	2	12 6
New Zealand, 1st issue, on blue, 1d., slightly oxidised, but fine .. .. .	..	2	0 0
Do. do. 1/- green, fine .. .. .	..	2	6 0
Do. 2d. vermilion, wmk. lozenges .. .. .	..	3	5 0
Tasmania, 2d., serrated perf. .. .. .	..	3	9 0
Tonga, 4d. on 1d., variety without stop after Pence, in centre of strip of 3* .. .. .	..	1	10 0
Trinidad, no wmk., clean cut perfs., 4d.* .. .. .	..	1	12 0
Do. do. do. 6d. green* .. .. .	..	1	12 0
Do. perf. 11½, 6d. dark green*, fine	5	10 0
Victoria, 5/- blue on yellow, defective	1	9 0

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Barbados, 1878, 1d. on left half of 5/- rose, numeral with straight serif	4	4	0
British Guiana, 1856, 4c. magenta, slightly defective ..	6	10	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, Woodblock, 1d. red, slightly defective ..	3	10	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue ..	6	15	0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, 6d. on 3d. magenta ..	1	6	0
Do. do. 2/- on 1/- green ..	2	4	0
Do. do. Baden Powell, large head, 3d. blue ..	1	3	0
Ceylon, no wmk., 5d. reddish-brown	1	6	0
Crete, 1898, 20 parades	1	4	0
France, 1853-60, 80c. carmine-rose, a strip of 3, one stamp tête-bêche	5	5	0
Do. do. a similar strip, only one stamp is cut into ..	3	0	0
Do. 1862, 80c. carmine-rose, block of 8, one stamp tête-bêche	3	5	0
Gt. Britain, 1840, 1d. black, V.R.*, but no gum	5	17	6
Do. do. block of 18*, mint	16	0	0
Do. do. strip of 10*, two stamps defective	8	15	0
Do. 1d. red, brown on Dickinson paper, a block of 4*, no gum	3	10	0
Do. 1847-54, 10d. brown, a pair, cut close, die No. 3*, mint	5	5	0
Do. a single specimen, die No. indistinguishable* ..	2	10	0
Do. 1857, 1d. rose-red, wmk. large Crown, an imperf. block of 6*, mint	3	3	0
Do. 1862, 1/- green, small letters, hairlines, an imperf. pair	2	14	0
Do. 1/- orange-brown, plate 13, wmk. spray, a pair* ..	2	1	0
Do. 1867-1882, 5/- rose, plate 4, wmk. Anchor, on bluish, block of 8, creased*	55	0	0
Do. do. 10/- grey, wmk. Cross*	13	10	0
Do. do. £1 purple-brown, wmk. Cross*	15	15	0
Do. 1880, 2/- red-brown, a pair, imperf.*	2	15	0
Do. 1884, £1 purple-brown, wmk. Cross*, mint	3	5	0
Hong Kong, Wmk. CC., 16c. yellow*	1	3	0
Nevis, perf. 13, 4d. rose,* no gum	1	7	0
Do. do. 6d. grey-lilac* no gum	1	10	0
Do. perf. 15, litho., 1/- pale green*	1	6	0
Do. wmk. CA., 1/- violet*	1	1	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve, rather poor	4	4	0
Niger Coast, 1893-94 Half-penny, in violet on 2d., and in vermilion on 2½d.	1	11	0
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Do. do. 1/- violet	12	0	0
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Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen, blue and red	3	5	0
Tobago, wmk. C.A., 4d. green*	1	0	0
Trinidad, wmk. C.C., perf. 12½, 6d. emerald, dark shade* ..	1	0	0
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Do. do. do. 1/- chrome-yellow*	1	0	0
Do. do. perf. 14, 1/- chrome-yellow*	1	0	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 60 crazie, red on blue	5	15	0
Do. do. another specimen, rather poor	3	17	6
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. black-bronze, slightly defective ..	1	15	0
Do. wmk. C.A., perf. 12, 4d. carmine*	1	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1873, 70 kr., mauve	1	16	0

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British Central Africa, first issue, £1 deep blue*	3	0	0
British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta	2	17	6
Do. do. 4c. black on deep blue, clear impression, but rubbed	2	4	0
Do. 1853, imperf. 1c. brownish-red	1	14	0
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Do. do. 1/- grey*	1	18	0
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Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. scarlet, cut close ..	2	2	0
Do. do. 4d. blue	1	12	0
Ceylon, imperf., 9d. lilac-brown	2	12	6
Do. do. 1/9 green*	2	12	6
Do. clean cut perfs., 2/- blue	1	17	0
Cyprus, First issue, 1/- green*	1	12	0
Fiji, "Times Express," 9d. black on rose*	1	6	0
Do. do. 1/- black on rose on quadrille paper* ..	1	3	0
Do. do. rather poor	1	3	0
Gt. Britain, wmk. anchor, £1 brown-lilac	1	16	0
Do. surcharged, "I. R. Official," on 1/- green (1883) ..	1	0	0
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Nevis, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 6d. green*	3	7	6
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow	2	5	0
Do. do. 1/- violet, defective	3	17	6
Newfoundland, 6½d. carmine*, fine	8	5	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. pale red, plate 1 ..	1	9	0
Do. do. 2d. grey-blue, plate 3	1	12	0
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Philately at Home and Abroad.

FORGERIES OF THE 56. ST. VINCENT.

REGARDING our paragraph in the last *Fortnightly* on this subject, a somewhat dangerous forgery of the St. Vincent 5s. stamp is to be detected fairly easily by comparison with a genuine specimen. It will then be found that there is a marked difference of watermark.

We are glad to add that we were in error in stating that forged St. Lucias had come into the market as well, the mistake being due to a misunderstanding on the part of our informant.

THE VERTICAL BLUE LINES ON THE DUTCH INDIES.

APROPOS to Messrs. Senf's recent interesting discovery of the 1c. figure issue Dutch Indies printed on paper showing vertical blue lines 8mm. apart, perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, and bearing postmarks of Semarang, 1894-1895, Mr. E. W. Wetherell writes in the "Philatelic Journal of India" as follows:—

As I have specialized in the stamps of this country for some years. I turned out my 1c. value all on original paper and found two stuck on lined paper; these I soaked to see if by any chance the lines were due to the paper on which they were stuck. I found no trace of the lines transferred to the back of the stamp. I then soaked all the others, but was disappointed by not finding a single specimen showing lines. I then examined the other values, and was rewarded by finding two copies of the 15c. head of King, perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, showing distinct blue lines on the back, but in this case the lines were horizontal.

Thus the lines (vertical) exist on the 1c. figure type and (horizontal) on the 15c. head of King. I have not found these lines on the front, nor on any of the other values, although I have examined from 50 to 300 of each, and if the percentage $2\frac{1}{2}$ held good for other values, I might have found a few copies. I may state

that the two specimens of the 15c. were found in exactly 100, giving, therefore, 2 per cent.

This matter would have been mentioned in due course in the continuation of my papers on Holland and Dutch Indies, but as the matter is fresh and before the philatelic public, I have anticipated my paper with the above notes.

I should add that the lines occurred on both stamps in the same positions, viz.: (1) just under top frame, (2) just under eye, (3) just above bottom frame. The two stamps were of different shades.

BUY YOUR STAMPS OF THE MAKER!

THE latest "dealers' stamps" bear the name of Mr. A. Boucard, whose address is now 1 Bowness Road, Catford, S.E. Nowadays it is no reproach to a stamp dealer to say that he makes his own stamps, provided they bear the name and address of the maker. Perhaps a more important issue than Mr. Boucard's stamp is Mr. Boucard's latest "Price List of Stamps, Sets, &c.," which is got out in an extremely handy size for the breast pocket. Used and unused stamps of the world in general, and the British Empire especially, are quoted at extremely reasonable prices for ones, dozens, and hundreds.

MORAL: NEVER GIVE UP STAMP COLLECTING.

A STAMP collector who is contributing articles to the Bournemouth "Observer and Chronicle," under the pseudonym of "Philatelist," points a now well-appreciated moral by means of a piece of his own autobiography:—

When I was a child I did as a child, and one of the things I did was to "collect stamps," which in my days of childhood alas! those happy days—was simply a mania; but when I became a man I put away childish things, and one of my regrets ever since has been that I put away my stamps. The disposal of those early specimens which I have learnt to venerate in the possession of other people, has ever been a subject of remorse with me. However, on the principle that it is never too late to mend, I re-started my "hobby" a few years after its abandonment, and am pleased to say am now in a fair way to a good collection.

But how much farther on he'd be, if only that break had never occurred!

SUPPLEMENT TO BRIGHT'S "A.B.C." CATALOGUE.

FROM time to time Messrs. Bright & Son propose to issue supplements to the current edition of their "A.B.C." Catalogue. The first of these is now to hand, listing all stamps issued since the Fourth Edition made its appearance. The price is sixpence.

Early in 1902, by the way, Messrs. Bright & Son hope to have their premises in the Strand entirely rebuilt, and according to the plans shown to our representative, they will then have a very handsome and commodious shop.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit.

NEW ZEALAND.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1873. Wmk. Blunt-pointed Star. Perf.				
½d. rose	1/2	1/1	1/2	1/1
<i>Wmk. N.Z.</i>				
½d. rose	1/6	1/1	1/9	1/3
<i>No wmk.</i>				
½d. rose	2/6	1/9	3/1	2/1
1874-78. Wmk. Star and N.Z. Various perfs.				
1d. lilac	1/6	1/1	1/4	1/3
2d. rose	3/1	2/1	1/1	
3d. brown	8/1	6/1	5/1	3/6
4d. marone	10/6	7/1	3/6	2/6
6d. blue	10/6	7/1	1/9	1/6
1/- green	15/1	10/6	1/6	1/1
2/- rose	12/6	9/1	10/6	6/6
5/- grey-black	25/1	18/6	12/6	8/6
<i>The same wmk. but perf. 10 x 12½.</i>				
1d. lilac	7/6	5/1	3/1	2/1
2d. rose	60/1	40/1	20/1	15/1
3d. brown	25/1	17/1	6/1	4/1
4d. marone	25/1	17/1	8/1	6/1
6d. blue	12/6	8/6	4/1	2/9
1/- green	15/1	10/1	4/1	2/9
1875. Wmk. large star. Perf. 12½.				
1d. deep lilac	70/1	50/1	15/1	9/1
2d. rose	15/1	9/6	2/1	1/3
1882-97. The same wmk. Various perfs.				
½d. black	1/1		1/1	
½d. rose	1/1		1/1	
1d. rose	1/2		1/1	
2d. lilac	1/4	1/3	1/1	
2½d. blue	1/6	1/4	1/1	
2½d. ultramarine	1/1	1/9	1/3	1/2
3d. yellow	1/6	1/3	1/2	1/1
3d. orange	1/9	1/7	1/2	1/1
4d. green	1/9	1/7	1/2	1/1
5d. olive-black	1/9	1/7	1/4	1/3
6d. brown	1/3	1/1	1/2	1/1
8d. blue	1/3	1/1	1/9	1/6
1/- brown-red	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/2
1898. No wmk. London print. Various perfs.				
½d. purple-black	1/1		1/1	
1d. brown and blue	1/2		1/1	
2d. lake	1/4		1/1	
2½d. blue ("Wakatipu")	1/5		1/4	1/3
2½d. blue ("Wakatipu")	1/4		1/4	1/3
3d. yellow-brown	1/8		1/6	1/4
4d. rose	1/8		1/6	1/4
5d. red-brown	1/1		1/1	1/9
6d. green	1/3		1/6	1/4
8d. blue	1/6		1/6	1/1
9d. purple	1/9		1/9	1/3
1/- vermilion	3/1		2/1	1/6
2/- grey-green	6/6		6/6	4/6
5/- vermilion	20/1		17/6	12/6

NEW ZEALAND.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
<i>No wmk. Colonial Print. Perf. 11.</i>				
2½d. blue	1/4		1/2	1/1
3d. yellow-brown	1/4		1/4	1/3
5d. red-brown	1/7		1/7	1/5
6d. green	2/6		2/1	1/6
8d. blue	1/10		1/1	1/8
9d. purple	1/1		1/1	1/9
1/- red	1/4		1/4	1/1
2/- blue-green	2/6		2/6	1/9
5/- vermilion	6/3		6/6	5/1
1900. Wmk. double-lined N.Z. and Star. Designs same as ½d., 2d and 4d. in the 1882-97 issues.				
½d. black	1/1		1/1	
2d. violet	1/8		1/3	1/2
4d. green	2/6		1/6	1/1
1900-1901. Same wmk. Perf. 11.				
½d. green	1/1		1/1	
1d. lake	1/2		1/1	
1½d. brown	1/2		1/2	1/1
2d. mauve	1/3		1/1	
4d. brown and indigo	1/5		1/3	1/2
6d. carmine rose	1/8		1/4	1/3
1901.				
1d. carmine (small perfs.)	1/2		1/2	1/1
1d. carmine (perf. 11)	1/2		1/1	
POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.				
½d. green and carmine	1/1		1/1	
1d. " " " "	1/2		1/1	
2d. " " " "	1/3		1/4	1/2
3d. " " " "	1/4		1/6	1/4
4d. " " " "	1/5		1/6	1/4
5d. " " " "	1/7		1/8	1/6
6d. " " " "	1/8		1/8	1/6
8d. " " " "	1/10		1/1	1/8
10d. " " " "	1/1		1/6	1/1
1/- " " " "	1/3		1/6	1/1
2/- " " " "	2/4		3/1	2/3
RAILWAY NEWSPAPER STAMPS.				
1890. No wmk. Various perfs.				
½d. black	1/2	1/1	1/3	1/2
1d. lilac	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/2
2d. blue	1/3		1/4	1/3
3d. yellow	1/4		1/6	1/4
3d. brown	5/1	3/9	4/1	3/1
4d. carmine	1/9	1/6	1/1	1/8
6d. green	1/1	1/9	1/6	1/1
LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.				
<i>Perf.</i>				
½d. violet	1/3	1/2	1/2	1/1
1d. blue	1/8	1/6	1/2	1/1
2d. lake	2/1	1/6	1/3	1/2
3d. dark brown	2/6	1/9	1/4	1/3
6d. green	5/1	3/6	1/1	1/8
1/- rose	8/1	6/1	3/1	2/1
FISCAL POSTALS.				
<i>Perf. Values in white labels.</i>				
2/- blue	3/1		1/4	1/3
2/6 brown	3/9		1/3	1/9
3/- violet	4/6		1/9	1/6
4/- red-brown	6/1		1/9	1/6
5/- green	7/6		1/6	1/4
6/- rose	9/1		2/1	1/6
7/- blue	10/6		2/6	2/1
7/6 brown	11/1		4/1	3/1
8/- blue	12/1		3/1	2/6
9/- orange	13/6		4/1	3/1
10/- brown	15/1		2/1	1/6
£1 rose	30/1		5/1	3/6
£2 mauve	60/1		12/6	10/1

NOTE.—Other fiscals have been used postally but we only quote prices for those that were frequently in use. Most of the copies of the high values which are on the market bear telegraphic cancellations or are cleaned fiscals with forged postmarks.

(To be Continued.)

On Postal Cards and Covers.

By a Specialist.

THERE has been a lot of talk about the new issue of adhesive stamps with the head of King Edward, but I have sought in vain for any mention of postal cards or envelopes with new stamp. It may possibly be intended to wait and see how the designs used for the adhesives are received before extending their use to entires. It would indeed be exciting if we were to have a new issue of cards so soon after the colour changes to green. I do not, however, look for any such inconstancy on the part of the authorities here, and no doubt we shall have to wait, until the Coronation at least for any change. The economy of our Postal Department is aptly illustrated by the fact that the new Registration Envelopes issued only a few weeks ago appeared with a stamp which really ought to be obsolete, which, in fact, any other country would have abandoned an age ago, as being in nowise like the Royal Lady who died in January last.

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The 1½d. letter cards of New Zealand, which were surcharged in the early part of this year with ^{ONE} PENNY, in red, comprise the two varieties of setting of the instructions, i.e., that in which the words are ¼ of an inch below border, and that where they are ½ of an inch below. I have only seen the rounded perforation amongst the surcharged cards. A notable variety of this latter card is that with a break or damage of left side border close to the angle. I have only noticed this in recent cards and it is only occasionally found. It is bad enough to cause one to wonder they were ever allowed to pass into public use, but then these cards are altogether shabby. The card is carelessly cut, the printing is uneven and unclear, the perforations are slovenly (the needles not having been set straight) and the gum is vile. Added to this the cards are not always exactly folded, the gum will be found on the outside front of some cards and bespattered on the bottom edges of the reverse of others. Altogether a wretched lot of goods. It is now barely possible to make out what the views on reverse were intended to represent.

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On the other hand some of the new issues of postal cards that have come to us during the past year have been remarkable for beautiful design and clever production. The new cards of Chili, those of Greece, the last issue for Mexico with the delightful reply letter cards, the Germania cards—said to be to the taste of the redoubtable Kaiser, and many others. There is no doubt that the cards of the past twenty years have been generally on a much higher plane of excellence than the period before, which of course is what we naturally expect to find. The great resources of the present day lithography, and the scope which a postal card offers for artistic treatment combine to bring about a steady improvement in production. It thinking of this subject I am reminded of a note in *Stamps* to the effect that the face of our current halfpenny cards is no longer sacred to the address since the word 'only' was expunged from the instruction. The postmaster general has in reply to an enquirer stated that part of the message may now appear on the front so long as it does not interfere with the ready legibility of the address. We devoutly hope this privilege will not be greatly used—as the effect of such disfigurement on our collections cannot be considered with equanimity.

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I am able to add a variety of die to the list of die varieties of the British Halfpenny Cards, published in the last issue of "Postal Cards and Covers." It is of the brown on large buff 1899, card, perforated, C+B. I have not yet seen or heard of the B+C variety of this card.

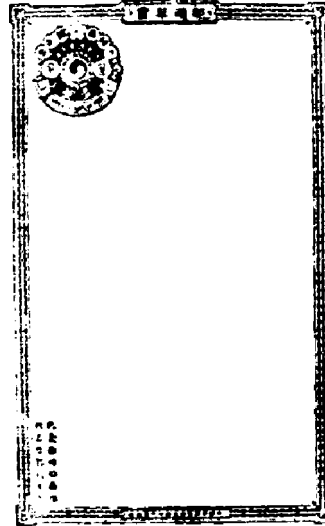
NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Great Britain.—Of the new Registration Envelope mentioned in my last notes, I hear there are now four sizes obtainable, F, G, H, and H2.

Greece.—A correspondent in Athens writes me that there are 62 varieties of each of the two values of view cards; or 104 in all.

Italy.—Mr. Chas. de Grave Sells has kindly sent me a copy of the new reply card 7½+7½ lilac-rose on rose pink with 901.

Kisengarh.—I read in the German papers of a postcard for this Indian State. The value is ¼a. and is in mauve on a yellow buff card. A year or more ago there was some talk of some envelopes of this state, with stamp of rude-design impressed by means of a rubber stamp, but I never saw a copy, and I have some recollection that an Indian official declared them to be bogus.



Korea.—A 1 cheun reply card has been issued and also a single card 4 cheun red-brown on brownish. The 1 cheun reply card is like the single card of that value, pale blue on white, which I am able to illustrate. The 4 cheun value which bears U.P.C. inscriptions is printed on the ordinary oblong shape.

Mauritius.—The 8+8 cards have been surcharged 2c. in a similar manner to the single card of that value which came surcharged early last year.

New Zealand.—According to the "Monthly Circular," the official envelope of the "Treasury Free" type has been

marked in black in the upper left corner with a triangle, in token of mourning for our late Queen.

Peru.—I read of a new wrapper for local use with colourless embossed seal, the words Taja Postal and three lines for address in green.

Servia.—Following the 5 paras card is a card of 10 paras carmine on cream with stamp of the new type.

South African Republic.—"Stamps" mentions that the cards issued at Machadodorp last year were used for postage to addresses in Holland without other franking, and accepted as legitimate by the postal authorities. If this is so they must be admitted to be collectable varieties.

Wurttemberg.—The "Monthly Circular" speaks of a change of colour of the 2pp. card from cream to blue green. It is dated 27.7.1.

Our Christmas Number

Will be published on December 21st.

It will contain a mass of interesting matter in addition to the regular features of the *Fortnightly*, and, although the circulation will be very much larger, we have decided to make no increase in our advertisement tariff.

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THE exact necessity for a Christmas Number of any sort of publication is not readily apparent. People buy Christmas Numbers because "they are there to be bought," but it is safe to say that if no Christmas Numbers were available there would be no great grief occasioned. Still, at Christmastide men and women, or most of them, get a little extra leisure, giving them an opportunity to read a little more than is their common habit. This creates the want which the Christmas Number seeks to supply, and the *Fortnightly* follows the lead set by its contemporaries of the lay Press in publishing annually a larger number than usual at Christmastide. This year, as in former seasons, we shall adhere to our usual custom of producing a "Christmas *Fortnightly*" that will combine all the regular features of our journal, with a quantity of other interesting matter relating to the philatelic hobby.

We hope to make the Christmas *Fortnightly* (the issue appearing a fortnight from to-day) a worthy successor of all the previous Christmas numbers. The price, to annual subscribers, will be as usual, one penny, and there will be no increase of the regular tariff to our advertising patrons.

Notings.

Mr. A. H. Stamford has recently discovered a hitherto unknown stamp of Bahamas—the 1/- C.C., perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

M. Mougeot is credited with the intention of commencing a Postal Museum at Paris in the Rue Grenelle, 107.

An Indian correspondent informs the "Record" that there are a large quantity of forged Zanzibar surcharges, including the errors on sale in Bombay.

The Indian Society's journal hears that the Kashmir State Council has withdrawn its obsolete postage stamps from sale in view of further steps being taken to clear off the lot. "It is pleasant news," remarks the "P.J.I."

So far there are no authenticated errors in the Indian "C.E.F." stamps. The "Philatelic Journal of India" "regrets to learn, however, that some dabblers in philately are trying to believe in a G.E.F. surcharge. We have seen this and have satisfied ourselves that it is a case of a somewhat damaged C, which it requires a good healthy imagination to make into a G. Broken C's, E's, and F's with the break in different parts of the types are common. But so far no errors at all appear to have occurred."

The Scarcest Canadian Stamp.

SOME REMARKS ON THE "TWELVE PENCE" STAMP, BY MR. EGLY OF THE LEEDS SOCIETY.

MR. EUGENE EGLY, at the meeting of the Leeds Philatelic Society held on November 5th, read a short and most interesting paper on the 12d. of Canada, 1851-52.

In 1851, Mr. Egly remarked, Canada issued her first stamps, consisting of two values, 3d. and 6d., which denoted the postage for single and double letters respectively within the colony. At that period the postage to Great Britain was 1s., and it was thought necessary to order stamps of that value. It was rather singular that the denomination should have been given as "twelve pence" and not "one shilling," but we had a somewhat similar occurrence, though less marked, in the shilling values of New Brunswick and Nova



Scotia, for it was to be noticed that in the corners of these the values are denoted by the figure "12" in addition to the words "one shilling" on the side.

The design of this 12-penny stamp was the head of the late Queen Victoria, to the left, as in the familiar design of the Queensland stamps. The colour was deep black, and the stamps imperforate as in the other values, but no one seems to know of how many stamps the entire issue consisted. The paper was thin ribbed; another issue, said to be of 1852, was printed on plain wove paper, but no decree authorising this printing was to be found, and the value in this state was never issued. The whole issue on ribbed paper consisted of 50,000 stamps, which were printed by Raisdon & Co., of New York, for the Government of Canada.

The scarcity of this stamp had always been so great that it was many years before its existence became generally known, and the earlier catalogues either did not mention it at all, or considered it as an "essay." In the early "seventies," however, several copies became known, and the attention of collectors was drawn to this great rarity, of which, according to official records, only 800 were sold at the Post Offices, the remaining 49,200 being destroyed, though when or where no one knows.

The twelve-penny value had only a very short life, for almost immediately after its issue the postage of Great Britain was reduced to 10d., which occasioned the issue of the blue stamp of that value with the head of Cabot, thus doing away with the need for a shilling stamp.

Another reason for the great scarcity of the twelve-pence was the practice of that time in vogue of not prepaying postage, owing to the popular belief that unpaid letters, on which the postage was collected on delivery, travelled more safely than stamped ones, the amount of postage being the same in either case.

As to the money value of this stamp one found, in successive editions of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, that in 1891 and 1892 no price was given, in 1893 it was £60 unused, and £50 used, in 1897 no quotation, in 1899 it was £80 used, and in 1900 and 1902 £70 used. It should be added that the stamp existed with an overprint in red, "specimen" across the stamp, and that forgers had tried to efface this and then cancel the stamp with a heavy ring postmark to hide the traces of erasure.

We are indebted to the "Yorkshire Post" for our resumé of Mr. Egly's interesting contribution.

As a result of a count of the items in their catalogue Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., find that the total number of postage stamps issued by recognised Governments up to the present time is 16,081. As compared with April, 1900, this means the issue of 1,455 new varieties in the space of eighteen months.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.



Bhore (India).—A new half anna stamp, printed in a bright brick red, is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich.

British South Africa.—The new 7s. 6d. stamp is out, Mr. J. T. Bolton and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us. The design is as for all the values of the set and the colour a grey-black.

Bolivia.—Our French contemporary, "L'Echo de la Timbrologie," announces that four stamps of a new series have made their appearance, the values and colours being:

- 1c. violet.
- 2c. green.
- 5c. red.
- 2 bolivianos, brown.

Of these the centavo values show various portraits and the 2 bolivianos is adorned with the Arms of the Republic.

British Honduras.—The 10 cents with the surcharge "Revenue" has now given place to a stamp of the permanent type, Messrs. Alfred Smith's "Monthly Circular" informs us—inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

Cuba.—Although it was stated last year that the "Immediata" error on the express delivery stamps of Cuba had been corrected, it is now given out that the revised version has not yet been put into actual use. In fact Messrs. Smith & Son's "Circular" declares that no printing has yet been made.

German Empire.—It has now been officially stated that an agreement has been entered into between the Imperial Authorities and the Kingdom of Wurtemberg whereby the latter agrees to abandon its separate issues of stamps for at least four years from the 1st April, 1902. It is an ominous date, that 1st of April!

Gold Coast.—We have not yet noted that the current 6d. stamp, lilac and mauve, has been surcharged "One Penny."

Great Britain.—We give here some extracts from an article in the "Daily Telegraph" of Wednesday, November 20th, summarising the latest official information regarding the forthcoming new stamps:—

The Secretary of the General Post Office authorises the announcement that some of the new postage stamps will be issued early in the New Year, and the remainder at varying dates thereafter, as the supply of the present stamps becomes exhausted. In value they will range from ½d. to £5. It has been known for some time that the mauve, or lavender, or lilac coloured penny stamp, available for inland revenue as well as for postage purposes, will be replaced by a red one, whilst the ½d. stamp will remain green and the 2½d. stamp blue. These details are now officially confirmed.

The new penny stamp is printed from the design of Mr. Emile Fuchs, the sculptor, and the head of the King is shown in an upright oval, on the left of which is a branch of bay and on the right a branch of oak leaves. His Majesty has approved of the likeness.

Green the halfpenny stamp will remain, but Mr. Emile Fuchs has given the design a more elaborate character, corresponding with that of the new penny and also the 2½d. and 6d. stamps.

The existing 6d. stamp is red, and therefore it becomes necessary to vary the colour, which will now be a mauve. An alteration of design to approximate the stamp to the new penny will take place concurrently. As regards stamps of higher value, the head of the King is shown (looking to the left), without the crown, which, however, appears at the top of the design, but in other respects there will be no change, and no alteration of colour.

Paraguay.—A new 1 peso stamp is chronicled. This is said to bear the portrait of General Eguzquiza, the last President of Paraguay.

South Australia.—Mr. L. S. Charlick has shown us the current 1d. red, wide "O. S., with surcharge inverted. The specimen is used and postmarked "Lincoln."

Wurtemberg.—Although this German Kingdom is said to be about to lose its separate issue of stamps, it is stated that this will only be the case so far as the postage stamps proper are concerned. The Wurtemberg Official and Local Post ("Bezirksvelhoker") stamps will still be used.

Our Review of Reviews.

Vision of a Philatelic Inferno.

It was the evening of a Philatelic Meeting in Essex Street, Strand, and when the members had separated, two or three accompanied me home to see some newly-acquired treasures. We looked over and talked over stamps until the early hours, and, among other matters, we had discussed the punishments which forgers, cleaners and others of that ilk should receive on conviction.

After the last of my friends had gone, I was sitting in my easy chair, with a last cigarette, when the door opened. Thinking that one of my friends had returned for his pipe or gloves, I turned round to find an entire stranger, and, as some of my stamps were still on the table, I thought the stranger might have dishonest intentions. "Who are you and what do you want?" I said sharply.

"I am the emissary of the Keeper of the Philatelists' Inferno," he replied "and I come from my Master with a message that you are to accompany me at once."

By this time I was so utterly surprised that I followed him without a word. Of what followed I have no very clear notion, until we arrived at the audience chamber of the Keeper. He welcomed me as follows:—

"I have sent for you in consequence of the conversation which we overheard this evening, and to show you the punishments meted out to the philatelicly wicked. This, in fact, is the Philatelists' Inferno, and if divided into parts or degrees according to the class of wickedness of those who suffer here, and before I show them to you, I must observe that you also must be punished." "Why, what have I done," I replied. In awful tones the Keeper answered: "In the days of your youth you carefully trimmed the perforation from a 7 sch. orange Hamburg, because you thought it would be nicer if it resembled the rest of your set, and your punishment is to be taken round seven chambers of this 'establishment.'" With these words he led me to what he described as the apartment of the first degree, in which the victim was compelled to wear a tippet of wood. This I was told was the punishment called "The Wood Block Cape," but I could not gather for what offence this punishment was designed.

Then he conducted me to chamber No. 2, where the culprit was placed on a gridiron and turned repeatedly. This was the punishment of "grill all over" for those who had made fraudulent grills on U. S. stamps (a case of "make the punishment fit the crime.")

We then went to the next chamber of horrors, wherein several men were to be seen wearing very tight bandages round their heads, which were continually drawn tighter. This was called "The Small Fillet," and was the reward of forgers of Early Mauritius.

At No. 4 I felt inclined to laugh, for, seated in a row were a number of important looking men evidently of Spanish origin, and wearing a great assortment of uniforms. They were one and all sucking enormous baby's bottles filled with a mixture of gum, paper pulp, and coloured printing inks. This was called "gum pap" and given in great quantities to the postal officials of certain states, which had made speculative and unnecessary stamps to fleece collectors.

Next we visited No. 5. Here a number of people were hanging alternately by the head and the feet, and this was the torture meted out to those who had separated tête-beche pairs.

The 6th stage was sub-divided into several parts. In the first, several people were looking extremely miserable, and I was told that they had a very poor time. They were compelled to sell all their best stamps at quarter catalogue prices and to buy with the money common continentals at full catalogue prices. I shall never forget the expression of one poor wretch who had just sold a superb specimen—Early State, 1848 Mauritius, for £5, and had bought a small sack of the last three issues of France, Germany and Austria low values at rd. each.

I was told that this particularly fiendish form of punishment was designed for those extraordinary people who imagine that they can procure all the rare old colonials, &c., in superb condition for half catalogue price.

What awaited me in No. 7 I was somewhat dreading, but was told that no delinquents had arrived, and that the punishment was not fixed until someone had been caught, but I was told that it was reserved for those who had committed the worst of philatelic sins, namely, "*substituting inferior, dirty, torn or forged stamps for good stamps on other people's sheets.*"

I was assured, however, that when fixed upon it would be something very unpleasant, and so it should be.

In leaving the 7th chamber I knocked against the door to find myself suddenly awake with a pale London dawn creeping in through the blinds and a hole burnt in the chair by my unsmoked cigarette.—"Philatelic Journal of India."

"Once a Philatelist always a Philatelist."

The saying quoted above is especially true of Mr. E. S. Shorthouse, of Birmingham, as the following sketch, extracted from the "Stamp Collector" will prove. Of all the chatty personal articles the "Stamp Collector" has published this description of the veteran, Mr. Shorthouse, is the best we have read:

It was a wet day in Birmingham, and so a likely one for finding Mr. Shorthouse at home, and therefore we wended our way to Charlotte Road, Edgbaston, and were ushered into the library, where we found Mr. Shorthouse. Here we spent a pleasant two hours, viewing collections, chatting of the past, and making occasional notes.

We learned that it was in the early seventies that Mr. Shorthouse purchased his first album, and although he continued to add stamp by stamp to his collection, it was not until one Saturday afternoon in June, 1878, that he seriously gave his mind to the subject of Stamp Collecting.

On that day, said Mr. Shorthouse, a gentleman with a velvet coat called at my house. "I hear that you are a collector of stamps," he said, "you must therefore know me. They all do. It is a fatality. My name is Pemberton." "Oh, then," I replied, "the sooner we see what I am to buy, the better." So at that it went! Although I had never seen him before, in five minutes we were as if we had known each other for years.

From him I got the British Guiana circular blue, at 27/-; the ditto green, at 40/-; the yellow, at £3 (two or three of each); also the large oblong (1856), at £4 to £5, lovely copies.

Mr. Pemberton dying in 1879, another wondrous star arose on the philatelic horizon, and Mr. C. J. Phillips "crossed" my "orbit" in 1885. Once more I was fortunate. The second "great dealer" came to live near me. *Everything* Mr. Phillips advised turned out well. Just to give one single instance, he sold me two sheets of the "4 pence" Nevis, orange, lithographed, at 30/- each. In 1895, a dealer tempted me to sell them at £50 and £70 respectively. A month after, I found Mr. Phillips could have given me at least £100 for each of them! In 1887—jubilee year—he advised me to take a tour in Australia. "Nothing to you, a great tourist. You have been twice before. Go and buy their stamps." I took some £900, had a delightful voyage both ways, and in seven weeks out there I got together a wonderful lot. At Melbourne, I found amusing prices prevailed. I got 250 "Sydney Views" (taking only lovely picked copies), pairs and strips, at 10/- "used" penny, 30/- "unused"; two-penny blue (including Plate I.), 7/6 "used," 25/- each "unused"; a lovely "Plate I.," "unused," £2/5/-; green 3d. cost 3/6 each, used. No "unused" 3d. seemed to be obtainable. A *block* of 4 first Tasmania penny blue, with the gum, mint, cost 30/- each; also several singles, "used," were 7/6.

Mr. Phillips' removal to London in 1898 was a severe blow to Mr. Shorthouse. A total "eclipse" took place in his stamp hobby. No more "advice" or assistance. All was gloom. He lost interest, and decided to realise. Although he sold to the dealers at ludicrously low prices, his hobby had nevertheless given him £3,200

profit. The stamps having gone, Mr. Shorthouse was still more gloomy, and in a very short time was again "at it." He has now an exceptionally fine lot of unused British, and while there is life, there will be philatelic enthusiasm.

Of all his hobbies, and he has many, Mr. Shorthouse admits that Philately has given him more pleasure than any of the others during the past twenty-two years.

One Day the Worm will turn.

The "Philatelic Record" protests against the perpetual piling up of minor varieties. In an editorial article, headed "Catalogue Rank" our contemporary says:—

Some day, in the sweet by and by, we shall have to face the difficult question of catalogue rank. We are drifting from year to year into a multitude of complexities of minor varieties, and when these have choked the pages of our recognised catalogues to repletion, there will, there must be, a reaction. Our industrious dealers will some day have to admit, reluctantly or otherwise, that they cannot go on for ever stuffing the helpless Philatelic fowl with their special food of unlimited minor varieties. The "poor critter" will give out some day.

On the Arrangement of a Collection.

Following an article in the August number of the "Philatelic Journal of India" in which Mr. Hoffmann described the methods he employed in his collection, Mr. E. W. Wetherell now makes a few remarks regarding his own method.

Every one considers his own child better than that of any one else, and similarly every collector considers his own idea best.

In the first place, Mr. Hoffman's method is excellent, provided that one has a collection of 10,000 and under, and no minor varieties are collected and also provided, one does not mind the expense involved in purchasing ten or a dozen volumes of blank albums, and I quite agree that when mounted—well spaced in such albums—the collection looks very nice—but I would not recommend this method to a beginner or to a specialist.

My present way—evolved after years of uncertainty and doubt and trials of every known method under the sun—is as follows:

I do not mount in any way the stamps of any country until I have a fair collection of the various issues, and these I keep in oblong envelopes, each issue in one envelope and the series kept together by an elastic band. When fairly bulky I mount in one of Nissen's blank albums—these contain 300 pages and are very cheap. I leave a lot of space and pencil remarks and notes freely. When the pages allotted to a particular country are fairly full, and I have collected all the available literature on the subject, I go through the stamps with the lists I possess of the known varieties and then remount in either a Gibbons' Philatelic or a Wilson's Album. This is a matter of taste. I use the first three or four pages for one picked copy of each stamp without any *minor* varieties of paper, perforation, gum, shade, &c. This should form a complete collection (except great rarities), then I utilize several pages to show varieties of watermarks, perforations, shades, dies, re-touches, flaws, gum, paper, &c., for each issue, and then a page or two for blocks and strips, and one or two more for forgeries, reprints, essays and curiosities such as bisected stamps.

Unused stamps I never mix with used stamps, but mount them straight away in a Gibbons' Imperial (next to best quality) which I reserve for unused.

It is true that I cannot show my collection altogether to Philatelic friends as it is in four stages, viz.:

- Envelopes,
- Collecting books,
- Philatelic album,
- Imperial album.

But it has the advantage that I have not wasted any good album on stamps I don't care about such as Tonga and Salvador, and that I have not taken the trouble to mount countries in good books until I have them fairly complete. My collection numbers between 35,000 and 40,000, and at present I have only Great Britain, Austria, Austrian, Italy, Hungary, Bosnia, British India, Holland, Dutch Indies and United States in the final state. The collecting books contain all other European countries and their colonies,—British Asiatic Colonies, Egypt, Canada and North America, Australia, British Africans; and all South Americans, Samoa, Fiji and Tonga are unmounted as I take little interest in them, and Sandwich Islands and West Indies because I have so few.

It is probable that no two philatelists collect on identical lines or follow identical methods; but if the hints I have given on my own way will be of use as a guide to other collectors, who are in doubt, I shall be very pleased.

A Notable Dutch Philatelist.

JONKHEER C. PH. L. VAN KINSCHOT.

TO all specialists in the stamps of Holland and Colonies the above name will be familiar as the winner of the Queen of Holland's Medal at the recent Exhibition at the Hague. The "Philatelic Record" gives a chatty article concerning Jonkheer van Kinschot, illustrated with a photograph.

A Collector for the last twenty-five years, at the start as a general collector, commencing in 1876 with the 20 reis, olive, 1866 Portugal, remembered owing to the embossed head being loose, Mr. van Kinschot, by degrees, became more and more drawn to Holland and Colonies, and at the present time collects nothing else, says our contemporary.

His collection is framed upon the following lines:—

Proofs and Essays of all stamps and cards.

"Specimen" stamps.

Stamps unused, single copies showing all types and perforations.

" " in blocks of four and strips of three.

" used, single copies showing all types and perforations.

" " in blocks of four and strips of three.

Entire sheets if they show more than one type, e.g., the unpaids, envelopes, cards, letter cards, unused and used.

Postal forms.

Obliterations in the most extensive way, that is to say:—

(i.) Obliterations used or still in use of each Post Office in Holland and Colonies. (Town obliterations.)

(ii.) Each distinctive obliteration, e.g., FRANCO, etc., on as many different stamps of Holland and Colonies as possible. So perfect is this portion of the collection that it forms in itself almost a complete collection of Holland and Colonies, omitting perforations.

Having regard to the critical remarks contained in the October number upon this collector's *penchant* for strips of three, it is interesting to see what he himself says on the subject.

"I have no special reason for collecting strips of three, except that they are not so easy to get as blocks of four. Blocks of four and strips of three of common stamps (early issues) are not always easy to find, for instance, it took me years to get unused a block of four 20c., 1872, and a strip of three 10c., 1872. Again, there are many stamps which are not high priced, but which it is very difficult to get in blocks. One may perhaps only see them once in five years. These difficulties induced me to get them. True, a block of four is enough to show the perforations, and I should highly appreciate a collection—not so extensive as mine—but consisting wholly of blocks of four of each value, each type, and each perforation. The 1867 issue *must* be collected in as large blocks as possible, as there are sheets with two (perhaps more) varieties on the same sheet. We don't know how these varieties are placed, and this is what we must find out. Sheets with varieties should always be collected entire, that is why I collect the unpaid stamps in this way, an entire sheet of one value in each different setting. These stamps are quite a study to me, they have taught me so much; in fact, they are a guide to many collectors of Holland and Colonies. To collect entire sheets where the stamps are all the same is useless, a single specimen or a block of four at the most is enough.

"Shades? There is a beginning and no end. It is better not to collect them; besides, they are nearly all to be found in the perforations. If anyone likes to see them they can see them there in my collection."

Mr. van Kinschot finds much difficulty now-a-days in obtaining anything fresh for his collection; in fact, he says it is terribly hard to get Holland unused, especially some types of the Unpaid in the different perforations. "If you examine your Stanley Gibbons, Kohl, etc., there are not many stamps, but try and get them together in an extensive way with types and perforations, and you will see it is not easy, you will have to struggle to get them—if you do get them—it is just that which proves whether you are a collector or not."

Mr. van Kinschot was the author of "Proofs and Essays of Holland," published as a supplement to the "Timbres des Pays Bas" of M. Moëns. His collection of these stamps is reputed to be the best known. Dealing with the literature on his favourite country, Mr. van Kinschot frankly admits it is behind the times, the information contained in the work published by the Dutch Society being altogether out of date, it requires extensive revision on account both of sins of commission and sins of omission. The following two examples are given, one of each class:—

Holland, 1869, 1½c., Perf. 1½. Bogus.

Holland, 1867, 15c., Perf. 10½ (all the 1867 are in two types); but of this more anon. There is a new edition coming.

"Proofs and Essays I have always found very interesting and I learn much from them. There are many questions (questions brulantes)

in Holland and Colonies which are unravelled by their study. Obliterations, too, are useful, but in quite a different way.

"The first exhibition in which I took part was held at The Hague, in 1896. I showed the next year in London, then at Utrecht in 1898, in Paris in 1900, and, lastly, at The Hague last August. Altogether I have been awarded 19 Medals and one Diploma, and one Medal for my Philatelic Library, but the one which I value above all is the 'Medaille d'honneur' awarded to me at The Hague Exhibition for the best collection of Holland and Colonies."

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

THE auctioneers' hammers are rapping at a rare rate. The *Fortnightly* of late has been unable to keep pace with them. Our aim being to give a full resumé of the realisations of all interesting lots, and the *Fortnightly's* space being by no means infinite, we have necessarily fallen a little behind. However, in our next issue, the Christmas Number of the S.C.F., we shall endeavour to bring our Philatelic Auction Record quite up-to-date and thenceforward to keep it so.

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS' Sale, 31st October and November 1st.

	£	s.	d.
British Columbia, perf. 14, one dollar green, a pair*	4	0	0
Congo, Parcel Post, fr. 3.50 on 5fr. lilac of 1885 (No. 101)	1	18	0
Crete, 1898, 20 par. mauve, imperf.*	1	2	0
Fiji, "V.R.," plain, 12c. on 6d. black on rose	1	1	0
Gt. Britain, Govt. Parcels, 1d., inverted surcharge*	5	10	0
Hanover, 10gr. green	1	6	0
Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 1864, 4 x 4 sch., with dotted background, rouletted, slightly defective*	3	0	0
Modena, 1852, 1 lire black	1	10	0
Naples, 50gr. lake	2	3	0
Do. ½ tornese, "Cross," pale blue	2	17	6
Do. do. dark blue	2	17	6
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow	2	1	0
Newfoundland, 6d. orange-vermilion*, cut close	1	12	0
Oldenburg, ½gr. green* no gum	3	3	0
Parma, 1859, Provl. Govt., 80c. olive-yellow*	1	6	0
Philippine Islands, 1854, 1 real slate-blue, the error "Corros"	5	15	0
Do. do. 10c. pale rose	1	18	0
Do. 1863, 1 real reddish violet*	2	7	6
Portugal. Azores, 1882, small surcharge, 150 reis blue	3	0	0
Queensland, 1882, perf. 9 x 12, 1/- mauve*, part gum	1	18	0
Roumania, 1858, 80 bain red on bluish paper	1	10	0
Russia, R.3.50, without thunderbolts	1	10	0
Do. Levant, 1865, (2k.) brown and blue, fine	4	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, rather poor	2	12	6
Do. do. (20k.) blue and red, penmarked and cut close	3	5	0
Saxony, 3 pfennig red	3	15	0
Spain, 1850, 10 reales green	1	10	0
Do. 2 reales red	4	17	6
Do. 1865, 19cts. brown and rose	1	10	0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue, cut close	1	9	0
Tonga, Service, 1893, in red on 1/- blue	1	8	0
Trinidad, 1859, imperf. 6d. green	1	16	0
Tuscany, 9 crazie lilac on white	2	16	0
Do. 1 soldo on white, on original	1	4	0
Do. 2 soldo, fine	5	0	0
Do. 9 crazie on bluish, a horizontal pair*	7	15	0
Wurtemberg, 70kr. red-lilac	1	12	0

Messrs. VENTOM BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Nov. 7th and 8th, 1901.

Bavaria, 1876, wmk. horizontal wavy lines, 1 mark pale mauve*	5	5	0
Bolivia, 1st. issue, 50c. blue*	1	11	0
Bremen, 7 grote, imperf.	1	7	0
Do. P. en Scie, 10 grote, black	1	12	0
British Columbia, 1865, 10c. blue, imperf.*	3	6	0
British Guiana, 1st. issue, 12c. blue, damaged and repaired	10	0	0
Do. another specimen, cut round	9	0	0
Do. 1852, 4c. black on deep blue	3	0	0
Do. 1856, 4c. black on magenta	13	0	0

	£	s.	d.	
British Honduras, 1888, 50c. on 1/- grey.	..	2	12	0
Canada, 7½d. green*, no gum..	..	4	6	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock 1d. red, slightly torn	..	2	0	0
Chile, unpaid, 1896, perf. 13½, 40, 50, 60, 80 and 100c., all* in one strip	12	0	0
Colombia, 1861, 1 peso rose, postmarked	..	1	9	0
Do. 1862, do. lilac*	..	2	16	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 5d. brown, imperf.*	..	1	14	0
Do. do. 8d. brown, cut close	4	10	0
Dominican Republic, 1st issue. ¼rl. black on pale green	..	1	18	0
Do. 1 real, black on yellow	2	15	0
France, 1st issue, 20c. dark blue, slightly torn	..	4	5	0
Do. do. 1 franc vermilion	4	4	0
Do. do. another fine specimen, slightly defective	..	3	12	6
Do. do. 1 franc carmine*	..	1	12	0
Do. 1853-60, 80c. rose*	..	1	0	0
Greece, Unpaid letter stamp, 1878, perf. 10½, 100l. green and black*	1	12	0
Hamburg, 1st issue, 4sch. green	1	16	0
Do. do. 9sch. yellow	1	8	0
Do. 1864, 1¼sch. blue, imperf.*	1	16	0
Hanover, 10 groschen green	1	12	0
Heligoland, 1875, 1pf. deep green and rose, a block of 4..	..	4	0	0
Do. 1879, perf. 11½, 5 marks*	1	2	0
India, Service Stamp, 1866, 8 is. green and purple	..	7	7	0
Johor, Provl., error, "Two Censt." on 24c. green, perfs. clipped	2	0	0
Labuan, wmk. CA. sideways, 1879, 12c. carmine*	..	4	10	0
Do. 1880, Provisional, 6 in red on 16c. blue	..	7	0	0
Lagos, 1885, 2½ olive-black*	3	15	0
Do. do. 10/- lilac-brown	10	0	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion, early impression	..	3	5	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, medium impression	..	2	8	0
Do. large fillet, 2d. blue, defective	..	5	5	0
Do. Britannia issue, 4d. black on green*	1	10	0
Do. another specimen, used	1	18	0
Mexico, eagle, 3c. brown with Gothic surcharge* cut close	..	3	3	6
Naples, ½ tornese blue "arms"	11	10	0
Do. ½ tornese blue "cross" pin hold	2	2	0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- blue green*	2	14	0
Do. do. 4d. deep orange* part gum	1	14	0
Do. lithographed, 6d. grey* do.	3	12	6
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, with several holes caused by dotted postmark	10	0	0
Newfoundland, 1/- scarlet vermilion	14	5	0
Oldenburg, 1859, ½gr. black on green*	3	12	0
Pacific Steam Navigation Co., 1 rl. blue	..	3	3	0
Peru, medio peso, rose	10	0	0
Queensland, 1860-61, 1/- dull violet*	2	6	0
Roumania, Moldavia, 27 paras, black on rose	..	35	0	0
Do. do., 54 paras, blue on green	12	0	0
Do. do., 108 paras blue on pink, rather poor	..	25	0	0
Russia, wmk. 3, 30k. crimson and green*	..	4	0	0
St. Lucia, 1883-84, 1/- black on orange*	..	2	6	0
Do. 1885-86, wmk. C. and CA. 1/- red-brown*	..	2	12	6
St. Vincent, 1866, compound perf., 1/- slate-grey*	..	2	2	0
Do. 1880, 5/- rose-red*	..	10	0	0
Saxony, 3pf. red, a horizontal pair, thinned	8	8	0
Do. 3pf. red*, faded	2	2	0
Do. do. another specimen*, but torn..	..	2	17	6
Servia, 1st issue, error, 2p. deep green on lilac-rose*	..	5	10	0
Spain, 1851, 2rls. red, damaged and repaired	10	0	0
Do. 1852 do.	12	0	0
Sweden, 1872, the error "TRETIO" instead of "TJUGO." öre vermilion*	..	15	0	0
Switzerland, Geneva, the right half of the double stamp..	..	2	6	0
Do. Neufchatel, 5c. black and red	2	0	0
Do. Vaud, 4c. black and red, used on entire	18	0	0
Do. do. 5c. do. *, mint	6	0	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½ rappen red and black*	..	7	0	0
Do. Zurich, 4 rappen black, vertical lines, red postmark	9	0	0
Do. do. 6 rappen black, horizontal lines*	..	3	0	0
Tasmania, 1d. blue	2	0	0
Thurn and Taxis, 1859, 9kr. orange-yellow*	..	2	0	0
Tobago, wmk. C. and CA., 6d. stone*	5	10	0
Tolima, 1883-84, 5 pesos orange-brown	1	12	0
Tonquay, 1896, Half-Penny on 1½d. on 2d. (S.G. No. 49)..	..	3	15	0
Tuscany, 2 soldi brick-red	5	15	0
Do. 60 crazie do.	10	0	0
United States, 1869, 15c., inverted centre	20	0	0
Do. do. re-issue, 90c., part gum	3	10	0
Do. State, 2 dollars*	3	0	0

	£	s.	d.	
Uruguay, Block letters, 120c. blue*	..	2	0	0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange, beaded oval	2	0	0
Do. do. 5/- blue on yellow	3	0	0
Virgin Islands, perf. 15, 6d. dull rose*	3	0	0
Do. do. 1/- rose-carmine*, perfs. defective	..	1	15	0
Western Australia, 6d. black-bronze	2	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1858-60, imperf., without thread, 6kr. green*	..	20	0	0
Do. 18kr. blue*	2	12	6
Do. 1873, 70kr. purple and 70kr. red-lilac, both*	..	5	0	0

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Do. do. do. 6kr. red*, part gum	..	40	0	0
Do. do. do. 30kr. rose*, cut into	..	2	10	0
Do. do. another specimen, used on piece of original, cut into	5	0	0
Bavaria, 1879-79, 1 mark, lilac, wmk. wide horizontal lines	..	3	5	0
Do. Unpaid, 1895, 2 in red on 3pf. grey, a pair, on entire original envelope ..	..	22	0	0
Bergedorf, 1861, ½sch. black on lilac*, thinned ..	..	4	10	0
Bremen, 1867, 7 grote black on yellow, on entire	..	5	5	0
Finland, 1866, 10 kopecs purple-brown, error, some perfs. repaired* ..	..	2	2	0
Do. do. another specimen, used ..	..	2	6	0
France, 1849, 1 franc orange, thinned at top ..	..	5	5	0
Gt. Britain, 1876, 8d. brown* ..	..	3	10	0
Do. 1878-83, wmk. anchor, on bluish, 5/- rose*, part gum ..	..	4	15	0
Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 1864, rouletted, ¼sch. red, with dotted centre ..	..	3	7	6
Naples, 1860, ½ tornese blue "Cross"* ..	..	12	0	0
Do. another specimen, used ..	..	3	10	0
Oldenburg, 1852, ½th black on yellow*, no gum ..	..	4	0	0
Do. 1861, 3 gros. yellow, printed both sides	3	10	0
Parma, 1854, 5c. orange-yellow*	2	5	0
Do. do. 15c. red*	2	10	0

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

WARRINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 26th October, 1901, the President, Mr. John P. Reynolds, in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary presented a satisfactory report and the accounts shewed a good balance in hand. The sales effected through the Exchange Packets during the year had averaged about 20 per cent. of the value of stamps sent in, and the character of the stamps was improving.

Mr. John P. Reynolds was again elected President, the Committee was re-appointed, and Mr. Herbert Woods was re-elected Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year.

CANTON STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE Secretary has the pleasure of announcing the adoption of this Club as the official medium for Exchange of the Cardiff Philatelic Society.

The Exchange Club will in future be known as the "Cardiff Philatelic Exchange" and will be conducted under the same rules as hitherto, and collectors may join it without attaching themselves to the local Society but of course subject to the usual conditions as to bona fides, &c.

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It is to be hoped that the additional stimulus given may prove a means of strength to the Club which has already passed 11 years of existence.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE September packet returned to-day 14/11/01, and accounts will be settled within seven days. Sales amount to about 16½%, a great improvement on the two previous months. The October and November packets

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MANCHESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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The Arrangement of a Collection.

PENNY EXERCISE BOOKS AS TEMPORARY ALBUMS.
[By "WALLABY."]

THE remarks of Mr. Wetherell in the last *Fortnightly* on the way he arranges his collection, suggests to me that perhaps another, and a cheaper plan may be of interest. After several years of Lincoln and Gibbons I tried blank albums, only to come eventually to the humble penny exercise book, which I have used for some years and find satisfactory in every respect. I buy only those books that are faintly ruled both horizontally and vertically, and use one or more books for each country. New South Wales, for instance, requires several, each book containing 40 pages; while a smaller stamp-issuing country like Bermuda is easily contained in one volume. Needless to say, I mount the stamps only on one side of the paper. To my mind the great advantage of my method is that I can entirely re-arrange—if need be—the whole of a country at the cost of 2d. and 3d. Having completed the stamps of a country in shades and in all easily-obtained varieties. I then transfer to a perfectly blank drawing book, containing about 60 pages, and arrange the book to the stamps—in other words, I rule as many pages as may be required for each issue. After neatly ruling a double-lined border, I carefully rule spaces of 35mm. by 40mm. for each stamp, number and index the issues (for reference with my note book) number and head the pages, ink in dates, etc., and the album is ready to receive contents. I have found this the only method that has given me complete satisfaction during the past 10 years. I should like to see the opinions of other collectors expressed in the *Fortnightly* as to their methods of mounting a fair sized collection.

Philately at Home and Abroad

That Lisbon Auction.

THE news recently published in the *Fortnightly* that a big Government auction was to be held at Lisbon, as a means of disposing of an immense accumulation of Portuguese Colonial remainders, has been contradicted and is now re-affirmed. Doubtless it will go on being contradicted and re-affirmed until the auction is over. There may be somebody in Lisbon who wants the auction all to himself! Who knows?

Portuguese Remainders by the Bushel.

WHATEVER the truth may be about this Portuguese matter, it seems worth while to reprint here the following news-despatch from the "Daily Mail's" correspondent in the Portuguese capital. Under date, Lisbon, December 7, he writes as follows:—

A notice has lately appeared in the local papers of a sale of stamps to take place at the Mint here. This is being done by order of the Minister of Marine, who up to the present has only authorised the sale by auction of two issues which form part of the obsolete colonial stock, and therefore of use only to collectors.

The lots to be sold are Angola (1886-7) and Cape Verde (1886)—both of the same type. The sale will take place on February 20th, and the facial value is over 117 contos (about £17,800). I have official authority to state that the greatest care has been taken in sorting and selecting these stamps and putting them together, so that no defective ones or redraws should be enclosed in the lots.

The conditions of sale are that tenders must be sent in by February 20th, and they will be opened on February 21st at the sale-room at the Mint. The highest offer will then be advertised, and bidders will be invited to advance on that price.

The passage we have italicised mystifies us a little. But who are we? Our readers, anyhow, cannot say that we omitted to give them the fullest possible information regarding this big sale of remainders.

Who says a few contos' worth of Cape Verde?—or, as the bargain-hunting ladies might say, a cheap remnant of Angola?

New Stamps for the New Year.

THERE have been many rumours and contradictions of rumours regarding the actual "apparition" of the new British stamps. First of all we were warned that they might burst upon us at Whitsuntide; then November 9th, the King's

birthday, was the date selected by the *quid nuncs*. But as we all know November 9th brought us nary a stamp. Not a few philatelists of the early-bird persuasion actually asked for the new stamps on Lord Mayor's Show day, and the following dialogue was overheard at a post office not a hundred miles from Lombard Street:—

Stamp Collector: Six of the new penny stamps, please.

Clerk: Six? *Thank you!* (Pushes over six of the usual heliotrope abortions. N.B.—We italicise the "thank you" for obvious reasons. We are not romancing; these words actually fell from the lips of the post office clerk).

Stamp Collector: Here, I say! These are not the ones I want. I said the new stamps—

Clerk: Well, they're new, aren't they? We don't sell used ones here, you know—this is not a stamp dealer's—eh? what?

Stamp Collector (raising his voice): I want the stamps with the King's head on. The new stamps, you know—they're out to-day, aren't they—

(Hurried consultation between three or four clerks and a telegraph boy. Something suspiciously like a laugh is heard. Stamp Collector mops his fevered brow.)

Clerk (returning): We don't quite understand you. Which King do you mean? Say! (as an idea suddenly strikes him with a sickening thud) It isn't a dog-license you want, is it?

Stamp Collector (ramming the six heliotropes into his watch-case and making for the door): Oh, go to Hyderabad!

However, it seems to be generally understood that the new stamps of, at any rate the two lowest denominations, will make their appearance on January the Oneth, as Artemus Ward would say. On New Year's Day any British subject, or for that matter any foreign object, provided he be possessed of the sum of three-halfpence sterling, will be able to add two new varieties to his collection of Great Britain.

The "Red Penny" Redivivous.

"MORLEY'S Philatelic Journal," which, by the way, has been "informed on good authority" that the new ½d. and 1d. stamps will really be issued to the public on New Year's Day, states that the design for these values will be as already described, but that "the penny stamp will actually be printed in carmine, i.e. the same colour as now in use on the tablet of value of the current 2d., so that we are to have our "red penny" after all! The halfpenny stamp will be of the same colour as the current stamp—blue green. All other details, of both stamps, paper, watermark, jubilee lines, pattern between panes, and perforation, the same as at present. Both stamps will bear on the lower margin of the sheet the Account letter A."

The Official Announcement.

Since the above paragraphs were penned the following Proclamation has been displayed at all the principal Post Offices.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

On and after the 1st January next, new Postage Stamps bearing the King's portrait, of the value of ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 6d. respectively, will be on sale at the various Post Offices in the United Kingdom. The colour of the new 6d. stamp being the same as that of the present Penny Stamp, care should be used to avoid mistaking one for the other. New Stamps of other denominations also bearing the King's portrait will be issued afterwards.

All the Adhesive Stamps of the present issue bearing the portrait of the late Queen will still be available: a description of them is given below:—

Value.	Colour.	Value.	Colour.
½d.	Green or Red.	5d.	Purple and Blue.
1d.	Purple.	6d.	Purple on Red Paper.
1½d.	Purple and Green.	9d.	Purple and Blue.
2d.	Green and Red.	10d.	Purple and Red.
2½d.	Purple on Blue Paper.	1/-	Wholly Green or Green and Red.
3d.	Purple on Yellow Paper.	2/6	Purple.
4d.	Green on Brown.	5/-	Rose.
4½d.	Green and Red.	10/-	Blue.
(This stamp will no longer be supplied when the existing stock is exhausted).		2/1	Green.
		2/5	Orange.

The Stamps with the late Queen's portrait embossed or printed on envelopes, wrappers, post cards and letter cards will also be available.

No other Stamps are valid in payment of postage.

By Command of the Postmaster-General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

17th December, 1901.

The particularity with which the postal authorities set out the values and colours of the existing set, while carefully with-holding information as to the number and denominations of the King's Head series, is quite in keeping with the reputation for reticence earned and maintained by a long line of Postmaster-Generals. All the information so far vouchsafed as to colours and values is as follows:—

- ½d. green.
- 1d. carmine.
- 2½d. blue.
- 6d. lilac and mauve (officially styled "purple.")

These are the four stamps to be placed on sale on January 1st, and apparently the only motive inducing the postal authorities to reveal the colour of the 6d. stamp is the fact that that value will appear in the identical shade used for the current penny, and there is thus a danger of confusion arising as to these two values.

Birmingham's Latest Auction.

THE latest of the interesting Auction Sales of Stamps promoted by the Birmingham Philatelic Society was held at the Great Western Hotel in that city on Thursday, December 5th. Mr. Plumridge officiated as Auctioneer. The attendance was good, and the various lots, consisting mainly of British Colonial stamps, were knocked down at fairly good prices. A few of the principal realisations are included in our regular auction report.

Where are the Others?

Is it not strange, by the way, that stamp auctioneering in the provinces is practically a dead letter? Sales are possibly still held at intervals in Manchester, Edinburgh, Bristol, etc.—but at very long intervals. One would have thought that an auction once a month, say, in each of the leading northern towns would be a success, if properly managed and conducted on sound business lines. Still more curious is it that Brighton, a veritable hotbed of philately, has never, so far as we are aware, been the venue of a philatelic auction!

A Bonfire of British Guianas.

A correspondent in British Guiana kindly sends us the following news, clipped from a Demerara Newspaper.

At the Rubbish Destructor, Georgetown, by order of the acting Governor, and in the presence of representatives of the Receiver General, Auditor General and Postmaster General, a large quantity of British Guiana stamps were publicly destroyed. These stamps constituted a temporary issue and were called in at the end of July. The following is the number destroyed with their respective face values:

3 cents	..	..	..	46,273
4 "	..	..	..	39,910
8 "	..	..	..	71,517
10 "	..	..	..	96,595
20 "	..	..	..	111,003
40 "	..	..	..	117,061
72 "	..	..	..	110,401
Embossed envelopes (5 cents)	..	..	..	2,784
2 cents surcharge	..	..	..	360

Rumours of New High Values.

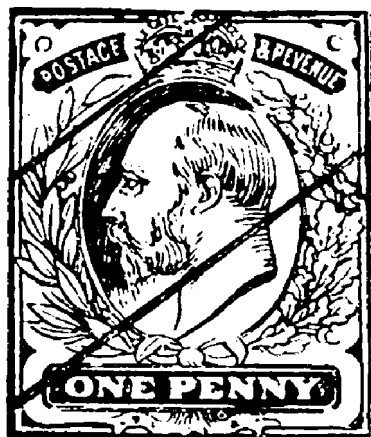
As to the composition of the complete set of King's Head stamps a strict silence is maintained by the postal officials. Most postal employees, in fact, are chary of talking on the subject at all, and postmasters and postmistresses at local offices, though they will be supplied with the new stamps a few days in advance of the actual date of issue, are bound down by a strict injunction not to part with, or show, a single specimen to anyone until January 1st, 1902.

This sort of thing breeds Rumour, and Rumour has declared, firstly, that there will be no £5 stamp in the new set

and, secondly, that certain high values quite new to the British postal list will be created.

As to the £5 stamp our own information, although semi-official, is not quite positive, but we are definitely informed that there will be a 30s. value in the new series and probably also a 50s. value.

It was at one time intended to make all the high values from 10s. upwards of a uniform design, and in a uniform colour—mauve. They were to have the respective values inserted in black in a lower label, much in the manner of the Unappropriated Dies. But whether this original plan has been put into execution or abandoned we are unable to say.



At the moment of going to Press with this number of the *Fortnightly* we are able to give a rough reproduction of the design of the new 1d. stamp. Save for the diagonal obliterating lines this shows the exact design, though not the exact size of the new British "red penny." May the New Year

in which it appears prove a happy and prosperous one for every reader of the *Fortnightly*!

A "Mean and Shabby" Crime.

THE case, already partly reported in the *Fortnightly*, in which one, Wilfred Barnes, was arrested in London and taken over to Ireland to answer charges of defrauding the Rev. Edward Brook, came to a conclusion at the last Ulster Assizes. The proceedings are thus reported in the Belfast newspapers:—

Mr. George Hill Smith asked his Lordship to deal with the case of the prisoner Barnes or Payne, who had, earlier in the morning, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. The prisoner, he said, had no father, and had been in custody since the 12th October.

The prisoner's mother was examined. She stated that her name was Kochler, and that her son was living under an assumed name. The boy was only one year and nine months old when his father died. Of late he had been occasionally employed in a theatrical company.

Detective-Sergeants Hartland and Nixon, of London, gave the prisoner a very bad character. He was accustomed to frequenting questionable places in the city, and there were previous convictions against him, his modus operandi being to advertise stamps and kodaks for sale, and having received the money, neglect to forward the articles in question.

His Lordship, in sentencing the prisoner, said it was a most heart-rending thing for the mother, and a source of misery and shame to her. For three or four years he had been engaged in a mean and shabby crime, and he ought to be ashamed of himself. He (his Lordship) had it in his power to send him to penal servitude, but he would consider the widow's appeal, and would inflict a sentence of six calendar months' imprisonment dating from the time he had been in jail.

The case seems to have been a particularly sad one from the point of view of the prisoner's bereaved mother, but it is imperatively necessary that this system of fraudulently obtaining stamps by means of assumed names and accommodation addresses is one that needs to be severely dealt with. We cannot afford to be fleeced and swindled just because somebody else happens to have lost his father at a very early age, and we think every philatelist, while mindful of the sad aspects of the case, will be pleased that the judge, while treating Barnes leniently, did not altogether forget that his was a "mean and shabby crime."

The Rev. Edward Brook has done Philately good service by pressing this matter home.

Will Halfpenny Letter Postage Come?

ON the interesting question of halfpenny letter postage it is to be noted that American hopes of a one cent letter

rate in the near future are on the up grade. Thus writes "The Optimist"—a fitting nom-de-guerre for a hopeful contributor—in our New York contemporary, the "Metropolitan Philatelist."

One cent letter postage may be a reality within a very few years, judging from the tenor of the report of the Postmaster-General. It appears that at the present time the revenue derived from the transportation of letter mail is being utilized to make up the deficit caused by transporting other classes of mail, notably periodicals. It is figured that on every ton of periodical mail carried, for which the Government receives \$20, that approximately \$50 is actually paid for its transportation by the said Government, so that the net loss on that ton is \$30. A handsome profit is produced by the first class mail. The bulk of the second class matter has increased at a tremendous rate the past few years, involving an immense deficit, and were it not for the fortunate fact that the increase in letter mail, has kept pace with the second class mail, instead of a deficit of \$4,000,000 this year, we should have a shortage of \$10,000,000. However, the clamor of business interests is so loud for one cent letter postage, that it can readily be seen that the Postmaster-General proposes to bring it about, and the way he intends to do it is to either raise the rate on second class matter or reduce the tonnage of it. He is rapidly accomplishing this end through the last mentioned alternative; periodicals are being deprived of second class rates by the hundred each week, and the Department says it has but just commenced the warfare. It is now required that every periodical shall measure up to the last requirement as to eligibility for second class rates. Then the new rule cutting off cheap novels issued serially, the big advertising sheets of New England, etc., will materially cut down the weight of stuff hauled by the railroads for the carrying of which the Government pays out five cents for every two cents received. I believe we will have one cent letter postage within three years.

Philatelists (?) Running a Lottery.

THE Birmingham Philatelic Society is such a well conducted and in every way reputable organization that we can scarcely credit a statement made in a touting lottery-letter recently received by the Editor of the *Fortnightly* from certain persons who shall be nameless in Hamburg. The letter, dated Hamburg, December 17th, we print exactly as it stands, save for the name and address of the senders:—

Dear Sir,

Being members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society we take the liberty of inviting you to make a trial of your good luck and success. There is offered a splendid opportunity to do so by the "7 Lübecker Staats Lotterie" which is authorised by the Government and guaranteed with the whole state's property!

The said lottery which enjoys an ever increasing popularity in all foreign countries, offers, in comparison to all other state lotteries the highest conceivable chances of winning! There are 56,000 tickets and 28,000 prizes, so that every second ticket gets a prize. The highest prize to be won is in the most fortunate case:

Marks 500,000 = £25,000.

We reserve for you the annexed two numbers, being convinced that our invitation will induce you to participate and therefore we beg to forward us the amount of 9s. as balance for the stake of the original tickets of the 1st and 2nd classes, or if you wish not to try your fortune, to return the tickets in the prepaid envelope annexed and excuse the trouble we have put you to.—Yours truly, &c.

It will be seen that these people describe themselves as "members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society," and it is on the basis of fellow-membership that they approach the Editor of the *Fortnightly* with an invitation to participate in a Lubeck lottery. We think it will be obvious that this is hardly the sort of thing with which the privilege of membership in a great British stamp society should be associated, and we make no doubt that our friends at Birmingham, when the facts are brought to their attention, will at once request these Hamburg gentlemen, if they be really members, to send in their notices of resignation forthwith.

A Tall Price for Orange Rivers.

THAT the 6d. carmine Orange River Colony surcharged V.R.I. is a desirable stamp to meet with, everyone knows. It has been left to Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at one of their recent auction sales to demonstrate how good a stamp it really is. A pane of 60 stamps of the second printing, showing stop varieties, was knocked down at the sale referred to, for the sum of £50!

Concerning a Stamp Sale.

[AND THE MAN WHO DID NOT ATTEND IT.]

Beside the glowing fire she sat,
Dressed in her sweetest frock ;
Her George had promised to get home
At least by eight o'clock.

It wanted but five minutes more,
And then he would be back ;
When on the front door sounded sharp
A noisy rat-tat-tat.

May flew to open the door herself,
So eager was her joy—
To find, instead of her dear George,
A telegraphic boy.

"Detained to-night," the missive ran,
"Stamp sale in Chancery Lane ;
So don't wait up, shall not be home
Until the latest train."

"A stamp sale, horrid thing!" she cried,
"That is the third this week."
With tear-filled eyes she flung herself
Into the nearest seat.

"What, all alone, May?" said a voice,
She sat up with a smile ;

"Why, Jack, you have not been to see
Me such a long, long while."

"George won't be home until quite late,
A wretched stamp-sale's on!"
Jack looked at her with sorry eyes,
(He knew where George had gone).

So just a few short sentences
He whispered in her ear ;
It made the colour mount her cheek,
For all was now quite clear.

And fifteen minutes later she,
With her devoted Jack,
Were on their way to a stamp-sale—
I mean on George's track.

And George, in happy ignorance
Of what was soon to be,
Was walking in a crowded room,
With a girl for company.

Soft strains of music reached his ear,
A shady seat he spied,
He led the blushing girl thereto,
And sat down by her side.

"Beloved one," he cried, "you know
I love you, oh! so dear,
Have you no hope to give me love,
To drive away the fear?"

"Just put your little hand in mine
And whisper you'll be true ;
No other man has ever loved,
As I have love for you."

The maiden shy put out her hand,
And whispered as he said,
He rained down kisses on her face,
He kissed her lips so red.

What bliss! what rapture in his look,
Those two were lost to earth,
And neither knew how minutes flew
It was no time for mirth.

Oh, short lived joy! For suddenly,
The couple grew aware
Of two blue eyes that watched them with
A fixed and angry stare.

The lady screamed, the lover turned
To meet his wife's stern gaze!
Dumb-founded, he could speak no word,
So sore was his amaze.

"A pleasant stamp sale this;" cried May
And faced him brave and bold ;
"For once the stamps are taking rest,
And you yourself are 'sold'!"
"You'll kindly come straight home with me!"
George did as he was told,
But wished himself a mile away
From May's magnetic hold.
The lecture he received that night
Was short, but full of force,
The culprit fell upon his knees
In bitterest remorse.

He promised to offend no more,
Still kneeling plead for grace,
If she would turn to him again
Her tender smiling face.

And every evening now she waits
Outside the office door ;
The Empire and the Tivoli
Will know his face no more.

Each night thus sees him home to time,
A happier George Carew ;
And when he *does* attend a sale,
Well—May goes with him too!!

"A PHILATELIST'S DAUGHTER."

A Pillow-case of Rarities.

MR. E. J. NANKIVELL has been spinning some stamp yarns in "The Captain." Here is one of them:—

Some years ago a well-known collector got wind of a whole pillow-case full of real old rarities that might be had for the cheek of asking. Now, an enthusiastic stamp collector knows no bounds when a *bona fide* rarity may be had cheap, and when it may be had for the asking he does not stand upon ceremony.

The possessor of the pillow-case of desirables was quite unknown to the collector, and the news of the treasure came to him quite accidentally.

Said a friend to him one day, "I say, old chappie, you're afflicted still in the stamp direction, are you not?"

"Rather," was the emphatic reply. "What of that?"

"Well, my sister is staying with an old lady who, being over eighty years of age, has conceived the idea that it is time for her to put her house in order in readiness for her anticipated departure to a better country, and Fan is helping her to go through her papers. Among the papers that turned up in the sorting over was a pillow-case stuffed with old stamps. She told Fan to burn the lot, as they were of no use, but Fan thought it was a pity to destroy them, as they might do to amuse her little nieces. So the pillow-case has been put aside for the time, and Fan talks of bringing it home for the kids. The old lady's sons were among the first settlers in Sydney, and, as she had a habit of cutting off the stamps from all her letters, and as her sons were her chief correspondents, it occurred to me that you might like to have a look through the lot and pick out some for yourself."

"First settlers in Sydney! Great Scott! My boy, there may be scores of Sydney Views in the lot."

"Sydney Views? No, there are no pictures; only postage stamps."

"I don't mean pictures of Sydney. What we call 'Sydney Views' are the rare first stamps issued by New South Wales."

"Oh, I see. I expect there is scarcely anything else but old New South Wales stamps, if they are of any use."

"Any use, my dear fellow! They may be worth a little fortune. Let us have them up at the earliest moment."

Ways and means were discussed, shares were arranged in the treasure trove, and a lady friend returning from the old lady's neighbourhood was to be asked to call and bring away the pillow-case. It was agreed that matters could not wait the return of the sister. The sister was written to in a cautious and guarded manner, and the lady friend was commissioned to call for the parcel. In due time it arrived in London, and was met at the terminus and carried home in a state of great excitement. There was visions of months of sales, of gold in plenty, and of many a quiet spree together.

When that valuable parcel was opened and spread out on the floor, thousands of stamps were disclosed to view, but every stamp there was of the commonest red penny English persuasion! There was not a foreign or colonial stamp of any sort in the whole lot! The collector and his friend were a day after the fair. Someone else had picked over the pillow-case and annexed the Sydney Views.

South Africa in the Strand.

A CHAT ABOUT THE LATEST, BUT NOT THE LEAST, OF OUR LONDON STAMP-DEALING FIRMS.



MR. SHAW (Secretary).



MR. RUBENS (Manager).



PRIZES TO BE AWARDED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP COMPANY.

MUCH philatelic attention has been directed of late to the spirited advertising enterprise of a stamp firm, which, though only recently established in London, has quickly assumed a place in the foremost rank of European dealers. We allude to the South African Stamp Co., whose big Philatelic Prize Competition has been widely advertised in the *Fortnightly* and other journals.

Illustrating this article, we show a photograph of the prizes which will be awarded to the fortunate competitors.

The woodblock error is a really fine specimen, and we have personally seen the guarantee of its genuineness, signed by Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz, the vendor, to the S.A.S. Co., and also the receipt showing that the actual wholesale price paid for it was £75.

A few particulars as to the history and progress of the South African Stamp Company may be of interest to our readers.

We recently had a chat with the Company's London manager, Mr. N. A. Rubens, whom we found up to his eyes in work, in the firm's commodious offices at 368, Strand.

"Busy?" said Mr. Rubens, echoing our opening query. "Busy isn't the word! Look at this large collection of British Colonials to arrange in our books, and the working day only nine hours long! So please don't ask too many questions!"

"What are your impressions of the stamp trade in England?"

"None but the pleasantest. Our success has been simply phenomenal. In fact, since opening in London last June, we have had to increase our staff three times. We find both collectors and brother-dealers very kind to us, and have been delighted with the complimentary letters we get from our customers, expressing their satisfaction with our transactions.

See! Here are two just arrived"—and he put into our hands a letter from one correspondent, saying, "Your retail prices compare favourably with the wholesale list of some other firms," and another, "I am more than pleased with your packets; they are better than you led me to suppose."

"If you think it will interest the readers of the *Fortnightly*" Mr. Rubens went on, "I may say that our business was first established in Johannesburg, in 1894, and, from a small beginning, it quickly became the premier concerns of the kind in Africa.

"There were already three firms of stamp dealers in Johannesburg, and as little interest was then taken in Philately, people were rather inclined to laugh at the idea of another concern making its way. However they soon saw reason to alter their views. Our success was at once assured, and from that date of our opening business on the Rand, stamp collecting seemed at once to get a grip of the population. It wasn't long before we were doing a very fine turnover. I can tell you!

"Well, on the outbreak of the war, we decided, for the greater safety of our stock, to remove the greater part of it to Cape Town, opening a local branch there, which was soon doing an excellent business amongst the great floating population resident there during the military operations. Our business in Johannesburg, mind you, was still maintained all through the war, and we have been singularly fortunate in keeping up communication with our resident staff when all avenues of correspondence were apparently closed.

"It had always been our ambition to have an office in the great stamp centre of the world, London," continued Mr. Rubens, "because thence we could supply our African branches in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Bloemfontein,

with a general stock of stamps, and at the same time distribute to the world the new issues of South Africans, which they were in a position to send to our London depot. There you have the chief reason why, in the early part of this year, we pitched our tent in the great philatelic thoroughfare, the Strand. We rent the whole upper part of this building, No. 368, Strand, and have partly rebuilt the interior."

"And results so far have been good?"

"Excellent" said Mr. Rubens, with emphasis. "We started business here on June 1st, and the results have greatly exceeded our expectations. Our transactions have been far greater than we could ever have hoped, and we have obtained a large circle of constant clients in all parts of the world, and nearly every mail brings an increase to our philatelic family."

"And what stamps do you find in most demand?"

"Now I'm rather glad you ask me that, because an impression seems to prevail that we deal in African stamps only. Naturally these are what we sell most of, but we deal in all stamps. We make a speciality of Africans, and hold an enormous stock of them, but we have for sale, and can supply, the stamps of all other countries. I may say that foreign stuff we sell, as a rule, at about 50% to 60% under catalogue prices."

"Is much interest being taken yet in your competition, Mr. Rubens?"

"Yes; we have enquiries for tickets from all countries, and we have been greatly complimented on the idea and the manner in which we are carrying it out. Of course it is a great expense, apart from the value of the prizes, as we advertise it largely through the press at home and abroad. One insertion in one paper recently cost us £12. However, we hope for a future return for our enterprise, which we must say at present, shows every sign of realization. And now if you will excuse me," Mr. Rubens added, "I will get along with this collection."

A Stamp Collector with a Conscience.

EVERY boy has heard of the converted thief who returned part of the proceeds of one of his robberies with a note to say he did so "becos his conshens nawed," and promising to send some more "wen conshens nawed again." But I wonder (writes Mr. Nankivell) if any reader of "The Captain" has ever met a boy whose "conshens nawed" over a stamp transaction? We stamp collectors are said to be hardened sinners when it comes to swapping stamps. Still, we are not all bad.

At least, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., assures me that we are not. They had long ago sent a collector a selection of stamps. He stuck to the lot. But years afterwards he was converted by the Salvation Army, and, having been led to see the error of his ways, he was siezed with remorse, and forthwith sent Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. half the value of the stamps, promising to send the rest later on. But, although that was long ago, his "conshens" has not yet "nawed" a second time.

The same firm assures me that they have had dozens of letters with money sent anonymously by collectors who had swindled them. They once received £2 in gold from New Zealand, with a sheet of paper on which there were simply the words "Conscience money."

These few facts, I submit, conclusively prove that we stamp collectors are not all bad boys, that, in fact, we have consciences that do "naw" sometimes.

Apropos the King's visit to the studio of Mr. George Wade, the sculptor, the "East Anglian Daily Times" says:

Probably, there is not a single Briton who would not prefer to see British postage stamps designed by a man answering to the name of Wade, rather than to the name of Fuchs. If it is contended that there is no English-born artist worthy to put the King's features on a postage stamp or a coin of the realm, that contention would be decried as an insult to British art.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

British New Guinea.—Probably the stamps of this territory will not trouble us for long. It appears that at a recent Conference of State Premiers in Melbourne, presided over by the Federal Premier, it was decided that the Australian Commonwealth should take over the administration of British New Guinea, and the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth promised that this should take place with only such delay as was absolutely necessary.

Chili.—Under date November 4th, Mr. Fred D. Walters, of Valparaiso, sends us the first value issued of the new Chilian set—the 5 centavos, blue.

This is a stamp of the usual rectangular shape, showing a profile of Christopher Columbus to left. At top: "Correos de Chile"; at bottom, the value.

It is a handsome, well-proportioned stamp that will be generally deemed a great improvement on the last Chilian set.

Falkland Islands.—"Ewen's Weekly" states that the 2½d. Queen's Head stamp is now obsolete.

Gold Coast.—There is a great deal of surcharging going on here, we understand, as a means of clearing out all the Queen's Head stamp preparatory to a King's Head issue.

Great Britain.—Under the heading of "Philately at Home and Abroad" in this number we give all the latest news and gossip regarding the forthcoming new stamps, together with various items of information which have come to us from an authoritative source.

North Borneo.—The Secretary to the British North Borneo Company informs "Ewen's Weekly" that the reason for the surcharge on the current set is as follows:—"North Borneo having been a British Protectorate for some years, the Court of Directors decided, in order to make this fact more generally known, that the stamps should be surcharged accordingly."

The first mail from Borneo, franked with the "British Protectorate" surcharged stamps, is reported to have been dated "Sandakan, October 8th."

Portugal and Colonies.—New issues are said to be in preparation, not only for Portugal proper, but also for all the Portuguese Colonies. A pleasing New Year prospect, truly!

Roumania.—There has been a new issue of the current 15 bani in a dingy lilac-grey shade. We have to thank Mr. S. Glassberg, of Jassy, for a specimen.

St. Christopher is shortly following the lead of the Virgin Isles in breaking away, or partially breaking away, from the postal conditions involved in the present issue of the Leeward Islands Federation. In brief, St. Christopher is going in for a pictorial issue, but this is to be in addition to the ordinary Leeward Islands stamps, the two kinds being on sale side by side.

Zanzibar.—The newspapers tell us that there is to be a further deal 'twixt this country and Germany over Zanzibar, whereby we shall waive the British Protectorate over Zanzibar in return for—something not very clearly specified. Presumably we must now say good bye to this, Zululand's sole companion in the "Z's" of the British Empire!

How Postage Stamps Illustrate History.

BY HUGH RICHARDSON, M.A.

SUCH an interesting article is that recently written by Dr. Hugh Richardson for the "*Yorkshire Weekly Post*" that we reprint the greater portion of it here. The article is headed "Postage Stamps as Illustrations of European History," and it goes far to prove the writer's contention that "almost every Government which has governed or misgoverned Europe for the last fifty years has left its traces in the albums of collectors."

England (writes Dr. Richardson), has been the happy nation without a history. For more than sixty years our stamps bore the image of our late gracious Queen. Our European possessions are few. Malta has been ours since 1880, Gibraltar since 1704. In 1890 we exchanged Heligoland with Germany for Zanzibar. The reprints of the Heligoland stamps in red, green and white are now a glut in the market. Scarce and interesting stamps are those of the Ionian Islands with Greek inscription round Victoria's head. The islands were given to Greece in 1862. The hurried acquisition of Cyprus in 1878 is indicated by the use of surcharged English stamps.

The oldest French stamps show the head of Liberty and superscription, "Repub Franc." These are relics of the Second Republic, 1848-53. A somewhat rarer stamp has the same "Repub. Franc." but with the head of Louis Napoleon! This was issued while he was President of the Republic. A little later the legend to "Empire Franc." Another issue added a laurel wreath, making one suspect a spirited foreign policy. That policy led to Sedan; and in 1870 a republic was again declared, and Liberty re-appeared on the stamps. There are few pages of history better illustrated by stamps than the dying reverberations of the Great Revolution.

The troubled times of 1866-74 left their traces on the stamps of Spain. Isabella, queen for 35 years, yielded to Liberty; and Europe saw the strange spectacle of a Republic advertising for a King. The rejection of a French Prince and the favour shown to a Hohenzollern candidate gave offence to France, and occasioned the Franco-German war. At last—in 1880—Amadeo, son of the King of Italy, took the throne, but was not strong enough to hold it. So Liberty reigned in his stead, 1873-75, until Alfonso, son of Isabella, succeeded. He was young indeed, but that was a fault easy to grow out of. Through the years 1872-76 the Carlist Government held the provinces of Navarre and Biscay, their stamps showing the head of Don Carlos.

Germany was once compared to a menagerie, the various States like wild beasts glaring through the bars. Illustrating the growth of Prussia, and the rise of the present Empire of Germany we find that Schleswig, Holstein, Schleswig-Holstein, Hanover, Oldenburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the free cities, Hamburg, Lubeck, Bremen, all had separate stamps before Prussia absorbed them. Of these either originals, re-prints, or forgeries can be obtained. Bergeborf had for emblem on its stamp half the Hamburg Castle and half the Lubeck Eagle, because it was the joint property of the two cities.

The growth of United Italy is well shown. There are obsolete stamps of (i) "Sardinia (= Sardinia + Piedmont + Savoy + Nice) with embossed head of Victor Emmanuel; of the three duchies (ii) Tuscany, (iii) Modena, and (iv) Parma; of (v) Sicily with the head of Ferdinand, and (vi) Naples, his other province, with its curious arms. In 1859, Austria was driven out of Lombardy, and the peoples of the Duchies and Legations voted for union with Sardinia. So in spite of anthems the Pope lost (vii) Romagna. After Garibaldi's expedition (1860), appeared first the stamps of the Provisional Government, and then the new stamps of the Neapolitan Provinces with head of Victor Emmanuel, not unlike those of Sardinia, but inscribed in Grana. In 1861, Victor Emmanuel was crowned King of Italy in Turin, and soon appeared the new stamp of Italy, now a nation, no longer a mere "geographical expression." In 1866, Austria ceded (viii) Venetia to Italy through Napoleon. The stamps of the (ix) States of the Church, with the crossed keys of Heaven and Hell, were in use till 1870, when the Italian troops entered Rome.

The Eastern Question is still unsolved. For its history we must look back to 1453 when Constantinople was taken by the Turks. The forces now acting are the decay of Turkish power, the difficulty of internal communication, the variety of languages, races and religions, and the jealousies of other European Powers. The Star and Crescent now floats over a smaller part of the Balkan Peninsula than it used to; and in contrast to Italy we see in Turkey the decay

of empire. The people of Montenegro boast that they were never in bondage. Greece has been independent since 1829; and Mercury, once telegraph boy to the Gods on Olympus, is now in the employ of that Government. In 1861, Roumania was formed by the union of Moldavia and Wallachia. Servia was independent in 1862. The Russo-Turkish War of 1877 was followed by the Treaty of Berlin in 1878. Bulgaria got Home Rule, and stamps with rampant lion. The Austrian arms appeared on the stamps of Bosnia. Eastern Roumelia was allowed a separate stamp, but Emp. Ottoman was printed across it in token of submission. This stamp is no longer in use, as in 1885 Eastern Roumelia quietly joined Bulgaria. This was contrary to the Treaty, but no one wished to risk war to enforce it. By a secret Treaty with Turkey in 1878 England was allowed to occupy Cyprus, not, indeed, until the Greek Kalends come, but for so long as Russia extends south of the Caucasus. The first stamps of the Provisional Joint Administration of Crete by France, Great Britain, Italy, and Russia date from 1898. Their design and inscription are Greek, not Turkish, and may typify the future allegiance of the island.

The separate stamps of Livonia and Poland have given way to, and the Finland stamps have become more like those of Russia, on which we meet a new alphabet, several letters resembling the Greek. The same head, King Oscar, appears on the stamps of Norway and of Sweden, two Governments united by the one golden link of the Crown. The Iceland stamps closely resemble those of Denmark.

Concluding his article, Dr. Richardson offers a hint to young collectors whose pocket-money is limited. "Instead of trying to get complete sets of stamps, be content with one stamp as a type for each set, and try to make a collection which shall have some special interest of its own. 'Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay,' wrote the poet. Let us paraphrase—better a type-collection illustrating European History than a complete set of Japanese 'telegraphs.'"

"A collection of historical European stamps (he adds) gives us a vivid picture of a state of continual flux and change. Wars and treaties, revolutions and plebiscites have happened before and may happen again. 'The Parliament of man, the federation of the world' seems very far away, but the Postal Union has already arranged a uniform letter tariff between all civilised countries. Collectors will look forward with interest to the problems of the future. How long will the French Republic last? Will Spain remain a monarchy? How strong is the link binding Norway and Sweden? What will happen when the Emperor of Austria dies? Who will get Constantinople if the Turk cannot keep it?"

British Guiana, \$1, of 1889.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS TO THE NUMBER ISSUED OF THIS VERY SCARCE STAMP.

IN previous numbers of the *Fortnightly* we have drawn attention to the undoubted scarcity of the 1 dollar black and green British Guiana of 1889. A valued correspondent in the colony, Mr. J. W. Dorman, now sends us the following copy of an official letter bearing on the subject:

[COPY.] Treasury, George Town, Demerara,
8th October, 1901.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of 4th inst., I am authorised to make the following reply in respect of the issue of \$1 stamps of the 1889 issue.

2. In May, 1890, there were received in the Colony 114,000 of these stamps, and 7,946 were supplied by the Crown Agents, subsequently making in all 121,946. No more of these stamps have been ordered or received from the Crown Agents. Of the 121,946 received, 144 stamps, and no more, were issued to the public as \$1 stamps. Two stamps were destroyed, and the remainder, 121,800 stamps, were surcharged and issued to the public as 1 cent stamps in 1891.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

C. B. HAMILTON,

J. W. DORMAN, Esq.

Commissioner of Stamps.

To this Mr. Dorman adds: "Very few specimens of this one dollar stamp can be held by any dealer, as during my ten years in this Colony some 60 (out of a total of 144) have passed through my hands. Of these, I still hold 40, and of the remaining 84 copies, some 25 to 30 were used fiscally."

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Varieties, Major and Minor.

If, as said Carlyle, genius consists of an infinite capacity for taking pains, then, indeed, may many a philatelic minor variety hunter claim possession of that particular form of (to quote a certain clever essayist) insanity! Few of us would dare to deny that the craze for microscopical varieties in postage stamps has been carried a great deal too far. When philately first came into being, and when the good old name of stamp collector was deemed sufficient appellation for the best of us, no one looked upon the microscope and the millimetre-measure as necessary items in the stamp-fancier's outfit. Nor can we see that such tools are imperatively needed now, save for the detection of counterfeit stamps and forged surcharges.

The Revolt against "Dotty" Philately.

Long months ago we ventured to protest, in the *Fortnightly* against the too finicking style of philately represented by the present-day passion for dotless varieties, broken letters, *et hoc genus omne*. We shall venture to reprint here what we wrote as long ago as September, 1900:—

Really one can have too much of a good thing—even of such a good thing as scientific philately. The epithet "dotty" has often been applied to philatelists as a class, and some of the later developments of the hobby give rise to an uneasy feeling that the imputation is not altogether undeserved. In the latest issue of "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" columns are columns in a four page paper—is given up to a disquisition on V.R.I. varieties from the pen of Lord Crawford, writing from Balcarres under date September 3rd. Against the article itself we have nothing to advance. It is in every respect a piece of clever, painstaking, philatelic work. But what is the use of it all? Surely it is going a little too far in the minor variety mania, to print a diagram shewing the 27 possible combinations of dots in the V.R.I. surcharge on Orange Free State stamps. In our opinion, and we happen to know in that of many others, philately is in danger of losing much of its old fascination as a result of ridiculous over-specialisation.

The views we then expressed are echoed to-day by many of our fellow-philatelists. At the recent annual dinner of the Philatelic Society the key-note of the principal speeches was this very revolt against what we have called the finicking Philately of to-day. Messrs. Castle and Oldfield, in particular, spoke ably and interestingly on the subject of over-specialisation.

The last-named, adopting a now famous Roseberyan metaphor, spoke of "the specialist ploughing his lonely furrow." Dilating upon this he pointed out that the various furrows were now being ploughed so deep that one special

could not see into his neighbour's furrow, and, what was worse, *did not want to!* The moral Mr. Oldfield points is that philatelists, owing to the spread of specialism, are breaking up into small cliques—cliques so small that some of them resemble the famous Irishmen's "Committee of one"—and each little clique feels and shows an utter indifference as to what the others are doing. Suppose a paper is read nowadays on the stamps of some given country: how many philatelists attend to listen to it? and how many of those who do listen are genuinely interested? Time was when every philatelist, even though he were a specialist of some particular country or group, was also a "generalist," and able, therefore, to take an intelligent interest in any philatelic subject under discussion. But now we have changed all that. To-day the specialist of one country knows nothing about that country's neighbour—and very probably cares less!

Where is the Remedy?

Mr. L. W. Fulcher, himself an interesting speaker at the Philatelic Society's dinner, has been tackling this matter of the collectibility of minor varieties in the magazine he edits—"Morley's Philatelic Journal." In his latest article this gentleman writes:—

The real difficulty in the matter lies in the impossibility of dictating to a man what he shall collect and what not. Some find their chief delight in seeking minor differences, some are indifferent in the matter; they are too lazy or cannot find any pleasure in studying their stamps. But notwithstanding this, there should be a fixed standard to which everyone, who desires the name of philatelists, ought to conform, and collectors alone are in a position to fix the standard. An influential committee of collectors should decide what varieties are "minor" and not indispensable for a collector to take, and these decisions should be recorded in a standard Catalogue, in which the necessary varieties for a complete collection of any country would be in large type, while all "minor varieties" in the proper sense of the term should be relegated to notes in smaller type. This scheme has already been proposed and discussed at length, but at present a method has not been found by which it can be practically realised. In the meantime the only remedy at hand is for collectors of repute to discourage the collection of curiosities by fellow collectors, particularly in the direction of paying fancy prices for such.

The suggestions are large and we fear impracticable. For instance, the following questions at once present themselves:

Who will undertake publication of the suggested Standard Catalogue?

Failing a non-trade Catalogue (which we take to be Mr. Fulcher's idea) will the dealers at present publishing these books be willing to adopt the suggestion as to a smaller type for minor varieties? (For will it not seem to the dealer—who is not as a rule a man of sentiment—that to place in the smaller type the article for which he asks the larger price is remarkably bad business?)

It will be seen that Mr. Fulcher is leading us back to the eternal Catalogue Question, and to the suggested "Collectors' Catalogue," which the Philatelic Society has formally rejected, and of which even Mr. Nankivell has grown a-weary. No; we fear it is not in this way that we shall check what is admitted to be one of the evils of present-day stamp collecting.

Where, then, is the remedy? Collectors, as Mr. Fulcher says, will not be dictated to. Nor, he might have added, will the dealers! Since, therefore, one cannot use coercion of any sort of kind, perhaps somebody will be inspired with some practicable scheme for *persuading* all philatelists to see eye to eye on this matter. In our time we have offered *Fortnightly* readers many an opening for an interesting discussion. Here is one that vitally concerns them all!

The Other Side of the Question.

Of course there are two sides to the question. For instance, a reader of the *Fortnightly*, in the course of a most interesting letter, exclaims:

I protest against all this talk about limiting the number of collectible varieties! Surely such things as misplaced letters, absence of stops, etc., may be regarded as within the legitimate scope of Philately.

We may assure this gentleman that we haven't the smallest quarrel with the scope of philately. What we do object to is the Phila-tele scope!

Notes on the Adhesive Stamps of British South Africa.

BY GEORGE B. PETRIE.

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THE British South Africa Company was incorporated by Royal Charter, dated October 29th, 1889, and was assigned an area of 192,000 square miles, or in other words, over three times the size of England and Wales, south of the River Zambesi. Rhodesia, as it is sometimes called from the name of its founder Mr. Cecil Rhodes, is divided into two distinct provinces—Mashonaland in the North-East (Northern Rhodesia), and Matabeleland in the South-West (Southern Rhodesia). On the day of the establishment of civil government, the civilian population consisted exclusively of the 187 members of the disbanded Pioneer Corps; and the latest return, based on an informal census taken a few months ago, showed the European population to exceed 12,000. A great portion of Southern Rhodesia enjoys an altitude of over 3,500ft. above sea level, and might be described as the healthiest Colony in South Africa. One of the most encouraging reports of progress is discernable in its trade, turning to the speech recently made by the chairman of the Company—the Duke of Abercorn—we find that substantial progress has been made with the development of Rhodesia during the past year, and he prophesied that in the future it would compare favourably with that of any other British Colony.

In December, 1890, British South Africa entered upon its postal existence. The design adopted is certainly very effective, if not handsome, and bears the arms of the Company, the correct heraldic description of which is: *Escutcheon—Gules, the chief semee of besant, the base semee, ears of wheat, or, a fesse wavy, argent, between two oxen both passant in chief, and an elephant's passant in base, the fesse charged with three gulleys, sable. Supporters—Two springboks both rampant. Crest—A lion rampant guardant, or, holding in his dexter fore-paw an elephant's tusk. Motto—"Justice, Commerce, Freedom."* Arched above the arms and touching the top border line of the stamp, is the word "British" in thick set Roman capitals on a white background, under this and taking the form of a scroll, extending from the left to the right of the stamp are the words "South Africa Company" in bold white capitals. At the base of the stamp on a coloured block is inscribed in words in small Roman capitals the value. The whole on a background of horizontal lines. The two shillings and sixpence differs slightly from the remainder, in respect of its value, which is in thin long capitals on a white background. There is an additional ornamental frame to be found in the one, two, five and ten pounds stamps, which makes it measure 23mm. wide instead of 18mm., as in the case of the lower values. The paper for this issue was manufactured by Messrs. William Collins, Sons & Co., Ltd. There are to be found four degrees or variations of thickness of paper in the 6d. value. This issue comprises in all eleven values, and was printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., of London. Some of the stamps are generally found stamped in purple ink by a rubber die, pen cancellations are also to be met with, these are fiscally used by the Revenue authorities mostly on the receipts of the native's hut tax.

ISSUE I.

Engraved in *taille-douce*.

Type. Fig. 1 for low values; larger stamps for the higher values.
Date. December, 1900.
Watermark. Fig. 2 on a sheet of sixty stamps, six rows of 10 each.
Perforation. Machine 14.
Paper. Thin white wove, 6d., also on thick.
Gum. White.



Fig. 1.

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| 1. 1d. black. | 7. 5s. orange-yellow. |
| 2. 6d. ultramarine. | 8. 10s. dark green. |
| 3. 6d. deep blue. | 9. £1 deep blue. |
| 4. 1s. grey-brown. | 10. £2 rose-red. |
| 5. 2s. vermilion. | 11. £5 sage-green. |
| 6. 2s. 6d. purple. | 12. £10 brown. |

ISSUE II.

Type. Fig. 2.
Date. March, 1891.
Watermark.
Perforation. } Same as Issue 1.
Paper. }
Gum. }

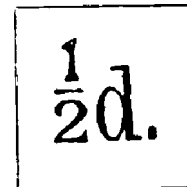


Fig. 2.

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| 13. 1/4d. on 6d., ultramarine. |
| 14. 2d. " " |
| 15. 4d. " " |
| 16. 8d. on 1s., grey-brown. |

N.B.—The 1/4d., surcharge as far as is known is not to be found on the 6d. deep blue.

This issue was none other than a provisional, and comprised the four surcharges given below, in *black*, and in a numeral of large size, which in the 1/4d. measures 5 1/2mm. in height, while the letter "d" measures 9 x 4mm. The issue is stated to be due to a change in the postal rates, and to the fact that the new values, which were impending were not yet ready for issue. Surcharged by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., Ltd., now Messrs. J. Whittingham & Co., Ltd.

ISSUE III.

Type. Fig. 3.
Date. (a) April, 1891 (b) December, 1891.
Watermark.
Perforation. } Same as last.
Paper. }
Gum. }



Fig. 3.

17. (a) 1/4d deep blue and vermilion (Figgins, Trap & Co., London.)

- 18. (a) 2d., sea-green.
- 19. (b) 3d., grey black and green.
- 20. (a) 4d., chestnut and black.
- 21. (a) 8d., rose-lake and ultramarine.

In this issue a very marked change is observed, the value block at the base of each stamp has been removed, and replaced by being printed on a *white* back ground from ordinary printer's type. In the above list of this issue the colours of the printed in values are expressed in the latter colour.

ISSUE IV.

Type. Fig. 3.
 Date. (a) March, 1893 (b) March, 1894.
 Watermark. }
 Perforation. } Same as last.
 Paper. }
 Gum. }

- 22. (b) 3s., light brown and green.
- 23. (a) 4s., grey-black and vermilion.

This issue, which also appeared in bi-colour, is in every sense of the word identical with the last issue, except that the value is expressed in another type, *i.e.*, small thick capitals.

ISSUE V.

Type. Fig. 3.
 Date. April, 1895.
 Watermark. Same
 Perforation. 12½.
 Paper. Thick soft wove.
 Gum. White.

- 24. 2d. green and red.
- 25. 4d. yellow-brown and black.

This issue was the first printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co., who early in that year superseded Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. One noticeable feature is that the colouring of these two stamps is much lighter than those of the same value in Issue III.



Fig. 4.

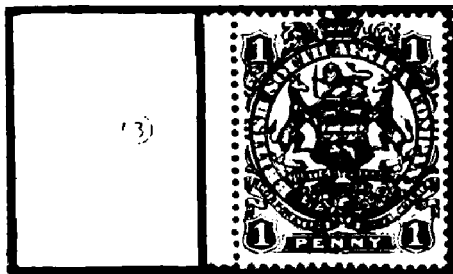


Fig. 5.

ISSUE VI.

Type. Fig 4.
 Date. February, 1896.
 Watermark. Nil.
 Perforations. (i.) 13½ × 14; (ii.) 14; (iii.) 14½ × 15.
 Paper. (a.) Thick white wove. (b.) Buff on pale salmon.
 (c.) Yellow. (d.) Blue. (e.) Green. (f.) Rose.
 Gum. Yellow-brown.

- 26. (i) (ii) (a) ½d., slate and violet.
- 27. (ii) (a) 1d., scarlet and emerald.
- 28. (ii) (a) 2d., grey-brown and mauve.
- 29. (ii) (iii) (a) 3d., scarlet and ultramarine.
- 30. (ii) (a) 4d., ultramarine and mauve. (Shades.)
- 31. (ii) (a) 6d., purple and pink. (Shades.)
- 32. (ii) (b) 8d., olive-green and violet.
- 33. (ii) (a) 1s., green and blue.

NOTE.—Specimens of an 8d. imperforate of this issue are sometimes to be found, but I have it on good authority, that if such a stamp really exists, it must be from a sheet which has accidentally been left imperforate. I see that some firms chronicle it in their catalogues, but in any case they are not worthy of the attention of philatelists.

This issue can, notwithstanding there being apparently without any minor varieties, be specialized, as had been done by the writer. From the various shades there can be hardly any doubt that there were four distinct printings. In the left hand top corner of the spare marginal paper (*vide* Fig. 5.) of every sheet there appears a small figure, surrounded by a circle, and these figures I find vary with the different shades

in which the stamps appear. The following numbers and shades are in my possession, and I am not sure what others are to be found :

- No. 3. ½d., slate and violet.
 - 1. 1d., scarlet and dark emerald.
 - 2. 1d., " " emerald.
 - 3. 1d., " " pale emerald.
 - 4. 1d., " " very deep emerald.
 - 1. 2d., grey-brown and mauve.
 - 2. 2d., " " pale mauve.
 - 3. 2d., " " deep "
 - 1. 3d., chocolate and ultramarine.
 - 2. 3d., " " pale ultramarine.
 - 3. 3d., " " deep "
- (To be Continued.)

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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MALTA.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1860-61. No wmk. Perf. 14.				
½d. buff on white paper ..	.. 20/	12/6	20/	12/6
½d. buff on blued paper ..	.. 30/	20/	35/	25/
Wmk. Crown and CC. Perf. 12½.				
½d. buff .. ..	.. 7/6	4/	6/	3/6
½d. yellow-buff .. ..	.. 21/	14/	12/6	8/
Wmk. C. and CC. Perf. 14.				
½d. buff .. ..	.. 15/	10/6	15/	10/6
½d. yellow-buff .. ..	.. 2/6	2/	1/	1/8
½d. golden yellow .. ..	.. 12/6	8/	15/	10/6
Wmk. C. and CC. Perf. 14 × 12½.				
½d. yellow-buff .. ..	.. 20/	14/	2/	1/3
1881. Wmk. C. and CA. Perf. 14.				
½d. yellow-buff .. ..	.. 1/4	1/3	1/	1/8
1885. Wmk. C. and CA. Perf. 14.				
½d. green .. ..	.. 1/		1/	
1d. carmine .. ..	.. 1/2		1/	
2d. grey .. ..	.. 1/3		1/2	
2½d. pale blue .. ..	.. 1/	1/8	1/2	1/
2½d. ultramarine .. ..	.. 1/4		1/	
4d. brown .. ..	.. 1/5		1/2	1/
1/- violet .. ..	.. 1/3		1/3	1/2
5/- rose .. ..	.. 6/		4/	3/
Variety Imperf.				
4d. brown .. ..	.. 70/	50/	70/	50/
1899-1900. Pictorial Designs. Wmk. C and CA. Perf. 14.				
½d. brown .. ..	.. 1/		1/	
4½d. brown .. ..	.. 1/6		1/4	1/3
5d. vermilion .. ..	.. 1/6		1/4	1/3
2/6 greenish-grey .. ..	.. 3/		2/6	1/9
10/- deep blue .. ..	.. 12/		12/	10/6
1. 4d., ultramarine and mauve.				
2. 4d., " " pale mauve.				
3. 4d., " " deep "				
1. 6d., purple and pink.				
2. 6d., " " bright rose.				
1. 8d., olive-green and violet.				
1. 1s., green and blue.				
2. 1s., " " pale blue.				
3. 1s., " " dark "				

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

OUR PHILATELIC AUCTIONEERS.



I. MR. WALTER BULL.
(Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Coop.r.)

PHILATELIC Auctions are now practically everyday events, and one naturally wonders how the two to five hundred lots one sees in every catalogue are disposed of at anything like a decent price! Yet you have only to stroll into any sale room nowadays to be quickly convinced from the large attendance and the brisk bidding from dealer and collector alike that vast sums, occasionally amounting to thousands of pounds weekly are realised. Moreover most of the stamps, and especially those in fine condition, fetch very satisfactory prices.

Of course, numerous strange things are seen and heard by the habitual sale-goer, and one of the queerest was told us by a neighbour at a recent auction.

It seems that a friend of his recently purchased (for credit) from a dealer of his acquaintance, a little parcel of stamps at a very favourable figure. He took these around to an auctioneer forthwith, feeling sure that he had brought them so well that he could get an advance equalling if not exceeding the price he was to pay for the stamps. His hopes were more than realised. The auctioneer, having breakfasted well, made a liberal but not an excessive advance on the goods, and the hero of our story was able to return to his astonished friend the dealer, pay him for the stamps, and still have a little over a sovereign to the good! He had thus made a very neat little turn on a capital of nothing-at all, and had the further prospect of a small balance in his favour when the stamps should come under the hammer.

Thus was the story related to us by our neighbour at the auction. But nowadays you meet so many liars, don't you? Eh? what?

We now continue our reports of the most interesting realisations at recent auctions:—

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE, November 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th.

(continued.)

	£	s.	d.
Portugal, 1855, 5 reis red-brown, with straight hair*	..	4	0 0
Prussia, 1857, 2sgr. dark blue, a vertical pair*	..	25	10 0
Do. 1861-65 2sgr., Prussian blue, a pair*	..	6	0 0
Roumania: Moldavia, 1854, 27 paras black on rose, 81 paras blue on blue, and 2 copies of the 108 paras blue on rose, cut round, and used together on entire	..	100	0 0
Do. do. 27 paras black on rose	..	27	0 0
Do. do. 54 " blue on green	..	11	0 0
Do. do. 81 " blue on blue	..	160	0 0

	£	s.	d.
Roumania, do. 108 paras blue on rose* defective	..	38	0 0
Do. do. 1859, white paper, 5 paras black, a strip of 3	..	17	0 0
Russia, 1875-79, vertically laid paper, 2 koeps, black and rose*	..	3	7 6
Do. Levant, 1865, 2 koeps brown and blue, a pair*	..	6	5 0
Do. do. a vertical pair..	..	6	0 0
Saxony, 1850, 3pf. red	..	3	15 0
Spain, 1852, 2 reales red* no gum	..	11	0 0
Do. 1853, 2 reales scarlet* do.	..	6	0 0
Switzerland. Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen, red and blue*	..	5	0 0
Do. another specimen used on entire	..	5	10 0
Do. Geneva, 1845, 5 x 5c. yellow-green, the double stamp* no gum	..	22	0 0
Do. another specimen used	..	12	0 0
Do. do. 5c. yellow-green, the left half of the double stamp* no gum	..	4	0 0
Do. Neuchatel, 1851, 5c. black and red*	..	5	0 0
Do. Vaud, 1849, 4c. black and red	..	12	0 0
Do. another specimen on entire	..	12	10 0
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen black and red, vertical lines, type 2* but torn	..	15	5 0
Do. another specimen, with horizontal lines, type 2,* but stained	..	13	0 0
Do. Zurich, another specimen, horizontal lines, type 3*, but no gum	..	15	5 0
Do. do. another specimen, horizontal lines, type 2 on entire	..	8	8 0
Do. do. another specimen, vertical lines, type 3	..	7	10 0
Do. do. do. do. type 4	..	7	0 0
Do. do. do. horizontal lines, type 5	..	7	0 0
Do. 1850, Poste Locale, 2½ rappen black and red without frame to cross, penmkd. and thinned	..	6	15 0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 2 soldi red on blue	..	6	0 0
Do. do. 60 crazie red on blue, slightly torn	..	6	5 0
Do. 1860, 3 lire yellow, poor copy	..	30	0 0
Wurtemberg, 1850, 9kr. black on rose*, no gum	..	4	15 0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 4d. rose, poor copy	..	5	15 0
Do. do. 8d. brown	..	10	10 0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown, rather poor	..	3	5 0
Do. do. 1/- lilac* no gum	..	11	0 0
Do. do. 1/9 green* fine	..	3	10 0
Do. do. 2/- blue	..	4	2 6
Hong Kong, 1879, stamp surcharged for use on post cards, Three on 5 cents on 18c. lilac, *part gum	..	3	0 0
Labuan, 1880, 8 in black on 12c. carmine*	..	2	12 6

AFRICA.

Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 4d. rose, error, damaged and repaired	..	25	0 0
Lagos, 1885-87, wmk. C.A., 2/6 grey*	..	3	7 6
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d orange, early impression, heavily postmarked, and cut into	..	2	10 0
Do. do. 1d. orange, medium early impression, damaged and repaired	..	4	4 0
Do. do. another specimen, late medium impression	..	7	12 6
Do. do. 2d. blue, early medium impression	..	4	17 6
Do. do. another specimen	..	4	5 0
Do. 1859, Small Fillet, 2d. blue, worn impression	..	4	10 0
Do. do. Greek Border, 1d. scarlet, cut close*, but no gum	..	4	0 0
Reunion, 1852, 30c. black on bluish, defective, on entire	..	9	0 0
Sierra Leone, 1894, wmk. CC. Half Penny on 1½d. lilac*	..	4	0 0
Swaziland, 1889-90, 10c. brown*	..	4	0 0
Transvaal, 1876, 1/- green, roulette, soft, porous paper, no roulette at bottom*	..	10	0 0
Zululand, 1894-96, £5 purple and black on red	..	3	3 0

NORTH AMERICA.

British Columbia, 1861, imperf., 2½d. pink*	..	12	0 0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve	..	10	0 0
Do. another copy, fine	..	11	5 0
Newfoundland, 1857, 4d. scarlet	..	6	0 0
Do. do. 1/- scarlet, cut close at left	..	8	10 0
Do. 1860, 4d. orange*, but no gum	..	3	12 6
Do. do. 1/- orange	..	12	5 0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 6d. yellow-green*, but no gum	..	3	0 0
Do. do. 1/- cold violet	..	13	5 0
Do. do. 1/- purple	..	11	0 0
Do. do. 1/- dark purple, fine	..	14	0 0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

	£	s.	d.
Nevis, 1878, perf. 15, litho, 6d. grey*	4	0	0
Do. 1883, wmk. CA., 6d. green*	4	4	0
St. Vincent, 1871-77, 1/- vermilion*	3	17	6
Do. 1880-81, Provisionals, One Penny on 6d. yellow-green*	3	10	0
Do. do. do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion	8	5	0
Tobago, 1882-84, wmk. CA., 6d. bistre	3	15	0
Trinidad, 1896, 10/- green and blue	3	10	0

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Bolivar, 1863-66, 10c. green*, but no gum	3	0	0
Bolivia, 1871, 11 stars, 500c. black*, do.	3	17	6
British Guiana, 1852, 4c. blue	4	7	6
Do. 1853, do. with white lines, a pair*	4	10	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta corners cut	4	5	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858 (April) Cuato Pesos red	6	0	0
Do. do. Cinco Pesos, orange-yellow	0	10	0
Columbian Republic, 1862, 20c. red	3	5	0
Dominican do. 1862, 1 real green* no gum	3	10	0
Peru, 1858, Medio Peso, rose-red, error	8	0	0

AUSTRALIANS.

New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, plate 1, 1d. red, a proof	3	0	0
Do. 1851-53, 8d. orange	3	3	0
Queensland, 1860, imperf., 2d. blue, a strip of 3	17	17	0
Do. a single specimen	5	10	0
Victoria, 1868-81, 5/- blue on yellow*, part gum	7	15	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. black-bronze*, stained with gum	3	12	6

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, November 15th.

Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. bright red, slightly torn	1	13	0
New South Wales, wmk., 5/-, 20/- blue*	1	16	0
South Australia, perf. 10, wmk. V. and C., 4d. imperf. on left	1	12	0
Trinidad, Litho. (1d.) in dark blue	1	2	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Nov. 19th and 20th.

Bahamas, no wmk., clean-cut perfs., 1d. lake	1	5	0
British South Africa, 1st issue, £2 rose-red*	3	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking Besieged, 1/- on Bechuana-land Protectorate 6d.*	1	6	0
Ceylon, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 5d. purple-brown*, mint	2	15	0
Do. wmk. T.H. on no wmk. paper, perf. 13, 6d. brown, a horizontal pair*	2	10	0
Gt. Britain, wmk. Maltese Cross, 5/- rose (plate 2)*	1	6	0
New South Wales, Sydney View (plate 1), 1d. red	1	9	0
Do. do. 1d. red	1	4	0
Do. do. 1d. red on laid paper	1	18	0
Do. do. plate 2, 2d. deep blue	1	8	0
Do. do. plate 3, 2d. lilac-blue	1	5	0
Do. do. 2d. violet-blue on laid paper, late plate	1	5	0
New Zealand, 1855, London Print, imperf., 2d. deep blue	1	5	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown*	1	12	0
Orange River Colony, 1900, 2½d., a horizontal pair*, showing antique "2" in half	3	3	0
Switzerland, Zurich, 4r. black with vertical lines cut close and creased*	9	10	0
Tobago, 1880, manuscript surcharge, 1d. on half 6d. orange	3	3	0
Trinidad, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 4d. grey (figure of Britannia)	1	2	0
Do. 1896, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 10/- green and ultramarine*	3	10	0
Western Australia, 1895, wmk. CC., surcharged in red and in green, a block of 4*, and a block of 4 with same surcharge on C.A. paper	11	0	0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, November 18th.

Gt. Britain, £5 orange, rather poor specimen	1	4	0
Do. reconstructed plate of 1d. black	5	0	0
Hawaii, 13c. dull red on thick white paper*, no gum	1	10	0
New Brunswick, 1/- mauve, fine	11	0	6
St. Lucia, 1860, wmk. star, 4d. blue	1	15	0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen red and blue	4	8	0
Transvaal, £5 green	1	2	0
Trinidad, 1859-61, imperf., 6d. green	1	3	0
Victoria, 1862, perf. 6d. orange, poor copy	2	0	0
Western Australia, imperf., 1857, 2d. brown-black on red	1	10	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

November 21st and 22nd.

	£	s.	d.
Bahamas, wmk. C. and C.C., perforated 14 × 12½, 1d. ver- milion*	10	10	0
Do. wmk. C. and C.A., perf. 14, 4d. rose*, thinned	2	10	0
Bangkok, 1st issue, "B" on first issue, 32c. Straits	10	10	0
Barbados, 1872, compound perf., ¼d. blue-green*	1	10	0
British Central Africa, £25 blue (oblong) with Blantyre postmark	2	2	0
British East Africa, "On Company's Stamps," 5a. black on grey-blue*	3	10	0
British Guiana, 1853, 1c. vermilion	1	10	0
Do. 1860, thin paper, 1c. brown	1	12	0
British Honduras, 1885, 6d. yellow	2	0	0
Do. 1887, 1/- grey	1	14	0
Buenos Ayres, Steamship, 5 pesos orange, rather poor	5	10	0
Bulgaria, 1882, error of colour, 5st. rose and pale rose	5	10	0
Canada, perf. 12, 6d. grey-lilac	3	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red	3	10	0
Do. do. 4d. blue	2	12	6
Do. do. 4d. dark blue, creased	4	8	0
Do. 1853-64, 1/- emerald green*	4	4	0
Ceylon, wmk. star, 8d. brown slightly torn	3	6	0
Do. do. 8d. yellow-brown	5	0	0
Do. no wmk. 9d. brown*	7	15	0
Do. wmk. C and CC. 2d. yellow-green	1	18	0
Dominica, wmk. C. and CA., 1/- lilac rose*	1	12	0
Egypt, 1st issue, 5 piastres rose, error, with overprint of 10 pres.*	5	5	0
Hanover, 10 groschen	1	1	0
India, 1st issue, ½ anna, red*	7	0	0
Johore, Provl., 2c. on 24c. green, error "censt"	2	12	0
Lagos, 1885, 5/- blue, rubbed on face	3	3	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion, early state	5	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, early state	3	10	0
Naples, ½ tornese blue "Arms," thinned	5	15	0
Newfoundland, 4d. orange	4	4	0
Do. 4d. scarlet-vermilion, with dated postmark	6	0	0
Do. 1/- scarlet-vermilion, creased	6	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d., plate 1	4	15	0
Do. do. 2d., plate 11, with Butterfly postmark	3	0	0
Do. do. 3d. emerald-green	5	15	0
Do. 1890-98, perf. 10, 20/- ultramarine*	2	2	0
Do. do. perf. 12, £1 carmine and violet	2	0	0
New Zealand, pelure paper, 1/- green, perforated	3	0	0
Nova Scotia, 6d. dark green	3	5	0
Do. 1/- violet, rather poor copy	4	12	6
Oldenburg, 1859, ½sgr. black on green	3	10	0
Do. do. 2gr. black on rose*, stained	1	15	0
Do. do. 3gr. black on yellow	2	4	0
Orange Free State, V.R.I., 2½d. on 3d. blue, a block of 4, including variety with antique 2 and one with square stop*	4	10	0
Peru, 1858, Medio peso rose, thinned in margin	7	15	0
Philippines, 1st issue, 1 real blue, error, "Corros"	4	0	0
Do. 1863, 2 res. blue, surcharged Habilitado, etc.	1	10	0
St. Helena, perf. 12½, 4d. carmine, short bar, double surcharge, one 18 and the other 19mm. long, torn	10	0	0
St. Vincent, 1885, 4d. red-brown*	5	5	0
Servia, 1st issue, error of colour, 2 paras deep green on lilac rose*	6	15	0
Sierra Leone, 1897, provisional, 2½d. on 1/- type a, but with slanting serif to "d"	1	16	0
South Australia, 1st issue, 1d. yellow-green	1	12	0
Straits Settlements, 1879-82, provl., 10c. (cents in creased diamond type) on 30c.* (Gibbons' No. 37)	2	12	6
Tasmania, 1d. blue	2	18	0
Tobago, 1st issue, 5/- slate*, perfs. defective	2	2	0
Transvaal, 1869-1870, 6d. blue, with word ZES erased, wide roulette	3	15	0
Do. 1877, surcharged V.R. Transvaal in red, 1/- green	3	5	0
Do. provl., 1d. on 6d. type 13*	1	12	0
Do. do. "1 Penny" on 6d. black, type 14	6	6	0
Trinidad, Litho., 1d. deep blue, slightly thinned	4	4	0
Do. 1864-76, wmk. C. and CC., perf. 12½, 1/- purple	3	17	6
Do. 1896, 10/- green and ultramarine*	3	10	0
Do. The Lady McLeod	10	0	0
Victoria, 1st issue, 1d. rose*	3	0	0
Do. 5/- blue on yellow, perfs. defective	2	0	0

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS & Co's. Sale, 28th November.

	£	s.	d.
British East Africa Co., Provisional, "1 anna" in manuscript on 3 as. ..	1	8	0
British South Africa Co., 1890, £10 brown ..	2	2	0
Do. do. £5 green ..	1	10	0
Do. do. £2 rose ..	1	12	6
Cape of Good Hope, 1900, Mafeking Besieged, 1d. on ½d. vermilion* ..	1	1	0
Ceylon, Rs. 2. 50, lilac-rose ..	2	10	0
Crete, first issue, 20p., mauve* ..	1	6	0
Lagos, 2/6 olive * creased ..	2	10	0
New South Wales, 1850, Sydney view, 3 on bluish, a pair, rather poor ..	1	16	0
New Zealand, 1856, imperf. on blue, 1d. red ..	1	10	0
Do. do. 1/- green, thinned ..	1	4	0
St. Lucia, 1883, 6d. lilac* ..	1	1	0
Switzerland, Neuchatel, 1851, 5c. rect., black and red, slightly creased ..	1	10	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½rp. black and red ..	1	14	0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue cut close ..	1	10	0
Transvaal, 1877, imperf. 1/- green, inverted surcharge, damaged ..	1	10	0

Third Sale of the Birmingham Philatelic Society at Great Western Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, December 5th, 1901.

Ceylon, 1857, 5d. chestnut-brown* imperf., clipped at bottom ..	1	14	0
Do. do. 10d. orange-vermilion, imperf.* pinholed ..	1	18	0
Do. do. 1/9 green, imperf.* ..	3	10	0
Do. 4d. deep rose, wmk. star, rough perf.* ..	2	2	0
Do. 4d. dull rose, wmk. star, clean cut perf. ..	2	8	0
Do. 1/9 green, perforated* ..	3	5	0
Do. 1872, Two Rupees, 50c, lilac-rose* ..	5	5	0
New South Wales, 6d. brown, error Walls ..	3	15	0
Nova Scotia, 6d. deep green on original ..	1	10	0
St. Vincent, 2½d. on fourpence, lake-brown, a pair, one without bar* ..	2	1	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,
November 26th and 27th, 1901.

EUROPE.

Austria Newspaper Stamp, 6kr, red* fine ..	18	0	0
Great Britain, 1840, 1d. black, V.R.,* ..	7	15	0
Naples, 1860, ½ tornese blue. Arms, on entire, slightly defective ..	6	5	0
Oldenburg, 1859, ½ gros, black on green*, rather poor copy ..	3	0	0
Roumania, Moldavia, 54 paras, blue on green on entire ..	10	5	0
Do. do. 108 paras, blue on rose ..	14	10	0
Saxony, 1850, 3pf., red*, part gum ..	6	6	0
Schleswig-Holstein, 1850, 2sch., carmine on entire, heavily cancelled ..	3	12	6
Servia, 1866, Oct., Vienna print, 10 paras, orange*, no gum ..	1	11	0
Spain, Madrid, 3 cuartos bronze*, cut close ..	6	15	0
Sweden, 1855, 3 skb, blue-green*, no gum ..	2	5	0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen, blue and red on entire ..	3	10	0
Do. Geneva, 1843, 5 x 5c, yellow-green ..	9	15	0
Do. do. do. do. two left hand halves used vertically on original and unsevered ..	11	0	0
Do. Vaud, 1849, 4c, black and red ..	11	5	0
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen, horizontal lines, type 3, torn ..	6	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, type 4, torn ..	4	10	0

AFRICA.

Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4d. dark blue, defective ..	4	0	0
Do. do. 4d. red, error, repaired ..	10	15	0
Gambia, 1880, wmk. CC., perf. 1/- green* ..	1	12	0
Lagos, 1874, wmk. CA., 2/6 grey-black ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 10/- purple-brown* ..	11	0	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d orange, early impression ..	5	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, do. ..	6	15	0
Do. 1859, Large Fillet, 2d. dark-blue, torn ..	5	5	0
Natal, 1857-58, 1d. pink ..	1	10	0
Do. do. 9d. blue, 27 x 31 mm., damaged ..	2	17	6
Do. do. 1/- buff, 21 x 26 mm. ..	3	5	0
Sierra Leone, 1894, One Penny on 6d. lilac and green* ..	4	5	0

NORTH AMERICA.

	£	s.	d.
Canada, 1857, perf. 12, 6d. grey-lilac perfs., cut at right ..	2	12	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve, thinned ..	4	15	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 6½d. scarlet, fair ..	4	12	6
Do. do. 1/- scarlet, defective ..	10	0	0
United States, 1856, 90c. blue ..	2	15	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1856-57, imperf., on white, 4d. red, a pair* part gum ..	5	0	0
Nevis, 1883, wmk. CA., 6d. green ..	3	10	0
St. Vincent, 1871-77, wmk. star, large perf. 4d. dark blue* no gum and badly centred ..	2	2	0
Do. 1881 Provisional, One Penny in black on 6d. yellow-green ..	2	12	6
Tobago, 1880, MSS. Provisional, 1d. on half of 6d. orange, a pair ..	4	0	0
Turks Islands, 1881, Provisional, 4 on 1/- lilac, type 17,* no perfs. at top ..	2	4	0

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

Antioquia, 1868, 2½c., blue, thinned ..	6	0	0
Do. do. 5c., green, pen cancelled and cleaned ..	5	0	0
Do. do. 10c., lilac ..	8	10	0
Argentine Republic, 1891, 20 pesos, green ..	2	0	0
Bolivar, 1863-66, 10c., green ..	3	0	0
British Guiana, 1850, 8c., green, cut round ..	15	5	0
Do. 1852, 1c. magenta, a pair defective ..	4	15	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, on entire corners cut ..	5	10	0
Do. 1862, 2c. yellow. No. 23 ..	4	5	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Tres. pesos green, heavy postmark ..	3	3	0
Do. do. Cuato pesos red, cut into ..	7	5	0
Do. do. Cinco pesos orange ..	9	15	0
Peru, 1858, Medio peso rose, error, damaged ..	4	5	0

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate 1, early impression, creased ..	1	10	0
Do. another specimen ..	1	11	0
Do. 3d. green on yellowish ..	1	10	0
Do. 1851-1853, laureated, 8d. orange ..	2	5	0
Do. 1854, laureated, do* ..	2	2	0
Queensland, 1860, 2d. blue ..	4	10	0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange on entire ..	2	17	6
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. bronze on entire ..	2	6	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co's Sale,
December 3rd and 4th, 1901.

Antigua, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 2½d. red-brown ..	1	2	0
Barbados, 1878, Provisional 1d. on left half of 5/- rose ..	5	12	6
British Guiana, 1860, thin paper, perf. 12, 1 cent brown ..	1	18	0
Gt. Britain, wmk. anchor, 2½d. lilac-rose. error of lettering LH-FL ..	1	16	0
Natal, wmk. CC., perf. 15½ x 15, 5/- marone* ..	2	10	0
Nevis, perf. 15, 1½ yellow-green ..	1	15	0
Do. do. litho., 6d. grey-black ..	4	12	6
New South Wales, Sydney View, 3d. green ..	5	0	0
Do. 1854-56, imperf., 1d. scarlet, a block of 12*, four stamps creased and one torn ..	8	0	0
Orange River Colony, surcharged V.R.I., 2½d. on 3d. blue, showing antique 2* ..	2	6	0
Do. 3d. blue on 6d. carmine, a block of 4 with raised dots* ..	3	0	0
St. Lucia, wmk. star (6d.) green ..	1	5	0
Do. 1883-86, wmk. CA., 1/- red-brown ..	2	4	0
St. Vincent, 1880 Provisional 1d. in red on half 6d. blue-green, a horizontal pair* ..	13	0	0
Tasmania, 1st issue, 1d. blue, a horizontal strip of 4, used on entire ..	11	0	0
Transvaal, Lydenburg Provisional, 3d. on 1d. carmine* ..	1	9	0
Trinidad Litho. (1d.) blue on yellowish paper, early plate ..	2	10	0
Do. do. do. deep blue, medium plate ..	1	12	0
Do. do. (1d.) red ..	1	16	0
Do. 1896, 10/- green and ultramarine* ..	3	5	0
Do. do. a used specimen dated Oct. 26, 96 ..	3	17	6
United States, 1887, 2c. green horizontal strip of 3, imperf Current issue, 1c. black and green with inverted centre* ..	2	10	0
Western Australia, 1895, Half-penny in red, and in green on 3d. brown, wmk. CC., creased* ..	2	2	0

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Dec. 5th and 6th, 1901.

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Argentine, 1864, 15c. blue, imperf.	3	5	0
Barbados, 1861, clean cut perf., 1d. blue*	1	1	0
Do. 1873, 5/- dull rose*	2	12	6
British Bechuanaland, 1888-89, 2/- green*	3	0	0
British Columbia, 1867-69, perf. 14, 10c. lake and blue*	1	10	0
" " do. 1 dollar green*	1	18	0
British Honduras, 1887, 1/- grey	1	12	0
" " small surcharge, perf. 12½, 3c. on 3d. brown	6	15	0
Buenos Ayres, Steamship, 3 pesos green*	4	10	0
Canada, 12d. black, surcharged "Specimen"	2	0	0
Ceylon, 2/- blue imperf.	2	0	0
Dominican Republic, 1865, medio real, black on green	1	14	0
Finland, 1875, perf. 11, 1 mark, lilac*	1	18	0
Gt. Britain, Octagonal issue, 6d. violet*	1	18	0
Hawaiian, 1883, 13c. red, on medium paper*	1	12	0
Hong Kong, 1891, Jubilee, 2c. rose, K in different type	1	10	0
Labuan, wmk. C. and CC., 12c. carmine*	1	2	0
Do. Provisional "6" in red on 16c. blue, with red dotted postmark	4	17	6
Do. do. "2 Cents" in capitals on 16c. blue	4	17	6
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. red, early impression, heavy postmark	1	18	0
Do. Greek Border, 2d. blue, a vertical pair	1	14	0
Modena, the large B.G.	1	0	0
Naples, 50 grana lake	1	8	0
Natal, wmk. star, 3d. blue, imperf., a pair*	2	14	0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow-green	1	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d., plate 1	1	10	0
Do. do. 1d., plate 11	1	12	0
Do. 1860, perf. 12, 6d. violet*	2	0	0
Do. do. wmk. 12, 6d. purple*	2	17	6
New Zealand, 1856, Half a 1/- green, on blue paper, used on front of envelope as 6d.	6	10	0
Orange Free State, 6d. blue, without surcharge, a pair*	4	10	0
Do. second printing, 6d. carmine, a pane of 60*, showing stop varieties	50	0	0
Parma, 1859, 80c. bistre-yellow*	1	3	0
Russia, 1884, 7 roubles, without bolts*	1	18	0
Saxony, 3pf. red*, cut into	2	4	0
Sierra Leone, 1st issue, 6d. on bluish, imperf.*	1	18	0
Do. 1897, Provisional, 2½d. on 2/-*	3	7	6
South Australia, perf. 1½ x roulette, 4d. purple	1	10	0
Tasmania, serrated perf., 2d. yellow-green	1	11	0
Trinidad, 1863, perf. 13, 6d. emerald-green*	1	15	0
Do. 1896, 10/- green and ultramarine	1	14	0
Tuscany, 2 soldi brick-red	3	5	0
Do. 60 crazie do.	6	10	0
Do. 1853, 9 crazie lilac-grey	2	4	0
Virgin Islands, 1/- rose-carmine, single lined border*	2	2	0
Western Australia, 1861-62, 1/- yellow-green*	2	4	0
Zanzibar, on Indian, Provs. 2½d. one 1a. plum, a strip of 3, showing 3 types*	3	12	6

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Our Review of Reviews.

The "Pot Boiling" Stamps of Formosa,

The leading article in the fat November issue of "Morley's Philatelic Journal" is headed "Philately in Formosa."

Most collectors visiting Formosa, the writer tells us, ask for specimens of the two large Formosan stamps issued in 1888—and ask in vain. Nobody has any of them, but all wish they had. Nearly all these curious stamps were used for other than postal purposes, but a few of them performed postal duty and are to be found, the writer of the article asserts, with the native postmark on them.

As regards the subsequent issues of Formosan stamps, these are what an artist or a literary man would term "pot-boilers," for they were issued mainly for the purpose of "keeping the pot a-boiling." Thus writes "Gojusen," our contemporary's contributor, on this subject:—

In 1895, Formosa suddenly issued two sets of stamps, one succeeding the other in a very short space of time. It happened thus:—Formosa had been ceded to Japan by the Peking court but the Chinese in Formosa objected, especially those in the South. After the Japanese had captured the northern parts of the island a strong force of Chinese soldiers known as "Black Flags" held the strong forts which were situated near Auping, the port for Tinanfu, the capital of the island. These Chinese were under the command of Liu Yung Fu, a general who had been Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of Formosa. Now Liu found it difficult when supplies were cut off from the mainland to be able to keep even a Chinese force on full pay, so among other methods of raising money he decided upon an issue of postage stamps. Their use was rendered obligatory for he ordered that no letter should go through the native post offices, nor over to the mainland, without bearing sufficiency of the new stamps according to rates imposed.

The reason for the second issue was that the first die did not print well and a large amount of work and material was thrown away in the printing, so a new die and a fresh variety of paper was substituted with certainly not unqualified success.

Stamps of both issues may be found with the Taiwan postmark and also with native post office postmark, the latter a red "cartouche" with Chinese characters within. The former could have been post-marked to order, the latter I believe were never so treated. The Chinese postmarks include various towns on the mainland opposite, i.e., Amoy, Swatow, &c.

At last Japan secured the whole of Formosa and Liu no longer reigned. With his downfall finished the last, so far, of special issues for Formosa.

The Bear Ate the P.M.

This story appears in the "American Journal of Philately": "Boys," said the Chief Story Teller, "I read in the paper, the other day, an account of a postmaster in the mountains being devoured by a bear. It struck me that there was a singular appropriateness in the time of the occurrence. Guess the hour?"

After a number of failures, they gave it up.
"Why, eight P.M., of course."

A Splendid Lot of British North America.

Mr. J. H. Jost describes, in the "Montreal Philatelist," the splendid collection of British North American stamps owned by Mr. H. L. Hart, an eminent Canadian philatelist.

"The gem of the collection is centred in a fine copy of the 12p. black, the rarest of all Canadian stamps. It would indeed cure anyone with a bad touch of the blues to examine this collection. Mr. Hart possesses four 1 shilling Nova Scotia, one of them being unused, likewise the same with New Brunswick. His collection of British Columbia is indeed fine; it includes a pair of 5c, used imperf., also used and unused pairs of 5c. perf. In Newfoundland he has entire sheet after entire sheet of the early issues, likewise with P.E.I. During the recent visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York to Halifax, Mr. Hart met him by appointment on board the Royal Yacht 'Ophir,' where an hour was spent viewing the collection. The Duke was very much pleased with it, particularly with the shades and general arrangement of the stamps, which showed great taste. Mr. Hart prizes his collection very highly and it would take a pretty large figure to tempt him to sell."

Philatelic Societies' Reports.**THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.**

THE first meeting of the season 1901-1902, held at Effingham House, on Friday, October 25th, was attended by twenty-seven members and two visitors.

The chair was taken by the Vice-President, Mr. M. P. Castle, and the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June, 1901, were read and confirmed.

The recent death of Mr. E. C. Luard was noted by the members of the Society with much regret.

The Vice-President then reported to the members the result of the response to the invitation which had been sent to read papers and give displays, and intimated that the replies received would provide material for future meetings of the Society.

Mr. Robert Blake Yardley, proposed by Mr. E. D. Bacon and seconded by Mr. J. A. Tilleard, was duly elected a member.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, G.C.M.G., etc., proposed by the Earl of Crawford, K.T., and seconded by the Vice-President, was duly elected a member.

The Earl of Crawford then made some introductory remarks relative to his collection of stamps of the Colony of Queensland, and subsequently gave a display of his stamps of that Colony.

The collection was exceedingly strong in all but the earliest issues, embodying a great many proofs and essays and valuable notes on the stamps which had been made by the late Postmaster-General of the Colony, which notes considerably enhanced the interest in the stamps shown.

A vote of thanks was duly proposed by Mr. E. D. Bacon, seconded by Mr. Castle, and carried unanimously, and was responded to by the Earl of Crawford.

It was then resolved, on the motion of Mr. T. W. Hall and seconded by Mr. C. Neville Biggs, that the meetings of the Society for the present season should be held fortnightly.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A SALE AND EXCHANGE Meeting was held on Saturday, 3rd December, at Clapham Hall, Old Town, Clapham, the Exchange Superintendent presiding, and some good exchange business was affected. At 8.30 the chair was taken by Mr. Charles Purdom and the Meeting turned its attention from material exchange to the exchange of ideas on Philatelic Morality. The Chairman opened the subject and the subsequent debate was lively and interesting. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies and gentlemen who lent stamps for the recent exhibition and also to those who contributed so much to the enjoyment of visitors by conducting them round the display. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Exhibition Committee for the creditable manner in which the arrangements of the exhibition had been carried out. It was announced that the Committee had decided that a limited number of life members could now be accepted at a nominal fee of one guinea. Applications for same should be made to the Hon. Secretary.

The next Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, 21st December—the day this *Fortnightly* appears—when a display of the stamps of the German Empire will be given by Mr. Franz Reichenheim. The chair will be taken by Mr. Fred J. Melville at 8 p.m., and all philatelists are cordially invited. Copies of the Exhibition Catalogue may still be obtained, price threepence each, post free, from the Hon. Exhibition Secretary, Mr. Chas. Purdom, Neptune Street, South Lambeth, S.W. W. G. PARKER, Hon. Sec., 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AT the meeting held on November 5th (Mr. F. A. Padgett presiding), Mr. Eugene Egly read a short paper on the subject of the 12d. stamps of Canada. Novelties were exhibited by Mr. J. W. Duffield, Mr. W. Jennison Roebuck, and Mr. Eugene Egly. Mr. F. E. Clarke was elected a member.

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„ 21—“At Home” with the PRESIDENT.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Society held their third meeting of the season on Monday, December 2nd, at “Alexandria Hotel,” Dale Street, there being 19 members present.

A display of the stamps of various European Countries was the programme for the evening.

Mr. Gill exhibited a nice lot of French, including all the current values, unused.

Mr. Green showed Holland and Belgium and their respective colonies, the high values of these latter, in particular, being well represented.

Mr. Savage made a fine show with his Italians, including very fine copies of the 1851 20c. blue, 1854 40c. rose, also a number of inverted centres of the 1863-6 issue and the newspaper 1 and 20 errors; also “Esteros” complete and a nice lot of the various Italian States.

Mr. Whitworth's collection of Spain and France were much admired, the former being 340 strong, and including, 1850, 5 real, 1852 and 1853, 12 cuartos, of both issues, 1854, 1 and 6 reals, also the 19 cuartos of 1864 and 1866. France, practically complete, the only exception being the 1fr. orange, 1850.

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TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



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DR. ROCKLIFFE has shown us an unused specimen of the rd. black Great Britain, rouletted at bottom.

He had it from a non-philatelic friend, who came across it among some old papers. Dr. Rockliffe feels sure, therefore, that the stamp cannot have been tampered with in any way. Possibly some of our readers may have seen a similar copy.

Our Office-Boy is to be held responsible for the following poetry. But the sentiment we heartily endorse:—

Once again the old, old wish
(Which kind remembrance prompts)
To readers all a Christmas bright!
(Likewise the season's compts.)

By the way, we have already (on Dec. 18!) received several cordial Christmas wishes, on cardboard and otherwise, from readers of the *S.C.F.* Mr. E. J. Heginbottom, B.A., of Rochdale, was the first in the field with an actual Christmas card, and we must thank him for sending us a well-centred specimen of the same in the first state of the plate. The South African Stamp Company are also sending out a very tasteful and novel Christmas card.

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Mr. Heginbottom, by the way, has struck a Victorian curiosity, which he describes as follows:—

The stamp I allude to is the Victoria 4d. rose of 1864, and my specimen is watermarked, not only with a single-lined "8" on the right side, but also with what seems to me clearly a single-lined "4" on the left side. I have sent the stamp to a well known philatelist for his kind opinion re this double watermark, and perhaps some of your readers can enlighten me also? Personally I did not think it possible for the same stamp to have two different watermarks, but of course I may be wrong. The watermark single "8" alone is of course a rare one on this stamp.

I also have the St. Vincent 2½d. on 4d. without the fraction-bar.

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In the *Fortnightly's* capacious editorial letter-box, which is open wide to all the world, we find, from time to time, various anonymous communications. Most of these find a permanent oblivion in the W.P.B., but occasionally something too good to lose comes to hand. The conversation, real or imaginary, reported below, was written on a half sheet of note paper in a handwriting unknown to us, and dropped by its too modest author into the letter-box aforesaid:—

Overheard at Puttick's:—

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Fact! Put it in your paper, Mr. Editor!

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We find we have omitted to acknowledge the annual report of the South of England Stamp Exchange, sent us by the Secretary, Mr. Nelson T. Hillier, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea. It is a highly satisfactory report of the first year's working of this well-managed little Club, and there is steady progress shown in the quality of the packets and in the bulk of business done. We wish Mr. Hillier all success in the future.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

Philippine Reminders for Paris.

THE huge parcel of Philippine reminders auctioned some time ago have now, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons learn, been purchased by Mons. Victor Robert, of Paris, the price paid for the whole stock of nearly twenty-six million stamps being nearly £8000.

This is Well Said!

"THE minor variety," declares the Editor of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," "is the spoiled child of philately. It would be best for all concerned if so much attention were not given it."

The S.T.P.A.'s Deficit.

THE First Annual Report of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, Limited, is not a cheerful document:—

"In presenting the First Annual Report of the above Association the Directors feel bound to express their regret that their efforts have not met with the support that they had hoped for, inasmuch that the number of members of the stamp trade availing themselves of the advantages which this Association offers has not fulfilled their expectations.

"At the same time they are pleased to report that the membership has steadily increased, and they see no reason why it should not continue to do so, and express the hope that all members will use their utmost endeavour to introduce new shareholders.

"The Directors beg to submit the accounts of the Association to November 30th, 1901.

"The Directors call the attention of the members to the deficit of £26 16s. 8d., which is caused entirely by the successful prosecution undertaken against Bulmer, and the heavy initial expense of flotation of the Association. In accordance with the Articles of Association all the Directors retire, and with the exception of Mr. T. H. Thompson, who, owing to removal to Bishop Auckland, does not desire to continue his Directorship, are eligible for re-election.

"J. CRAWFORD, Secretary."

In view of the Association's good work for Philately, dealers and collectors should hasten to turn the S.T.P.A.'s adverse balance over to the other side of the account. It is little short of a scandal that only 26 philatelists are subscribing to this excellent Society!

Philatelic Ethics.

THE younger votaries of Philately have been discussing the ethics of the hobby's financial or commercial side. As a result of a spirited debate by the Junior London Philatelic Society on December 7th, two interesting resolutions were passed, for copies of which we are indebted to Mr. W. G. Parker, the Hon. Secretary. The first resolution (which, Mr. Parker informs us, "met with strong opposition") was moved by Mr. Charles Purdom and seconded by Mr. Lamb. It runs as follows:—

That this Society considers the practice of depriving the ignorant of their property, the value of which they have not understood, is justifiable to the extent that a philatelist's knowledge is his own property, and that he is at liberty to refuse to give it away when buying, though he is not at liberty to tell or to act hes; but that when the motive of sale is clearly imperative poverty it is not justifiable to buy below value.

The second resolution, moved by Mr. Fahy and seconded by Mr. Halliday, was carried unanimously:—

That the sale of packets of rubbish by dealers is detrimental to the advancement of Philately, and that if fair value was given there would be more juvenile collectors.

Some New Varieties.

MR. MARCHANT, of Copthall Avenue, recently discovered the Bahamas 1d. vermilion, wmk., C.C., perf. 14 x 12½—an uncatalogued variety. This was sold by Messrs. Venton Bull & Cooper for £10 10s.

THE South African Stamp Co. still continue to find new varieties. Here are some of the latest. The 2½d. Orange River Colony was received in ultramarine instead of blue—quite a distinct shade. Also the 1d., black surcharge on 6d. blue, with inverted surcharge. Of this there is only one sheet known. Again, the 3 pence violet, surcharged V.R.I. with no dot after "I," which variety is also to be seen in the 10/- stamp. The halfpenny on 2d. "E.R.I." has just been received on yellow paper instead of white and lastly there is the 1d. O.R.C. surcharged V.R.I., with double surcharge, a strip of 3 showing 2 types.

Dr. von Bochmann Dead.

WE regret to read in the organ of the Netherlands Philatelic Society of the death of the famous philatelic expert of Riga, Dr. Eugen Alexander Hermann von Bochmann.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

.. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit.

NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1892. <i>Surcharged on Stamps of Great Britain.</i>				
½d. vermilion ..	.. /6	/4	/6	/4
1d. lilac ..	.. /6	/4	/6	/4
2d. green and carmine ..	.. 1/	/8	1/	/8
2½d. purple on blue ..	.. 1/	/8	/9	/6
5d. lilac and blue ..	.. 1/9	1/3	1/9	1/3
1/- green ..	.. 5/	3/6	5/	3/6

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1893-94. <i>Provisionals on above stamps. Surcharged in red with Gibbons' Types 2 and 3.</i>				
½d. on half of 1d. ..	.. 12/6	10/6	12/6	10/6
1d. on half of 2d. ..	.. £9	£7	60/	40/

Surcharged in violet.

½d. on half of 1d. lilac ..	..		
<i>Surcharged with Gibbons. Type 4.</i>				
½d. in violet on 2d. ..	.. 60/	45/		
½d. in green on 2½d. ..	.. 40/	30/		
½d. in vermilion on 2½d. ..	.. 27/6	21/		
½d. in carmine on 2½d. ..	.. 40/	30/		
½d. in blue on 2½d. ..	.. 40/	30/		
½d. in black on 2½d. ..	..		

<i>Surcharged with Gibbons Type 5.</i>				
½d. in violet on 2d. ..	.. 50/	40/		
½d. in vermilion on 2½d. ..	.. 21/	16/		
½d. in blue on 2½d. ..	..		
½d. in green on 2½d. ..	.. 40/	30/		
½d. in violet on 2½d. ..	..		

<i>Surcharged with Gibbons Type 6.</i>				
½d. in violet on 2d. ..	.. 60/	45/		
½d. in blue on 2d. ..	..		
½d. in vermilion on 2½d. ..	.. 120/	90/		
½d. in blue on 2½d. ..	.. 60/	45/		
½d. in green on 2½d. ..	.. 55/	40/		
½d. in violet on 2½d. ..	..		

<i>Surcharged with Gibbons Type 7.</i>				
½d. in green on 2½d. ..	.. 65/	50/		
½d. in vermilion on 2½d. ..	..		

<i>Surcharged with Gibbons Types 8, 9 and 9a.</i>				
1/- in violet on 2d. ..	.. 70/	50/	35/	27/6
1/- in vermilion on 2d. ..	.. 85/	60/		
1/- in black on 2d. ..	..		
5/- in violet on 2d. ..	.. £16	£12		
10/- in vermilion on 5d. ..	.. £14	£10		
20/- in violet on 1/- ..	.. £80	£60		
20/- in vermilion on 1/- ..	..		
20/- in black on 1/- ..	..		

1893. <i>No Wmk. Various Perfs.</i>				
½d. vermilion ..	.. /9	/6	/9	/6
1d. blue ..	.. 1/	/9	1/	/9
2d. green ..	.. 4/	3/	4/	3/
2½d. carmine-lake ..	.. 1/9	1/3	1/9	1/3
5d. lilac ..	.. 3/9	2/9	3/9	2/9
1/- black ..	.. 6/	4/6	6/	4/6
"½" in red on half 1d. blue (Gibbons No. 44) ..	..		100/	70/

NIGER COAST.—Continued.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1894. <i>No Wmk. Various Perfs.</i>				
½d. green ..	.. /3	/2	/3	/2
1d. vermilion ..	.. /6	/4	/6	/4
2d. lake ..	.. 3/6	2/9	3/6	2/9
2½d. blue ..	.. 1/9	1/3	1/9	1/3
5d. purple ..	.. 1/	/9	1/	/8
1/- black ..	.. 2/6	2/	2/6	1/9
½d. in black on 2½d. blue (Gibbons No. 53) ..	.. 30/	22/6	30/	22/6
Do. on half of 1d. vermilion (Gibbons No. 54) ..	..		65/	50/
1898-1901. <i>Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.</i>				
½d. green ..	.. /1		/1	
1d. orange vermilion ..	.. /2		/2	
2d. lake ..	.. /4	/3	/4	/3
2½d. blue ..	.. /5	/4	/4	/3
5d. purple ..	.. 4/6	3/9	5/	3/9
6d. yellow-brown ..	.. 1/	/9	1/	/8
1/- black ..	.. 1/9	1/6	1/9	1/3
2/6 olive ..	.. 4/	3/	4/	3/
10/- deep violet ..	.. 35/	27/6		

Portugal, 1895; An Error of the 5 reis.

"The issues of Portugal," writes Mr. C. H. Crosse in the "Philatelic Journal of India," "though somewhat varied and difficult to determine, are marvellously free from any errors of even the minutest description. Imagine, therefore, my surprise when the other day I discovered what is undoubtedly a genuine error, which has not yet been chronicled so far as I am aware.

"It is the 5 reis orange-brown stamp of the 1895 issue, without any numeral of value.

"The specimen is postmarked 'Corr. E Tels., Figueras (?), 31 December 99.' I am not certain that the post town is Figueras, but it looks as if it were; the only town, however, that I know of this name is a fortified town in Spain lying 21 miles N.N.-E. of Gerona. It may, of course, so happen that the Portuguese Government has a consulate there which uses its own stamps, or it is equally probable that a town of this name exists also in Portugal.

"A genuine error which, in these days of energetic philatelists, has lain dark for so long, must be of considerable rarity, and I hope that some further light may be thrown upon the subject by readers of the 'Philatelic Journal of India' or other periodicals."

Is There a Twopenny Black English?

A certain philatelist having claimed to be in possession of two twopenny black English stamps, "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" devotes some space in a recent issue to "The Mystery of the 2d. black, Great Britain."

"So far," remarks our contemporary, "the mystery has not been cleared up. The owner of the two stamps (date 1855) has exhibited them to various North of England collectors, who seem to be very certain they are genuine black examples.

"As we were informed that the stamps had been examined by a town member of the Philatelic Society, London, we applied to him for any details which he could give. We learn from this gentleman that he has not seen the stamps.

"On a request that they might be sent to London for inspection, our informant was told that the owner did not care to allow them out of his possession, but that they could be seen by appointment at Newcastle, or, if this could not be arranged, that the owner might himself call and produce them "when next in London."

"Later on an offer was invited from our informant, but he has heard nothing from them on the subject since his reply—now nearly a month ago—to the effect that no offer could be made without seeing the stamps.

It seems to us that if the owner wishes to have his stamps properly authenticated, he should come forward and not hide behind his friends. Until he allows experts to have the stamps for examination the majority of collectors will naturally remain sceptical.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

FROM official decrees dated Sept. 3, 1901, I gather that the Leeward Islands are to have a half-penny card for domestic use, and are also to have new issues of the 1d. and 1 × 1d. card, the ½d. and 1d. wrapper, two envelopes, and two registration envelopes, all of which will bear the effigy of Edward VII.

I see by various Journals that an arrangement has been made between the Imperial Postal administration of Germany and Wurtemberg, whereby the two postal systems are to be united for a definite period of four years from April 1st, 1902, after which it will be subject to one year's notice on either side. From the date stated the separate issues of the two Countries will be replaced by a series suitably inscribed for the use of both peoples.

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Another attempt has now been made to solve the problem of the storing of entire postal stationery. I have already in these columns expressed my conviction that this difficulty has been chiefly responsible for the comparative neglect into which entire issues have fallen of recent years, and I therefore feel that once this obstacle is removed our hobby would have all the advantages—or, is it disadvantages? of being popular. However this latest device is as well fitted to bridge the difficulty as any I have so far seen, and has the peculiarity of being quite original. It is a bordered page, about 8 by 15 inches (large foolscap size) of very tough paper, into which eleven parallel cuts 4¼ inches long are made. These cuts terminate about 1½ inches within inner border and are continued by rouletting, so that the size of the slits can be increased as desired, and will thus admit of the largest as well as the smallest of cards, and can also be adapted for the receipt of even the larger sized envelopes and wrappers either horizontally or vertically. Cards may be inserted on each size of page, and the capacity of the book is 500 pieces. It was designed by one of the oldest entire collectors in this country and is made by Messrs. Guildford & Hart, Ltd., of Furnival St., Holborn, E.C. I am mounting my own collection in these books, and am much pleased with the effect.

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In the "Monthly Journal" for November, Major Evans deals with the Hyderabad post cards, in the course of his Native States articles. He makes the following varieties of the 1890 (October) issue, with star and Crescent on stamp.

(a). With the letters D of ADDRESS joined together as if by a hyphen. This is commonly the case in heavy impressions, there being apparently a little bit of metal attached to one of the letters.

(b). With the third character in the last word of the fourth line missing, showing it as two words of two characters each, usually joined by a circumflex accent. This is also common, the character seldom printing clearly; the accent also is hardly visible in some cases.

(c). With the stops after the second or fourth, or both, invisible. They can generally be found with a magnifying glass, but I have a copy in which I cannot trace the last stop.

(d). With no dot under the character above the "s" of "THIS."

Various combinations of these defects exist.

Of the second type of card, that with name in native characters on stamp, which was issued about May, 1891, Major Evans notes the following varieties.

(a). With the letters D of ADDRESS joined.

(b). With no stop after the fourth line. This stop may have got worn or broken, as it is frequently quite invisible, and I think it has been renewed or brought up level with the letters since the first printing.

(d). With the dot above the "s" of "THIS" missing.

Combinations as before.

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Commencing with my next notes in the *Fortnightly* I shall each month make a list of all articles or notes (other than new issue notes) dealing with entire issues that appear in the principal philatelic journals, thus affording an index which may be useful for reference.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Bechuanaland Protectorate.—The "P.J. of I." states that the current ½d. and 1d. English post cards (query, which?) have been overprinted for use here.

Bahamas.—From the same source we hear of a 1d. envelope with the new pictorial stamp.

Bolivia.—"E.W.S.N." chronicles but does not describe new envelopes 5c. red, 10c. dark blue, 20c. violet and black centre, and new wrappers 5c. carmine and 6c. orange.

Dutch Indies.—"E.W.S.N." chronicles two new post cards, one bearing a 5c. stamp similar in design to the new 1c. adhesive, and the other the 7½c. in lilac-grey.

France.—A 1c. wrapper with the new stamp has been added to list. It is as before, grey on buff-manilla.

Germany.—"L'Echo de la Tim." reports having seen the current 2p. cards with a watermark of SIS placed one below the other.

Great Britain.—Mr. Oswald Marsh has shown "E.W. S.N." two examples of the ½d. die 57 impressed in green. The earliest is postmarked November 15th, 1901. Dies 55 and 56 have not yet been met with. The Editor possesses impressions from dies 50, 51 and 53 in green, and has seen 54, so probably all from 50 upwards occur in the new colour. Die 54 is the highest which has been seen in the old colour vermilion.

Roumania.—The 10b. carmine post card has been seen without frame and with heading reset.

Spain.—"D.B.Z." chronicles new 5c. and 5 + 5c. dark green on brown, and 10c. dark brown on brown, without description.

Virgin Isles.—The "W.P. Era" states that the ½d. card with Virgin stamp which was chronicled so long ago did not appear until October.

More Presidents than Postage Stamps.

Mr. Albert Hall, a contributor to our bright American contemporary, "The Adhesive," has been considering the subject of the heads on the U.S.A. stamps, apropos of the decision to place McKinley on one of the next stamps to appear. Mr. Hall comments on the fact that the Presidents predominate among the distinguished men who are pictured on the U.S.A. stamps.

"Why not have them all Presidents?" he asks. "Here is a chance for us to teach to the people of other lands that our nation was established in 1789, that it is a government of the people, that its chief magistrate is chosen every four years, and that civilians as well as soldiers can hold that office."

So Mr. Hall puts forward the following sample list of what might be done to further the principle of "One President, one Postage Stamp":—

1c. Washington ..	1789-1797.	13c. Fillmore ..	1850-1853.
2c. John Adams ..	1797-1801.	14c. Pierce ..	1853-1857.
3c. Jefferson ..	1801-1809.	15c. Buchanan ..	1857-1861.
4c. Madison ..	1809-1817.	16c. Lincoln ..	1861-1865.
5c. Monroe ..	1817-1825.	17c. Johnson ..	1865-1869.
6c. J. Q. Adams ..	1825-1829.	18c. Grant ..	1869-1877.
7c. Jackson ..	1829-1837.	19c. Hayes ..	1877-1881.
8c. Van Buren ..	1837-1841.	20c. Garfield ..	1881-1881.
9c. W. H. Harrison ..	1841-1841.	25c. Arthur ..	1881-1885.
10c. Tyler ..	1841-1845.	50c. Cleveland ..	1885-1889.
11c. Polk ..	1845-1849.		1889-1897.
12c. Taylor ..	1849-1850.	75c. B. Harrison ..	1889-1893.

The dates against each name indicate each President's term of office, and it will be seen that Mr. Hall suggests a postage stamp for every consecutive cent up to 20 cents. Such values as 11, 13, 17 and 19 cents strike one as odd, extremely odd; but the gentleman under notice thinks they would prove useful and acceptable. It will be seen, however, that he has reached 75c. without getting to McKinley, and this should bring home to him the fact that in a few decades from now America would have too many Presidents and not enough stamps.

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A Happy New Year!

That 1902 may be a happy and prosperous year for every *Fortnightly* reader is our earnest and sincere wish. At the same time we wish to acknowledge with many thanks the hearty greetings to hand from many friends at home and abroad.

King Edward's Stamps.

Curious and interesting accounts of the rush for the new British stamps issued on New Year's morning reach us from all quarters. Never before in the history of the British Post Office have the men and misses who preside over His Majesty's stamp counters had such a busy New Year's Day.

And it appears that many enthusiastic stamp collectors "saw the new year in" with the one express object of getting specimens of the new stamps at the earliest possible moment on the morning of January 1st.

A correspondent writes us as follows:—

Long before Big Ben chimed the hour of midnight on the 31st, hundreds of eager philatelists and others were besieging the various head post offices for King's Head stamps. But in vain! It was impossible to secure them before the clock had heralded the new year. Mr. L. S. Charlick, of Chancery Lane, may perhaps claim the proud distinction of being the first in London to purchase the new set, as it wanted five minutes to midnight when the stamps were served out to him, on his giving his word not to use them until after twelve. The idea was to obtain as early a postmark in 1902 as possible, and Mr. Charlick's numerous sets (posted to himself), are postmarked Jan. 1, 02, 1 o'clock a.m.

Who will Win this Prize?

At the suggestion of a reader, we beg to offer a cash prize of half-a-guinea to the reader of the *Fortnightly* who sends us the best philatelic description (limited to 250 words in length) of the four new British stamps now on sale. Readers' manuscripts should reach us not later than Monday week, January 13th, addressed The Editor, S.C.F., 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, and marked on the envelope, "Competition." The winning description will be published in our next number.

. The conclusion of Mr. Petrie's article on the stamps of British South Africa is held over until our next issue, together with a mass of other interesting matter. We regret, also, that we have been compelled to hold over certain advertisements. These will duly appear in the next *Fortnightly*.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Antioquia.—The latest arrival is a new type-set stamp of the value of 1 centavo, for a specimen of which our thanks must be returned to Messrs. Winch Bros., Colchester. The stamp is light brown, or buff, and has in the centre a large numeral "1"; at top, "1901—Antioquia"; at bottom, "Centavo"; and at sides, "Correos" and "Colombia."

Adhesive: 1 centavo, light brown.

Colombia.—We are indebted to Messrs. Winch Brothers, of Colchester, for samples of the latest of philatelic fancy goods to hand from the distressful Republic of Colombia. These comprise, in addition to the 1 centavo black and 2 centavos red already chronicled, two new adhesives, as follows: 1 centavo, blue; 2 centavos, light brown.

Across these new stamps is printed a continuous band obliteration in the design of a chain. Accompanying the stamps, Messrs. Winch send us an original envelope, just to hand from Cartagena, on which all these novelties are used, together with a specimen of an ordinary 10 centavos of Colombia. On the envelope the stamps are cancelled as follows:—

Un centavo black, oblong violet, rubber-stamp obliteration.	
2 centavos red	"
1 centavo green, red chain obliteration.	"
2 centavos drab,	"

Over all appears the rubber-stamp post mark, "Correos Nacionales—Cartagena—Nov. 27th, 1901."

Since the above was in type we have received specimens of the same two novelties from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., but in their case the 1 centavo is a much brighter blue and the 2 centavos is quite a dark brown. Evidently the printers in Cartagena have to keep on the *qui vive* to guard against a surprise by the insurgents, and this makes them careless in their work. The two newest stamps of Colombia, therefore, had best be listed thus:

<i>Adhesives:</i> 1 centavo, blue, shades.
2 centavos, light brown, dark brown.

"Mekeel's Weekly," by the way, in a notice of these new provisionals, announces that the overprinted red chains are $1\frac{1}{4}$ links in length, each chain covering five stamps.

Great Britain.—At last the all-important event is a thing accomplished. King Edward's stamps are out—at least they're out to some extent.

Four values were placed on sale on New Year's Day, as follows:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green.
1d. carmine.
$2\frac{1}{4}$ d. blue.
6d. lilac.

The $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. value differs from the others in that the denomination is expressed in figures. Otherwise the stamps are like the proverbial peas in a pod.

According to semi-official statements appearing in the newspapers some eighty millions of these stamps have been supplied to the Post Offices to satisfy the demands of a curious public, but after the first rush for the new stamps the postal employees will be instructed to clear out old stock whenever possible. The total of the first printing order for the new stamps, we are informed, is four



thousand million specimens. Think of it, ye figure-fiends—4,000,000,000. It won't of much use to put by the stamps of King Edward VII. as a lock-up investment.

We refrain from any description of the new stamps because we are hoping to get a brilliant bit of word-painting from some *Fortnightly* reader in return for our proffered half-guinea prize. (See our Editorial article on same page).

Greece.—Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. send us a specimen of the current 5 lepta green on thinner paper than heretofore.

Adhesive. 5 l. green, thin paper.

Leeward Islands.—Apropos our paragraph under "St. Christopher," in the Christmas *Fortnightly*, we now learn, on the authority of a gentleman holding an official position, that not alone St. Christopher, but each of the islands of the Leeward group, Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, etc., will shortly have its own separate issue of stamps, as in days gone by. Each series will be pictorial and characteristic of the scenery and industries of the island. Pictorial issues for the Windward Islands—St. Lucia, St. Vincent, &c.—are also in contemplation.

Monaco.—From Messrs. Winch Brothers, of Colchester, we have received the 25 centimes in its new Postal Union colour:—

Adhesive. 25c. blue.

New Philatelic Publications.

BRIEF NOTICES OF SOME NEW CATALOGUES,
PRICE LISTS, ETC.

QUITE an array of new philatelic works of more or less importance have accumulated on the editorial table during the past few weeks. Our references to these must necessarily be brief, because of the great pressure upon our space in this number.

Mr. Paul Kohl, the well-known dealer of Chemnitz—now travelling in America with his daughter—sends us his 1902 catalogue. The volume runs to over 700 pages and is well printed and well arranged. We should say there is no better catalogue of stamps hailing from any Continental house. A feature of the book which at once catches the eye is the strip of red colouring on the white edge, denoting the proportion of the volume's space devoted to Great Britain and Colonies. This red strip affords an impressive idea of the British Empire's philatelic importance. Mr. Paul Kohl, we fancy, is no pro-Boer or he would have suppressed this striking testimony of the world-power of the "Rooi-neck"!

From another influential Continental dealer, Mr. Philipp Kosack, of Berlin, comes a "Briefmarken Preisliste," listing and quoting prices for some thirty thousand different items. The book is modestly styled a price-list, but it is a catalogue with the blank spaces left out! Probably there are not half-a-dozen firms in the world that could quote prices for such a wide range of stamps.

Other noteworthy list come from two places as wide asunder as the Poles—Perth, W.A., and New Oxford Street, London. In the former case the list is that of Messrs. Hamilton, Macrae & Co., consisting of 24 pages of special bargains in rare and medium Colonial stamps. Miss Brosnan, of 27, New Oxford Street, devotes her list to packets, sets, philatelic publications, and collectors' accessories.

The "Philatelic Almanac for 1902" is to hand from Charles J. Endle & Co., of Boscombe, Bournemouth. Great improvement is shown on previous editions of this little book, and we find it now quite an unexceptionable fourpenny worth of Philately. The leading feature, an illustrated article on "Ladies in Philately," has the all-important merit of novelty.

At the moment of writing, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, Vol. II., Foreign Countries, comes to hand. It is impossible to give any adequate review, however, at such short notice.

Various interesting publications from America must be dealt with in our next number.

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

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(Messrs. Puttick & Simpson.)

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE, December 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1901.

	£	s.	d.
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose* 2 12 6
Do. 1878, Provisional, 1d. on left half of 5/- rose 4 0 0
Brazil, 1844, 600 reis., black*, slightly torn 3 3 0
British Central Africa, Fiscal £25, blue, imperf* 2 10 0
Ceylon, 1855-59, 6d. deep claret*, cut close 7 10 0
Gt. Britain, 1880, 2/- brown 2 0 0
Heligoland, 1873, 1/2sch. 1 16 0
Hungary, 1871, 15ker., brown* 1 16 0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange on white, medium impression, a pair 8 0 0
Do. 1859, large fillet, 2d. dark blue 5 15 0
Naples, 1858, 50 grana, lake* 3 3 0
New South Wales, 1850-1851, Sydney View, plate 1, 1d. red 2 6 0
Do. another, plate 2* 3 0 0
Do. plate 1, 2d. slate blue, a pair 4 5 0
Do. plate 2, 2d. dark blue, early impression 6 0 0
Do. plate 3, 1st retouch, 2d. blue 2 0 0
Do. 2d. blue, the variety fan with six segments 4 0 0
Do. 1851-53, laureated, no wmk., 3d. green, error, "Waes" 2 12 6
Oldenburg, 1859, 1/2 gros., black on green*, no gum 3 5 0
Orange River Colony, 6d. carmine, no stop after "V," first printing* 7 5 0
Philippine Islands, 1854, 10c. rose 1 11 0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 54 paras blue on green, cut into 5 10 0
St. Lucia, 1860, wmk. Star, 4d. blue*, no gum 1 15 0
Do. do. 6d. green* do. 1 18 0
Saxony, 1850, 3pf. red 3 7 6
Servia, 1866, 2 paras green on rose, error* 4 15 0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2 1/2 rappen red and blue*, no gum 2 12 6
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen black and red, vertical lines, type 1, thinned 3 12 6
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue*, a pair, cut close 6 7 6
Zululand, 1888-96, 5/- carmine* 1 18 0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, 12th and 13th December.

	£	s.	d.
Barbados, 1/- black, wmk., large star, rough perfs.*	..	2	2 0
British East Africa, 1st issue on Gt. Britain, a set*	..	5	0 0
Ceylon, wmk. star, imperf., 1/9 green ..	..	2	0 0
Gwalior, In black on ir. grey, the short surcharge*	..	1	5 0
Hong Kong, wmk. CC., 18c. pale-lilac*	..	1	8 0
Jhind, on India 2, 3 and 5 Rupees*	..	3	3 0
Do. 1 rupee, grey curved surcharge*	..	1	12 0
New Brunswick, 1/- pale mauve, thinned ..	..	3	5 0
New South Wales, Sydney view, 2d. dark blue, plate 1, late state ..	..	1	8 0
New Zealand, on blue paper, 1d. vermilion ..	..	2	2 0
Nova Scotia, 1d.* ..	..	1	3 0
Queensland, perf. 14, 2d. dark blue* ..	..	1	12 0
St. Vincent, 1/- brown* ..	..	1	8 0
Do. wmk. star, 4d. dark blue* ..	..	1	18 0
Trinidad, pin perf. 4d. purple* ..	..	1	8 0
Victoria Emblems, 2d. purple on horizontally laid paper*	..	1	10 0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 4d. slate blue* ..	..	1	8 0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale,

December 16th, 17th and 18th, 1901.

Antigua, wmk. star, imperf., 6d. green..	..	1	7 0
Barbados, 1878, Provisionals, 1d. on left half of 5 ^d - dull rose, used on entire ..	..	7	0 0
British Guiana, 1862, Provisional, rouletted 1c. black on rose with border of pearls*	..	26	0 0
Cape of Good Hope, Triangular 1d. rose-red, a pair,* fine	..	2	2 0
Do. do. 6d. slate,* fine ..	..	2	17 6
Do. do. 6d. lilac,* do. ..	..	1	6 0
Do. do. 1/- yellow-green* ..	..	4	5 0
Do. do. 1/- deep green, a block of 4, margins at bottom and right* ..	..	15	15 0
Do. do. Woodblock, 1d. scarlet ..	..	4	17 6
Do. do. De La Rue, 1d. blood-red, a pair,* fine ..	..	4	0 0
Do. do. do. a block of 4* fine ..	..	7	10 0
Do. do. 4d. slate blue, a block of 4* ..	..	5	5 0
Do. do. 6d. bright mauve* ..	..	1	6 0
Do. do. do. a block of 4* very fine ..	..	10	0 0
Do. do. 1/- deep emerald-green, a pair* ..	..	13	0 0
Do. do. 1/- pale emerald-green, a pair* ..	..	11	11 0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, 1d. on Bechuanaland Protectorate, $\frac{1}{2}$ vermilion, with surcharge inverted ..	..	9	0 0
Do. do. 1/- on British Bechuanaland, 6d. brown on red ..	..	4	15 0
Ceylon, Imperf., 9d. lilac-brown ..	..	3	3 0
Do. do. 2/- blue ..	..	4	15 0
Gambia, no wmk., imperf., 4d. deep brown, early impression*	..	1	6 0
Do. do. 6d. blue* fine ..	..	1	11 0
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 14, 1/- green* ..	..	1	14 0
Grenada, 1882, wmk. broad pointed star, 4d. blue, a horizontal pair* ..	..	4	15 0
Do. 1883, 1/- violet, teté beché, block of 4* ..	..	3	17 6
India, 1866, surcharged "Service Two Annas," black on purple* ..	..	2	2 0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion, 2 single specimens, early state of plate used together on piece of original, fine ..	..	24	0 0
Do. 1859, imperf., 1/- yellow-green, a horizontal pair* ..	..	2	4 0
Natal, First Issue, 1d. rose, fine ..	..	4	6 0
Nevis, 4d. rose* ..	..	1	10 0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow ..	..	2	2 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, plate 1, 1d. ..	..	3	7 6
Do. Do. plate 3, 2d. ..	..	1	10 0
Orange River Colony, "Halve Penny" on 3d., double surcharge, one inverted* ..	..	2	0 0
St. Christopher, wmk. CA., 4d. blue* ..	..	3	3 0
Do. 6d. olive, a sheet of 20*, margins ..	..	17	0 0
St. Helena, wmk. CC., perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6d. ultramarine*	..	1	12 0
Do. do. perf. 14, 6d. milky-blue, a pair* ..	..	4	7 6
Do. do. perf. 14 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6d., a pair* ..	..	1	18 0
St. Lucia, wmk. Star, 6d. green ..	..	1	5 0
St. Vincent, no wmk., perf. 11 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6d. blue-green, a horizontal strip of 3* ..	..	3	3 0
Do. do. 4d. blue, a pair* ..	..	1	10 0
Do. Provisional, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in red on half 6d. green, a block of 4* ..	..	5	0 0

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.THE latest curious address to be used in addressing the *Fortnightly* is the work of a German gentleman

who writes on the front of a post-card:—"Pardy & Son, 8, The Triangle, Bournemouth, London, W.C., 63/64, Chancery Lane." Evidently our friend wished to leave nothing to chance!

Mr. W. G. Triggs, of Streatham, has shown us a 2 centavo Argentine stamp with "Dos" spelt thus: DDS. instead of DOS.

It will be seen that we have introduced a few type modifications into the present number of the *Fortnightly*, partly as a result of suggestions made by our readers. During the coming year it is our desire to improve the journal in all departments, while maintaining those features which have commended it to its readers in the past. We are always glad to hear and consider any suggestions that our friends care to submit.

We have been much amused by a letter from Mr. Charles de Grave Sells, enclosing a tracing of an Italian envelope. The Italians, it appears have caught the patriotic postmark craze, and now use a "flag" postmark with the cross of Savoy in the centre. But as Mr. de Grave Sells points out it is evidently thought that such an artistic postmark ought to receive the full benefit of a clear white background, for on the envelope of which he sends a tracing, the postmark is placed at the left side in isolated splendour, leaving the postage stamp untouched! The Italian post office must think a little less of art and a little more of utility, for this kind of thing is likely to prove bad business.

Our Mr. "Alfred Jingle," whose contributions, just lately, have been like angels' visits, "few and far between," writes us as follows:—

The one and only Artemus Ward, satirising a British sentry, made that worthy exclaim: "D — my heyes, sir! do I hunderstand you to say that you are a-going into the presence of 'Is Rile 'Ighness?'"

Something of the same abject veneration for British Royalty seems to permeate the pages of "Mekeel's Drummer," a little trade circular published by the C. H. Mekeel Company, of St. Louis. "Mr. Fred W. Ayer," the "Drummer" impressively tells us, "is the only American Stamp Collector whom we have heard of as having met the Duke of York personally as a stamp collector. The meeting was arranged by influential people connected with the London Philatelic Society."

When will American philatelists begin to understand that the Duke of Cornwall and York—or as we must now call him the Prince of Wales—is a man who can talk to whomsoever he pleases, and that he is not kept in a spiked cage with a battery of Maxims to protect him!

J.B.F. asks: "What is this romantic story about a wedding dress being bought with Mafeking stamps. I have heard it talked about, but have not seen it in print."

Well, we repeat the story, which has appeared in newspapers galore, for our reader's benefit:—

A romantic interest attaches to one of the contributions to the exhibition of South Africa stamps in the rooms of the Philatelic Society. This was an envelope, bearing two Cape of Good Hope and six Bechuanaland Protectorate stamps, all surcharged, "Mafeking besieged," which was posted in April of last year by a sergeant in Mafeking to his sweetheart in Belfast. After the little town had been relieved, and the warrior had returned home, the recipient of his letter sold the envelope to a stamp collector, and with the money thus realised bought the dress which she wore when the reunited lovers were married.

The Forged "Mafekings."

CHARGE OF FRAUD AGAINST A KIMBERLEY PRINTER.

READERS of the *Fortnightly* will recollect a report in a recent number of the prosecution of Gustav Adolf Ettling, Printer, Old Main Street, Kimberley, on a charge of fraud in connection with the "Mafeking Besieged" stamps. The hearing of the case, it will be remembered, was adjourned from October 12th, to November 6th. We now summarise reports of the further hearings from the columns of the "Diamond Fields Advertiser," of Kimberley:

The preliminary examination in connection with the proceedings against Gustav Adolf Ettling, master printer, Main Street, Kimberley, regarding the alleged overprinting of stamps with the words "Mafeking Besieged," was resumed, on remand, before Mr. J. J. Christie, R.M., on Wednesday, November 6th. Mr. W. J. Pugh (Messrs. Mallett and Bowen) appeared for the accused, and Capt. S. Lorimer, C.P., on behalf of the police.

Edward Henry Adlington, printer, said he knew the accused, and was in his employ from March, 1900, to May, 1901, at Kimberley, practically acting as foreman under the accused. After the relief of Mafeking, when railway communications was being restored, and the rage for Mafeking stamps set in, accused came to witness and said he would like to get some good imitations of Mafeking postage stamps printed, which he wished to send to Germany. Accused had some genuine Mafeking siege stamps in his stamp album, and showed witness one such stamp, saying that he wanted it imitated. Witness set up the type. He now handed the Magistrate one of the stamps produced, and the words "Mafeking Besieged" printed in Doric type, and explained that this type the accused had in his office as part of his plant. Other stamps produced were printed in "skeleton" type, and this the accused procured from outside for the purpose and handed to witness. The work was done as an ordinary job, and there was practically no secrecy about it.

Asked if he could give any idea of the number overprinted, witness said, roughly speaking, he should say 100 were printed at different times. Witness made an affidavit relating to the case while at Johannesburg. The affidavit produced was the same. Having read it over, witness said it was correct.

Cross-examined: Witness made the affidavit in consequence of having been sent for by the authorities of the Criminal Investigation Department at Johannesburg, who questioned him and asked him to make a statement. Asked how he came to describe the overprinting as a fraud, witness said he considered anything which he printed in this way from an original copy was a fraud, so far as the printing was concerned. The stamps were genuine English stamps so far as witness knew. All that was done in accused's office was to print something on the face of the stamp, the words "Mafeking Besieged," or those words with the value attached, 6d. or 3d. as the case might be. The words, "Bechuanaland Protectorate" were already on the stamps. Witness did not know whether these stamps were, or were not, available for postage purposes. He had never attempted to use them. He knew that before the words "Mafeking Besieged" were printed on them they were available for postage.

Suppose a man brought you a sheet of stamps from the Post Office and asked you to print something on them. Would you consider that a fraud? It would depend on what was to be printed.

Do you consider that the mere fact of printing on the stamps would constitute a fraud?—Not if you wanted to put an advertisement on the back of the stamp; I should say you would be defacing the stamp and destroying its value.

But is not that the purpose for which stamps are printed—to be defaced? That is the actual use to which a stamp is put, is it not?—By the Post Office.

Cross-examination continued: Witness knew that the accused destroyed a great number of the stamps printed in the way described. It was done in his presence. He should say the bulk of them were destroyed, but he did not take particular notice. Whether or not accused sent any to Germany he could not say.

You say you found out he was selling these stamps. How did you find that out?—A Mr. Beeman had been having general dealings in stamps with the accused, and some time afterwards some of these stamps had been returned.

Do you know that Mr. Ettling bought hundreds of pounds worth of Mafeking stamps?—Yes.

The stamps sold to Mr. Beeman may have been some of those so bought by the accused?—I did not examine those stamps, so I could not say. If Mr. Ettling swears that the stamps which Mr. Beeman bought were some which he (accused) himself bought from Mafeking, I could not say that they were not.

After Mr. Beeman returned these stamps, witness formed the opinion that the stamps were not being used for the purpose intended, and he therefore came to the conclusion that it would be better to stop making these stamps. No more were made so far as witness was concerned, and subsequently the dies and stamps were destroyed, the type having been destroyed previously.

Re-examined by Captain Lorimer: The die engraved by Mr. King was used for putting on the Post Office obliterating stamp. Witness knew nothing about the values of the stamps, not having been a collector. He could not say whether it increased the value of the stamp to add the words "Mafeking Besieged." It was simply done to make the stamp look more genuine. Pressed on the point, witness admitted that to treat the stamps in the way described would, in his opinion, increase their value as curios.

Further questioned by the Magistrate regarding the process of printing these stamps, witness explained that they could only print one at a time, but the operation could, of course, be repeated as many times as the number of stamps required. Accused used to get them to print, say, a dozen at a time. He should think the largest number printed at one time would be forty or fifty.

At the previous examination Mr. Beeman gave the amount he got back from the accused as £40, and witness, in reply to the Court, stated that £40 would represent the value of a complete set of Mafeking stamps at that time, including the photographic stamps belonging to the set.

There was then a remand until the following day to permit of a philatelist being called as a witness.

John Henry Russell, called by Captain Lorimer to speak, as a collector, as to the value of the stamps after they had been overprinted, gave formal evidence to the general effect that the printing of "Mafeking Besieged" on the stamps would increase their value, from a collector's point of view, though the witness could not say exactly to what extent. At present there seemed to be very little demand for them. He believed the "Argus" stated the other day that there were 200,000 forgeries of them going about the world. (Laughter). At the date to which these proceedings referred there was a greater demand, and the value was therefore higher.

In cross-examination, witness explained that he had not taken any particular interest in these Mafeking stamps, not having cared about them. He would not say that they were of no philatelic value; they might be to some people, but not to him personally. He heard something about a notice by the Postmaster-General last year to the effect that after the relief of Mafeking these stamps had ceased to be available for postal purposes, but he did not see the notice. If there were 200,000 forgeries on the market, that would, of course, depreciate the value. It might, however, increase the value of the genuine stamps. In purchasing stamps he would, as purchaser, do his best to satisfy himself as to their genuineness.

By the Court: Witness knew the accused as a collector, but not as a dealer. He had had a few small transactions with him, outside Mafeking stamps, but only by way of exchange. Every collector was not an expert, and nine collectors out of ten would regard the stamps produced as genuine.

Captain Lorimer then closed his case.

Mr. Pugh, in reply to the Court, said he called no witnesses.

The Magistrate then read the charge against the accused as follows:—"That he did, in or about the month of June, 1900, at Kimberley, wrongfully, falsely, fraudulently, and with intent to defraud, give out and pretend to one Thomas John Beeman, time-keeper, there residing, that certain postage stamps purporting to be of the commercial or philatelic value of £45 sterling, or thereabouts, and to have been regularly surcharged by the military authorities at Mafeking, and defaced in the ordinary course in the Post Office at Mafeking, were genuine stamps so surcharged and defaced; whereas in truth and in fact he, the said Gustav Adolf Ettling, at the time he so pretended as aforesaid, well knew that the said postage stamps which he sold and delivered as aforesaid were not genuine stamps regularly surcharged by the military authorities at Mafeking, or defaced in the ordinary course in the Post Office of Mafeking, but that they were ordinary postage stamps, surcharged and defaced by the said G. A. Ettling, or at his instigation, on his own premises in the town of Kimberley; and thus the said G. A. Ettling did commit the crime of fraud."

Having read the charge, the Magistrate cautioned the accused in the usual terms, that he was not compelled to say anything, but that anything he said might be used in evidence against him.

Accused replied: I am not guilty of the charge.

Mr. Pugh at this stage applied for the discharge of the accused, on the ground that the prosecution had entirely failed to substantiate the case against him. Accused was charged with fraud. There was nothing in the evidence, however, to show that any person had been defrauded. The only evidence adduced as to any sale of stamps by the accused was to Beeman, who stated that he purchased a parcel from the accused which were sent to London, and subsequently returned to him on the ground that they were bogus stamps. Beeman thereupon went to Ettlmg, who refunded him the money. There was no evidence that these stamps which Beeman bought were even alleged to have been among those said to have been manufactured in Ettlmg's office. The prosecution had not produced a single person to show that they had been defrauded of money by Ettlmg. On the other hand, they had the principal witness for the Crown saying that something like 100, more or less, of these stamps were printed, but that in his presence the bulk of them were afterwards destroyed.

Coming to the question of the manufacture of a Post Office cancelling stamp, Mr. Pugh produced a sheet published by the 'Cape Times,' giving representations of the bulk of the Post Office stamps used in the Colony. If it was a crime on the part of the accused to order a Post Office cancelling stamp to cancel stamps in his possession, a similar offence was committed here by giving representations of nearly all the Post Office cancelling stamps in use in the Colony. If an engraver did not know that he was liable for making a copy of a Post Office stamp, it was not the place of the person who gave him the order to know it.

The Magistrate pointed out that the accused was supposed to know the law. Ignorance of the law was no excuse.

Mr. Pugh submitted that the accused ordered the stamp to be made in an ordinary open way, without any secrecy or wrongful inducement, and with no criminal intent. He was entitled to go to the Post Office, purchase a sheet of stamps, and print whatever he liked on them. Stamps were made for the express purpose of being defaced.

The Magistrate: To be used for certain express purposes, including the stamping of letters.

Mr. Pugh: But not for letters alone. They may be used on receipts.

The Magistrate: There is a special legal provision for their use on receipts. Their uses are expressly provided for by law.

Mr. Pugh: Does your worship hold that if they are used otherwise than as provided for by law, the person so using them commits a crime?

The Magistrate: Oh no; I did not say that.

Mr. Pugh: If so, a man who purchased stamps to place them in a stamp album would not be using them legitimately.

The Magistrate: I did not say that.

Mr. Pugh contended that when the accused purchased stamps he was at liberty to do what he liked with them. He could print on them, or advertise on the back of them. He could print his name on the front, as was sometimes done by firms to prevent them from being used by unauthorised persons. He could perforate his name on them, which was also done, for a like purpose. In all these respects, Mr. Pugh submitted, a stamp was on a different footing from a coin. A stamp was issued for the express purpose of being defaced, and the greater the number of stamps defaced, the more the revenue benefited. Therefore there was no crime committed against the Post Office.

The Magistrate having pointed out that there was no allegation of any crime against the Post Office, Mr. Pugh said he would confine himself to the charge of fraud. He then reiterated arguments to show that no fraud had been made out, and argued that the accused, who had already suffered, both in mind and pocket, by these proceedings, was entitled to his discharge.

The Magistrate, in giving his decision, said he would direct attention to section 7 of Act 3 of 1861, which was as follows: "From and after the taking effect of this Act, it shall be sufficient in any indictment for forging, uttering, offering, disposing of, or putting of any instrument whatsoever, or for committing or attempting to commit theft by means of false pretences, (a) to allege that the defendant did the act with intent to defraud without alleging the intent of the defendant to be to defraud any particular person; and on the trial of the offences in this section mentioned, it shall not be necessary to prove an intent on the part of the defendant to defraud any particular person, but it shall be sufficient to prove that the defendant did the act charged with an intent to defraud." He considered that a *prima facie* case had been made out, and should therefore commit the accused upon that. It rested with the Crown Prosecutor to decide whether the accused should be indicted or not, or what further steps should be taken.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

A Society for Fiscalists.

FISCAL COLLECTORS have been putting their heads together, and the result is "the Fiscal Philatelic Society," of which Mr. A. B. Kay, of 33, Bessborough Street, S.W., will be Hon. Secretary, *pro. tem.* The general details were settled at a preliminary meeting held on Saturday last, January 11th.

From a circular just to hand we gather that the annual subscription will be five shillings, and that the Society's objects include the compilation of catalogues of revenue stamps, and the formation of a library relating to fiscals.

An exchange packet will circulate among the members.

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month. The first meeting will be on *February 6th*, at 65, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., to elect officers and committee, adopt rules, and transact any other business.

Philatelists and German Lotteries.

REGARDING our reference to the Hamburg worthies who have been urging their membership in the Birmingham Philatelic Society as an excuse for hawking lottery tickets through the post, we are very glad to have had an assurance from Mr. Johnson, the Hon. Secretary, that the matter has already received attention.

Our thanks to E.H., "Anti-Lottery," and "B.L.B." for interesting letters on this subject.

Gibraltar's Postal Budget.

As in the previous year, Gibraltar's Post Office revenue for 1900, shows a falling-off. It is due this time to a decrease in the sale of stamps at the Morocco Agencies. "The sale of these stamps (the official report declares), for some time, on

their being overprinted, was abnormal." We have to thank a *Fortnightly* reader at "The Rock," Mr. H. F. Maxted, for this information.

Death of Surgeon-Major Flood.

ONE of our oldest subscribers, Surgeon-Major Flood, R.A.M.C., we regret to state has recently died on the West Coast of Africa. The South African Stamp Co. have purchased the deceased officer's very fine collection, which includes many blocks and strips of rare used and unused British Colonials.

The Holliday Collection.

A Huddersfield correspondent writes us as follows:—

With regard to the Holliday Stamp Collection, nothing definite has yet been decided, but I notice in the Minutes of the Huddersfield Town Council, published in one of the local papers, that the Borough Treasurer has received the certificate for the five Preference Shares of £10 each, and that it has been arranged to form a small Committee of Experts to classify and arrange the collection.

Philately's Patron Saint.

Philately has a patron saint, if you please! A French contemporary has "discovered" him in St. Adrian, who was a postman of King Chilperic's time. It is stated that St. Adrian possessed all the qualities of a perfect philatelist. We wonder whether there is any philatelist living who possesses all the qualities of a perfect saint!

Forthcoming Philatelic Events.

BELOW will be found the dates of the London Philatelic Auction Sales during the coming fortnight:—

- Jan. 20th. Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, at 5.0 p.m.
- Jan. 21st & 22nd. Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at Arbitration Room, 63 64, Chancery Lane, at 5 o'clock each day.
- Jan. 23rd & 24th. Messrs. Ventom Bull & Cooper, at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., at 4.30 p.m. each day.
- Jan. 28th & 29th. Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 17, Leicester Square, W.C., at 4.30 p.m. each day.

In the "North Express," one of the new "pushful" half-penny morning papers appears an interesting interview with Messrs. Jaggard & Co., of Liverpool, on the subject of the new British issue and stamp collecting generally. In Messrs. Jaggard's opinion, the only thing militating against the continued popularity of stamp-collecting, is the fact that the rising generation do not take so much interest in it as formerly.

Some Types of Collectors.

BY A DEALER.

A Paper written by Mr. W. C. Taylor and read by Mr. Broad before the Liverpool Philatelic Society.

It is hardly possible now-a-days to divide collectors into two bodies; classifying them as specialists and general collectors.

The old general collector, like the general servant, is a fast disappearing type. The most omnivorous draw the line somewhere. There are still a few collectors who may be called general; but the majority prefer the more scientific-sounding name of "Specialist."

To the outsider, "General Collector" means one of the crowd. But "Specialist" is a dignifying term, and implies special knowledge, special training, and so forth. Of course, as a matter of fact, it does not necessarily mean anything of the kind. Sometimes a beginner, ambitious to collect everything, is so worried by perforation, watermark, surcharge, and other varieties, that he decides to collect a few straightforward countries only.

Henceforward he is a "specialist" in Corea, Cayman Islands, or Nova Scotia.

When you have divided collectors broadly into General Collectors and Specialists, it is interesting to sub-divide and specialize still further. Many interesting specimens will then be brought to light.

The first to be described must be the *Lady Collector*. Naturally the most interesting of all specimens—especially if young. Of course I do not suggest any lack of individuality amongst the fair sex by classing them together, but there are charming traits peculiar to most feminine philatelists.

They are always athirst for information. A perforation gauge is a source of constant mystification and innocent wonder. You carefully explain that it is the size of the perforations that is measured and not the number counted. You proceed to elaborately illustrate this. They assure you that now they know, and thank you so nicely, that you are quite pleased to go over it all again the next time they come in. Ladies again are commonly surprised if you cannot produce at a moment's notice any stamp they mention. A letter from a lady came to me the other day addressed:—

Taylor Bros.,

Stamp Manufacturers.

Perhaps this is the explanation. Ladies, if they use a Catalogue, usually ignore the prices, and when compiling a want list, to please Germany and Post Office Mauritius receive equal attention. Taking them as a whole I think ladies are keener even than the unattractive sex, in wishing to buy what will advance in price, and they treat dealers with much respect as men holding the key of many mysteries. This is very pleasant for the dealers.

Reluctant as I am to leave the ladies, I must now introduce you to

THE SHADE COLLECTOR.

When a man has got this badly he is in a parlous condition. He is gifted with great tenacity of opinion and yet has a morbid desire that his friends shall not only admire his fine rows of shades, but shall also agree with his classification. This, of course, is too much for human nature, and disputes wax loud and long, much warmth is engendered, and sometimes life-long friendships are alienated. Our shading friend on the war path for a particular shade is a sight for the gods. He ransacks the stock of every available dealer, with a frenzied air, snorting contemptuously if unsuccessful. Whether he finds the right shade or not, depends upon the state of his imagination, or whether the dealer is endowed with sufficient hypnotic power.

He tells you with triumph, that to obtain a rosy-pink-emerald-blue Canadian, he searched the stock of no less than 23 dealers. You would think that that particular stamp would be ear-marked for life, but not a bit of it. It becomes one of

a row and other hunting expeditions and glorious acquisitions efface all but a vague memory that one of those shades "took a deuce of a lot of finding."

The vagaries of shadders are many. I have heard of dealers using the elements to obtain some desired result, but I think this is only one of those libellous statements about the trade that spring up from time to time, without foundation.

I must pass on to

THE MINOR VARIETY MAN.

Now if some dealers call the shade collector a nuisance, I am afraid that there are profane dealers who would qualify this term with an adjective of more or less significance if asked to describe the minor variety collector.

He is often a clever and painstaking philatelist with a twist in his brain and an unnatural desire for the abnormal.

He has been having a high old time lately with stamps which are certainly dotty, whatever may be said of the buyers.

Speaking as a man and a brother—and not as a stamp trader—I prefer stamps as perfect and fine, in every way, as possible. A fault, to me, is a fault and something reprehensible rather than interesting. I don't care whether it is a faulty surcharge, a misplaced or superfluous dot or a battered type. In a word, a faultless stamp is better than a faulty one. Of course, the question of scarcity sometimes arises, but if a thing is undesirable on its merits what does its scarcity matter?

You never know to what the minor variety man will attach importance, accidental and frivolous variations of the normal he will eagerly search for, while genuine though minute differences, such as re-touched and re-cut dies, do not appeal to him with the same force. Familiar to every dealer is

THE MAN WITH THE WANT LIST.

He is answerable for many grey hairs and blank spaces on the cranium of his dealer.

Outside of his list he never knows what he wants. This is usually made up of 20 to 30 wants, half of which are unobtainable rarities and the balance consists of stamps rarely stocked by dealers. If you should chance to have any, it does not follow that he will buy, for the want list man is very particular as to condition and price. Perhaps you have none of his wants, but a week after, obtain a few. He then tells you that he has bought some in the meantime and he is not quite sure which, so he won't bother about them. He then presents you with a brand new list. In fact, he sheds want lists whenever and wherever he goes.

Though undoubtedly a diligent philatelist he might with equal propriety be styled a want list compiler.

Then there is

THE COLLECTOR WHO WANTS SOMETHING FRESH.

You may have thousands of stamps he wants, but if he has once seen them, that is quite sufficient.

This type will give 2/6 for a stamp that he knows has just come in to a dealer, when he has had an equally good copy of the same stamp offered him for 1/6, half-a-dozen times elsewhere.

To do business with this man it is necessary to keep shuffling and re-shuffling your stock.

Perhaps the most unsatisfactory of all collectors is

THE CHANGEABLE COLLECTOR.

He begins with a splash to collect everything. Then he gives you to understand that, after the most profound consideration, he has decided to specialize. Not being able to see farther than the end of his nose, he naturally selects Countries that are at the top of a boom. When the boom is absolutely dead, and he finds he ought to have been ready to unload when he started to collect, he resolves in future to trust to his own judgment, and to collect only unfashionable Countries, that he thinks will have a vogue some day.

He therefore closes out, and starts afresh. As his knowledge of stamps is strictly bounded by what he can remember of his catalogue, he, of course, pitches on the wrong countries. The boom never comes, so he begins to chop and change again. You get together, at his request, a fine lot of Labuan, Borneo, and Seebeck's. He then tells you he has decided to

specialize in Chinese. You rake up all your fine old China, only to be told that he has finally decided to specialize exclusively in Great Barrier Islands Pigeon Stamps.

Very soon he gives stamps up altogether, and will tell his friends how his fine collection of unsaleable rubbish only brought a small fraction of cost—thereby proving what rogues stamp dealers are.

The Boy and Girl Collectors are rather trying, especially if inclined to be precocious, and accompanied by their proud parents.

They ask as many questions as ladies, and in addition furnish you with a lot of philatelic information, more or less correct, to the great admiration of accompanying adults.

At the risk of being tedious, I must describe

THE KNOWING COLLECTOR.

He knows all about the stamp trade and the huge profits made by dealers, and on the strength of his alleged inside knowledge, he is sometimes entrusted by more timid friends to buy for them. He is often a loud pompous individual and he knows that dealers always ask more than they expect to get for a stamp. He usually offers half. Being hopelessly obtuse, he will offer 3/3 for a mint unused 5/- stamp, with the utmost sang froid.

This man is a very common type everywhere, and his measure is soon taken. He even becomes a source of some profit to dealers of an adaptable nature.

The Arbitrary Collector, is another and very variable type. Sometimes he collects up to a certain face value only. Something may be said for this idea, but the man who makes a hard and fast line never to pay more than a certain fixed sum for any one stamp, misses many opportunities and leaves his sets very incomplete.

One collector I knew would take nothing issued after 1871. Another confines himself to the old line engraved Colonials. I have heard of collections of 2½d. stamps and their equivalent face value only. Also 5/- Colonials only.

A wealthy and well known philatelist collects, as a side line, complete panes of 1d. Colonials, unused. But some of these come under the heading of Eccentric Collectors, whose name is Legion, and whose predilections are the joy and despair of dealers.

I have not exhausted the Catalogue of Collectors. I could tell you of the Precise Collector, the Whimsical Collector, the Collector who never knows what he wants, the Speculating Collector, the Talkative Collector, the Morose Collector, the Impulsive Collector and many more. Of course the man that all dealers love is

THE IDEAL COLLECTOR.

He always buys exactly what you have. The price is always right, and if he ever does sell his collection, he finds that dealers are not so unreasonable after all. I would like to enlarge and dwell upon the ideal collector, but as that class is so largely represented here to-night, I feel it would be fulsome and personal.

The Penge magistrates have had before them William John Tanner, of Wellington Avenue, Bristol, charged with obtaining a quantity of foreign stamps by fraud. It was stated that there were 43 cases against the prisoner, who was remanded.

As a sequel to the big Chicago Post Office robbery in October last, Charles Stokes, a New York stamp dealer, has been indicted for having in his possession postage stamps wrongfully obtained. American Post Office inspectors claim to be able to positively identify the stamps found in Stokes's possession as part of the \$75,000 worth stolen from the Chicago office.

The "Westminster Gazette" suggests that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should persuade Lord Londonderry to issue a special Coronation stamp, and thus raise an honest penny for his next Budget.

"Tampon," "G.F.C.," and others write to the "Standard" protesting against "the dirty and clumsy way in which the stamps on letters are obliterated."

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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		Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
NORTH BORNEO.					
1883. Perf. 12.					
2c. red-brown	..	1/8	1/6	1/9	1/6
8 cents on 2c. red-brown	..	40/	27/6	20/	12/6
EIGHT on 2c. red-brown)	..	10/	7/6	7/6	5/
CENTS (S.G. type 3)]					
1883. Perf. 11.					
50c. lilac	..	30/	20/	20/	15/
8c. rose red	..	30/	20/	20/	15/
1884. Perf. 12.					
4c. rose	..	1/	1/8	1/9	1/6
8c. pale green	..	3/	2/	1/6	1/
1886. Perf. 14.					
½c. magenta	..	4/	3/	4/	3/
1c. orange	..	20/	15/	15/	10/
2c. brown	..	1/6	1/	1/6	1/
4c. rose	..	4/	3/	3/6	2/6
8c. green	..	3/	2/	2/6	1/9
10c. ultramarine	..	5/	3/6	3/	2/6
1886. Surcharged S.G. type 6.					
½c. magenta	..	15/	10/	10/	7/6
10c. ultramarine	..	70/	50/	35/	25/
1886. Perf. 12.					
3c. on 4c.	..	30/	20/	30/	20/
5c. on 8c.	..	..	..	..	..
1886. Perf. 14.					
3c. on 4c.	..	6/	4/	5/	3/6
5c. on 8c.	..	12/6	8/	10/0	7/6
1886-9. Perf. 14.					
½c. rose	..	1/3	1/2	1/4	1/3
1c. orange	..	1/3	1/2	1/4	1/3
2c. brown	..	1/3	1/2	1/4	1/3
4c. pink	..	1/5	1/3	1/5	1/3
8c. green	..	1/1	1/8	1/1	1/8
10c. blue	..	2/	1/6	2/	1/6
25c. indigo	..	15/	10/	12/6	8/
50c. violet	..	5/	4/	2/	1/6
\$1 red	..	7/6	5/	3/	2/
\$2 red	..	..	..	..	..
\$5 red-violet	..	12/6	10/	3/6	2/6
\$10 brown	..	25/	20/	6/	4/
\$10 brown (error Dollaps)	..	50/	40/	40/	30/
1c. rose (error)	..	20/	15/	20/	15/
1886-9. Perf. 12.					
½c. magenta	..	..	..	..	..
1c. orange	..	..	..	..	..
1889-1890. Perf. 14					
½c. lilac-rose	..	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
1c. orange	..	1/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
2c. brown	..	1/3	1/2	1/2	1/1
3c. violet	..	1/3	1/2	1/3	1/2
4c. pink	..	1/6	1/4	1/2	1/2
5c. slate	..	1/4	1/3	1/3	1/2
8c. green	..	1/6	1/5	1/2	1/2
10c. blue	..	1/9	1/6	1/1	1/9
10c. deep blue	..	1/9	1/6	1/3	1/2
25c. indigo	..	1/6	1/3	1/1	1/9
50c. violet	..	2/6	2/3	1/3	1/1
\$1 red	..	3/6	2/9	1/1	1/9
\$2 dull green	..	5/6	4/	3/1	2/1
1890. Perf. 14. Surcharged. S.G. type 21.					
2c. on 25c. slate	..	5/	4/	5/	4/
8c. on 25c. slate	..	10/	7/6	10/	7/6
2c. on 25c. slate (inverted)	..	15/	10/	15/	10/

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A Nation's Indignation.

It is no exaggeration to say that, not philatelists alone, but Britons generally, are keenly dissatisfied with the new postage stamps. From all quarters come scathing criticisms of this shoddiest of all British issues. "Dagonet" in his "Mustard and Cress" of January 4th passes from indignant prose to satirical verse:—

The new postage stamps are not English. They are of foreign design and of foreign appearance. There is absolutely nothing English about them.

THE NEW KING'S HEADS.

January 1, 1902.

Ring out the Old amid our groans and sighs,
The Old that wrecked Bull's native enterprise;
Ring in the New that sees 'neath dripping Gamp
Bull for his postage use a foreign stamp.

That, from the standpoint of a patriotic Englishman, is the strongest possible denunciation of the new stamps. In "Truth" of January 9th, Mr. Labouchere writes:—

I do not think much of the new penny stamp. No one would know whose head is represented on it were he not told. It is not even remotely like that of the King. Of all our stamps I prefer the foreign stamp. The head on it is clearly cut and occupies one-half of the space. Below in large figures is the value—2½d. To my thinking this is the first essential in a stamp.

Against all the faults of design and colouring pointed out by Press and public, we can set only one comforting fact, and that is the "Lancet's" declaration that the inks and the gum used for the new issue contain no deleterious matter, and that we are not in for any serious epidemic of "Stamp Licker's Tongue!"

What our Readers say.

Those *Fortnightly*-readers who have contributed descriptions of the new stamps in competition for our half-guinea prize, are practically unanimous in adversely criticising the issue. We select the following as the best contribution received, and a cheque for the amount of the prize, 10s. 6d., will be forwarded to its author:—

Parturunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus!

For the last six months we have daily expected the new issues and at last they are to hand, or at least an instalment to go on with.

To describe one, is to picture all four values, for, with the exception of the 2½d., they are triplets except in colour, and the expenditure of a whole halfpenny at the nearest post office will put you in possession of the best possible description.

For the last two decades we have become so accustomed to the lilac coloured stamps that a change in design and above all, in colour, comes as a great relief, but after the novelty has worn off is there not a feeling of disappointment?

The new stamps perhaps compare favourably with the lilacs in a mint state but, postmarked, the lilacs are far and away the better looking.

At first glance I thought a smaller die had been used but this effect is only caused by the design being more compact. I should like to see less shading round the head and I wish His Majesty had a straighter nose!

A correspondent in a non-philatelic paper compares them to Belgian stamps—presumably the 1870 issues. I was at once reminded of the 10 cent stamp of Holland, 1852, although, after all, the likeness is mostly imaginary.

All the ladies I have interviewed are in favour of the old issue; with my male acquaintances the reverse is the case. May Edward VII. for many years to come be the leading feature of all English postage stamps!

WALLABY.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Abyssinia.—All the stamps of the current set have been surcharged "Ethiopic."

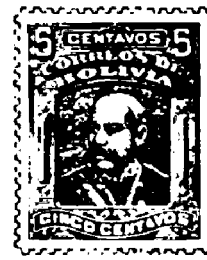
Antioquia.—We give an illustration of the new 1 centavo stamps, described in our last number. It now appears that this has been produced in the three colours, blue, light brown, and red. There is also a 2½c. "Too Late" stamp. The "Record" lists the series as follows:



- 1c. red on yellowish, pin perforated, wove paper.
- 1c. brown on white " " "
- 1c. blue on white " " "
- 2½c. violet. "Too Late" " "

Some varieties are to be found in the type and printers' ornaments composing the stamps.

Bolivia.—We now append illustrations of three of the four new stamps chronicled in our No. 176.



British North Borneo.—The two new values added to North Borneo's list have not yet been formally chronicled here. On the 10 cents appears an animal known as the Honey Bear and on the 16 cents a railway train which appears to be in imminent danger of colliding with a tree.

Adhesives: 10 cents purple and brown.
16 cents light brown and green.

The two stamps, we understand, have been duly surcharged for use in Labuan.

Notes on the Adhesive Stamps of British South Africa.

By GEO. B. PETRIE.
(Concluded from Page 170.)

ERRATA.—The Author observes that a few minor errors unfortunately crept into the first portion of this article, which appeared in our No. 177, and should therefore be corrected.

In Preliminary Remarks: Line 29. For an elephant's passant, read an elephant passant.

In Issue I.: **WATERMARK.** For Fig. 2 read Fig 1A (omitted from No. 177 of the *Fortnightly*).

In Issue III., No. 18: After 2d., sea-green, add " and vermilion."

In Issue VI.: **PERFORATIONS.** Add (iv.) 14½; (v.) 15; (vi.) 16.

ISSUE VI. (continued).

The whole of this issue of stamps measure 23 mm. × 29 mm., and run sixty stamps to the one pane. Of this same set we find six more values followed later. In these higher values the paper has a peculiarly coarse grain showing.

- 34. (ii) (a) 2s., indigo and green.
- 35. (ii) (b) 2s. 6d., brown and purple.
- 36. (ii) (c) 3s., green and mauve.
- 37. (ii) (d) 4s., red and dark blue.
- 38. (ii) (a) 5s., chestnut and green.
- 39. (ii) (a) 10s., slate and vermilion.

ISSUE VII.

Type. High values of Issue VI., surcharged.
Date. April, 1896.
Watermark. As in issue I.
Perforation. " "
Paper. " "
Gum. " "

- 40. 1d. on 3d., grey-black and green, No. 19.
- 41. 1d. on 4s., " vermilion, No. 23.
- 42. 3d. on 5s., orange-yellow, No. 7.

As the supply of low value stamps ran short about April 20th, owing to the Matabele rising, no communications could be held with Salisbury—its capital—where the British South African Company's supply was kept, the above were surcharged. The total number of 3d., on 5s., surcharged in this way was 50 panes of 60 stamps each=3,000 stamps. The printing was executed at the *Bulawayo Chronicle* publishing offices. As will be seen, the original value of all three stamps is obliterated by three bars, which lie one on the other; and the words "One Penny" are in capitals and lower case, the surcharge is in *black*. The 3d. value is all in upper case caps. Some of my fellow philatelists I know fight shy of this issue and class them with other goods of the S.S.S.S. Why, I know not, but I was confidentially informed by Capt. Roache, of the B.S.A. Police at Victoria, who went through the Matabeleland rising, that stamps were not obtainable until surcharged in this manner. Of the 1d., on 3s., there were surcharged 7 panes—420 stamps, and the 1d. on 4s., only 18 panes—1,080. No errors occurred on the 75 sheets, except on the 1d. on 4s., the "P" in the word Penny appears to be reversed. This was, I understand, a speculation, *vide S.C.F.*, vol. iii., No. 57.

ISSUE VIII.

Type. Fig. 6, surcharged on Cape of Good Hope stamps.
Date. " "
Watermark. (a) Cable and Anchor (b) Crown CA.
Perforation. Machine 14.
Paper. Medium white wove.
Gum. White.

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|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 43. (a) ½d., black | (shades). | BRITISH |
| 44. (a) 1d., rose | (shades). | SOUTH AFRICA |
| 45. (a) 2d., light brown | (shades). | COMPANY. |
| 46. (b) 3d., carmine-lake | (shades). | Fig. 6. |
| 47. (a) 4d., blue | (shades). | |
| 48. (a) 6d., lilac-mauve | (shades). | |
| 49. (a) 1s., yellow-ochre | (shades). | |

The stamps of this issue are the Cape of Good Hope surcharged locally for provisional use, as the previous supply was exhausted. The surcharge consists of the words "British

South Africa Company" in sans-serif capitals, in three lines, measuring 7½, 14½ and 10 mm., respectively; while the letters should be 1½ mm. high, and the total depth of the whole surcharge 20½ mm. thus leaving 2½ mm. between the lines of each word.

The quantities surcharged are as under:—

½d., black	100 sheets = 24,000 stamps.
1d., rose	150 " = 36,000 "
2d., light brown	75 " = 18,000 "
3d., carmine-lake	11 " = 26,000 "
4d., blue	37½ " = 9,000 "
6d., lilac-mauve	16½ " = 3,900 "
1s., yellow-ochre	6 ? " = 1,440 ? "

The plate for each value contained 240 stamps, ranged in four panes of sixty in ten horizontal rows of six.

As might be readily expected, several minor errors occur in the sheet, *i.e.*, broken "A" and "I." A very fine forgery of this surcharge is in existence.

Much more might be said on this issue, but space forbids, and I must leave the philatelist to see for himself.



Fig. 7.
ISSUE IX.

Type. Fig. 7.
Date. 1897.
Watermark. Nil.
Perforation. (i.) 13½ × 14; (ii.) 14; (iii.) 14½; (iv.) 15; (v.) 15½; (vi.) 16.
Paper. (a). Thick wove. (b). Buff or salmon. (c). Green.
Gum.

- 50. (a) ½d., olive black and violet.
- 51. (a) 1d., scarlet and emerald.
- 52. (a) 2d., grey-brown and mauve.
- 53. (a) 3d., brown-red and ultramarine.
- 54. (a) 4d., ultramarine and mauve.
- 55. (a) 6d., purple and pink.
- 56. (b) 8d., olive and violet.
- 57. (c) £1, black and red-brown.

This is the new issue engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., and is nearly the same as Issue VI., while it is often referred to as the Re-engraved Series, and can easily be distinguished from the 1896 issue by the ends of the scroll containing the motto, which in this issue do not pass behind the legs of the two springboks. As will be observed, a wide number of perms. exists in this series.

ISSUE X.

Type. Fig. 8.
Date. February, 1898.
Watermark. Nil.
Perforation. Machine 14½.
Paper. Medium white wove.
Gum. White.

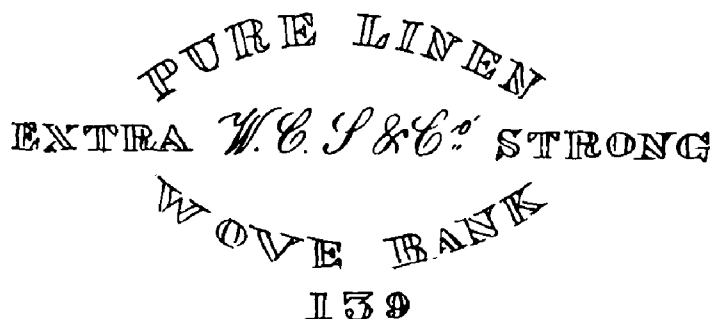
- 58. ½d., green.
- 59. 1d., rose.
- 60. 2d., bistre.
- 61. 4d., olive-brown.
- 62. 6d., red-lilac.
- 63. 1s., ochre.
- 64. 5s., orange.
- 65. 7s. 6d., grey-black (November, 1901).
- 66. £1, purple.
- 67. £5, dark blue.
- 68. £10, blue-lilac.



Fig. 8.

The stamps of this issue are of a vastly different type to their predecessors; they are from new electrotypes, and are in three varieties. The same principal is adopted, *i.e.*, Coat of Arms, the motto, "Justice, Commerce, Freedom," and the

words, "British South Africa Company," with an addition of the value in figures in the top or bottom corners, and are the once familiar small stamps again.



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Fig. 1A.

Above is the illustration of the watermark used for the earlier issues of British South African stamps, omitted from the first portion of this article.

Some Brief Reviews.

SCOTT'S CATALOGUE TO HAND—ANOTHER NEW WEEKLY FROM AMERICA—MISCELLANEA.

THE 1902 "Scott" is to hand from the publishers in New York. We must find space for a full review of this, as well as the second volume of the new "Gibbons" in our next number.

Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole, who is great on postmarks and South African War stamps, has joined the Editors. But his little paper, "Poole's Monthly Philatelist," resembles a detached fragment of a rare stamp. There is not enough of it to make it of any value, and for another thing it is rather too like a dealer's price-list in disguise.

From merry Montmartre, Mons. Arthur Maury's "Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste" comes to hand with clockwork regularity. And the January issue, as usual, embraces the now long-established annual supplement, listing all the stamps, envelopes and post cards issued during 1901. This is a really acceptable little book for which all the readers of the "Collectionneur" should be duly grateful. "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," since it went East to New York City, has been largely improved. Great credit is due to Mr. Isaac Mekeel, the publisher and Mr. C. E. Severn, the Editor, for recent special numbers of the paper dealing exhaustively with Danish West Indies and Hayti.

And now the old original Mekeel's, the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company, are re-entering the newspaper world with "Mekeel's Stamp Collector," which will be a continuation of the well-remembered "Philatelic Journal of America." "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" is to be published both weekly and monthly, and everyone engaged in philatelic journalism will watch its progress with the deepest interest.

"Postage Stamps" have become quite an important department of the Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Limited. A price-list of nearly ninety quarto pages devoted entirely to the Society's philatelic section is eloquent testimony of the amount of business done. Not stamps alone, but albums, catalogues, and all accessories are to be obtained at Department 13, on the third floor of the new building in Victoria Street, Westminster.

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Do. do. 1d. red on piece of original ..	2	10	0
Do. (1896) 10/- green and blue* ..	3	7	6
United States, 1855, 90c. blue, a horizontal pair* ..	7	0	0
Do. 1861, 10c. premiere gravure ..	1	12	0
Do. 1860, 90c. blue* with grille slightly creased ..	5	15	0
Western Australia, 1d. black rouletted, a vertical pair ..	1	18	0
Do. 1860, 4d. blue, a block of 4* ..	2	2	0
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 14, 4d. carmine, a horizontal pair* ..	4	15	0
Zululand, 5/- carmine* ..	3	5	0
Do. another specimen ..	3	5	0
Do. a pair* ..	5	15	0
Do. a used specimen on piece ..	3	5	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, December 19th and 20th, 1901.

British Columbia, perf. 12½, 10c. lake and blue* ..	1	16	0
Do. 50c. violet and red* ..	1	13	0
British East Africa, Provl. M.S., surcharge ½ anna A.B. on 2 annas vermilion ..	4	5	0
Do. do. surcharged in dull violet with a hand stamp, ½a. on 2as. vermilion ..	4	0	0
Do. ½ anna on 4as. brown ..	6	10	0
British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta ..	3	0	0
Do. 1862, provl. 1c. border of pearls, unsigned* ..	2	4	0
Do. do. 1c. border of grapes, do.* ..	2	10	0
Do. 1876, perf. 12½, 4c. blue ..	2	10	0
British South Africa, 1st issue, £2 rose-red ..	2	4	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 1/- pale-lilac* ..	8	0	0
Do. wmk. star, perf. 6d. brown* ..	4	15	0
Do. 2r. 50c. lilac-rose ..	2	10	0

What I think about Things.

BY ALFRED JINGLE.

It being a Britisher's inalienable right to grumble at the Government and all its works, we are constantly criticising the Post Office and other great Departments. But there *are* things that our Government attends to with rigid punctuality. It never forgets the Income Tax, for instance, and it never overlooks the man with a dog.

Whatever else may fail to turn up on the first day of the New Year, every owner of a dog is certain to receive by the first postal delivery a notification that his dog license at 7/6 per dog, irrespective of size, must be renewed forthwith.

To me, both as a philatelist and a dog owner, the occasion has a double significance because it is the only day in the year that I receive a letter franked with the penny "I.R. Official." And behold! this year's notice comes to me in an envelope bearing the old familiar legend, "On *Her* Majesty's Service," but with the "Her" scratched through and "His" written above it by one of the myrmidons of a frugal Government.

And ever since its receipt, I have been wondering why it couldn't have been my luck to have the error on the stamp itself, instead of in the official inscription. If only the "I.R. Official" had been surcharged upside down!

How welcome that beastly dog notice would then have been! To pay the licenses for my two dogs out of the money realised on the Government's own "error"—ah, that would be bliss, indeed! And why should I pay the same figure for my tiny toy terrier as I do for my burly St. Bernard, anyhow? But that's another story.

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What do I think of the New Stamps? Not much! The colours are poor, the design is cramped; the stamps altogether are execrably cheap in appearance. But I must allow that I should like to see some of them adhering to the unsettled bills that have poured in upon me since Christmas. Just one stamp to each bill, with the words "Paid with Thanks," a signature, and a date, and *presto!* all would be peace and gladness in the Villa Jingle.

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I note in one of the smaller American stamp journals this amazing announcement:—

We beg to point out that many of our subscribers will expire with this issue.

Now I have looked very carefully through the number in question and I can find nothing of a particularly fatal nature in its contents. The English language is murdered here and there, but what can it have been that made "many subscribers expire"? Was a bomb, or a small dose of some explosive powder enclosed in certain of the packages, I wonder? If so, I am glad the courtesy was not extended to the English readers of the journal. After this, I am ready to believe the tallest of tall tales of American enterprise.

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The reading matter isn't the only thing one buys a paper for. Some of the advertisements, especially in stamp journals are distinctly interesting. I observe that Messrs. Nissen and Co., in a recent announcement, use the headline in very bold type:

WANTED: GREAT BRITAIN.

Messrs. Nissen & Co., are modest now. Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, if he were in the stamp trade, would go one better than this with:

WANTED: THE EARTH.

However, wanting is one thing and getting is another. Many people have wanted the moon, but it's still hanging up in its usual place, well out of anyone's reach.

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I once knew a man who worked on a ladies' paper. He did the "Advice on Love, by Aunt Dorothy," and other little things like that. A most versatile man. Turned his hand to anything that came along. And if things didn't come along he'd pull them! That kind of man, he was. One day he'd

be writing "Cheery Chatter for the Chicks; by their Uncle Frederick," and the next he'd turn off a column or two of "Feminine Frills and Fripperies."

He was I think, a man capable of any enormity, for one day, while in the full enjoyment of the most complete ignorance of his subject, he sat down and wrote an article on "Stamp Collecting: A Charming Hobby for Ladies."

It was the publication of that article that brought us together.

I called at the office and told him (he being at that time a perfect stranger to me), that the man who wrote the article must be a fool; he observed, in reply, that for two pins he'd sweep the stairs with me; and one thing led to another, and—that, in short, was how we got friendly.

And once in a burst of confidence he initiated me into one of the great secrets of his craft. Said I, "supposing you're hard pressed for something to fill up with; what do you do?" "Oh, I generally bung in a few 'Don'ts'," he replied in the easy, graceful phraseology so much in vogue among Fleet Street Bohemians. "A few what?" I gasped. "A few 'don'ts'—paragraphs telling people what they shouldn't do," he explained; "it's the easiest thing in the world. Perhaps I give 'em 'Don'ts for Young Brides' or 'Don'ts for Careful Housewives,' and if they're overdone there's always 'Don'ts for Hostesses' and 'Don'ts for Husbands,' to fall back upon. There's no safer policy in this world than to tell people what not to do, because whether your advice is good or bad they'll never follow it!"

So, taking a leaf from "Uncle Frederick's" book, I beg to offer the readers of the *Fortnightly* a few

DON'TS FOR PHILATELISTS.

DON'T continue to ask all the friends you meet what they think of the new stamps. Some of them may be carrying firearms.

DON'T smoke; or, if you must smoke, don't light your pipe when you are chasing a watermark with a bottle of benzine. One man who did so has never benzine from that day to this!

DON'T send stamps on approval to a gentleman whose address is a P.O. Box "in Timbuctoo or in far Peru." You'll have too long a run for your money.

DON'T covet your neighbour's stamps. Buy them from him at a twentieth of catalogue value. Its more genteel.

DON'T speculate unless you know, and, when you do know, don't speculate. Its better fun and less expensive to watch some other man.

DON'T fret yourself trying to be first on the postal list of your Exchange Club. Get on visiting terms with the Secretary.

DON'T hoard up current unused stamps with a big future profit as your scheme. In a year's time perhaps the scheme will, to speak vulgarly, "come unstuck," for the simple reason that *the stamps won't!*

DON'T sell your collection for £30,000 if you can get more.

DON'T wax too enthusiastic over a friend's album. There's no telling when he'll be wanting to sell out.

DON'T give your bid in the auction room till the hammer is half-an-inch from the rostrum. This only annoys your fellow bidders; it doesn't damage the stamps.

DON'T part with your stamp-album to anybody on any "consideration" whatever. It has long been accepted that a pawn-ticket has no philatelic interest.

DON'T, for goodness sake don't, write to the Editor of the *Fortnightly*, saying that you don't want to read any more of Alfred Jingle's rot, for at present it is the only visible means of support of

ALFRED JINGLE.

Since the *Fortnightly's* articles on the subject, many Exchange Clubs have adopted the system of net pricing advocated by so many correspondents. Mr. Spibey, of the County of Stafford Exchange Society, reports increased business as a result of the change.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.**JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

A GENERAL Sale and Exchange was held on Saturday, 4th January, at Clapham Hall. The next meeting will be held on 18th January, when a Display of the "Postage Stamps of China" will be given by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole.

Those members and friends who have not yet secured their tickets for the Conversazione and Dance to be held at Raleigh Hall, Brixton, on Saturday, 25th January, are requested to do so at once to prevent disappointment. Single tickets, 2/-; double tickets, 3/6; on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. PARKER, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

EXCHANGE BRANCH.—The December packet was despatched on the 27th ult., the total value of sheets being £60 4s. 8d. All packets are on view at the Society's meeting at Clapham Hall before being despatched. Collectors having good medium stamps for disposal, and beginners and medium collectors wishing to add to their collections at reasonable rates, are invited to join the Society.

Exchange Superintendent: Mr. H. F. JOHNSON, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Rd., S.W. Appended are the Junior London Philatelic Society's fixtures to the end of the Season:—
Feb. 1—General Sale and Exchange.

Ten-minute Papers on "Easy Countries for Beginners."

Feb. 15—Lantern Display: "Stamps of the Argentine Republic"—Charles Purdon, Esq.

Mar. 1—General Sale and Exchange.
Debate: "What are Minor Varieties?"

Mar. 15—"The Adhesives of Russia"—Edward C. C. Tidman, Esq., Vice-President.

April 5—General Sale and Exchange.
Ten-minute Papers—"How I Collect Stamps."

April 19—Display: "The Stamps of Holland"—Wm. Darwin, Esq.

May 3—General Sale and Exchange.
Ten-minute papers—Any subjects.

May 17—Annual General Meeting.
Election of Officers. Revision of Rules. Reception of Reports.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE November Packet has returned from circulation, the first since the adoption of net prices. The change has proved beneficial in all respects, sales having increased by about 80%, and several new members elected. All sheets were returned from within 2 to 7 days of return of packet.

The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any collectors desirous of becoming members of this first-class Exchange whose motto is promptness. Rules, &c. will gladly be furnished by—JAS. SPIREY, Winona, Corporation Street, Stafford.

CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE Oct. Packet returned from circuits on Jan. 11th, having been detained somewhat in transit. All sheets and cash balances sent off to members on the 13th with the exception of three members whose sales were very good. Their sheets and cash will be sent on in a few days.

The following members have joined the club since last report: Dr. T. E. Fisher, Mr. T. E. Laurensen, Mr. J. R. Ponder, and Mr. Craven, of Cape Colony. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to join as buying members if they have no duplicate to send.

JOHN JOHNSTON, Secretary, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

THE annual general meeting of the Society was held at Mr. Larmour's residence, 60, Bentinck St., Calcutta, on Friday, 20th December, Mr. C. F. Larmour being in the chair. There was a small attendance, owing probably to the holding of the Viceregal Levée on the same evening. Mr. Corfield (in the absence of the Treasurer) presented a provisional statement showing the financial position to be in a satisfactory condition. The rules were in certain respects amended, and as amended, ordered to be published in the "Philatelic Journal of India." A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson, the late Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of India," now on leave to Europe, for his services during the past year. The following honorary officers were appointed for 1902:—*President*: Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson, I.C.S. (Europe). *Vice-Presidents*: Mr. W. Dorning Beckton (Manchester), Mr. C. F. Larmour (Calcutta), and Mr. D. P. Masson, C.I.E. (Lahore). *Editor of the Journal*: Mr. E. W. Wetherell (Bangalore); *Treasurer*: Mr. D. P. Masson. *Secretary*: Mr. W. Corfield (Calcutta). *Librarian*: Mr. T. Hoffman (Calcutta). *Council*: The above *ex-officio* and Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. A. Harris (Calcutta), and Messrs. G. A. Anderson (Bombay), F. N. Schiller (Calcutta), and P. A. Selve (Bombay).

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Nov. 21.—Paper. The embossed stamps of Great Britain. Mr. T. W. Peck.

The subject was most exhaustively treated by Mr. Peck, who made his explanations much clearer by showing some embossing dies and printer's "make up" and the various ways of using them. An interesting discussion followed, which brought out some of the explanations in more detail.

The following were unanimously elected members: Major T. Jermyn, Messrs. J. L. Sievwright, A. Anderson.

Dec. 5th.—Our third Auction took place on this date, when, with the kind assistance of Mr. H. W. Plumridge, some 175 lots were disposed of at very good prices.

Messrs. D. Rotberg, F. H. Maddison and F. A. Pendlebury were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were ordered to be entered on the minutes to Mr. H. L. Hayman, for a valuable contribution to the permanent collection, and to Messrs. G. B. Bainbridge, W. Scott, W. Morley, D. W. Osgood and A. Sempad, for important contributions to the Library.

The next Auction will be held on February 27th and 28th, lots for which must reach the Hon. Sec. by January 27th, at latest.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

Is this Faking's Latest Phase?

As individual who—at any rate for the present—shall be nameless and addressless has placed the following type-written tariff for stamp perforations into circulation among stamp-collectors, headed "Scale of Charges for Perforating Plain Edges of Stamps in Gauges from 10 to 16."

The prices for perforating both "long sides" and "short sides" are given with great exactness, and it is added that rouletting can also be undertaken at an enhanced price. Incomplete perforations can also be seen to, and if they have been entirely removed they can be "neatly replaced," and in conclusion, "charges for these and other repairs can be estimated if stamps are sent for examination."

Our opinion on this subject has been sought by more than one reader of the *Fortnightly*.

We think there is little need to comment upon such a circular, for in our view it speaks for itself. It looks like a deliberate invitation to philatelists to buy their compound perfs. "from the maker."

We shall, however, be very glad to give the fullest publicity to any explanation or disclaimer the author of the circular cares to send us.

Very Previous Edward VII. Stamps.

THE reader, "C. G. M.", who reports one of the new half-penny stamps postmarked Dec. 31st, 1901, 4.15 p.m., is evidently not aware that specimens are reported used as early as December 30th.

In spite of the boasts of postal officials that none of the King Edward Stamps would be used until the New Year had dawned, plenty of rural postmasters appear to have "obliged" their too eager friends and acquaintances.

The Post Office Authorities might do worse than hold an enquiry into the subject.

A London Philatelist, Mr. L. S. Charlick, was informed, or rather, warned, that if he posted letters bearing the new stamps before Big Ben had "toll'd the knell of the 'parting year,'" the envelopes would be surcharged for payment of double postage at the other end. Had we been Mr. Charlick we think we should have tested that point, as an envelope surcharged for such a reason would have been a very distinct curiosity. But that is beside the point. A strict rule was laid down by St. Martin's Le Grand that no specimens of the new specimens should be used until January 1st, 1901, and the rule seems to have been flagrantly disobeyed in all parts of the Country.

Apropos the Portuguese Error:

MR. J. N. MARSDEN writes us from Lisbon, under date January 14th:

"In the last number of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, I note an interesting paragraph in a Portuguese error of the 5 reis 1895.

"This error is well-known here."

"In addition to it, I possess the 2½rs., 25rs., and 50rs. without figures of value.

"A whole sheet of the 2½ reis was issued without figure of value—but the 5rs., 25rs., and 50rs., were issued in sheets with the figures of value so misplaced that a few stamps on each sheet appear without the figures. In the sheet of the 25 reis, for instance, the second printing in black, was so placed, that the first vertical row escaped, and the superfluous figures appeared in the right hand margin.

"I may say that very great care is exercised in the Lisbon mint to prevent the issue of such varieties, which are therefore rare.

"The specimens I possess were issued in the Oporh Post Office."

The S.T.P.A.'s Deficit.

REGARDING our references to the deficit shown by the Stamp Trade Protection Association we have received a long and suggestive letter from Mr. A. H. Dingwall, the well-known dealer of Weston-Super-Mare. The Directors of the S.T.P.A., if they sincerely desire the welfare of their Association, will welcome any discussion as to ways and means, and we therefore give Mr. Dingwall's letter in extenso:—

Why does not the Secretary of the S.T.P.A. spend a little money in advertising? It is perfectly ridiculous waiting because the gods do not shake down fruit into his mouth. How on earth is the public to be expected to join his association when no report of the doings of the association are published?

We want a Society run by a good business man who will put

plainly before all small dealers like myself what are the advantages to be gained by joining the association. If they would do that and keep a black list, and write to all the members warning them not to send sheets to doubtful customers until they have proved themselves to be good men and true, it would be a great boon to us all.

For instance, I am constantly losing small sheets and when this occurs I should like to be able to report all the facts to the association, when, if they considered the facts established, they could at once warn other dealers not to send their stamps to that address. At present I put up with the loss as part of the expenses incidental to the running of the business, but for the sake of others I think this "laissez aller" policy is very bad and I think there ought to be some way of stopping these petty frauds, and if warnings could at once be sent out to all members to be on their guard the approval requisitioner would soon feel that the game was not worth the candle. Mr. Crawford does not even give his address and forgets what very busy men stamp dealers are during the winter months.

I have embodied these hastily typed ideas in the enclosed letter to Mr. Crawford, which please forward to him, and oblige.

We have of course forwarded the letter as requested, and trust that Mr. Dingwall's outspoken criticism will not only not be resented, but will be accepted in the frank and helpful spirit in which it is penned.

We personally have spared no effort to bring the work of the S.T.P.A. prominently before our readers; but if we were asked our opinion as to what was wanted for the S.T.P.A., we should certainly say emphatically, as Mr. Dingwall has said, "More publicity!"

The Association, in our opinion, has made one grave blunder in selecting what is essentially a stamp dealer's trade circular as its official organ. Nowadays there is generally some penalty to be paid for any outspoken statement, and we know the penalty we must face for saying this—namely, we shall be accused of seeking the trade organship for the *Fortnightly*. Well, candidly, the S.T.P.A. could scarcely have done better than to choose the *S.C.F.* for the purpose, for it is a journal absolutely free from trade influences and one that could be depended upon for absolute impartiality in all circumstances. Be all this as it may, we have not referred to this matter with any desire to be invited to act as the Association's journalistic representative.

We shall welcome further correspondence on the subject of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, because we do not wish to see this excellent Society go the way of the old P.P.A., the London Philatelic Exchange, the S.S.S.S., and other protective concerns.

Wanted, a Secretary!

MEANWHILE, as will be seen from an advertisement inserted elsewhere in this number, the S.T.P.A. is in need of a Secretary. There is a chance here for a bright, pushful, energetic philatelist, not to make a great deal of money, but to make an honoured name for himself among his fellow-philatelists by engineering the S.T.P.A. to success. It is a position wherein any philatelist, even if he be brimming over with energy, will find plenty of scope for all the patience, ingenuity, tact, and discretion he may be fortunate enough to possess. We sincerely hope that a man will be found who is enthusiastic in Philately's cause, and we feel sure that such a man will ultimately reap a rich harvest in the applause of his fellow stamp-collectors. In this matter the well known American phrase may be aptly quoted—"The office seeks the man!"

A good cause is half the battle; a good organiser is the other half. The S.T.P.A. wants a Secretary who can organise and hustle.

Our Little Competition.

THE name and address of the winner of the 10s. 6d. prize in our New Stamps Competition omitted from our last number, is: F. F. Lamb, 6, Baltic Villas, Edith Road, Ramsgate.

Most interesting contributions came to hand from J.F.B., and D.C.G., London; J.P.C., Jersey; F.S., Oxford, and J.R., Sutton; but we specially asked for a *philatelic* description of the new issue, and this fact appears to have been overlooked by the majority of our competitors.

Our Friends at Bristol.

THE *Fortnightly* is happy to be re-instated as the Official Organ of one of our most go-ahead of provincial Philatelic Societies—the "Bristol and Clifton." One by one we are getting all our old friends back again.

"Vaccination Wrappers" the Latest!

THERE is nothing like being "in the movement." Every-one now-a-days is talking of vaccination—in the intervals between their Ping-Pong—and Mr. Charles Nissen, not to be out of it, has bought up a big lot of printed Vaccination Certificate forms, which bear on the outside the regulation ½d. wrapper stamps. We don't quite know how a Philatelist is going to accommodate a document of such dimensions in his album; but as we have said before it is obviously "the thing" to speculate in Vaccination Wrappers these days.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used fine	Used average copy
NORTH BORNEO—continued.				
1891-2.				
6c. on 10c. (1886-9) ..	.. 2/	1/6	2/	1/6
6c. on 10c. (1889-1890) ..	.. 10/	7/6	8/	5/
6c. on 8c. (1886-9) ..	.. 100/	60/	70/	40/
6c. on 8c. (1889-1890) ..	.. 18	16	18	16
1892. Perf 14.				
6c. lake .. ..	.. 16	14	13	12
1892-3. Perf. 14. (Surcharged. S.G. type 23.)				
1c. on 4c. rose ..	.. 3/	2/	3/	2/
1c. on 5c. grey ..	.. 12	11	13	12
8c. on 25c. slate ..	.. 15/	10/	12/6	8/
1894. Perf. 14-15.				
1c. olive-bistre green ..	.. 1/	1/	1/	1/
2c. dull carmine and black ..	.. 2/	2/	2/	2/
3c. red-lilac green ..	.. 3/	2/	3/	2/
5c. vermilion and black ..	.. 4/	3/	3/	2/
6c. olive-bistre and black ..	.. 5/	4/	4/	3/
8c. brown-purple and black ..	.. 7/	5/	6/	4/
12c. blue and black ..	.. 19/	16/	1/	18
18c. deep green and black ..	.. 16/	1/	1/	18
24c. brown-lake and blue ..	.. 16/	1/	1/	18
25c. indigo .. ..	.. 2/	1/6	1/	18
50c. violet .. ..	.. 3/	2/	18	16
\$1 red .. ..	.. 3/	2/	12	13
\$2 dull green .. ..	.. 5/	4/	23	16
\$5 red violet .. ..	.. 15/	10/	15	14
\$10 brown .. ..	.. 27/6	20/	8/	5/
1896. (Surcharged S.G. Type 33.)				
4c. on \$1 red .. ..	.. 3/	2/	3/	2/
10c. on \$1 red .. ..	.. 4/	3/	3/	2/
20c. on \$1 red .. ..	.. 9/	6/	4/	13
30c. on \$1 red .. ..	.. 1/	18	18	16
40c. on \$1 red .. ..	.. 16/	1/	1/	19

(To be continued).

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

APPENDED are the fixtures of the Leeds Society from the present time until the end of the season :-

Feb. 4—At Patent Library—Paper by EUGENE ELGY on "Internal Rates of Postage in the Various European Countries."

" 18—At Patent Library—Display of Stamps of Spain and Colonies.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE Seventy-second meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Monday, Nov. 11th.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Jones, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

It was voted to accept the offer of the Directors of the American Philatelic Association to have their Medal and Diploma framed and to loan to Club to be hung in the assembly room.

The Treasurer's report showed a cash balance in bank of \$348.54 exclusive of bond.

Mr. Carl Willadt was declared to have been unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York City.

LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE November packet has just been settled, sheets returned, and all accounts paid. The total value of the packet was just on £140 and the sales amounted to nearly £20.

With the new year nearly all the Club subscriptions fell due, and I am pleased to say that they were ALL renewed. Not one member has resigned, and I have had a quantity of letters expressing satisfaction with the Club.

Secretary: MISS LOUISE HAYNES, 10, Batoum Gardens, West Kensington.

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On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

It has been often urged that one of the attractions of "Entire" collecting was the comparative immunity which postal stationery enjoys from the curse of forgeries and counterfeit surcharges and other terrors which dog the steps of the stamp collector. It must not be thought however that we are safe from the machinations of the forger, for we are fairly well supplied with "bad" envelopes of Austria, Lubeck, Baden, Prussia, Oldenburg, Brunswick and other early European rarities. And we are just as likely one day to find we have purchased a splendid lot of say, Ceylon or Mexican rarities which are as "bad" as they make 'em." The fact that provisional surcharges on Postal Cards and Letter Cards are often added by means of hand stamp, and and singly, would often lead to easy forgery were it not that providentially, instances are not numerous when profit would accrue from the enterprise. But this sense of security must not be allowed to mislead us, and in the more expensive pieces care should always be taken, as with stamps, that nothing of doubtful origin be admitted into our collections.

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I have been led to these reflections by a letter from Mr. Lohmeyer in the "Weekly Philatelic Era" in which he calls attention to what is evidently a counterfeit or more properly bogus surcharge on the Porto Rico 3 cent red-brown card of 1896. (Gibbons No. 10) bearing a surcharge in red in three lines over the stamp "Habilitado Para—1898 y 99." Mr. Lohmeyer knowing that such a surcharge had been used for postage stamps, but doubting its authenticity on a postal card, submitted the specimen to Mr. J. Andreini, of New York, and Mr. John N. Luff for their opinion. They advised him that the surcharge was a counterfeit from a single die, which has been called the Hinkson die, and which has been applied extensively to stamps used and unused, and sold in large quantities to dealers before the fraud was discovered. The original and genuine die was made in a roll of ten impressions, thus affording a clue which led to the discovery of the fraud. It seems pretty clear therefore that this surcharge on the card was from the same counterfeit die that did so much harm to stamp collectors, and we are glad to be warned against it.

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Last month I mentioned my intention of making a list of all articles or notes, other than new issue notes, which appeared in the philatelic press on the subject of Cards or Covers, during the present year. Up to the time of writing I have seen very few of this year's magazines. I have, however, noted the following

ARTICLE ON ENTIRES.

Post Card Varieties.—Argentine, Austria, Austrian Italy, and Levant. B. W. Warhurst, "Stamps," January.

This is a description of varieties not mentioned in Gibbons' Catalogue, and intended to supplement that excellent list. Collectors will be delighted with this series, which I understand will be continued throughout the catalogue, as it will bring to their notice many varieties which might otherwise have escaped them. The cards of Austria afford a rich mine of interest for variety hunters, the many differences in the type set frames of the first issue, and minute differences in the relative position of the German and Roman text on later issues being of great interest.

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Amongst the magazines of 1901 I noticed the following:—Notes on the Registered Envelopes of British Central Africa. "London Philatelist," January, 1901.

Bavaria Postcards, "Ill. Brief, Jnl." 1901, 531, 535, 542, 550.

Belgium Postcard and Reprints, "Monthly Journal," Mar. Orange Free State, Orange River Colony, Transvaal, Mac-hodadorp. "Stamps," various articles throughout year.

Mauritius. B. W. Warhurst. "Stamps," Feb. Embossed Envelopes of Great Britain. "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," issues of Jan. and Feb.

United States Postal Cards. "American Journal of Philately," April.

In addition to these there was a quarterly magazine, "Postal Cards and Covers," containing various articles on the Halfpenny Cards of Great Britain, South African Entires, Hawaii, &c., and there were other contributions, such as "Gossip on Entires," regularly in "Stamps."

The articles above-mentioned are not numerous, nor do they more than touch the fringe of the unexplored matter relating to entires, but they serve to show that a number of collectors are trying to advance the study of our interesting branch of philately.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Argentine Republic.—A "New Year's Letter Card" is the latest arrival. I understand it is decorated with views of which there are fifty varieties, in six different colours. Next please!

Bolivia.—The envelopes and bands alluded to in my last notes are fully described by the "Monthly Circular." They are printed from a lithographic transfer of the new adhesives and are 5 centavos bright red, 10 centavos dark blue, and 20 centavos violet all on yellowish. The wrappers are quite similar in design to the current Mexicians, and are 4 centavos and 6 centavos both in orange on yellowish. What could be the reason for having two different values printed alike?

British Guiana.—"E.W.S.N." states that the stamp on the Registration Envelope will be altered shortly, to a 4c. blue ship type—thus supplanting the only Queen's Head in the Colony.

France.—*Pneumatic Post.*—The following list is taken entire from "E.W.S.N."

Envelope: 50c. rose on bluish, surcharged:—

- (a) "Taxe Réduite—30c." in red.
- (b) Same with six bars on the old value.
- (c) "Taxe Réduite—0.30c." in violet; seven bars.

Letter Card: 50c. black on blue, surcharged:—

- (a) "Taxe Réduite—30c." handstamped in red or carmine.
- (b) Same, but slightly smaller.
- (c) Same as (a), but with six bars.
- (d) Same as (c), but in black instead of red.
- (e) "Taxe Réduite—30c." and six bars printed.

Reply Letter Card: 1fr., black on blue, surcharged:—

- (a) "Taxe Réduite—60c." without bars.
- (b) " " " " with six bars.

The new post card 10c. carmine on greenish, has been in use some time, but does not appear to have attracted attention. It has a somewhat cheap appearance.

Germany.—It appears the watermark S.I.S. found on the 2pf. postcards is the control mark of the cardboard manufacturers and that W.I.W. is also to be found. Both are marked vertically, one letter below the other. These control marks now supersede the missing and misplaced dot vagaries that formerly served the purpose.

Spain.—The "M.C." chronicles a new card with stamps of current type, 15+15 centimos, black on pale orange-brown. There are two varieties of the 10c. card, one for Inland and the other for Postal Union use, both being similar but of different colours. There is much confusion in the description of these colours in various magazines so I will refrain from description until I see a copy.

Sweden.—The 2 öre envelope now appears without the inscription round the stamp.

Tunis.—The 10 and 10+10 centime cards have appeared in the new colour, carmine on green.

Turkey.—Messrs. Senf's paper describes these new envelopes smaller than before, the values being 20p. red on white for Interior, 1p. violet-blue on rose (Interior), and 1p. violet-blue on yellow (Exterior). There are also two letter cards, both 1p. blue on rose.

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The "Turned Head" Issue.

If the wisecracks of the daily Press had their way the present issue of English stamps would go down to posterity as the "Reversed Head" issue, or something of that kind. For many days newspaper after newspaper, led by the "Daily Chronicle," has solemnly stated and re-stated that the present stamps of King Edward VII. would shortly be "called in" because the head of the King, as depicted on the stamps, was "turned the wrong way round"! Officials of the Post Office, when tackled on the subject by the inquisitors of Fleet Street, declared that there was "no foundation for the statement." But what is an "official denial" to a newspaper representative? It is a thing to toy with and to make pleasant jests about.

One evening newspaper, on the very day that the official denial was circulated, came out with a flaming poster that proclaimed the imminent calling-in of the new issue.

But at last comes sense and sobriety in the issue of the "Daily Graphic" for Thursday, January 30th. So sound and so interesting are the comments of this newspaper that we reproduce them in extenso:—

If any speculative philatelist has been looking forward to a possible "corner" in the new postage stamps on the strength of the rumour that the recent issue was to be withdrawn, he is doomed to disappointment. The report was due to the fact that the King's head faces the same way as did Queen Victoria's, instead of being reversed, as precedent decrees it should be in the case of the coinage when a new Sovereign succeeds. In the case of stamps, however, there was—thanks to the length of the Victorian Age—no English precedent to follow, for postage stamps were one of the innumerable products of the record reign. From inquiries made at the General Post Office by the "Westminster Gazette," it appears, however, that the authorities carefully investigated the practice of foreign countries, and found that there was no such rule as obtains in the case of our coinage. The authorities could, indeed, have satisfied themselves on that point from the pages of any schoolboy's stamp album, where they might have seen, not only that the heads of two successive Sovereigns often face the same way, but also that one head sometimes faces different ways in different issues. Indeed, if we are not mistaken, it is the fact that in the certain Colonial stamps our late Queen's head faces right instead of left, as on our British stamps.

Philatelists, in common with the general public, would welcome any revision of the present issue that brought us a more artistic series of postage labels, and it is quite possible that some change in the penny stamp is contemplated, in view of the discovery that this value is practically worthless as a receipt stamp; but should any general change take place, it will certainly not be for the reason that the King's head is "turned the wrong way round!"

The head, such as it is, is all right. It is the heads of irresponsible writers for the Press that have been turned!

The Auction Thief is at it again! Messrs. Martin, Ray and Co. write us as under:—

At our last view for the sale held on 20th January somebody "commandeered" a mint block of four 5s. Jamaica. As, doubtless, all and sundry read your paper, a notice to the effect that 30s. was the price the stamps were knocked down for may induce the individual in question to forward us that amount. Or, failing this, perhaps "Jingle" might add another "Don't" to his list!

We also hear of a similar theft from Messrs. John Edwards and Co.

Regarding the Circular sent out to many of our subscribers with this number, relating to our bright little contemporary, the "Philatelic Monthly Referee," Messrs. R. T. Morgan and Co., the publishers and proprietors of that journal, desires us to state that a copy will be sent free to any *Fortnightly* reader who cares to send for one. Our readers are requested, therefore, to ignore the line "Specimen Copy, One Penny," and to send, if they choose, a requisition by post-card.

The Special Auction Sale to be held by Messrs. Plumridge & Co., on February 24th and following days, and the realisations from which are to be computed by those philatelists who enter the South African Stamp Company's Prize Competition, is an event already well advertised in the *Fortnightly*. We allude to it here merely because Messrs. Plumridge wish us to state that, for the benefit of continental collectors and competitors the "lots" for the sale in question are to be exhibited for a few days in Paris—at the Hotel Terminus. This, we are given to understand, is quite a new departure in British Stamp Auctioneering.

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A Long Way after Kipling.

(WITH THE USUAL APOLOGIES.)

"Now we think it will be generally agreed that collectors find these so-called minor varieties an unmitigated nuisance."—MORLEY'S PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

A man there was and he made his prayer,
(Even as you and I).

To a splash and a dash and a line of hair,
Or a sportive perf. (he denoted it rare)—
For cover and card he had never a care.
(Even as you and I).

Oh the pipes we light and the cheques we write,
In the spoil of the sea and land
Partake of the toll of the mean and small—
The fevered whim for the nothing-at-all—
One never can understand.

A man there was and his heart he bent—
(Even as you and I).

On fads and fakes to colossal extent—
(It wasn't a bit what Philately meant)
But the pigeons is plucked from Kabul to Kent
(Even as you and I).

Oh the time we've lost and the cash it cost
On the wonderful stuff to hand—
On the crossless T and the dotless I—
And the phantom fun of a doubtful die
We know it—and understand.

The man was sad when his purse was spent,
(Even as you and I).

He fixed up an "ad," on a sale intent,
And sold—at a loss of some sixty per cent.,
(But that didn't matter as long as they went)
(Even as you and I).

Oh it isn't the price of the sacrifice
When we've furrowed the fruitless sand—
Its the fact of finding absurdity's marge
In the wild weird quest of the double surcharge
That at last we understand.

"Dāk," in the "Philatelic Journal of India."

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Belgium.—We gather that the following new values are being added to the Parcel Post series:—

Parcel Post Stamps: 30c. orange.
40c. dark green.
70c. dark blue.
90c. bright red.
3fr. black.

Bolivia.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., we receive two values of the series already described and illustrated:—

1 centavo, red-lilac.
2 " green.

Bosnia.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., kindly send us the new 35 heller, with the body of the design in blue and the numerals of value in black.

Canada.—It is stated in "Ewen's Weekly" that there is official authority for the statement that up to December 10th "no steps have been taken in regard to a change in the stamp issue." On the other hand the Queen's Head series appear to be running out of stock. Not long since it was impossible to obtain any 10c. stamps, and from another source it is learned that the 3c. and 6c. cannot be had. Will these values be reprinted or will the gaps be filled by surcharging? "We should not be surprised," adds our contemporary, if not Canada alone, but many other Colonies, resorted to this method of getting rid of surplus stocks. In several cases Colonies are known to have at least 5 or 10 years' supplies of particular stamps.

Chili.—Here is an illustration of the new 5 cents stamp, chronicled in our No. 177. The stamp, at first glance, is strongly suggestive of the current stamps of the United States, and it is therefore not at all surprising to learn that it is the work of the American Bank Note Company.

A specimen of the 50 centavos of the retiring issue, *rouletted*, is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.



Colombia.—Illustrations are now given of the provisional stamps of 1 and 2 centavos, showing the red chain obliteration, as described in our last issue:



Congo Free State.—We are assured by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. that no change has taken place in the colour of the 1 franc stamp, although in many quarters it is stated to have appeared in carmine and black.

Cook Islands.—We have to thank the same firm for a specimen of the 1d. stamp of the Cook Islands Federation, with a black surcharge of a crown. We are at present without information as to the object of this curious overprint.

Does it betoken a tightening of the bonds that unite the Cook Islands to the British Empire, or has it perchance anything to do with recent defalcations in the postal departments of the Federation?

Dominican Republic.—Four new Postage Due Stamps have appeared, as follows:—

Postage Due Adhesives:
2 centavos, brown-olive.
4 " "
5 " "
10 " "



We give an illustration of the type of the new postage stamps already chronicled in the *Fortnightly*. There is still another new set in preparation, the "P.J.G.B." informs us, the cause—or should we say the excuse?—being the fivehundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Santo Domingo in 1502.

New Zealand.—Mr. A. Rosenberg sends us the current ½d. stamp, perf. 11×14½, and in doing so draws our attention to the fact that the gum now used on the New Zealand stamps is much duller than formerly and much more adhesive.

We are informed that the 1d. and 5d. stamps of the current set, and these alone, are surcharged diagonally "O.P.S.O."—meaning "On Public Service Only."

The above items were crowded out of the last *Fortnightly*. Since they were put into type Mr. Rosenberg has sent us further samples of the ½d. green, surcharged 14×11. "Of these compound perforations," he writes, "I hear that 3000 sheets of 240 stamps of the halfpenny value have been issued so they are not likely to be very rare."

Spain.—It is said that a series of commemorative postage stamps will be issued on the occasion of the young King's Coronation. There will be thirteen values, each of which will show the head of one of the thirteen King Alfonsos who have reigned over the destinies of Spain. A unique notion, if true!

Trinidad.—The new 1d. stamp (Britannia type) in black and red on red paper is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Victoria.—Of the £1 and £2 King Edward stamps described and illustrated in advance in the *Fortnightly* some months ago, the £1 value has now made its appearance.

Solomon of Hayti; His Stamps.

"In connection with the present interest in the stamps of the Haytian republic, the following anecdote may be seasonable," remarks Mr. E. S. Brightman in "The Adhesive."

"When Solomon was turned out of office the stamps then current bore his portrait. As there was an immense stock on hand, the frugal Haytians hesitated to destroy them. But what else could they do?"

"Finally a natural genius came to their aid with the original proposition that they use the stamps just as they were (thus saving the expense of surcharging) but affix them to envelope upside down. By this device all were conciliated and harmony prevailed. In order to add force to the regulation, letters having the stamps right side up with care were taxed by post office officials for postage due, just as though no stamp were on the envelope."

The first letter-post was established among the Hanse towns of Germany about the year 1270. Posts were first heard of in England in the reign of Edward I.

Our Review of Reviews.

Death of a Famous Lady Philatelist.

It is with deep regret that the "London Philatelist" records the death of Mrs. Tebay, who was one of the earliest members of the London Philatelic Society.

Mrs. Tebay was first elected to the Society on April 1st, 1876, her sponsors being the then Hon. Sec. (M. de Joannis) and Dr. Viner, and during the earlier years, when the meetings of the Society were held at the members' houses, Mrs. Tebay's residence in Belgrave Square was very frequently the rendezvous.

In the years following, during the early eighties, when the meetings were almost always held at Mr. A. H. Wilson's rooms in South Square or Gray's Inn Square, the deceased lady was a most regular attendant, and there are few of the older members who have not passed many a Saturday afternoon in pleasant philatelic chat with Mrs. Tebay. As the Society grew, of later years there was less inducement for ladies to be present; and having parted with her original collection, Mrs. Tebay resigned her membership, but was unanimously elected an honorary member on October 2nd, 1889.

Mrs. Tebay, who fortunately was spared to an advanced age, must have been one of the earliest students of stamps—probably the first lady to do so—in this country, and may be said to have wandered almost the conventional forty years in the philatelic Canaan. Possessed of a retentive memory and a keen intuition as regards stamps and their minor varieties, Mrs. Tebay was a Philatelist of sound general knowledge and ripe judgment, and rarely required the assistance of her fellow-members, except on questions of eyesight.

Should Forgeries be Described by the Press?

The "American Journal of Philately," a magazine for whose views one feels a great respect, devotes much space in its December number to the question: "Should forgeries of stamps be described in the philatelic journals?" Our contemporary answers its own question in the negative, arguing that knowledge about such things should "be held in trust by the few who may be called experts," and observing that "the majority of collectors find it easy to refer such matters to their favourite dealer and accept his decision without question."

Now the latest new American weekly, "Mekeel's Stamp Collector," steps into the arena of discussion.

"In this connection," says "Mekeel's Stamp Collector," "the suggestion is made that really few dealers may truly be said to be real philatelists, and competent to pass judgment upon all stamps, the logical result being that many collectors prefer to purchase only from the larger dealers.

"This is quite true, and its wisdom will appeal to any one who gives it a moment's consideration; the columns of the popular advertising papers are crowded with the advertisements of dealers who may be honest enough so far as their intentions are concerned, but whose knowledge of stamps would not entitle their opinion to very much consideration.

"In fact it is not at all uncommon for forged and faked stamps to be sold by ignorant dealers who have themselves been imposed upon.

"As to counterfeits, we believe in the publication of information that will enable the intelligent collector to protect his interests. The publication can be made cheaper and faster than the counterfeiter can change the details of his work and we are not in favor of any monopoly of stamp knowledge. We have a much higher opinion of even the average philatelist than our contemporary, which observes:

"If all philatelists were students, there would be some reason for bringing to their attention all dangerous counterfeits and printing descriptions sufficiently minute to enable them to know a good thing from a bad; but, unfortunately, very few philatelists are either students or sufficiently interested and painstaking to follow articles in the papers and decide for themselves as to the merits of their stamps."

"On the other hand we have a much poorer opinion of the exalted *expert* than he is usually favored with.

"The fact is one man or one concern cannot monopolize all the intelligence and knowledge about stamps.

"Any effort to put a check upon the philatelic press and found a bureau that will pass upon all genuine stamps and incidentally supply collectors with everything they want to buy will be a dismal failure."

To that the *Fortnightly* cordially says "Hear! hear!"

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



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WHAT looks like yet another exploit of the approval sheet trickster is reported to us by Mr. Robert Ness, of Paisley. This gentleman sent a small selection of stamps to an address in Shepherd's Bush, and repeatedly wrote for the return of same. Alas! his latest enquiry—a telegram—was returned by the Post Office owing to non-delivery, the addressee having removed. We trust that this gentleman will yet vindicate the good name of Shepherd's Bush by remitting either the stamps or the value to Mr. Ness. Otherwise he will have made us libel a whole district!

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Mr. John Johnson, of New Deer, tells us he has received from a friend a Fijian stamp of the 1877-78 issue, 6d. rose, perf. 12½, laid paper, with the initials "J.B.T.," which, he believes, stand for the name of the Postmaster-General of the Fijian Federation. Mr. Johnson would like to know for what purpose the stamps were so initialled, and whether the value is thereby greatly enhanced.

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In a recent number we reported Mr. E. J. Heginbottom's find of a Victorian stamp with a freak watermark, but alas! the discovery, like so many similar things in connection with Australian watermarks turns out to be what Mr. Toots would call "a matter of no consequence whatever." The word "Postage" watermarked on the margin of the sheet of so many Australian stamps sometimes intrudes upon the stamps themselves, and hence the, at first, unaccountable presence of a large letter "S"—not a figure "8"—on Mr. Heginbottom's 4d. Victorian stamp.

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Red tape has much to answer for, and it has sadly interfered with the preparation of this number of the *Fortnightly*. But in this particular instance it has been a band of red tape around the left arm of the Editor!

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11.	5 " " unused, 1c.-8c.	0	1 9
12.	11 " " used, ½c.-50c.	0	7 6
13.	10 various Canada	0	0 4
14.	7 Cape of Good Hope, 1885/90, ½d.-5/-	0	1 0
15.	10 " " 1893/1900, ½d.-5/-	0	1 3
16.	12 " " various	0	0 8
17.	8 Jamaica, various	0	1 0
18.	3 " Official	0	0 3
19.	3 Lagos, used	0	0 5
20.	10 " unused, ½d.-1/-	0	6 6
21.	3 Labuan, 25c., 50c. and \$1	0	2 6
22.	9 " surcharged "4" 5c.-\$1	0	6 0
23.	6 " " 1c.-8c.	0	0 8
24.	9 " " 1c.-24c.	0	1 6
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(continued.)

	£	s.	d.
France, 1 franc vermilion	2	0	0
Gt. Britain, 8d. brown-lilac*	3	12	0
Do. I.R. Official 10/- blue	2	8	0
India, service stamp 1886, 4s. green and purple	4	4	0
Malta, 1885, 4d. brown, imperf., a horizontal pair*	9	0	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. medium impression	3	3	0
Do. do. 2d. blue. error "Penoe"	3	7	0
Naples, 50 grana lake	1	6	0
Natal, 1874-78, 5/- marone*	1	17	6
Nevis, 1st issue, 4d. rose*	1	11	0
Do. do. 1/- green*	1	10	0
Do. 1867, 4d. orange*	1	10	0
Do. Litho, 6d. grey*	4	10	0
Do. do. 1/- pale green	2	2	0
Do. 1883, 6d. green*, no gum	3	15	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate II., used on entire, but torn	2	10	0
Do. do. 2d. on entire	3	0	0
Do. 1854-56, 1d. orange, a strip of 6*	18	0	0
Nova Scotia, 6d. dark green	1	8	0
Oil Rivers, Provl., ½d. in violet, caps, on 2d.*	1	8	0
Do. do. ½d. in green, slanting caps, on 2½d.*	2	0	0
Do. do. 1/- in violet on 2d.*	2	0	0
Peru, Medio Peso, yellow	1	10	0
Philippines, 1st issue, 2 rls. green	1	2	0
Do. 1855, Litho, 5c. red	1	6	0
Switzerland, Vaud, 4c. black and red, thinned	10	0	0
Do. Zurich, 4 rappen, with horizontal lines, cut into	3	7	6
Do. another specimen with vertical lines	7	0	0
Tuscany, 1853, 9 crazie lilac-grey	2	10	0
Do. do. another	2	15	0
United States, 1855, 90c. blue*	2	0	0
Do. State 2 dollars	1	12	0

	£	s.	d.
Victoria, 1862, 3d. marone*	1	12	0
Zanzibar on Indian, 2½ in red on 1 anna plum, type 2*	1	12	0
Do. do. a similar specimen of type 3*	1	13	0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, January 6th.

Argentine, 1864, imperf., 10c. green	2	2	0
Gt. Britain, 1841, imperf., 2d. blue with no letters in lower angles	1	18	0
Lagos, 1882, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 4d. carmine*	0	18	0
Do. do. do. do. 2d. blue*	0	18	0
Newfoundland, 1860, imperf., 4d. scarlet-vermilion, cut rather close	2	6	0
St. Lucia, wmk. star, 6d green, thinned	1	0	0
St. Vincent, 1860, perf. 11 to 12½, 4d. yellow	1	1	0
Switzerland, Zurich, 4 rappen black, defective	2	2	0
Do. do. Orts Post Local, 1850, 2 rappen black and red	2	17	6
United States, 1851, imperf., 12c. black, a vertical pair*, no gum	2	2	0
Do. 1862, 6d. orange, beaded oval, defective	1	9	0

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS & Co.'s Sale, January 7th, 1902.

Antioquia, first issue, 1 peso*	1	5	0
Brazil, slanting figures, 300r. black	1	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking Besieged, 1/- on 6d. British Bechuanaland	6	2	6
Columbia, 1862, 2c. C, red	2	16	0
Do. 1 peso lilac	1	8	0
Great Britain, £1, brown-lilac, wmk. Anchor on bluish* with "Specimen" defective	1	10	0
Do. Another specimen, used	2	2	0
Do. I.R. Official, 5/- rose, "Specimen" *	1	5	0
Do. do. 10/- blue, do. do.	1	12	0
Do. Prince Albert Essay 1d., in blue and perforated	1	12	0
Do. In black, perforated*	1	7	0
Mexico, 1864, Eagle, 3 centavos, brown with surcharge	2	6	0
Virgin Islands, 1/- carmine-rose, single outer line*	2	0	0
Zanzibar, "2½" in red on 1a plum with curved figure "2" (Gibbons No. 99)*	1	15	0
Do. with straight "2" (Gibbons No. 97)*	1	15	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Jan. 9th and 10th, 1902.

Afghanistan, 1292, abasi black, a strip of 4 and a single copy*	7	2	6
Do. do. sunar purple, with wide outer circle*	2	4	0
British East Africa, provl., M.S. surcharge, ½ anna A.B. on 2a. vermilion	4	10	0
Do. on Company's Stamps, 1a. green*	2	4	0
Do. do. 5a. blk. on grey blue*	3	5	0
Do. do. 2 rupees brick-red*	2	16	0
Do. do. 5 rupees olive-green*	2	16	0
Ceylon, 1/9 yellow-green	2	10	0
Do. 2/- blue, imperf., thinned	3	10	0
Do. wmk. star, 8d. yellow-brown*	9	0	0
Gold Coast, wmk. C. and CA., 1d. blue*, perf. missing	3	3	0
Gt. Britain, 2½d. lilac-rose, plate 2, error of lettering L-H, F-I., postmarked "B.o.2"	2	18	0
Do. 2/- brown	3	15	0
Do. wmk. Anchor, 10/- grey-green on blued paper	1	12	0
Do. £1 brown-lilac on blued paper	3	15	0
Do. £5 orange	1	16	0
Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 1864, ½sch., red rouletted, used on piece	2	14	0
Natal, wmk. Star, 3d. blue, imperf., a horizontal pair*	4	6	0
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, thinned	9	0	0
Russia, 1868-71, vertically laid paper, 5r. black and lilac*	2	10	0
St. Helena, 1864-74, 4d. carmine. words, 19mm., a horizontal pair*	3	5	0
Spain, 1850, 10rfs. green*	1	14	0
Do. 1853, 6rfs. blue*	2	2	0
Switzerland, Geneva, the left half of the double stamp	2	2	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½ rappen, black and red, a vertical pair	4	0	0
Trinidad, 1896, 10/- green and ultramarine*	2	18	0
Do. another specimen*	2	15	0
Do. do.	2	15	0
Do. do.	2	15	0
Do. do.	2	18	0
Victoria, 5/- blue on yellow	3	5	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,
January 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, 1902.

EUROPE.

	£	s.	d.
Brunswick, 1862-64, Perce ½ sgr. black on green*	..	3	12 6
Do. do. 1 sgr. black on yellow, torn*	..	6	5 0
Do. another specimen, used ..	..	3	7 6
France, 1872-75, 15c. bistre on rose error, with 10c. se tenant*, but badly centred ..	..	5	15 0
Do. do. another specimen of the error*, no gum ..	..	4	10 0
Gt. Britain, 1840, 1d. black V.R.* ..	..	7	17 6
Do. do. 2d. blue*, part gum ..	..	3	10 0
Do. 1847-54, octagonal 6d. purple* ..	..	2	17 6
Do. do. another specimen do. ..	..	2	17 6
Do. do. 10d. brown, die No. 3, a corner pair*	..	7	5 0
Do. do. a single copy die No. 4* ..	..	4	0 0
Do. do. 1/- bright green, die No. 2, a vertical pair* ..	..	7	5 0
Do. do. a single specimen* ..	..	4	5 0
Do. 1854-57, 2d. blue*, part gum ..	..	2	12 0
Do. do. wmk. large crown, perf. 16, 1d. red-brown, a block of 6* ..	..	14	0 0
Do. do. 1d. rose-red on white, a block of 6* ..	..	25	0 0
Do. 1855-57, 4d. carmine, wmk. small garter, a pair*, part gum ..	..	25	0 0
Do. 1867-78, 2/- pale blue* ..	..	2	4 0
Do. do. 2/- dark blue* ..	..	2	12 0
Do. 1875-81, 2½d. lilac-rose, wmk. Orb, plate 3* ..	..	1	18 0
Do. 1880, 2/- brown* ..	..	4	6 0
Do. 1882-83, 5/- carmine on bluish, wmk. Anchor, plate 4* ..	..	8	0 0
Do. 1883-84, £1 purple-brown, wmk. Crowns* ..	..	4	5 0
Do. do. do. wmk. Orbs* ..	..	12	10 0
Do. do. £5 orange on bluish, telegraphically used ..	..	2	10 0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 54 paras blue on green cut sexagonally, on entire ..	..	10	10 0
Do. do. 108 paras blue on rose, creased, on entire ..	..	19	0 0
Switzerland, Basle, 1845, 2½ rappen blue and red* ..	..	4	5 0
Do. Vaud, 1849, 4c. black and red ..	..	13	0 0
Do. Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen, horizontal lines, type 1* ..	..	10	0 0
Do. do. 6 rappen, horizontal lines, type 1* ..	..	3	0 0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1855-58, 4d. rose, fine ..	..	10	10 0
Do. do. 5d. chestnut-brown, a vertical pair*	..	3	12 6
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown ..	..	3	5 0
Do. do. 10d. vermilion* ..	..	2	12 0
Do. do. 1/9 green*, no gum ..	..	2	8 0
Do. do. a pair, used ..	..	5	7 6
Do. do. 2/- blue, slightly torn ..	..	4	10 0
Do. 1861, 8d. brown ..	..	3	3 0
Do. 1862, 9d. brown*, part gum ..	..	3	15 0
Do. 1872-80, 2r. 50c. lilac-rose, perf. 14 x 12½ ..	..	3	5 0
Do. do. do. do. perf. 12½* ..	..	12	0 0
Do. 1885, Five Cents on 48c. carmine* ..	..	2	12 6
Do. Service, 1869, 2/- blue, imperf., fine ..	..	6	15 0
India, 1854, ½ anna red, error* ..	..	6	2 6

AFRICA.

British Bechuanaland, 1889, £1 lilac* ..	..	2	2 0
British Central Africa, 1891-93, £1 blue* ..	..	3	0 0
Do. do. £2 rose-red* ..	..	4	10 0
Do. 1895, 1d. on 2d. green with double surcharge* ..	..	2	18 0
Do. do. £1 orange* ..	..	3	0 0
Do. do. another, used ..	..	1	10 0
Do. 1897, £1 blue* ..	..	3	3 0
British East Africa, 1890, ½a. lilac, the error "Haef" ..	..	2	15 0
Do. 1891 and 1895 Provs., "½ anna A.B." in MSS. on 2a. vermilion ..	..	5	5 0
Do. do. "½ anna," hand-stamped on 2a. vermilion and initialled "A.D." ..	..	5	10 0
Do. do. "1 anna," hand-stamped on 4a. brown and initialled A.B. ..	..	5	10 0
Do. 1895, 5a. black on blue* ..	..	3	10 0
Do. do. 2 rupees, red* ..	..	2	18 0
Do. do. 5 rupees, green* ..	..	3	0 0

	£	s.	d.
British South Africa, 1890-94, £1 blue* ..	..	1	5 0
Do. 1896-97, Buluwayo Provs., 1d. on 3d. grey, a pair ..	..	7	5 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock, 1d. blue, error, heavy postmark ..	..	53	0 0
Do. do. do. 4d. dark blue ..	..	8	8 0
Lagos, 1882-87, 2/6 olive black*, part gum ..	..	3	5 0
Do. do. 5/- blue* ..	..	5	5 0
Do. do. 10/- lilac-brown*, no gum ..	..	9	0 0
Niger Coast, 1893-94, 1/- in red on left half of 2d. ..	..	1	15 0
Do. do. ditto on right half ditto ..	..	1	14 0
Do. One Shilling in vermilion on 2d.* ..	..	2	2 0
Do. 5/- in violet on 2d.* ..	..	8	0 0
Do. 10/- in vermilion on 5d.* ..	..	7	10 0
Seychelles, 1893, 15 cents on 16c. brown and blue, a pair ..	..	2	17 0
Transvaal, 1876, wide roulette 6d. blue ..	..	6	0 0
Do. 1877, V.R., 6d. blue thinned ..	..	5	0 0
Do. do. 1/- green ..	..	3	0 0
Do. do. black surcharge imperf., pelure paper, 1d. red* ..	..	3	7 6
Do. do. 1/- green* ..	..	5	10 0
Do. do. fine roulette 6d. blue on rose, no stop after "R." ..	..	3	15 0
Do. 1878, 3d. mauve on buff ..	..	5	5 0
Do. 1879, pin perforated, 1d. red on yellow ..	..	3	15 0
Zanzibar, 1895, 2½a. green, error "Zanzidar" ..	..	4	0 0
Do. 4a. olive-green, do. ..	..	4	12 6
Do. 8a. mauve, do. ..	..	4	15 0
Do. 2½ in red on 1½a. sepia, do. ..	..	6	17 6
Do. do. do. error "Zanzibar" ..	..	8	0 0
Do. 1a. plum, error "Zanzibar" with normal variety se tenant* ..	..	2	15 0
Do. 1½a. sepia, do. do. do. do. ..	..	3	3 0
Do. 2a. blue, do. do. do. do. ..	..	3	3 0
Do. 2½a. green, do. do. do. do. ..	..	3	7 6
Do. 6a. bistre, do. do. do. do. ..	..	4	2 6
Do. 2 rupees, carmine & brown, error "Zaniba" ..	..	4	0 0
Do. 3 rupees, brown and green, do. do.	4	5 0
Do. 5 rupees, blue and lilac, do. do.	4	12 6
Zululand, 1888-92, 5/- carmine	3	0 0

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THE General Meeting was held on Jan. 16th, at 30, Carnarvon Road, Bristol, when the officials for 1902 were elected as above.

The President, Mr. P. J. Lloyd, was re-elected. The Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Dalton, having resigned, Mr. H. Alsop was elected Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

The resignation of Mr. R. Dalton as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer was received with great regret, and the cordial thanks of the members were given him for his efforts on behalf of the Club.

It was proposed that the subscription be altered to 2/6 per annum.

HENRY ALSOP, *Hon. Sec.*, 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.*President:* MR. WALTER SCOTT.

THE above Society held its usual monthly meeting on the 14th January at its room in the Y.M.C.A. Institute, Cardiff.

In addition to the President in the chair there were present Messrs. G. A. Birkenhead, W. G. Bowden, W. S. Jutsum (Hon. Sec.), T. Edwards, J. L. Everett, Dr. De Vere Hunt, B. W. King and Alderman W. J. Trounce and a visitor.

Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. contributed copies of three editions of their Universal Stamp Catalogue to the Society's Library, and the Secretary was requested to acknowledge same and express the Members' appreciation of the donation.

Alderman Trounce gave a paper on the stamps of Newfoundland, and same was appreciatively listened to, there being many points brought out of interest.

Mr. Trounce exhibited his collection, the President and several other Members displaying theirs.

The next meeting will be held on the 11th of February, when Mr. E. W. Shackell will give a paper on the stamps of Belgium.

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JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, 18th January, at Clapham Hall, when a display with notes of the Postage Stamps of China was given by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole. A nice collection of the Stamps of China was shown by Mr. Poole, and the interesting history of these little known stamps given by him was much enjoyed by all present.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Blumsum and carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st, when a General Sale and Exchange will be held, and at 8.30, ten minute papers on "Easy Countries for Beginners" will be given by several members.

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BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

JANUARY 9th.—Lantern Display by Mr. J. A. Margoschis.

Messrs. M. H. Horsley, C. J. Biggar, L. Lloyd, A. F. Clarke, C. Cervigon, G. E. Petty, C. B. James, and W. M. F. Mellor were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were ordered to be entered on the minutes, to the Rev. W. N. Usher and Capt. E. F. Wurtele, for valuable contributions to the Library and to the Permanent Collection; to Messrs. R. Reid, C. F. Reed, A. H. Stamford, G. W. Martin, G. L. Edwards, F. J. Durrant, J. M. Bartels, for contributions to the Library; and to Mr. G. Bridgman, for the Permanent Collection. These were in addition to a number of smaller contributions, which were gratefully accepted.

Some members have adopted a very useful method of adding to our Collection, by contributing a country as fully as they can, but in some instances they have only sent the varieties for which spaces were provided in the former editions of the Imperial, although they were quite willing to send the others, and did so when they learnt of the alterations that had been made.

We may therefore say that we have the latest editions of Gibbons' Imperial, and that they have been enlarged so as to include practically every variety mentioned in the Catalogue, over 25,000 being provided for in the two volumes.

Mr. J. A. Margoschis then gave a display of a large number of stamps by means of the Aphroscope—an apparatus for reflecting the stamps on to a screen, of course in their natural colours. The paper was divided into three sections: (1) The Picturesque, Pretty and Plentiful; (2) Magnified Minor Monstrosities; (3) Forgeries; and was heartily appreciated by the audience, which included a considerable number of the fair sex.

January 14, 15, 16, 17. Exhibition at the Rooms of the Birmingham and Midland Institute.

This was by far the most brilliant social philatelic display ever held in the Midlands. Only the stamps of Great Britain and her Colonies were shown, but every Colony was included. The display was made up from the collections of Messrs. Hollick, Peck, Pimm, Davis, Sparrow, Vaughton, Stephenson, Wadhams, Margoschis and Johnson, and was shown in the Society's cases. The great rarities were purposely omitted, but to thousands who passed through the room it was a marvel of rare stamps. Many of the City Alderman, Councillors and Officials took great interest in the Exhibition, and we found that many of them had collections in some cases dating back twenty or thirty years. The room was crowded the whole of the four evenings, and the show was so much appreciated all round that it may be invidious to pick out any particular exhibits, but Mr. Sparrow's Capes, Mr. Peck's N.Z.'s, Mr. Vaughton's Ceylon's, Mr. Hollick's Sth. Aus., and last but not least in merit, Mr. Pimm's West Indians', were the best.

However much the visitors appreciated the stamps certainly the helpers enjoyed themselves. The whole of the Committee, assisted by other members, attended each evening and "took turns" in showing stamps, viewing scientific exhibits, attending Sullivan's Opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," and dancing in the Town Hall, which had been connected with the Institute by means of a temporary corridor.

Indeed, so pleasant and successful was it that everyone wished it might be an annual affair.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A. *Official address:* 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A meeting was held on Thursday, December 5th, at the Wharnclyffe Hotel. The President (Mr. J. H. Chapman) occupied the chair, and promised at the next meeting to read a paper

on the stamps of Portugal. Mr. B. Jay was proposed as a member. A discussion followed as to the best methods of increasing the interest in philately. Messrs. Hunt, Peace, Sneath, and other members took part in the discussion. Various means were suggested, such as exhibitions, essays, discussions, sales and exchanges of stamps, etc., of a similar character to those already figuring on the Society's programme, which it was eventually decided would be difficult to improve upon.

The Members met for their Annual Dinner at the Wharnclyffe Hotel on Wednesday evening, January 22nd. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. J. H. Chapman, who was supported by Mr. J. S. Nowill, Vice-president, Mr. Crowther, Secretary, Mr. Hunt, Treasurer, Mr. Peace, librarian, and a number of other members and friends. In proposing the loyal toast the President said that the change of reign appealed particularly to them as philatelists. Mr. Hunt in proposing "Success to the Sheffield Philatelic Society," reviewed the history of the Society from the first, and showed what great strides it had made since its formation about eight years ago. The Vice-President, Mr. Nowill, replied. Mr. Sneath proposed the toast of "Our City." He said that although they did not manufacture stamps in Sheffield they made the steel necessary for the production of the dies and plates. Mr. Metcalfe replied to the toast. In a very felicitous speech Mr. Peace proposed the toast of "The President," saying that to his energy the success of the Society was largely due, and that he was always ready to help them in any way. The toast having been drunk with musical honours. Mr. Chapman replied. He assured them it was always a pleasure to him to be of any help or assistance to any member. At the same time he drew the attention of the members to the fact that more new blood was required, as the present working members were too restricted in numbers. He thanked those officers and members who by their kind help had made his position a sinecure, and he also thanked those members and friends who had so kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by means of songs and recitations.

The menu of the dinner was a curiosity, philatelic terms being used in connection with the courses, while unused Newfoundland stamps bearing the portraits of the King, Queen, Prince and Princess of Wales, and the baby Prince were arranged round the card, the whole being surmounted by an Imperial crown.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.*President:* MR. WALTER SCOTT.

THE third ordinary monthly meeting was held on the 10th December, at the Society's Room, the following members being present:—The President in the chair, and Messrs. W. G. Bowden, W. A. Jutsum (Hon. Sec.), B. W. King, J. Lewis, G. E. Petty, E. W. Shackell and W. J. Trounce.

At the conclusion of business the President gave a paper on the Stamps of Mauritius, and displayed his collection. The paper, which was apparently the result of much research and careful preparation, dealt minutely with the Native and Britannia issues, and the stamps in Mr. Scott's collection comprised practically the whole of those issues, except the very rare Post Office pair. Mr. Scott's collection of Mauritius is beyond doubt the finest in the district, and was a treat for the members present to look at.

At the Society's next meeting, on the 14th Jan., the stamps of "Newfoundland" will be the study, and Alderman Trounce will give a paper upon them.

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Stamps of the French Colonies, 1881 issue, surcharged obliquely with the figures 15 in violet.

	unused.	used.
1 15 on 1c. black on bluish	6.	1.75
2 15 on 5c. green	6.	1.75
3 15 on 10c. black on violet	6.	1.75
4 15 on 20c. red on yellow	6.	1.75
5 15 on 25c. black on pink	3.	1.—

1890. (Allegorical figures).

6 1c. black	5.	1.25
7 5c. "	5.	1.25
8 15c. "	3.75	1.—
9 25c. "	3.75	1.—

1891. (Figure of a woman, upright, holding a shield).

10 5c. black	6.	3.50
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1891.

Stamps of the French Colonies, 1881 issue, surcharged obliquely "1891 DIEGO SUAREZ" and new value. Perforated.

11 5c. on 10c. black on violet (red surcharge) ..	10.	3.75
12 5c. on 20c. red on green	10.	3.75

1892.

Stamps of the French Colonies, 1881 issue, surcharged obliquely "DIEGO SUAREZ." Perforated.

13 1c. black on bluish (red surcharge) ..	1.—	1.—
14 2c. brown	0.90	0.90
15 4c. violet	1.—	1.—
16 5c. green	0.75	0.75
17 10c. black on violet	0.60	0.60
18 15c. blue	0.60	0.60
19 20c. red on green	0.60	0.60
20 25c. black on pink	0.75	0.75
21 30c. brown	30.—	24.—
22 35c. black on yellow	22.50	22.50
23 75c. rose	3.50	3.50
24 1 franc olive (red surcharge)	3.—	3.—

1893.

Allegorical group "DIEGO SUAREZ ET DEPEN-DANCES" in the tablet below. Perforated.

25 1c. black on bluish	0.08	—
26 2c. brown	0.08	—
27 4c. violet	0.10	—
28 5c. green	0.08	—
29 10c. black	0.15	—

	unused.	used.
30 15c. blue	0.20	—
31 20c. red on green	0.40	—
32 25c. black on pink	0.30	—
33 30c. brown	0.50	—
34 40c. red	0.60	—
35 50c. rose	0.75	—
36 75c. black on yellow	3.—	—
37 1 franc olive	3.—	—

The set complete, unused, 8.50.

1894.

Same type, with "DIEGO SUAREZ" in the tablet at the bottom. Perforated.

38 1c. black on violet	0.02	—
39 2c. brown	0.03	—
40 4c. violet	0.06	—
41 5c. green	0.08	0.08
42 10c. black on violet	0.15	—
43 15c. blue	0.20	—
44 20c. red	0.25	—
45 25c. black on pink	0.30	0.10
46 30c. brown	0.35	—
47 40c. red	0.50	—
48 50c. rose	0.60	—
49 75c. black on yellow	0.90	—
50 1 franc olive	1.10	0.60

Complete set of 13, unused, fcs. 4.25.

UNPAID.

1891. Figure of value in a hexagonal frame.

51 5c. violet	5.—	3.50
52 60c. black	5.—	4.—

1892. Unpaid stamps of the French Colonies surcharged obliquely "DIEGO SUAREZ."

53 1c. black	—	2.50
54 2c. "	—	2.50
55 3c. "	—	2.50
56 4c. "	—	2.50
57 5c. "	—	2.—
58 10c. "	0.75	1.—
59 15c. "	0.50	1.—
60 20c. "	—	2.50
61 30c. "	1.50	2.—
62 60c. "	—	6.—
63 1 franc red-brown	—	7.50

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The Jubilee Series of Postage and Revenue Stamps of Great Britain.

SOME NOTES READ BEFORE THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY,
LONDON, ON NOVEMBER 22ND, 1901, BY MR. FREDERICK
WEST.

(From the "London Philatelist.")

IN the few remarks which I have to address to you on the subject of the issue of the Stamps of Great Britain, with which the present generation should be most familiar, is known as the Jubilee Series. The greater part dates from 1887, the remainder some earlier and some later. I would preface my remarks with the observation that the current issues cannot be described as those stamps which are fashionable—in fact, I am not aware of any other Philatelist who specialises in them. I have had very little literature or catalogues to guide me, and during the four years occupied in forming my collection I have had to rely on my own ideas and methods of arrangement, which is it quite possible may be called in question. I took up this issue with the hope of proving that it was possible to make a collection of stamps interesting, not only to English people, but to Philatelists of limited means. Having made a large general collection and, as some of you know, a fairly good one of unused and used English, I turned my attention to the current issues only. First of all I determined to go in for the very best specimens, and little did I think then that our Postal Authorities did everything they could to frustrate my ambition by obliterating the face of the stamps by heavy cancellation. I hardly know why they do so, seeing that the stamps are printed in very fugitive ink, which renders it practically impossible to remove the greasy postmark adopted. I have looked over many thousands of copies of this issue, only every now and then to be able to secure the standard of perfection I required. There are still plenty of copies in my collection which could, and I hope will, be improved, but these were used to enable me to arrange my shades of colour in the way I have adopted.

Having ultimately secured a very large quantity of specimens, I next divided them into values, and then sub-divided each value into as near as possible seven shades of colour of seven stamps each. It is impossible to say whether the light or dark shades were issued first, and the control letters afford no assistance; I have therefore arranged my shades of colour by commencing with the light first and gradually working up to the darkest. This shows the gradation of colour to the best advantage; gas light, however, is not a good light to appreciate it, but it would be easily discerned in daylight. In the arrangement I have adopted I show single and in pairs, unused and used—the former in extreme shades, to prove that varieties of shades do exist—and I have also two other sets, one surcharged "Specimen" and the other "Cancelled." In the used stamps I have added pairs and blocks. I cannot say that my particular hobby has been altogether cheap, and it has certainly given me more trouble than any other previous specialising, but I can safely add that the cost is well within the means of most enthusiastic collectors, and I consider my trouble amply repaid by the result. Our old valued friend in Philately, Mr. W. T. Wilson, some years ago called serious attention to collecting fashionable stamps, which, as he said, merely resulted in an undue appreciation of the values of such stamps, and made it apparent to the minds of collectors with short purses how hopeless was the task of endeavouring to complete sets of stamps in this category. I most emphatically agree with him. In making my selection of the current issue, I let fashionable stamps severely alone and studied to the best of my ability, and purely from the love of Philately, an issue of present-day stamps of our own country, which I soon found most difficult to obtain. This results partly from the fact that they are widely appreciated on the Continent and elsewhere, where they are readily absorbed. After an exhaustive study I have, with a few small exceptions, which I will presently refer to, found no errors, so that I shall not be able to tickle the appetites of those who feast on these mistakes.

After these general remarks I will refer to the details of

this series of stamps, which is known as the Jubilee Issue. It commenced on the 1st January, 1887, with new stamps for postage and revenue purposes, and consisted then of the ½d., 1½d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d. and 1s., and the whole issue was made up of these and the 1d., with sixteen pearls, issued 12th December, 1881; 2s. 6d., issued 2nd July, 1883; 5s. and 10s., 1st April, 1884; £1, 27th January, 1891; and £5 on the 21st March, 1882. Subsequently the 4½d. was issued on the 15th September, 1892; the 10d. on the 24th February, 1890; and in 1900, to comply with the regulations of the Postal Union, the ½d., which was orange, was issued in green on the 17th April, and the 1s. green in green and scarlet. The date of the latter I have not been able to ascertain. I know that some were sold at Anerley Road Post Office on the 12th July, and then not again offered for sale till 1st August, which is probably the official date of issue. The 4½d. is not now issued, but it has not been formally withdrawn. All the stamps from ½d. to 1s. are printed on watermarked paper, with a large crown of 1880, and are perforated 14. The 2s. 6d., 5s. and 10s. are on fiscal paper, watermarked with a large anchor, and perforated 14. I have one specimen of the 5s. perforated 12. The £1 is watermarked with three large crowns of 1880, and perforated 14; and the £5 is on fiscal paper, watermarked with two anchors, and perforated 14. Each sheet of paper has a number of watermarked spaces, over each of which is printed a stamp. Some of the sheets were originally divided in one part by a space, unwatermarked, of the width of a stamp and divided into blank squares by the ordinary perforation. By shifting up the sheet, in printing off, one row of stamps could be printed with no watermark, and copies have been sold at large prices as errors for this reason, but I attach no philatelic value to them. When the ½d. green was issued, the first distribution made in London consisted of sheets with the margin filled in with an ornamental design, whilst that made in the provinces had a plain margin; the latter are scarce. The margin of the 1d., and other sheets where similar margins occurred, have been similarly filled in. In future, therefore, these so-called errors of watermark will be avoided. With the exception of the ½d. red and 1s. green, and the high values, the stamps are printed either in two colours, or on coloured paper. Of the Jubilee Issue, omitting the ½d. red, all stamps are printed in doubly fugitive inks, which necessitate in the removal of specimens from envelopes or other paper a considerable amount of care to prevent the colour flying. The principal varieties in the issue consist of shades of printing colour and colour of paper, and to enable me to explain where this occurs I will now deal with each stamp in order of value.

THE ONE HALFPENNY.

(1) This is printed in two distinct sets of colours, and a great variety of shades exist, one set varying from a light to a dark orange, and the other from a light to a dark bright vermilion. I have treated these as two distinct colourings, which subdivide into many shades.

(2) The last-mentioned stamp is out of issue now, but not withdrawn, and is superseded by one printed in green and blue-green, varying slightly in shades.

THE PENNY.

This is a very interesting stamp; its early colour, which is scarce, was a light mauve-grey, and subsequently appeared in light and dark lilac, red-lilac, and deep purple. It is quite possible that the rarity of this variety may be accounted for, if the mode of distribution was similar to that adopted at the time the fourteen dots were issued. Two batches of that stamp were printed, one in mauve, the other in pale lilac; the first batch of mauve went to the provinces, and the second of pale lilac to London. The former is a rare stamp. If the authorities, in circulating the sixteen dots, sent the pale mauve-grey copies to the country, it may account for their scarcity in London. The result of my experience is that I have met with only three unused single copies, one pair, and one pair surcharged "Specimen," and a few used copies. I have seen the later issue offered for them, but the light mauve-grey colour is quite distinct from even the general light lilac issue. I cannot help thinking that collectors have overlooked this particular colour.

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*Gwalior, 1st issue, 6 ann., mint ...	2	14	0	St. Vincent, 1d. on half 6d., very fine ...	4	10	0
*Labuan, CA. sideways, 6c., very fine ...	2	0	0	Tobago, 5d. stone, CC., very fine ...	3	0	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 2d. blue, very fine ...	3	5	0	*Transvaal, S.G. No. 20, 1d. black ...	0	6	6

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Philately at Home and Abroad

A Man of Many Names.

THE Penge magistrates have recently had to deal with one William John Tanner, of Wellington Avenue, Bristol, on a charge of obtaining a quantity of West Indian stamps by false pretences from Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, of Norwood. The news of the prisoner's arrest was duly reported in the *Fortnightly*, and we now have to chronicle a sentence that may lead William John Tanner to adopt better business methods in the future.

It was stated in court that there were some forty-three cases against the prisoner, but only one of these was proceeded with.

Mr. Ewen, in his evidence, said in April last he received an application from John Williams of 9a, Jamaica Street, Bristol, asking for some West Indian postage stamps. On April 16th witness sent stamps in reply to the value of 17s. 8d. An invoice was sent to the prisoner, but neither the money nor the stamps were returned. Subsequently witness received an application from Arthur Roberts, of 29, Horse Fair, Bristol, and he then communicated with the Chief Constable of Bristol.

It was subsequently found that Roberts, Williams, and Tanner were one and the same person!

The prisoner elected to be dealt with by the magistrates, and on pleading guilty was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Manchester Philatelists at Dinner.

THE Annual Dinner—the eleventh—of the Manchester Philatelic Society appears to have been a very enjoyable function. A large number of members and friends assembled at the Grand Hotel, on Wednesday, January 29th, with Mr. W. Dorning Beckton in the chair.

In proposing "Success to the Manchester Philatelic Society" the Chairman alluded to the prominent part taken by Lancashire philatelists in the exhibition of South African stamps held last November in the rooms of the London Philatelic Society. The speaker mentioned especially the fine exhibit of the Earl of Crawford. The Secretary (Mr. G. F. H. Gibson) responded to the toast.

During the evening songs, sketches and recitations were ably contributed by Mr. Ernest Hastings, Mr. Cuthbert Allen, Mr. John Allen, senior, Mr. John Allen, junior, and Messrs. Taylor, Naylor and Gee.

Items from "Over the Pond."

THE political movement that philatelists, and especially American philatelists, have been eagerly watching for long months past—we allude to the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies to Uncle Sam—is now practically only one step short of completion. That is to say, the treaty, fully accepted by the Americans, needs only to be ratified by the Danish Legislature. But that is a step that may represent the proverbial "slip 'twixt cup and lip," for the Danes are not nearly so keen on selling as the Americans are on buying. Meanwhile, just to show us that they are still alive, a provisional surcharged issue comes along from the Danish Indies!

The P.O. Department at Washington, has commenced what may prove to be quite a long series of bonfires devoted to the incineration of the unsold Buffalo stamps. Contrary to anticipation, these "unsolds" make a very big heap indeed, and it is doubtful whether Uncle Sam's postal administrators will be in any desperate hurry to bring out further "exposition" issues!

HOLDERS OF "O.S." STAMPS, BEWARE!

AN alarming statement has recently gained currency that many unused South Australian stamps with a forged overprint "O.S." are being sold in London. The assertion, we believe, has no foundation in fact, being the result of a too hastily formed conclusion on the part of a gentleman holding a high official position.

At the same time it is interesting to know that unused specimens of the "O.S." South Australians, by the laws of that Colony, are the property of the Colonial Authorities, and are liable to seizure should the Government care to take action in the matter. In this respect the "O.S." stamps hold precisely the same position as our own "I.K. Officials," but in each case the law applies, of course, to unused specimens only.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

*. This "Guide" is purposely not described as a Catalogue. It has become customary to regard any price called a "catalogue price" as subject to a discount of 25% or 33% or 50%. Not so with the prices we shall publish in our "Collectors' Guide to Values." These will be in all cases absolutely net prices. The value we give is the collector's value, and represents the price at which a stamp dealer can sell on the basis of a reasonable trader's profit.

NORTH HORNEO—continued.		Unused average mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1897.					
1c. ochre and black ..	..	/1		/1	
2c. lake and black ..	..	/1		/1	
3c. purple and green ..	..	/2		/2	
5c. red and black ..	..	/3		/2	
6c. brown and black ..	..	/3		/2	
8c. purple and black ..	..	/4	/4	/3	/3
12c. blue and black ..	..	/7		/4	
18c. green and black ..	..	/9		/5	
24c. lake and blue ..	..	/10		/5	
Corrected inscription.					
18c. green and black :	..	/6		/6	
24c. lake and blue ..	..			
1899. Surcharged S.G. type 33.					
4c. on 5c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 6c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 8c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 12c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 18c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 24c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 25c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on 50c. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on \$1. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on \$2. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on \$5. ..	..	/9		/6	
4c. on \$10. ..	..	/9		/6	
1900. S.G. type 44.					
2c. green ..	..	/1		/1	
4c. red and black ..	..	/2		/2	
5c. blue ..	..	/4		/3	
<i>Postal Fiscals.</i>					
Surcharge S.G. Type 51.					
3c. on 4c. rose ..	..	7/	5/	9/	6/
5c. on 8c. green ..	..	3/	2/	10/	7/6
Surcharge Type 52.					
10c. on 50c. ..	..	20/	14/	12/	8/
<i>Unpaid Letter Stamps.</i>					
Issue of 1894 surcharged with Type 62.					
2c. carmine ..	..	/4		/6	
3c. purple and olive ..	..	/4		/6	
5c. red and black ..	..	/4		/6	
6c. brown and black ..	..	/6		/8	
8c. purple ..	..	/6		/7	
12c. blue ..	..	/1		/9	
18c. green ..	..	1/6		1/3	
24c. lake and blue ..	..	1/6		1/3	
Issue of 1897, same Surcharge.					
2c. green and black ..	..			/2	
3c. purple and green ..	..			/2	
4c. red and black ..	..			/2	
5c. " " ..	..			/2	
6c. brown and black ..	..			/2	
8c. purple and black ..	..			/2	
12c. blue and black ..	..			/4	
18c. green and black ..	..			/5	
24c. lake and black ..	..			/6	

NORTHERN NIGERIA.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1900.				
½d. lilac and green	/2	/2	/1
1d. " red	/3	/3	/2
2d. " yellow	/4	/4	/3
2½d. " blue	/4	/5	/4
5d. " brown	/8	/8	/7
6d. " violet	/9	/9	/7
1/- green and black	1/6	1/6	1/3
2/6 " blue	3/6	3/6	3/
10/- " brown	15/	15/	12/6

NOVA SCOTIA.

1851-7. On blue paper.					
1d. red brown ..	..	40/	25/	28/	20/
3d. dark blue ..	..	20/	14/	6/	4/
6d. yellow-green ..	..	£16		32/6	22/6
6d. deep " ..	..	£25		40/	30/
1/- violet ..	..	£65		£15	£10
1860-4. Perf. 12.					
1c. black ..	..	1/6	1/3	2/6	2/
2c. red-lilac ..	..	1/6	1/3	2/	1/6
5c. blue ..	..	17/6	10/	1/	9/
8½c. green ..	..	3/9	3/	10/	8/
10c. red ..	..	3/9	3/	4/	3/
12½c. black ..	..	4/	3/3	4/	3/6

(To be continued).

Notes on Scandinavians.

By "WALLABY."

NOW that Specialism is so much to the fore, I am somewhat surprised that the stamps of Norway and Sweden do not attract more attention; they certainly deserve more than they at present get.

There are few countries that contribute a longer list of easily-obtained distinct varieties, than Norway, and few stamps, lightly postmarked and neatly arranged, make a braver show than these.

Stanley Gibbons catalogues considerably over a hundred varieties of Norwegian stamps, and the specialist can easily add another hundred to this list.

With the exception of the 2 ore on the 12 ore brown, Norway is completely free of surcharges, and this one exception was made to provide for a new postal rate and, at the same time, utilize a large stock of a little-used value.

As far as I can ascertain, there are no varieties of this surcharge.

The stamps of 1863-1868 afford the most scope for the specialist and as yet are fairly common although I find them considerably harder to obtain every year. These stamps, in good condition, are well worth saving, and should, in a few year's time prove a sound investment.

The 1877-8 issue, consisting of 13 values, forms as pretty a set of stamps as any collection can show, and it is saying something, that, although this issue was only in use for a little over six years the rarest stamp in the set is catalogued at 1s. 3d., a price likely to double in a few years time.

The 1883-1899 issues are all easily obtained and afford a wide field for research.

I have found the stamps of Norway just as interesting as those of Queensland or New Zealand and in fact it is a welcome change to turn up my Norwegians after puzzling over round or square perfs., roulettes and vanished watermarks.

The same remarks apply almost literally to Sweden, although the earlier issues of Sweden are harder to procure than those of Norway, and there is also a larger number of varieties, including a long list of Unpaid and Officials in two perforations, of which the varieties perf. 14 are fifty times harder to obtain than those perf. 13.

Sweden provides us with one of the quaintest and prettiest surcharges that is catalogued.

To anyone growing tired of the intricate varieties of some of our Colonial stamps it will prove a great boon to take up Scandinavians—and a good investment!

Stamp Trade Protection Association.

AN EXPOSITION OF ITS AIMS AND OBJECTS.—SOME FURTHER SUGGESTIVE LETTERS FROM "FORTNIGHTLY" READERS.

MR. H. WILFRED PLUMRIDGE writes us as follows on the subject of our references to the work and prospects of the S.T.P.A. :—

As one of the directors of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, perhaps you will kindly permit me to reply to your remarks concerning a letter you published in your last number from Mr. A. H. Dingwall.

In the first place I will not trespass on your valuable space by setting forth, *in toto*, the objects of the Association, as anyone may obtain full particulars from the Secretary.

Briefly, the Association's aim is to protect its members from every kind of fraud, and, by so doing, advance the true interests of Philately.

It is a very great mistake to suppose that the Directors have been apathetic. During the past (and first) year of the Association's life we have had many meetings, sometimes several in one week, and as we get no remuneration whatever for our services, it must be very obvious that our duties have taken up much valuable time that might have been profitably employed in other directions to our own advantage.

I am quite sure, however, that all of us (I speak of course for the Directors) would cheerfully make this sacrifice if only we could feel that we had the sympathy and support of philatelists generally.

It is always difficult to organise a new undertaking, and from the start we have been heavily handicapped in many ways.

In the first place, as the membership was small and the initial expenses very heavy, we have been compelled to abandon several actions that ought, in the best interests of stamp collecting, to have been undertaken.

In one case we were instrumental, in conjunction with another Association, in obtaining the conviction of one of those parasites who, not possessing the requisite courage to become a successful thief, is obliged to content himself with filching stamps from people whom he believes to be too busy, or too inert, to take any individual action.

Such parasites, if sufficiently numerous, would in course of time cause the devotees of our hobby to throw up the pursuit in disgust, and surely even the most unimaginative collector or dealer can hardly regard this prospect with equanimity!

Stamp collecting was never more popular than it is at the present time, numbering as it does among its patrons members gathered from all ranks of society, from kings and scions of noble families to men who gain their existence from manual toil.

Direct selfishness never did and never will prove otherwise than unprofitable, and if philatelists ever suffer through this attribute, they will have only themselves to blame.

I do not think that I am making any secret public when I say that the Directors of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, were, at the end of their first year's work, greatly disheartened at the apathy which rewarded their well meant efforts, and seriously considered the question whether or not they should offer themselves for re-election! It was ultimately decided, however, that to desert the ship at such a crisis would be cowardly and altogether opposed to British traditions, so that with the exception of one or two gentlemen who resigned from conscientious motives, we start our second year with the same officials at the helm.

But in order to start this second year without indebtedness, the members of the first year's Board of Directors agreed to lend to the Association sufficient money to clear off all debts contracted whilst they had been in office.

Many people appear to have been misled by the title of the S.T.P.A., and it might be as well to state now, that anyone interested in stamps, whether as collector, as dealer, or as speculator, is eligible for membership, always provided that his references and past record are satisfactory.

To achieve our objects would entail a considerable annual expenditure, and as our income is entirely derived from member's subscriptions, it is for philatelists to decide whether or not they will help themselves by supporting us, not only by becoming members but by doing everything in their power to further our aims and objects.

Members are free to elect any men they please to represent them as Directors. The present Directors are not at all anxious to remain in office if it is generally felt that they could be replaced by more useful men, in fact they will not feel justified in re-offering themselves for re-election at the next general meeting, unless they feel that their

efforts in the interests of Philatelists are appreciated and assisted by its members generally.

As a Director, I cannot quite agree with your remarks concerning our present Official Organ. The firm who publish "The Monthly Journal" are in a position to very strongly assist us if they are so disposed, and I think that in their own interests and in those of Philatelists generally, they will do so. We have always been most grateful to the *Fortnightly* for its valuable help in placing before its readers the objects of our Association, and I am certain that its reputation for absolute impartiality will not suffer on this account.

H. WILFRED PLUMRIDGE.

WANTED, A BLACK LIST.

Three correspondents very strenuously support Mr. A. H. Dingwall's contention that "undesirables" should be systematically black-listed so that all dealers may be put on their guard.

Mr. J. Johnston, of New Deer, N.B., writes as follows:—

I have read with considerable interest the letter of Mr. A. H. Dingwall, on the Stamp Trade Protection Association, also your own remarks, and I believe the reason why this Society has not been supported by the majority of dealers is that the annual subscription is too high. Only the better-to-do dealers can afford to join, and the hundreds of small dealers must simply look on, as many of them can ill afford to hand over a guinea every year—and (although it might pay them in the end to do so), they will rather risk an occasional bad debt.

Now I think that the hundreds of small dealers would be the backbone of a Society such as this, if the annual subscription was reduced to a popular price. Why not make it say, 5/- and thus get a dozen members where there is now only one.

Another reason why Stamp Protection Societies are not popular is, that although they are willing to assist those who have had their stamps unreturned by dishonest persons, they give no warning to their members how these persons may be avoided. Now I think they ought to warn all their members against those whom they know to be doubtful, so that dealers could avoid sending on approval to such persons. But it may be asked how is the Secretary to know the doubtful ones? To enable him to do so, as far as possible, I would have all the members to send to the Secretary the names of those whom they know by experience to be bad. Were this done the Secretary would soon have a list to start with. This list I would have sent to each member, and to prevent any infringement of the libel law, I would have all particulars regarding defaulters, sent in by members, to be held strictly private.

I think a Society run on something like the above lines would be a great benefit to the members, who, I have no doubt would be plentiful if only the Society were well advertised.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP.

Another Scottish reader, Mr. J. Meiklejohn, of Stirling, in the course of a long and most interesting letter, declares that he would apply for the post of Secretary to the S.T.P.A., were he not disqualified by the fact that he is an invalid, confined to his home. He would take the post without remuneration. "just for the pleasure of bringing to book the mean pilferers of Philately." It is to be hoped that somebody animated by the same public spirit will be found to fill the vacant post.

THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICIAL ORGAN.

We thank those readers who have most kindly written us strongly in favor of the *Fortnightly* being selected to act as the S.T.P.A.'s official organ, and notably Mr. H. J. Dawson and Mr. S. E. Oggles. But we think we made it quite clear, or attempted to do so, in our last number that what we wrote was written in no self-seeking spirit. We simply wish to see the S.T.P.A. well served, and if the trade journal selected will, in the future, devote a greater share of its space to the S.T.P.A.'s affairs we shall have nothing further to say.

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Sitting on the Safety Valve.

A Transatlantic contemporary, "The American Journal of Philately," has evoked much discussion on the subject whether or not stamp forgeries should be illustrated and described in the philatelic press. The "A.J.P." is all against publicity in this direction, and argues that instead of safeguarding the stamp collector, the stamp journals which point out the minute differences between the forged stamp and the genuine are simply educating the counterfeiter and encouraging him to do better next time. Now there is an excellent reply to all this in the current number of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," in an article written by one who styles himself "Hamburgensis." We quote the most telling paragraph in this gentleman's article:—

Let us suppose now that no description of forgeries had appeared for the last ten years, what would be the position to-day? There would be, in my humble opinion, a vast number of more or less dangerous forgeries in private collections of which their owners were quite ignorant. It is a fallacy to say that the publication of differences puts the forger on his guard. Can any reasonable man affirm that the forger who imitated, say the 8d. Ceylon, is not aware of the defects of his work, and that such differences were only brought home to him by these illustrated descriptions? It is not more than likely that although he tried his best to closely follow the original he failed to copy it in every respect, not through lack of will but by reason of that well known fact that it is impossible for one draughtsman to copy line for line another man's work without error? Even suppose that such description enables the forger to correct his plate to a certain extent, I maintain that no instance exists where the forger was able to improve on his work to such an extent as to absolutely defy detection.

This, we consider, is an excellent reply to those who would leave the stamp collector to the tender mercies of the stamp dealer, as guide, philosopher, and friend. We wish to make no sweeping assertions, but we think that to adopt such a plan as this would be to realise, in many cases, the picture of the blind leading the blind. We, personally, are strongly in favour of publication and as much publication as possible. To restrain the dissemination of such knowledge among philatelists is to sit on the safety valve.

Join the "S.T.P.A.!"

In this number we give some interesting correspondence on the subject of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, and in view of the frank and satisfactory statement made by Mr. Plumridge, we feel no hesitation in renewing the advice we have so often tendered to collectors and dealers alike in these columns. We say, join the Stamp Trade Protection Association, give it the weight of your support and the

benefit of your annual guinea. In the end, if philatelists will only support the scheme in sufficient numbers, we feel quite confident that the S.T.P.A. will become such a force that the wrong doers of philately will be "scotched," if not exterminated.

A slight slip was made in our previous reference to this matter. We described the S.T.P.A., as having only twenty odd members, but as a matter of fact at the time of writing there were thirty-eight annual subscribers, and we are glad to hear that many more have since joined the association. From an item in the balance sheet, representing twenty-three subscriptions for 1901—1902, we too rashly assumed that that indicated the total membership of the Association.

Notes on New Issues.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and contemplated changes in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Argentina.—We now show the design of the new series of official stamps, the values and colours of which are reported to be as follows:—

Official Stamps.	1c. grey
	2c. sepia
	5c. vermilion
	10c. green
	30c. blue
	50c. orange



Bulgaria.—Apparently this principality is revising its postal issues throughout. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us two values of a new set of "Unpaid," an illustration of which is given here. The two values so far to hand are:—

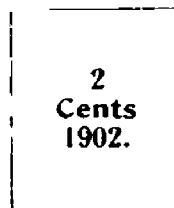


"Unpaid" Adhesives:	5 stot., carmine
	30 .. violet rose

Cape of Good Hope.—From Messrs. Winch Brothers we have received an interesting variety—a specimen of the 1d. of 1885 in a distinct claret colour—the identical shade of the 3d. stamp.

Danish West Indies.—Two provisional surcharged stamps have recently made their appearance, their creation being due, it is said, to a local reduction in postage. We have attempted to give an idea of the style of the surcharge.

Provisionals:	"2 cents" on 3c.
	"8 cents" on 10c.



Greece.—Parcel post stamps are the latest contribution of the Greeks. The values so far to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., and from Mr. W. H. Earl, of Newcastle, Staffs., are as follows:—

Parcel Post Stamps—	1 lepton, carmine.
	2 lepta. brown.
	5 .. orange.
	25 .. green.
	50 .. blue.

Holland.—We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. for a new "Unpaid" stamp. Design as usual.

"Unpaid" Adhesive— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue and black.

Hong Kong.—From Messrs. Hyam & Co. we have received the 4 cents rose of Kong Kong, with black surcharge, "D.P."

New Zealand.—Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, N.Z., sends us yet another batch of the perforation varieties that are being turned out by the Colony's new perforating machines:—

½d. perf. 14 × 14.
1d., perf. 11 × 14.
1d., perf. 14 × 14.

The stamp with which Mr. Rosenberg franked his letter to the *Fortnightly* is doubly perforated at top—being one of a strip purchased at the post office. There appears to be plenty for a philatelist in New Zealand to amuse himself with just now!

Wolmaransstad.—Lieut. F. W. S. Cox, of the New South Wales Bushmen, writes from Klerksdorp to the "Australian Philatelist" in the following terms:—

In S.G.'s catalogue for 1902, I note that under the heading "Wolmaransstad" only two values are chronicled of the "cancelled V.R.I." type. Now there were nine different labels so surcharged, all of which I have seen, and can vouch for their genuineness, viz.: (1894-95) 2d. bistre; (1896) Commemoration stamp, 1d. carmine; (1896-97) 1d. carmine; ½d. green; 2d. dark brown; 2½d. blue; 3d. red-purple; 4d. sage-green; 6d. lilac. The surcharging upon all these stamps is in violet, with the exception of the 2½d. which is in carmine. On the Commemoration stamp the word "cancelled" is in fancy type. The history of these stamps is as follows, and may interest some of my Philatelic friends in Australia. At the time of the British occupation of Wolmaransstad (June, 1900) a storekeeper there named Leask found he had £5 2s. 6d. worth of Z.A.R. stamps of various values on hand, and which were of no use for postal purposes in their original state. Mr. Leask therefore came to an arrangement with the British Commissioner, whereby all the stamps in his possession were surcharged "cancelled over V.R.I." and were then issued and used for postal purposes. I have tried to find out how many of each value were so surcharged, but Mr. Leask (with whom I am personally acquainted) says he has no idea.

I may mention that Mr. Leask is neither a dealer or collector, in fact he is a perfect novice where stamps are concerned, and I therefore take it that these stamps were so surcharged in order to legalise their postal value.

The Chemist's Commando Stamps.

A DESCRIPTION AND A JUSTIFICATION FROM THE PEN OF THE CHEMIST HIMSELF.

IN Stanley Gibbons' Addenda to the Stamps of the British Empire, part I. of November, 1900, under the heading "Orange River Colony" on page 8, occurs the following remark:

"A type-set oblong stamp inscribed "Commando-Brief-O.V.S.—Franko; in black on yellow, which is being offered as a war stamp, is really the private speculation of a chemist in the Orange Free State, who had them made and sent to the front and attached to letters, hence they are seen duly postmarked on genuine correspondence. As, however, all such letters were post free, the stamp was superfluous, had no franking power, and is of no philatelic interest whatever."

The present writer is the chemist referred to in the above paragraph.

For the information of Messrs. S. S. & Co. as well as all genuine collectors of stamps, the undersigned feels himself called upon to set forth the following facts, leaving collectors to judge for themselves as to the eligibility or otherwise of the stamp referred to in question to be included in their collections.

The commandoes of the Boer Republics, as is well known, crossed the border of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope during the night of the 14th to the 15th October, 1899, at a place called "Scholy's Nek" not far from Kimberley. The commandoes altogether numbered about 3,000 men at that time. A temporary camp was pitched and communication

with the capital of the O.F.S. at once established. Mails were duly received and dispatched.

The writer was appointed field-postmaster of the forces serving under General Delakey and Chief Commandant Wessels. At the commencement, that is to say, the first few days, all letters sent by the burghers at the front to their friends or relatives, had to be initialled either by the field-cornets or the commandants.

To save the individual burgher the trouble of having his letter initialled, a collecting box or bag was placed in a conspicuous place at each camp and the box or bag was duly emptied before the departure of each mail. The letters were taken to the tent of the field-cornet or commandant and duly initialled.

When, however, the correspondence became of larger dimensions, the officers mentioned declined to sit for hours and hours initialing letters. A proposal was made to the chief commandant to authorize the issue of stamps, which were to be affixed at the field post office on all letters found in the collecting boxes and bags, and thus save himself and all other officers concerned the trouble of initialling such letters.

The stamps were ordered to be printed by Acting Commandant General Barend Greyling and came into use on the 15th October, 1899. Upon the closer investment of Kimberley the Commandoes drew into closer touch, and the stamps were largely used for the mails of the burghers around Kimberley. Therefore the postmarks generally found on the stamps are either Spijtfontein, Modder River, Barkley East, or an India-rubber stamp "Kimberley, Z.A.R."

It will be seen from the above that the stamps are of official origin and were used to prove that the letters to which they were affixed came from the seat of war and were therefore not subject to any fines, which letters without postage stamps are subject to. They therefore were meant to frank the letters also.

As during the war the burghers were frequently moved from one place to the other it happened that the stamps were taken to other parts and we therefore find copies of these stamps postmarked Dundee, Elandslaagte, Daunhauser, Glencoe, Hoofd Lager Z.A.R. (in Natal); also copies marked with obliterations of post offices in the Cape of Good Hope and naturally nearly all offices of the Orange Free State and a good few of the South African Republic. The stamps have in fact been put to use in nearly all camps of the Republics.

They were still in use after the departure of the writer from the front, during the months of February and the beginning of March, 1900. When General Cronje surrendered, several British officers found in that officer's camp unused copies of the "Commando stamps." Upon the arrival of Lord Roberts' column at Bloemfontein, earnest collectors soon tried to obtain a copy or two of these interesting relics. Postmarked copies were fetching as much as twenty-five shillings, and more; one well-known English collector went even so far as to try to collect a complete set of postmarks of all offices where the stamps had been used. To the writer's knowledge, he obtained as many as 19 different offices! Besides the ordinary dating stamp, an obliterating stamp similar to the British parcel obliterating stamp was used; but with the difference that only three bars above and below the number, instead of four, three small almost square blanks to the right and left of the number, instead of two perpendicular strokes. The number itself, 252, was enclosed by four lines, forming a border.

In conclusion, it may be stated that a number of these stamps reached Europe during the early stages of the war, whilst the Boers were still able to communicate with the world via Delagoa Bay. As no ordinary postage stamps were sold from the Field Post Office, all letters posted with a commando stamp only were fined, if their destination was Europe; but were duly forwarded.

Fine postmarked copies in the original orange-yellow color are rare, but the stamps suffer greatly by exposure to the light, or by immersion in water.

The stamps were printed in sheets of twenty-four rows of five stamps each.

A. F. HOCHAPFEL.

The Arrangement of a Collection.

BY ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM, B.A.

I HAVE perused with much interest some of the *Fortnightly* readers' remarks on this subject, and perhaps it may be of some interest to describe the system— or, rather, systems— I have adopted since I began to collect stamps over 20 years ago.

I divide my past and present methods into four Divisions thus :

(1) When I began to collect stamps, I GUMMED DOWN any stamps I got hold of in small exercise books, quite promiscuously and irrespective of their separate countries, also entirely oblivious of any paper that might adhere to their backs.

(2) With growing experience and an increasing collection I learned better "manners," took out all my stamps placed as above, and replaced them also in exercise books, but *with stamp mounts*, taking off any paper at the backs, etc., etc., and further grouping them into their separate divisions, and keeping special books for certain countries.

(3) Having considerably increased my philatelic knowledge, I placed all my stamps in two of Gibbons' "Permanent Albums," and for a long time this third division satisfied me, until I again saw I could improve and I finally have adopted :

(4) Arranging my collection of over 40,000 stamps in numerous Albums but somewhat less bulky ones than the two above mentioned, and *mounting the stamps upon loose blank cards*.

Division 4 brings me up to date. Most philatelists with large collections of stamps now adopt this plan.

Taking the albums first, I may say that for years I have used only the "Desideratum" album, with De la Rue's patent clasp attached, and blank cards to fit, lightly ruled with quadrille lines as a guide when mounting stamps. I have always preferred this special patent to the more costly ones supplied by other firms, for two reasons—in the first place, they cost less, and, secondly, I find I can far more easily remove the cards when I want to, without taking each one off its file.

To show the extent of my preference for this make of albums I may say that I have between 30 and 40 of these books in use for my collection. The cost, as I have said, is much less, and I have never seen the necessity of spending any large amount of money on rich and costly bindings for my albums. As long as I get a good strong and respectable cover I am satisfied, for after all it is the contents of the albums which I value far more than the covers.

Now for the arrangement of my stamps. Being more interested in English and Colonies than in anything else, I separate these from the other stamps, and again divide them into Asian, African, N. American Colonies, Australia, West Indians, and I group the few Colonies in Europe and B. Honduras and B. Guiana with West Indians.

Each of these sections has an album or albums as the case may be entirely to itself, and as regards other Countries I also confine each Country I collect in Europe, Asia, Africa and America to itself, keeping them separate in different albums. As regards the mounting of my stamps, I generally follow Gibbons' or some other good catalogue, and in the case of the commoner stamps place some five shades in one line, with regular spaces between each, and in the rarer stamps either one to a line, or of extremely rare stamps, only one or two to each card. In mounting the stamps I am careful to avoid as far as possible bending the perfs. of the stamps when turning them over to look at watermarks, etc., and for this reason I always leave the top part of the hinge, the portion which *rests upon the back of the stamp*, dry, thus causing the stamp to be turned over with freedom and saving any damage to its perfs. Similar methods apply to imperf. stamps also, as the top edge of one of these stamps is often inclined to crease if the hinge to which it is attached is fastened down right to the top of the stamp.

When my stamps are all mounted and in order I apply at each side of the cards rubber stamps designating the perfs.,

watermarks, etc., and then ink in, above each issue, the date of same, the name of the Country, etc., on the first card containing each series of Countries. Finally I place tissue paper upon the better stamps and thus avoid not only the stamps "catching" one another as it were when turning over the cards but also preventing the colours from running as they are inclined to do when the slightest signs of damp are visible.

My numerous albums and their respective cases are then marked by small coloured gummed labels, and on these I place the name of the country and the number of the volume. I use labels of distinctive tints for the various countries, so that, on wanting a certain country, I have only to look for the colour of its label on the case which contains the album or albums of that country's stamps.

Finally I house the lot in a large safe.

The Way to Obtain a Good Place in Exchange Clubs.

BY A READER OF THE "FORTNIGHTLY."

THE following is taken from the rules of a well-known London Stamp Exchange Club:—

"The first place on the respective postal lists (after the Secretary), will be allotted for amongst members who have sent sheets, in order that every contributing member shall have an opportunity of an early view of the packet. The names of other members will be inserted according to the value of their sheets, so that every member can, if he chooses, be high up on the lists by sending good stamps."

There is no note to the effect that stamps priced absurdly high will not be taken into consideration, and it is as well that there should be no such notice under the circumstances.

I have been a member of this Club for two years and have sent in numberless sheets of good stamps, priced reasonably, and have generally managed to gain a good place on the postal list, but there was one man I could never get in front of. Let us call him Mr. X. He is a small dealer and a bargain hunter in Stamp Clubs. The secret of Mr. X.'s success was that he played a most unblushing game of spoof. Stamps of the value of 6d. were marked £3. Stamps of the value of 40/- were marked £80, &c. Well, this is a bit hard to beat, so I thought I would point out the fact to the Secretary, but it did no good. The only satisfaction I got was to be told that "there must always be a difference of opinion with regard to the value of member's sheets, and it is therefore better that the Secretary of a Club should be the Arbitrator."

Quite so! The Secretary, however, went on to show that Mr. X.'s sheet had been dropped from £120 to the position of a sheet worth £70—and that is where he gave himself away.

It is evident from the rule which I gave at the commencement of my letter that there is an advantage in seeing the packet early, and a member is encouraged to send in good sheets by being offered the reward of a good place on the postal list.

Now, my argument is that a member who contributes a sheet which he values at £180 (puffed up to that amount by the addition of two stamps—one of the value of 40/-, priced £80, and another of the value of 15/-, priced £60), is not in his proper place when put on the postal list as having contributed a sheet of the value of £60 even. His spoof stamps are worse than valueless for members wishing to buy; they are dead weight for which everybody forwarding the packet, possibly, has to pay extra postage.

As, moreover, a member who uses such methods to gain a good place is acting unfairly, I contend that he should receive no consideration whatever, but should be placed last on the list.

This is, however, not the case, and anybody wishing to obtain a good place need only put on a used 1d. lilac of Queen Victoria, "winking the other eye—only four copies known—price £95," or the 1d. red of Edward VII., "the rare type before having his beard trimmed, £120," mixed with a little ordinary rubbish to conceal the fraud, and he is pretty sure to be in the "first three."

Scandalous, I call it!

Philatelic Societies' Reports.**BRISTOL & CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

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At the meeting held on February 6th, at 36, Woodstock Road, Mr. R. Dalton took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. P. J. Lloyd.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Alsop, and confirmed.

After various matters were discussed the following collections were shown:—
 Mr. Dalton, Victorian stamps.
 Mr. Reynolds, African.
 Mr. McPherson, Indian.

HENRY ALSOP, Hon. Sec., 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol.

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56, Buckleigh Road, Streatham, London, S.W.
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The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6th, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street, Without, E.C., when the Colonial Revenues from Antigua to Br. South Africa

will be discussed and catalogued. Members will be expected to bring their collections or send notes of these countries.

Donations to the Library will be welcomed. Rules and any information will be furnished by A. B. KAY, 35, Bessborough Street, London, S.W.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Third Annual Conversation and Dance of the Junior London Philatelic Society was held on Saturday, January 25th, in Raleigh Hall, Brixton. A most enjoyable time is always looked forward to on these occasions, and in this case expectations were more than realised by the most successful dance the Society has yet held. About 120 members and friends were present and a very pleasant evening was spent. The greatest credit is due to Mr. Crosby Blumsum, as Secretary of the dance, for the admirable manner in which the whole proceedings were carried out.

The Meeting of the Society to be held this day (Saturday, 15th February), at Clapham Hall, Old Town, Clapham, S.W., will be devoted to a lecture on the "Postage Stamps of the Argentine Republic," by Mr. Charles Purdom. The chair will be taken by Mr. Fred J. Melville at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, March 1st, 1902, a General Sale and Exchange will be held, and at 8.30 a debate—"What are Minor Varieties?"

W. G. PARKER, Hon. Secretary, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

"UNUSED" STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

The January packet has returned from circulation. The sales have been good—£13 18s. 8d., disposed of out of £50 13s. 10d., sent in. The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any collectors who are interested in this Branch of Philately, viz., Unused Stamps only.

H. BEAN, Homecroft, Loughborough Park, Brixton, S.W.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

The Seventy-sixth Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, on Monday, January 12th.

Present, Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

The sum of \$25 was voted to the Literary Committee to be used for the Library.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. H. G. Mandel for the loan to the Club of four fine frames of stamps.

The names of three applicants for membership having been posted the required length of time, they were balloted on, and Messrs. B. von. Hodenberg, R. S. Nelson and Oney K. Carstarphen were declared to have been unanimously elected as subscribing members.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

The November Packet returned from circuit on the last day of January, sheets returned and all cash due to members forwarded on February the 3rd.

The Secretary trusts that all the members will be as prompt in sending in adverse balances, so that we may be able to keep in the front as regards prompt settlements.

Since last report, the following gentlemen have joined the Exchange: Messrs. J. T. Bolton, A. Gisborne, R. Hamilton, A. Hogan, and C. M. Hadden.

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The Dulwich Branch of the Junior London Philatelic Society will hold meetings separately from the Clapham Hall meetings, and of these a programme will be issued shortly. All stamp collectors residing in south-east London should communicate with Mr. Douglas Charles, 19, Wildash Road, East Dulwich, who is at present acting as secretary of the new branch.

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Single, 3d.; per dozen, 2/11.
Transvaal, 1/4d. on 2d., nett 1d.; block c
Fiji Islands.
1d. lilac-rose, 1 1/4d.; block of four
dozen, 1/3; pane of 50, 5/-.
6d. rose, nett 7d.; block of four, 2/
Fiji Islands. Queen's Head issue.
1/- yellow-brown, nett 1/2; bloc
4/8; per dozen, 14/-.
Bahamas. Sets, 1d., 2 1/4d., 4d., 6d., 1/
has CC Wmk.), the five, 2/6.
Queen's Heads).
Bahamas, Pictorial (Queen's Staircase)
1d. black and red, 1 1/4d.; block of
per dozen, 1/2; pane of 60, 5/
British Honduras, overprinted "Reven
supplies are expected to be the
and Revenue" type).
10c. lilac and green, "Revenue" 1:
block of four, 2/-.
Ditto, "Revenue," 11mm., 7d.; b)
Ditto, vertical pair, 1/3 (both types)

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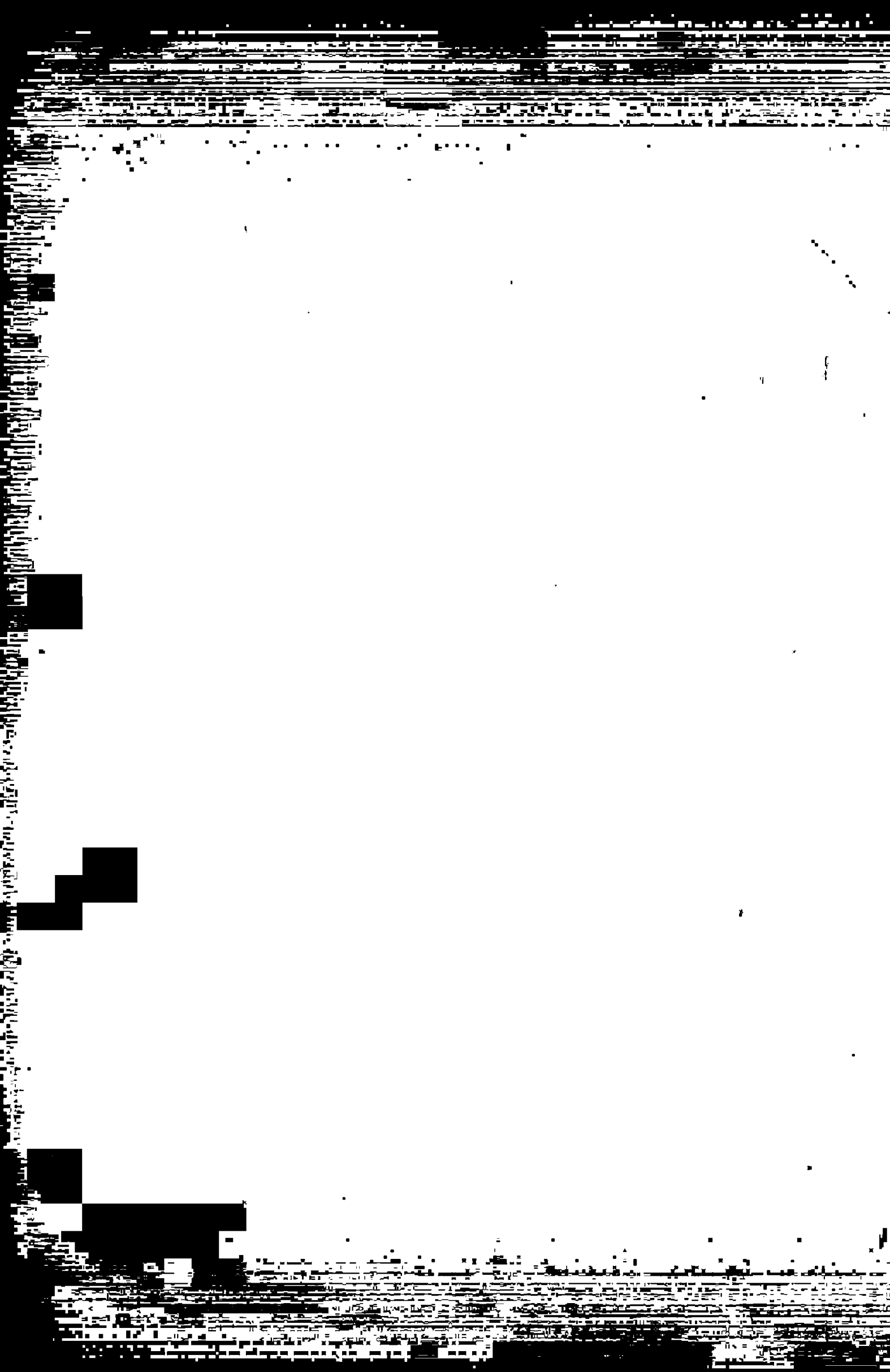
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Palace Square, Norwood, London, S.E.

Chile, 1900 type, set of four, used
2, 5, 10, 50c., 8d.
Chile, large type, 1 peso, brown and
black, 8d. each.
Venezuela, "Resellada Castro"
inverted, 5c. green, mint unused, 1/-;
block of four, 4/-.
Austria, unvarnished, mint. Set of
five, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 heller, nett 3d.
Austria, with varnish, mint. Set of
four, 5, 6, 10, 20 heller, nett 6d.
Bulgaria, 5 on 3 stotinki, nett 1d.
Greece, Olympic Games, 25 on 40
lepta, 5d. 50 lepta on 2dr., nett 10d.
Hungary, set of five, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 fillis,
nett 3d.
Eritrea on Italy, 1c., sheet of 100, 1/3.
Cuba, pictorial, 1c. green, per doz.
7d. 2c. carmine, per dozen, 1/2.
Guatemala, current, used, 10c. red,
per doz., 5d.
Venezuela, surcharged '1900,' 50c.
orange, 2/5 per doz., used, v.f., 1 bol.,
black, 4/8 per dozen, used, v.f.
Ecuador, current type, 10c. lilac
and black, per dozen, 1/3. 10c. blue
and black, per dozen, 1/3.
Peru, 22c. green and black, per
dozen, 1/-; per 100, 7/6.
Bolivia, new 20c. rose, used, per
doz., 10d.

POST OFFICES. FRENCH COLONIES AND

718	Wurtemberg, 5mk.	5/0	5/0
717	Wurtemberg, 2mk.	2/6	2/6
715	" 3fr. brown	2/6	2/6
714	Switzerland, 1fr. lake	1/1	1/4
711	Sweden, 1kr. lake & grey	1/1	1/4
708	" 10p. orange	2/0	2/0
707	" 4p. lilac	2/0	2/0
721	Alexandria, 2fr.	1/11	1/11
722	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
723	Anjouan, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
724	Benin, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
725	Canton, 5fr.	0/10	0/10
726	Cavalle, 8pias.	0/10	0/10
727	China, 2fr.	1/8	1/11
728	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
729	Dedaghi, 8pias.	0/10	0/10
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731	" 2fr.	1/8	1/8
732	Djibouti, 5fr.	4/0	4/8
733	" 25fr.	0/10	0/10
734	" 50fr.	0/10	0/10
735	French Congo, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
736	" 2fr.	1/8	1/11
737	" 5fr.	4/0	4/8
738	French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
739	French Guiana, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
740	Grand Comoro, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
741	Guadeloupe, 1fr.	0/10	0/10
742	Indian Settlements, 1fr.	0/10	0/10



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Every application should distinctly state:—

(a). Whether foreign stamps are required as well as British Colonials, or the latter only, or certain countries or colonies only.

(b). Whether all stamps regardless of face value are wanted, or whether only those up to 20/-, or 10/-, 5/-, etc. (The Colonial Market can furnish all, including £20 and £25 stamps, if required).

(c). Whether only single specimens are required or whether blocks or sheets are preferred. Sheets of 4d., 1d. and 1d. stamps with full margins are generally imported; sometimes sheets of even the highest values can be supplied. Blocks of 4 to 12 can nearly always be furnished in any stamp.

Terms. The Colonial Market supplies new issues at the exceptionally low rate of 5/10 per 5/- face value, although in reckoning the price of low value stamps, fractions of a penny are generally reckoned as a penny.

Deposit. The usual deposit ranges from 10/- to £5, according to whether high or low values are wanted. Although the amount of each invoice is debited at once to the account, credit will be given for returns made *within 10 days*. As soon as the deposit is exhausted, notice of renewal will be sent, and if the deposit account remains overdrawn, stamps may be charged at a higher rate.

Returns. The service of new issues can only be continued if the majority of the stamps sent are purchased. Care should therefore be exercised in giving the original instructions. Stamps should not be returned without a reasonable objection.

EXPECTED SHORTLY.

Orders can now be booked for the following:—

(Those marked with an asterisk will be sent out through the medium of our regular weekly service of new issues, and readers who are in receipt of the service need not therefore especially book their order, unless pairs, blocks or sheets are wanted.)

- *Victoria, Head of King Edward. New £1 and £2 postage stamps.
- *Northern Nigeria, 2/6 and 10/- Tonga, all values up to 5/-
- *Seychelles, provisionals.
- *Victoria, old types with "Postage," 1/4d. to 5/-.
- *Cayman Islands, new 2 1/2d., 6d., 1/-.
- *Trinidad, new colours, 1/4d., 1d., 1/-.
- *Jamaica, 1d. Llandoverly Falls.
- *St. Christopher.
- *South Australia, 1/-, 2/-, wmk. S.A.
- *British Honduras, new 10c.
- *Newfoundland, 4c. Duchess of Cornwall.
- *Cook Islands, surcharged a Crown.
- *Uganda Provisionals.
- And others.

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Fiji Islands.
1d. lilac-rose, 1/4d.; block of four, 6d.; per dozen, 1/3; pane of 50, 5/-.
6d. rose, nett 7d.; block of four, 2/4.
Fiji Islands. Queen's Head issue.
1/- yellow-brown, nett 1/2; block of four, 4/8; per dozen, 14/-.
Bahamas. Sets, 1d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 6d., 1/- (the latter has CC Wmk.), the five, 2/6. (All are Queen's Heads).
Bahamas. Pictorial (Queen's Staircase).
1d. black and red, 1/4d.; block of four, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; pane of 60, 5/10.
British Honduras, overprinted "Revenue" (next supplies are expected to be the "Postage and Revenue" type).
10c. lilac and green, "Revenue" 12mm., 6d.; block of four, 2/-.
Ditto, "Revenue," 11mm., 7d.; block, 2/3.
Ditto, vertical pair, 1/3 (both types).
Ditto, horizontal pair, 3/- (both types).
B.C.A. on B.S.A. (mostly still current). The high values are again in stock, also the following:—
4d. chestnut and black, 5d.; block of 4, 1/7.
6d. deep blue, 7d.; block of 4, 2/4.
8d. rose-lake and ultra., 10d.; block of 4, 3/2.
1s. grey-brown, 1 1/2; block of 4, 4/8.
Seychelles. Head of late Queen Victoria.
6c. rose, 1/4d.; block of 4, 6d.; per doz. 1/3.
8c. purple and ultra. (obsolete), 3d.; block of four, 10d.
10c. ultra. and bistre (obsolete), 4d.; block of four, 1/3.
12c. sepia and green, 4d.; block of four, 1/1.
13c. grey and black, 6d.; block of four, 1/11.
15c. ultramarine, 3d.; block of four, 1/-.

Canada.

10c. purple, single, 7d.; block of four, 2/3.
20c. vermilion, old type, 1/1 only; block of 4, 4/3.
50c. blue, old type, 2/5 only; block of 4, 9/8.
50c. Jubilee, 2/5 only.
Zanzibar, new colour.
4 1/2d. blue, nett 6d.; block of 4, 1/11; per dozen, 5/9.
Western Australia, Wmk. Crown WA.
2d. yellow, nett 3d.
2 1/2d. blue, nett 3d.; block of four, 1/-.
Johore, 4c. yellow and carmine, 1/4d.; per dozen, 1/3.
Uganda, Queen's Head, 1 anna, nett 1 1/4d.
Cook Islands, 1/4d., 1d., 1 1/4d., set of three, 4d.
Malta. High values are now in stock.
Bechuanaland Protectorate.
Surch. on 3d. Great Britain, nett 4d.
British Bechuanaland post card (entire).
Surch. on 1d. Cape, nett 2d.; packet of 12, 1/10.
Labuan. New values (Two of the handsomest stamps yet issued).
10c. lilac-grey and brown (Honey-bear), nett 3d.; block of four, 1/-; per dozen, 2/11; sheet of 100, 23/4.
16c. brown and green (train), nett 5d.; block of four, 1/7; per dozen, 4/8; sheet of 100, 37/4.
North Borneo, New Values, 10c. and 16c. Same prices as for Labuan.
Labuan, low values.
1c. (Native), block of four, 2d.; per doz., 4d.; sheet of 100, 2/4.
2c. (Stag's Head), block of four, 3d.; per dozen, 7d.; sheet of 100, 4/8.
3c. (Palm Tree), block of four, 4d.; per dozen, 11d.; sheet of 100, 7/-.
4c. lake (Monkey), block of four, 5d.; per dozen, 1/2; sheet of 100, 9/4.
5c. blue (Peacock), block of four, 6d.; per dozen, 1/6; sheet of 100, 11/8.
For Low Values at Dozen Rates, see page 2

SPECIAL NOTICE!

THE COLONIAL STAMP MARKET desires to draw the attention of Collectors to the remarkable reductions in the prices of Colonial Stamps, which have been made this week. Hitherto a uniform rate of 5/10 per 5/- face value has been charged on all sets, no difference in price being made, whether the stamps took four weeks or four months to import, nor was any addition made when our supplies were delayed eight or ten months, as occurred in several cases last year. In future we shall adopt

AN AVERAGE RATE of 5/6 or 5/7 per 5/- FACE VALUE,

only advancing the rate to 5/8, 5/10, or 5/11 where we are absolutely compelled by reason of difficulty or delay in procuring the stamps. The Colonial Market's entire system of business has been improved and the New Issue and Foreign Departments re-organised.

ORDER DEPARTMENT. All Orders should be accompanied by Cash, or the old rate of 5/10 per 5/- face value will be charged for such current stamps as are included in the order.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS. Clients are strongly advised to open current accounts with the Colonial Market, thus avoiding the necessity of frequent small remittances (and more especially of cheques for a few shillings at a time). Whenever the balance is maintained at over £2 we will undertake to send stamps post free (£5 in the case of clients residing abroad.)

ORDER FORMS. Our special printed Order Forms may be had free on application. If filled in simply with list of stamps required and name and address (nothing in nature of a letter) they may be sent through the post in an open envelope for 1/4d. As a remittance may not be sent for 1/4d., this advantage is only open to clients having deposit accounts.

NEW ISSUE DEPARTMENT. This department has been re-organized, and it is expected that collectors will get all the novelties in future within a few weeks of their first issue. Both Colonial and Foreign New Issues can be supplied retail or wholesale in any quantity.

CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT. To ensure prompt reply, questions should, as far as possible, be written on a separate sheet of paper and numbered.

OUT OF STOCK. We are this week introducing a novel system, which will enable collectors desiring to book orders for stamps to know, in advance, the price that will be charged. Our lists will in future be priced throughout, and where stamps are out of stock an asterisk will be attached to the index number.

WARNING.

The Colonial Stamp Market has no agents, its only address is 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E. Any advertisements purporting to come from the Colonial Stamp Market at any other address are published entirely without our authority. We mention this as certain persons are attempting to trade on our reputation by copying our title and system of advertising.

OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST QUOTED ANYWHERE.

It is impossible to get unused Colonial Stamps cheaper anywhere in the United Kingdom, or for that matter, anywhere in Europe. As an instance of our cheapness, we may mention that our rate for Borneo and Labuan stamps is actually 2d. per dollar less than that of the Borneo Company itself. The explanation is, of course, to be found in the depreciation of silver currency, of which we give our Clients the full advantage, selling on the basis of the actual rate of exchange rather than on the nominal value. In the same way we sell the current 2 6 Great Britain, surcharged 12 piales, for 2 4 only.

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Unused British Colonial Stamps are at the present moment one of the finest investments that anyone, whether collector or not, could wish to make. Provided of course that they are purchased judiciously. It is safe to say that a collector five years hence would cheerfully pay £100 to have the opportunities that are free to everyone to-day. We fear these opportunities may not be appreciated by many collectors until lost (as has happened in the past), but readers of *E.W.S.N.* can have no excuse for not availing themselves of them. Splendid bargains have already been lost by procrastination. Last year (1900) the 10/- Trinidad and Niger Coast were freely offered by the Colonial Market at 11/8 apiece, and the £1 green and yellow Tasmanian could have been obtained for 23/4 (as much as £4 has already been offered and refused for this stamp), besides dozens of lower priced stamps such as the unsurcharged 25c. British Honduras, 5d. Trinidad, Ceylon 2s. 25c. yellow, surcharged, old Turk's Island, St. Vincent, Newfoundland, etc., etc. Many of those still offered will be equally scarce and desirable before the end of 1902. In all probability

ALL SETS QUOTED BELOW WILL SOON BE OBSOLETE.

Particular values may drop out at any moment, as in view of the preparation of new stamps with Head of King Edward, it is hardly likely new printings of the old stamps will be sent out to any colony. Therefore the collector who intends to buy should translate his intention into action at once.

Index No.	Particulars of Set, Current, 1902.	No. in Set	Value in £	to 1/-	Our Price.
GROUP I.—WEST INDIES, Etc.					
2	Bahamas, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	5	2/11	2/4	
3	Barbados, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/5	2/9	
4	Bermuda, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
5	British Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24c.	8	2/7	2/11	
6	British Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25c.	8	3/6	3/11	
7	Cayman Islands, 1d., 1/-	2	0/11	0/2	
9	Falkland Islands, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	3/1	3/7	
10	Grenada, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/11	3/3	
11	Jamaica, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
12	Leeward Islands, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/9	3/1	
15	St. Christopher, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/3	2/6	
16	St. Lucia, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
17	St. Vincent, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/10	3/2	
18	Trinidad, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/2	2/5	
19	Turk's and Caicos Islands, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/4	2/7	
20	Virgin Islands, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/9	3/1	
GROUP II.—EUROPE.					
21	Malta, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	9	2/7	2/11	
22	Gibraltar, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/4	2/7	
23	(Morocco Agencies), 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1 pes.	7	1/8	1/10	
24	Cyprus, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12 piastres	8	4/0	4/5	
25	British Post Offices in the Levant, 40, 80pa., 4 piastres	3	1/2	1/4	
GROUP III.—NORTH AMERICA.					
26	Canada, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20c.	8	2/4	2/7	
27	Maps, set of three shades	3	0/3	0/3	
28	Newfoundland (Royal Family), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 cents	6	0/8	0/9	
29	(Cabot), 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15	6	2/3	2/7	
GROUP IV.—AFRICA.					
31	Bechuanaland, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/4	2/8	
32	B. C. A., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	5	2/1	2/4	
33	B. E. A., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 7 1/2, 8 annas	10	3/3	3/8	
34	B. S. A. (Rhodesia), 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/1	2/4	
35	Cape of Good Hope, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
36	Gambia, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
37	Gold Coast, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/1	2/4	
38	Lagos, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	5	0/10	0/11	
39	" 3d., 5d., 6d., 7d., 10d., 1/-	6	3/7	4/0	
40	Mauritius, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 15, 18, 25, 50c.	9	1/6	1/11	
41	Natal, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
42	Northern Nigeria, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/5	2/10	
43	Orange River Colony, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/3	2/6	
44	St. Helena, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	1/10	2/1	
45	Seychelles, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15c.	8	0/10	1/0	
46	" 16, 18, 36c.	3	1/0	—	
47	Sierra Leone, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	1/10	2/1	
48	Southern Nigeria, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	2/1	2/6	
49	Sudan, 1, 2, 3, 5 millièmes	4	0/3	0/3	
50	" 1, 2, 5, 10 piastres	4	3/9	4/2	
51	Transvaal, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/7	2/11	
52	Uganda, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 annas	5	1/7	1/10	
53	Zanzibar, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 7 1/2, 8 annas	10	3/3	3/7	
GROUP V.—ASIA.					
61	Ceylon, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 15, 25, 30, 75c.	10	2/5	2/8	
62	C.E.F. on India, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 12as.	9	2/10	3/4	
63	Hong Kong, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 30, 50c.	8	2/9	3/1	
64	India, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 8, 12	10	2/11	3/3	
65	Chamba State, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12as.	8	3/2	3/8	
69	Puttialla Service, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12as., 1r.	8	3/11	4/4	
70	Johor, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 25, 50 cents	9	2/2	2/6	
71	Labuan, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 24c.	10	2/3	2/8	
72	Malay Federated States, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 50c.	8	2/1	2/4	
73	North Borneo, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 24c.	10	2/3	2/8	
74	Sarawak, 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50c.	10	3/1	3/6	
75	Straits Settlements, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 24, 25, 30, 50c.	13	3/6	3/11	
GROUP VI.—AUSTRALABIA.					
81	British New Guinea, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	—	—	
82	Cook Islands, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	9	3/4	4/0	
83	Fiji Islands, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/9	3/2	
84	N. S. W., 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6d., 7d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1/-	13	5/10	6/6	
85	N. Z. (Local printings), 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	12	4/6	5/1	
86	Queensland, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	9	3/0	3/4	
87	S. Australia, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	10	3/9	4/2	
88	Tasmania (Queen's Head), 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	6	3/0	3/5	
89	Tasmania (Pictorial), 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	8	2/0	2/3	
90	Tonga, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	11	—	—	
91	Victoria, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	11	3/10	4/4	
92	Western Australia, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	9	3/0	3/4	
GROUP VII.—MISCELLANEOUS. (Mostly obsolete.)					
94	B.S.A., 1896, re-engraved, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/0	2/7	
95	Gibraltar, pesetas, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p.	8	3/0	3/6	
96	St. Helena, old types, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	7	2/6	—	
97	Sudan, Military Telegraphs, 1, 2, 5, 10pi.	5	3/10	4/7	
98	" Postage Due, 2, 4m., 1, 2p.	4	0/9	0/11	
99	New Zealand, Postage Due, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 1/-	10	4/3	4/11	

LOW VALUES (Wholesale.)					
		Per dozen.	Pane of 60.		
WEST INDIES.					
101	Bahamas, 1d.	1/2	5/10		
102	Barbados, 1d.	4d	1/7		
103	" 2d.	7d	2/11		
104	" 4d.	1/2	5/10		
105	Bermuda, 1d on 1s	5d	1/6		
106	" 2d.	7d.	2/11		
107	" 4d.	1/2	5/10		
108	Brit. Guiana, 1c	7d	2/11		
109	" 2c (1900)	1/3	6/3		
110	" 2c (1901)	1/2	5/10		
111	Br. Honduras, 1c	8d	2/11		
112	" 2c	1/2	5/10		
113	Cayman Is., 1d	—	—		
114	" 2d	1/2	5/10		
115	Falkland Is., 1d	7d	2/11		
116	" 2d	—	—		
117	Grenada, 1d	7d	2/11		
118	" 2d	1/2	5/10		
119	Jamaica, 1d	7d	2/11		
120	" 2d	—	—		
121	Leeward, 1d	7d	2/11		
122	" 2d	—	—		
123	St. Lucia, 1d	—	—		
124	" 2d	—	—		
125	St. Vincent, 1d	7d	2/11		
126	" 2d	1/2	5/10		
127	Trinidad, 1d	8d	3/3		
128	" 2d	1/3	5/10		
129	Turks & Caicos, 1d	—	—		
130	" 2d	—	—		
131	Virgin Is., 1d	—	—		
132	" 2d	—	—		
133	Bahamas, 1d. pictorial	1/2	5/10		
EUROPE.					
151	Gibraltar, 1d	7d	2/11		
152	" 2d	1/2	5/10		
153	Morocco, 5c	7d.	2/11		
154	" 10c	1/2	5/10		
155	Cyprus, 1pi	10d	3/11		
156	" 2pi	1/2	5/10		
157	" 3pi	1/7	7/9		
158	Malta, 1d	4d	1/6		
159	" 2d	7d	2/11		
160	" 4d	1/2	5/10		
NORTH AMERICA.*					
(* Prices are for half sheets of fifty.)					
161	Canada, 1c	—	—		
162	" 2c	—	—		
163	" 3c	1/2	4/10		
164	" 4c on 3c	1/3	5/2		
165	Maps, 2c lavender	1/2	4/10		
166	" 2c pale blue	1/2	4/10		
167	Newfoundland, 1c	4d	1/4		
168	" 2c	7d	2/8		
169	" 4c	1/2	4/10		
AFRICA.					
171	Bechuanaland, 1d	8d.	—		
172	" 2d	—	—		
173	B.C.A., 1d (old)	1/3	6/3		
174	B.E.A., 1/2 anna	8d.	3/3		
175	" 1	1/2	5/10		
176	B.S.A., 1d	7d	2/11		
177	" 2d	1/2	5/10		
183	Cape, 1d	8d	3/3		
184	" 1d (old)	—	—		
185	" 1d (Table Bay)	1/2	5/10		
188	Gambia, 1d	8d	3/3		
189	" 2d	—	—		
190	Gold Coast, 1d	8d	3/3		
191	" 2d	1/3	5/10		
195	Lagos, 1d	8d	2/11		
196	" 2d	—	—		
197	Mauritius, 1c (old)	4d	1/3		
198	" 2c	6d	2/3		
199	" 4c	8d	3/3		
200	" 6c	—	—		
201	" 8c	1/3	6/3		
202	" 8c blue (old)	3/6	16/6		
203	" 1c (new)	4d	1/3		
204	" 2c	6d	2/3		
205	" 3c	—	—		
206	" 4c	—	—		
207	" 15c	—	—		
208	Natal, 1d	—	—		
209	" 2d	—	—		

LOW VALUES—continued.					
		Per dozen.	Pane of 60.		
215	Niger Coast, 1d	—	—		
216	Niger Coast, 2d	—	—		
217	N. Nigeria, 1d	—	—		
218	" 2d	—	—		
219	Orange River, 1d V.R.I.	—	—		
220	" 2d V.R.I.	1/3	6/3		
221	O.R.C. on Cape, 1d	7d	—		
224	St. Helena, 1d (old)	—	—		
225	" 2d	8d	3/3		
226	" 4d	1/3	5/10		
227	Seychelles, 2c	6d	2/0		
228	" 3c	8d	2/11		
229	" 4c				

British Colonial High Values.

(† Not yet issued. * Out of Stock.)

	Face Value.	Our Price.
303† Bahamas, 2s. (expected) ...	2/0	2/3
304† " 3s. " ...	3/0	3/4
305 " 5s. sage-green ...	5/0	5/6
306 " £1 venetian-red ...	20/0	22/0
307* Barbados, 2/6 black & orange	2/6	2/10
308* " 2/6 Jubilee type ...	—	—
310 B.C.A. on B.S.A., 2/- red ...	2/0	2/3
311 " " 2/6 purple ...	2/6	2/9
312 " " 3/- brn. & grn. ...	3/0	3/4
313 " " 4/- grey & red ...	4/0	4/6
314 " " 5/- orange ...	5/0	5/6
315 " " 10/- deep grn. ...	10/0	11/0
316 " " £5 green ...	100/0	107/6
317 " " £10 brown ...	200/0	215/0
318 " " 1898, 2/6 blue & black ...	2/6	2/10
319 " " 4/- carmine and black ...	4/0	4/6
320 " " 10/0 olive & black ...	10/0	11/2
321 " " £0 lilac and black ...	20/0	22/4
322 " " £10 yellow and black ...	200/0	220/0
325 B.E.A. (small), 2r. orange ...	—	3/9
326 " " 3r. violet ...	—	—
327 " " 4r. carmine ...	5/7	6/3
328 " " 5r. brown ...	7/0	7/11
329 " " (large), 1r. blue ...	1/4½	1/8
330* " " 2r. orange ...	2/9	3/1
331* " " 3r. violet ...	4/1½	4/8
332* " " 4r. carmine ...	—	—
333* " " 5r. brown ...	—	—
334 " " 10r. yellow-brn. ...	13/9	15/3
335 " " 20r. yellow-grn. ...	27/6	30/6
336 " " 50r. lilac ...	68/9	75/9
338 Brit. Guiana, 48c. lilac and red	—	4/0
339* " " 48c. grey & brown ...	2/0	2/3
340 " " 72c. lilac & brown ...	3/0	3/4
341 " " 96c. " rose ...	4/0	4/6
343 Brit. Honduras, 25c., small sur.	1/0½	1/3
344 " " 25c., large sur. ...	1/0½	1/3
345 " " 50c. grn. & red ...	2/1	2/4
346 " " 81 grn & red ...	4/2	4/8
347* " " 82 grn & blue ...	8/4	9/4
348* " " 85 grn & bl'k. ...	20/10	23/2
349 B. Levant, 12 piastres ...	2/0	2/3
350 B.S.A., 1891, £2 rose ...	40/0	44/6
351 " " £5 green ...	100/0	107/6
352 " " £10 brown ...	200/0	215/0
353 " " 1896, 2/- blue on buff ...	2/0	2/3
354 " " 2/6 brn. on yellow ...	2/6	2/10
355 " " 3/- green on blue ...	3/0	3/4
356 " " 4/- red on green ...	4/0	4/5
357 " " 5/- brown & green ...	5/0	5/6
358 " " 10/- slate on rose ...	10/0	11/0
359 " " 1897, £1 blk. and rd. ...	20/0	23/4
363 " " New, 5/- orange ...	5/0	5/6
364 " " " 7/6 black ...	7/6	8/3
365† " " 10/- blue-green ...	10/0	11/0
366 " " £1 lilac ...	20/0	22/0
367 " " £5 blue ...	100/0	107/6
368 " " £10 lilac ...	200/0	215/0
370 Bussahir, 1r. blue ...	1/4½	1/9
371 Canada, 1893, 20c. scarlet ...	0/10	1/0
372 " " 50c. blue ...	2/1	2/4
373 " " Jubilee, 50c. blue ...	2/1	2/5
374 " " 1900, 20c. olive-green ...	0/10	1/0
377* Cape, 5/- brown-orange ...	5/0	5/7
379* C.E.F. on India, 1 rupee ...	1/5	1/8
380 Ceylon, 1r. 12c. rose ...	—	4/6
381* " " 1r. 50c. rose ...	2/1	2/4
382* " " 2r. 25c. blue ...	3/1½	3/6
383* " " 2r. 50c. purple on red ...	3/5½	3/11
385* Chamba on India, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
386* " " Service, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
387 Cyprus, 12pi., brown and black	1/4	1/6
389 " " 18pi., slate and brown ...	2/0	2/3
390 " " 45pi., lilac and blue ...	5/0	5/7
395* Falkland Islands, 2/6 blue ...	2/6	2/11
396* " " 5/- brown-red ...	5/0	5/8
398 Fiji Islands, Queen's Head 1/-	1/0	1/2
399* " " " 5/- ...	5/0	5/8
400 Gibraltar, 2 pesetas ...	—	1/7
402 Gold Coast, 5/- lilac and blue	—	7/6
403 " " 2/- green and rose ...	2/0	2/3
404 " " 5/- green & violet ...	5/0	5/7
405 " " 10/- green & brown ...	10/0	11/2
406 " " 20/- lilac on red ...	20/0	22/4
407 Gwalior on India, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
409 " " Service, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
410* Hong Kong, \$1 on 96c. black	2/1	2/4
411* " " Postal-Fiscal, \$2 ...	4/2	4/10
412* " " " \$3 ...	6/3	7/3
413* " " " \$5 on \$10 ...	10/5	11/11
414* " " " \$10 ...	20/10	23/8
415 India, 1 rupee, rose and green	1/4	1/6
416 " " 2 rupees brown and rose	2/8	3/0
417 " " 3 " green & brown	4/0	4/6
418 " " 5 " violet and blue	6/8	7/6
419* " " on H.M.S., 1 rupee ...	1/4	1/8
423 Jamaica, CA, 14, 2/- brown-red	2/0	2/3
424 " " " 5/- violet ...	5/0	5/7
425 " " CC, 12½, 2/- br'n-red	2/0	2/6
426 " " " 5/- violet ...	—	10/0

HIGH VALUES—continued.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
428* Jhind on India, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
429* " " Service, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
430* Johore, \$1 purple and green ...	2/0	2/4
431* " " \$2 " carmine ...	4/0	4/7
432* " " \$3 " blue ...	6/0	6/10
433* " " \$4 " brown ...	8/0	9/1
434* " " \$5 " yellow ...	10/0	11/3
435* Kishengarh, 1r. green ...	1/4½	1/8
436* " " 2r. red-brown ...	2/9	3/2
437* " " 5r. mauve ...	6/10½	7/11
438 Labuan, 25c. grn. and black	6d.	7d.
439 " " 50c. marone & black	1/0	1/2
440 " " \$1 blue and black	2/0	2/4
443* Lagos, 2/6 green and rose ...	2/6	2/11
444* " " 5/- " blue ...	5/0	5/8
445* " " 10/- " brown ...	10/0	11/4
447* Leeward Islands, 5/- gn. & blue	5/0	5/7
450* Malay States, on Perak, \$1 ...	—	—
453* Malay Fed States, \$1 green ...	2/1	2/5
454 " " \$2 green and rose ...	4/2	4/10
455 " " \$5 green and blue ...	10/5	11/11
456 " " \$25 on grn. & orange ...	52/0	58/6
457 Malta, 2/6 grey-green ...	2/6	2/9
458 " " 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/6
459 " " 10/- deep blue ...	10/0	10/11
462* Mauritius, 2r. 50c. on 5/- ...	3/5	3/11
463* " " 2r. 50c. violet-brown ...	3/5	3/11
468 Morocco Agencies, 2 pesetas	1/4	1/6
469* Nabha on India, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/8
470* Nabha Service, 1 " ...	1/4½	1/8
471* Natal, 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/7
474 Newfoundland, Cabot, 30c. ...	1/3	1/5
475 " " " 35c. ...	1/5½	1/8
476 " " " 60c. ...	2/6	2/10
477 New South Wales, 5/- Map type	—	30/0
478 " " 12½d. red ...	1/0½	1/3
479 " " 5/- Coin type ...	5/0	5/7
480 " " 10/- lilac & red ...	10/0	11/2
481 " " £1 ultramarine ...	20/0	22/4
484 N.Z., 1878, 2/- rose ...	—	10/0
485 " " 5/- grey ...	—	24/0
486 " " London Print, 2/- green	—	—
487 " " 5/- vermilion ...	—	12/6
488 " " Local, perf. 11, 2/- green	2/0	2/3
489 " " " 5/- verm. ...	5/0	5/6
492 " " Postage Due, 2/- grn. & red	2/0	2/4
493* North Borneo, 25c. indigo ...	—	—
494 " " 50c. violet ...	—	—
495 " " \$1 red ...	2/0	2/4
496 " " \$2 green ...	4/0	4/8
497 " " \$5 mauve ...	10/0	11/8
498 " " \$10 brown ...	20/0	23/4
500* Northern Nigeria, 2/6 grn. & blue	2/6	2/11
501 " " 10/- grn. & brn. ...	10/0	11/8
503* O.R.C., V.R.I., 5/- (level stops)	—	20/0
504 " " " 5/- (raised stops) ...	5/0	5/7
505 " " " 5/- (thick V) ...	5/0	7/6
507 Patiala on India, 1 rupee ...	1/4½	1/7
508 Patiala Service, 1r. grey ...	1/4	1/7
511* Perak, \$3 green and black ...	—	—
513* " " \$25 green and orange ...	—	—
518 Queensland, old 2/- brown ...	2/0	2/4
519 " " same, LA joined ...	2/0	2/4
520 " " 2/- green (174a) ...	2/0	2/4
521 " " 2/6 vermilion (114) ...	2/6	2/11
522 " " 5/- rose (115) ...	5/0	5/10
523 " " 10/- brown (116) ...	10/0	11/8
524 " " £1 deep green (117) ...	20/0	22/0
528† St. Kitts, 2/6 ? ...	—	—
529† " " 5/- ? ...	—	—
530 St. Helena, old, 1/- green, CC.	1/0	1/2
531* " " 1/- green, CA. ...	1/0	—
532 " " 5/- orange ...	5/0	5/7

HIGH VALUES—continued.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
535* St. Lucia, 5/- lilac and orange	5/0	5/7
536* " " 10/- " black ...	10/0	11/2
538* St. Vincent, 5/- green and blue	5/0	5/7
539 " " 5/- lake (old type) ...	5/0	5/10
541 Sarawak, \$1 green and black	—	—
542 " " \$1 green & carmine	2/1	2/5
543* Selangor, \$10 green and purple	—	—
544* " " \$25 green and orange	—	—
545* Seychelles, 75c. yellow & violet	1/0	—
546 " " 1r. mauve & rose	1/4½	1/7
547 " " 1r. 50c. grey & rose	2/0½	2/4
548 " " 2r. 25c. mauve & grn.	3/1	3/6
551 Sierra Leone, 2/- grn. and blue	2/0	2/3
552 " " 5/- green and rose	5/0	5/7
553 " " 20/- lilac on red	20/0	22/2
556 South Australia, 2/- wmk. star	2/0	2/9
557* " " 2/- wmk. SA. ...	2/0	2/4
558* " " 2/6 lilac, perf. 11½ ...	2/6	2/9
559* " " 5/- rose, perf. 11½ ...	5/0	5/6
560* " " 10/- green, perf. 11½ ...	10/0	11/0
561* " " 15/- buff, perf. 10 ...	15/0	16/6
562* " " £1 blue, perf. 11½ ...	20/0	22/0
563* " " £2 red, perf. 11½ ...	40/0	44/0
564* " " 50/- pink, perf. 11½ ...	50/0	55/0
565* " " £3 sage, perf. 11½ ...	60/0	66/0
566 " " £3 lemon, perf. 11½ ...	80/0	88/0
567* " " £5 brown, perf. 11½ ...	100/0	110/0
568* " " £10 bronze, perf. 11½ ...	200/0	220/0
569* " " £15 silver, perf. 11½ ...	300/0	330/0
570* " " £20 mauve, perf. 11½ ...	400/0	440/0
573* Southern Nigeria, 2/6 brown	2/6	2/11
574 " " 5/- orange	5/0	5/10
575 " " 10/- lil. on yel.	10/0	11/8
578* Straits, \$5 orange & carmine	10/0	11/4
580 Sudan, 10 piastres ...	2/1	2/4
582 " " Teleg., 10 piastres ...	2/1	2/5
583 " " 25 " ...	5/2	5/10
585 Tasmania, 2/6 brown and blue	2/6	2/10
586 " " 5/- lilac and red ...	5/0	5/7
587* " " 10/- mauve & brown	10/0	11/2
590* Tonga, 2/- blue and black ...	—	—
591* " " 2/6 purple ...	—	—
592* " " 5/- orange and black ...	—	—
593 Transvaal, 2/6 V.R.I. ...	2/6	2/10
594 " " 5/- V.R.I. ...	—	17/6
595 " " 10/- V.R.I. ...	10/0	13/6
596* " " £5 V.R.I. ...	100/0	110/0
600 Trinidad, 5/- marone, 1894 ...	—	6/6
601 " " 5/- green & orange	5/0	5/7
602 " " 10/- green and blue ...	—	70/0
603* " " 20/- green & carmine	20/0	22/2
604† " " 5/- violet ? ...	—	—
606 Turks & Caicos Is., 2/- violet	2/0	2/3
607 " " 3/- lake ...	3/0	3/4
610 Uganda, 1r. bright blue ...	—	3/6
611 " " 1r. pale blue ...	1/4½	1/9
612* " " 5r. brown ...	6/9½	7/9
615 Victoria, 1885, 2/- grn. on grn.	—	10/0
616 " " S. Duty, 1/6 orange	1/6	1/11
618* " " " 2/- emerald	2/0	—
619 " " No "Postage," 2/- ...	—	3/0
620 " " " 5/- ...	—	17/6
621* " " With "Postage," 2/-	2/0	2/3
622* " " " 5/-	5/0	5/7
625* " " King's Head, £1 ...	20/0	23/0
626* " " " £2 ...	40/0	46/0
628* Virgin Islands, 5/- indigo ...	5/0	5/7
630* Zanzibar, 1896, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5rs. ...	—	42/0
631 " " 1899, 1r. blue & red	1/4½	1/9
632 " " 2r. grn. & red	2/9	3/2
633 " " 3r. lilac & red	4/1½	4/10
634* " " 4r. lake & red	5/6	6/4
635* " " 5r. brn. & red	6/10½	7/10

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IN making an investment in stamps, it is necessary above all not to buy too many of any one stamp. If a large quantity of one kind are acquired, they will be difficult to realise, owing to the necessity of finding a large number of buyers. If on the other hand, a small quantity of a number of different stamps are put by, they can be realised without difficulty on even a small market. The best way to make money out of Colonial stamps at present is to consider oneself the advance agent of a future generation of collectors, and to put by as many collections of current issues as can be obtained nearly complete. They must be complete or nearly so, or you will perhaps miss just the stamps which have gone up in price most. About 70 sets are now current and practically all must soon become obsolete. Such a change is absolutely unprecedented in the History of Philately and being on so large a scale, it will be more difficult than ever before for dealers to adequately stock the old sets. Collectors consequently have a better opportunity of catching the market, short and making big profits. Speculators who have bought up one or two kinds largely may cause a slump in such, but collectors who follow this advice and spread their investment over the whole of the Colonies have nothing to fear. Experience leads us to recommend the following Collections as the best possible investment for small sums of money.

For £10 10s. Od. an almost complete Collection of Colonials can be obtained, containing values up to 1s. and a few over. (In blocks of four, £42, pairs £21.)

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The above Collections are all supplied at slightly under our already remarkably low quotations. For a fee of two guineas, they can be supplied neatly mounted in a blank album (one guinea extra, if required with moveable leaves). Otherwise they are supplied unmounted, in small grease-proof envelopes, every stamp being guaranteed in absolutely mint condition, with full gum.

Unused Foreign Stamps in Sets.

So many applications have been made to the Colonial Stamp Market, asking that the various continental and foreign sets of stamps might be quoted, that we have decided in future to establish a Foreign Department. This week only the European sets are quoted, but most others can also be furnished. Countries which have within the last 20 years sold remainders of uncancelled stamps at less than facial value will not be represented in our lists, it being our aim to make the foreign sets almost as safe an investment as those of British Colonies. Despite the extra risk and cost of importing (postage being 2½ times as much), we are adding only 1d. to the price of each set, so that they are practically as cheap as those of the Colonial series.

Index No.	Particulars of Sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price.
GROUP VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.				
101	France, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	12	1/8	1/11
102	Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50c.	8	1/3	1/7
103	Holland, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c.	14	—	—
104	Italy, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 60c.	10	1/10	2/3
105	Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c.	11	1/8	2/0
106	Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c.	9	1/10	2/3
107	Portugal, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r.	11	1/7	11/11
107a	115, 130, 150, 180, 200r.	5	2/8	3/2
108	San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 65c.	10	2/1	2/6
109	Spain, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	9	1/4	—
110	Switzerland, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c.	11	1/9	2/1½
GROUP IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.				
115	Germany, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
116	Bavaria, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	10	2/8	3/2
117	Wurtemberg, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50pf.	9	1/11	2/4
118	Denmark, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ø.	11	3/1	3/8
118a	Denmark Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ø.	4	0/7	0/9
119	Iceland, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 20, 40, 50, 100 aur.	10	2/10	—
120	Norway, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50, 60ø.	10	2/4	2/10
121	Sweden, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 ø.	11	1/10	2/3
123	Russia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 14 kop.	8	0/11	1/2
124	Finland, 2, 5, 10, 20p., 1mk.	5	1/2	1/6
GROUP X.—EASTERN EUROPE.				
131	Austria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60h.	12	2/1	2/6
132	Hungary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f.	13	2/1	2/6
133	Bosnia, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50h.	12	1/11	2/4
134	Bulgaria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50st.	9	1/3	1/7
135	Crete, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50l.	6	1/0	1/2
136	Greece, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l.	7	1/1	1/4
137	Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25n.	10	1/2	1/6
138	Roumania, 1, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 40, 50, 75b.	11	2/2	—
139	Servia, 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50par.	7	1/1	—
141	Turkey, 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (interior)	5	—	—
142	" 10, 20par., 1, 2, 5pi. (exterior)	5	—	—
GROUP XI.—FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.				
145	Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
146	Benin (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
146a	Benin (Golfe de), 15, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	5	1/4	1/7
147	Dahomey, 1, 10, 15, 25, 50c.	5	0/10	1/1
147a	Diego Suarez et Dependances, 5, 10, 15, 25c.	4	0/6	0/7
148	Diego Suarez, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
149	Djibouti, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/1	—
150	French Congo, 1892 (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
151	French Congo, 1900, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
152	French Guinea, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
153	Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
154	Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
155	Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
156	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
157	Nossi-bé, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
157a	Obock, 1892, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	6	2/0	2/4
158	Obock, 1894 (1, 2, 4, 5), 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	8	2/2	2/7
159	Réunion, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
160	St. Marie, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
161	Senegal, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
161a	Soudan (French) (1), 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	11	2/3	2/8
GROUP XII. OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.				
162	Canton, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr.	12	3/1	—
163	French Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
164	Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
165	Indian Settlements, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
166	Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
167	Martinique, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
168	New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
169	Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
170	St. Pierre et Miquelon (1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c.	12	2/3	2/8
GROUP XIII. FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.				
171	Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/7
172	Cavalle, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
173	China, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 75, 1 fr.	9	2/5	2/11
174	Dedeagh, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
175	Levant, 1, 2, 4 piastres	3	1/5	1/9
176	Morocco, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 centimos, 1 pes.	6	1/9	2/2
177	Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c., 1fr.	13	2/6	3/0
178	Vathy, 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, 4 piastres	6	1/8	2/0
179	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10 annas	9	2/6	3/0
GROUP XIV. GERMAN COLONIES.				
183	German East Africa, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40 pesa	8	1/7	1/11
184	" New Guinea, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
185	" S.W. Africa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
186	Cameroons, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
187	Caroline Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
188	China (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
189	Kiau Fuchou, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
190	Levant (German P. O.), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5pi.	9	3/0	3/6
191	Marianne Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
192	Marshall Is., 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
193	Mo ocoo (German P. O.), 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60c.	8	1/10	2/2
194	Samoa, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
195	Togo, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 80pf.	9	2/8	3/2
GROUP XV. OTHER COLONIES, Etc.				
222	Austrian Levant, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
222a	" unpaid, 10, 20pa., 1, 2pi.	4	0/8	0/10
228	Eritrea, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 45, 60c.	9	1/9	2/1
229	Egypt, 1, 2, 3, 5m., 1, 2, 5pi.	7	1/11	2/3
233	Italian Levant, 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
234	" Crete (Bengani), 1pi.	1	0/2½	0/3
235	" Crete (La Canea), 1 piastre	1	0/2½	0/3
239	Tunis, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 75c.	10	1/10	2/3

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743	Indo-China, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
744	" 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
745	Ivory Coast, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
746	Levant, 8 piastres	1	—	—
747	" 20 piastres	1	—	—
748	Madagascar, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
749	" 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
750	Martinique, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
751	Mayotte, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
752	" 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
753	Morocco, 2 peseta	1	1/8	1/11
754	New Caledonia, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
755	Obock, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
756	" 2fr.	1	1/8	1/11
757	" 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
758	" 10fr.	1	—	—
759	" 25fr.	1	—	—
760	" 50fr.	1	—	—
761	Oceania, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
762	Port Said, 2fr.	1	1/8	1/11
763	" 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
764	Réunion, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
765	St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
766	Senegal, 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
767	Soudan (French), 1fr.	1	0/10	1/0
768	Vathy, 8 piastres	1	—	—
769	" 20 piastres	1	—	—
770	Zanzibar, 20 annas	1	—	—
771	" 50 annas	1	—	—

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FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.				
601	Austria, 1kr. rose	1	0/10	1/0
602	" 2kr. violet	1	1/8	2/0
603	" 4kr. green	1	3/4	3/11
605	Bavaria, 1m. violet	1	1/0	1/2
606	" 2m. orange	1	2/0	—
607	" 3m. brown	1	3/0	—
608	" 5m. green	1	5/0	—
610	Belgium, 1fr. orange	1	0/10	1/0
611	" 2fr. violet	1	1/8	2/0
613	Bosnia, 1kr. rose	1	0/10	1/0
614	" 2kr. blue	1	1/8	2/0
615	" 5kr. green	1	4/2	4/10
617	Bulgaria, 1 lev., red	1	0/10	1/0
618	" 2 leva, rose	1	1/8	—
619	" 3 leva, blk. & br	1	2/6	2/11
621	Crete, 1dr. violet	1	0/10	1/0
622	" 2dr. brown	1	1/8	2/0
623	" 5dr. green & black	1	4/2	4/11
631	Finland, 10mk. black	1	8/4	9/9
632	" Old fr. br. & or.	1	—	—
633	" 3gr. gr. & bl.	1	—	—
634	" 7r. yell. & bl.	1	—	—
637	France, 1fr. oblong	1	0/10	1/0
638	" 2fr.	1	1/8	1/11
639	" 5fr.	1	4/0	4/8
641	Germany, 1mk. rose	1	1/0	1/2
642	" 2mk. blue	1	2/0	2/4
643	" 3mk. lilac	1	3/0	3/6
644	" 5mk. blk. & rose	1	5/0	5/10
647	Greece, 1dr. on 40l.	1	1/0	—
648	" 2dr. on 40l.	1	1/9	—
649	" 3dr. on 10l.	1	—	—
650	" 5dr. on 40l.	1	—	—
651	(Games) 1 on 5dr.	1	1/3	—
652	" 2 on 10dr.	1	2/6	—
653	" 1901, 1dr. black	1	0/7	0/9
654	" 2dr. bronze	1	1/2	1/4
655	" 3dr. silver	1	1/9	2/1
656	" 5dr. gold			



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sets, Current, 1902.	No. in Set.	Face Value.	Our Price
VIII.—WESTERN EUROPE.			
20, 25, 30, 40, 50c. 12	1/8	1/11
35, 50c. ..	.. 8	1/3	1/7
10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c. ..	.. 14	—	—
40, 45, 60c. ..	.. 10	1/10	2/3
2½, 20, 25, 30, 37½, 50c. ..	.. 11	1/8	2/0
40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 9	1/10	2/3
5, 50, 65, 75, 80, 100r. ..	.. 11	1/7	11/11
200r. ..	.. 5	2/8	3/2
25, 30, 40, 45, 65c. ..	.. 10	2/1	2/6
0, 40, 50c. ..	.. 9	1/4	—
15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c. ..	.. 11	1/9	2/1½
IX.—NORTHERN EUROPE.			
30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	.. 10	2/8	3/2
30, 40, 50, 80pf. ..	.. 10	2/8	3/2
25, 30, 40, 50pf. ..	.. 9	1/11	2/4
16, 20, 24, 25, 50, 100 ö. ..	.. 11	3/1	3/8
2 ö. ..	.. 4	0/7	0/9
4, 40, 50, 100 aur. ..	.. 10	2/10	—
5, 35, 50, 60ö. ..	.. 10	2/4	2/10
20, 25, 30, 50 ö. ..	.. 11	1/10	2/3
4 kop. ..	.. 8	0/11	1/2
..	.. 5	1/2	1/6
X.—EASTERN EUROPE.			
25, 30, 40, 50, 60h. ..	.. 12	2/1	2/6
20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60f. ..	.. 13	2/1	2/6
25, 30, 35, 40, 50h. ..	.. 12	1/11	2/4
5, 30, 50st. ..	.. 9	1/3	1/7
..	.. 6	1/0	1/2
30, 40, 50l. ..	.. 10	1/1	1/4
5, 25n. ..	.. 7	1/2	1/6
25, 35, 40, 50, 75b. ..	.. 11	2/2	—
0 par. ..	.. 7	1/1	—
(interior) ..	.. 5	—	—
(exterior) ..	.. 5	—	—
FRENCH COLONIES IN AFRICA.			
0, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
4, 40, 50c. ..	.. 5	1/4	1/7
..	.. 5	0/10	1/1
ces. 5, 10, 15, 25c. ..	.. 4	0/6	0/7
20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
5, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/1	—
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
1, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
1, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
5, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
5, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
0, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
50, 75c. ..	.. 6	2/0	2/4
15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 8	2/2	2/7
0, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
2, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 11	2/3	2/8
OTHER FRENCH COLONIES.			
25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., 1fr. ..	.. 12	3/1	—
1, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
5, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
1, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
2, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. ..	.. 12	2/3	2/8
FRENCH FOREIGN POST OFFICES.			

FOREIGN HIGH VALUES.

	Face Value.	Our Price.
601 Austria, 1kr. rose ..	0/10	1/0
602 " 2kr. violet ..	1/8	2/0
603 " 4kr. green ..	3/4	3/11
605 Bavaria, 1m. violet ..	1/0	1/2
606 " 2m. orange ..	2/0	—
607 " 3m. brown ..	3/0	—
608 " 5m. green ..	5/0	—
610 Belgium, 1fr. orange ..	0/10	1/0
611 " 2fr. violet ..	1/8	2/0
613 Bosnia, 1kr. rose ..	0/10	1/0
614 " 2kr. blue ..	1/8	2/0
615 " 5kr. green ..	4/2	4/10
617 Bulgaria, 1 lev., red ..	0/10	1/0
618 " 2 leva, rose ..	1/8	—
619 " 3 leva, blk. & br. ..	2/6	2/11
621 Crete, 1dr. violet ..	0/10	1/0
622 " 2dr. brown ..	1/8	2/0
623 " 5dr. green & black ..	4/2	4/11
631 Finland, 10mk. black ..	8/4	9/9
632 " Old 1r. br. & or. ..	—	—
633 " 3½r. gr. & bl. ..	—	—
634 " 7r. yell. & bl. ..	—	—
637 France, 1fr. oblong ..	0/10	1/0
938 " 2fr. ..	1/8	1/11
639 " 5fr. ..	4/0	4/8
641 Germany, 1mk. rose ..	1/0	1/2
642 " 2mk. blue ..	2/0	2/4
643 " 3mk. lilac ..	3/0	3/6
644 " 5mk. blk. & rose ..	5/0	5/10
647 Greece, 1dr. on 40l. ..	—	1/0
648 " 2dr. on 40l. ..	—	1/9
649 " 3dr. on 10l. ..	—	—
650 " 5dr. on 40l. ..	—	—
651 " (Games) 1 on 5dr. ..	—	1/3
652 " " 2 on 10dr. ..	—	2/6
653 " 190r, 1dr. black ..	0/7	0/9
654 " 2dr. bronze ..	1/2	1/4
655 " 3dr. silver ..	1/9	2/1
656 " 5dr. gold ..	2/10	3/4
659 Holland, 1g. green ..	—	—
660 " 2½g. lilac ..	—	—
661 " 5g. marone ..	—	—
664 Hungary, 1k. brown ..	0/10	1/0
665 " 2k. blue ..	1/8	1/11
666 " 3k. green ..	2/6	2/11
667 " 5k. lilac ..	4/2	4/10
670 ¶ Italy, 1l. gr. and br. ..	0/10	1/0
671 " 5l. rose and blue ..	4/0	4/8
673 Luxemburg, 1fr. lilac ..	0/10	1/0
674 " 2½fr. grey ..	2/0	2/4
675 " 5fr. claret ..	4/0	4/8
677 Monaco, 1fr. blk. on yell. ..	0/10	1/0
678 " 5fr. red on grn. ..	4/0	4/8
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691 " 2l.or. and brn. ..	1/8	1/11
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695 " 7r. bl. and yell. ..	14/0	—
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787 Caroline Is., 1, 2, 3, 5M. ..	11/0	12/10
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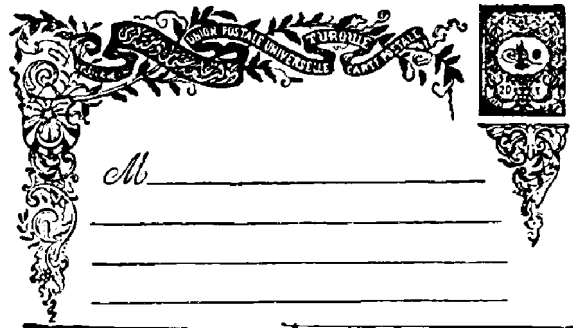
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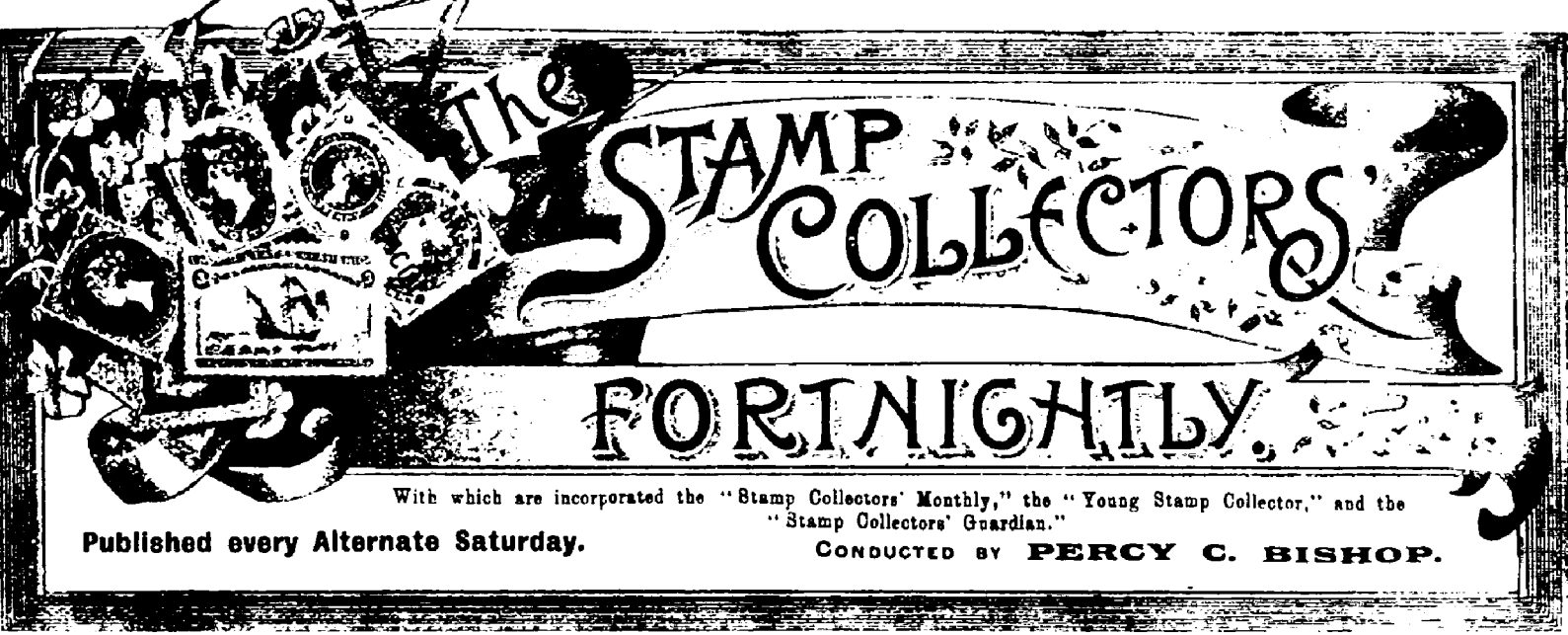
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Designers on the New Stamps.

MEMBERS of the Society of Designers have been discussing the design of the new postage stamps. Mr. Geo. C. Haite occupied the chair at a meeting held in the Hall of Clifford's Inn, London, on Tuesday, February 18th.

Mr. B. Andrew Lillie said postage stamps, and particularly penny ones, were very important factors in the national life, and he did not see why the designs on them should not be of educational value. The details of the design did not form a dignified setting for the portrait of King Edward. It was a pity that his Majesty's advisers had not a little faith in the designers of their own country. In his opinion it would be a good thing if the designs for postage stamps, the coinage, and like things, could be made the subject of public competition. Matters might thereby be improved, and in any case they could not be made worse.

A long discussion followed, the speakers, with only two exceptions, condemning the design of the new stamp.

In conclusion Mr. Lillie proposed the following Resolution:

"That this meeting of practical designers and of ladies and gentlemen interested in designing, protests against the designs of the new postage stamps, as being undignified, and unworthy of the best possible and available Art expression of the present day."

This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Exchange Club "Boomster."

MR. G. HERBERT DANNATT, in his annual report of the Otterdale Stamp Exchange Club—a report on which he is to be heartily congratulated—publishes the following interesting and most sensible note:—

I have received complaints from first-rate buyers protesting most strongly against the rather prevalent custom to which certain of our

contributors are addicted, namely: that of puffing the merits of their own stamps with such silly "Cheap Jack" remarks as "Sure to be rare," "A good investment," etc., etc. Now of course there can be no sort of objection to reasonable remarks or explanations such as "cat. at," "very fine" or "superb," and at times such may even be desirable; but I think every member should be allowed to use his own judgment and discretion as to whether the stamps of his fellow members are "Good investments," "Great bargains," etc., and I know for a certain fact that there are some buyers who would not dream of purchasing any stamp which had been puffed up in an objectional or unnecessary manner, and I anticipate with confidence that the matter may now be left to the good taste and discretion of all concerned.

A similar hint might, with equal fitness, be addressed to the members of other Exchange Clubs.

The Audacity of "Mr. X."

"Fair Play" writes us as follows in reference to the short article in the last *Fortnightly*, headed "The Way to Obtain a Good Place in Exchange Clubs":—

SIR.—I was very pleased to see a short article in your paper of Feb. 15th calling attention to the practise of over-pricing stamps in order to get a good place on the Postal List of a well-known Stamp Exchange Club. This game has been carried on by a certain member for years, and no doubt he has found it very profitable, as we all like to secure bargains, though we have not all the audacity to get the first chance of them by these means. I am very glad that this trick has at last been exposed and hope that it will not be tolerated in future.

Wanted, Pre-Victorian Postmarks!

READERS of the *Fortnightly* sometimes express a great liking for our private advertisement columns, which, we have reason to know, are always read with great attention and regularity by all subscribers. One gentleman recently described "The Stamp Exchange" as "one of the most readable features of the paper," which would seem to be, at first glance, rather a back-handed compliment to address to an editor. However, it is a fact that many interesting advertisements appear from time to time in the "private" section, and in this number there is one that many readers may be glad to see. Mons. Lucien Raulet, a gentleman associated with the "Société de Géographique Commerciale de Paris," advertises for letter-sheets and envelopes bearing postmarks of dates prior to the introduction of the adhesive stamps. Philatelists owning such envelopes and letter sheets, which have an antiquarian rather than a philatelic interest, may be glad to know of a quarter where they can dispose of them.

Joint Stock Philately.

WE have seen an advance copy of the prospectus of a new stamp-dealing enterprise, which is to be known as "The Imperial Stamp Exchange, Limited." The promoters secured a commodious shop and offices in Ludgate Hill, E.C., and the capital asked for is £10,000. Mr. J. S. Allen figures as one of the Directors. But we hope to give further details in our next number, when we shall circulate the prospectus.

The National Stamp Collection.

IT is hoped that the Tapling collection, arranged in the new method approved and provided for some months ago, will very shortly be ready for public inspection. The "Daily Graphic," which so frequently publishes sensible and sympathetic references to Philately, has this to say concerning "the National Stamp Album":—

Philatelists will rejoice at the news that arrangements have at last been made to allow detailed inspection of the stamps bequeathed to the British Museum by the late Mr. Tapling. The collection is said to be the second-best in the world (the best being the property of a French collector), and so far as the older and more valuable stamps are concerned, it is practically complete. The former plan of exhibiting the stamps of one country at a time in a glass case has naturally been disappointing to earnest amateurs, who might have been kept waiting for years before some stamps in which they were particularly interested were thus placed on view. At the same time, it was very necessary to protect such perishable treasures, not only from the touch of careless fingers, but also from undue exposure to the light. Now, however, special cabinets have been devised and constructed to overcome these difficulties, and the national stamp collection will shortly be available for those purposes of reference and comparison which it was intended to fulfil.

The Prize Medal Hundred Stamps.

RECENTLY a medal was offered by the Philatelic Society of New York for the finest collection of a hundred unused stamps submitted in a competitive exhibition. There were seven exhibits, Messrs. H. J. Crocker and John N. Luff being among the number. The Judges, in the end, awarded the medal to Mr. W. H. Sussdorff, for the following hundred stamps:—

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" " " \$20	Lagos, 1885, 10sh.
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" " newspaper No. 36,	Montserrat, 1884, 3p. blue, CA.
" " " C. B. N. Co.	Nevis, 1867, 1sh. yellow-green
" " " No. 48	Newfoundland, 1857, 6½p. scarlet
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Azores, 1868, 5 reis	Nova Scotia, 1851, 6p. yellow-green
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" " 1895, 100 " "	O. F. State, 1881, 3d. on 4d., Type P
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Belgium, 1851, 20c., framed	" " 1855, 5c. vermilion
Brazil, 1845-6, 600 reis	" " 5c. vermilion, re-eng.
B.C.A., 1891, £10	Porto Rico, 1877, 5c., error.
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" " 2r. 50	" " 1849-58, 5c., Scott No. 13
Cuba, 1886, P.P., No. 182, 5c. on 1m.	" " " " 19
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" " 1888-9, P.P., 5c. on 2m. brown	" " " 28
" " " No. 184	" " " 30
" " " 5c. on 2m. brown, No. 185	" " " 31
" " " 5c. on 4m. invert., No. 190	Tuscany, 1852, 6oc.
" " " 3c. on 1m., No. 194	Virgin Is., 1867-8, 1sh. on bleute
" " " 3c. on 1m., No. 195	W. Australia, 1851-7, 2p. brown on red
" " " 3c. on 1m., No. 201	Wurtemberg, 1856, 9kr.
" " " 3c. on 1m., No. 201b	Finland, 1856, 5k.
" " " 3c. on 3m., No. 205	Brunswick, 1853, 3gr.

Mr. Sussdorff's stamps tot up to a catalogue value of £1,560—an average of £15 16s. per stamp!

Postage Stamps with Stories.

MR. FRED J. MELVILLE, the energetic President of the London Philatelic Society, has taken up the lecturing platform as a means of popularising our hobby. He has already a good list of engagements to lecture at various Church and literary institutes. On Friday, February 21st, he gave a most interesting discourse on "Postage Stamps with Stories," showing a large number of beautiful lantern slides, at a meeting in connection with the Brunswick Square Presbyterian Church, Camberwell. The lecture it may be said is not strictly philatelic but describes rather the popular sides of stamp collecting—the anecdotal, historic and romantic phases of the hobby. The slides have been specially prepared and some are of unique interest.

One of Mr. Melville's forthcoming engagements is at Exeter Hall, Strand, on Tuesday, March 11th, at 8 o'clock. As the Strand is a veritable hot-bed of stamp-collecting no doubt a goodly number of philatelists and friends will visit Exeter Hall on the 11th. Admission is by ticket, which may be obtained gratis from the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., at the Hall.

Do Amateur Members of Stamp Exchange Clubs Guarantee their Stamps?

[T has recently been my lot (writes a reader of the *Fortnightly*) to have two stamps taken off my exchange sheet and bought conditionally upon something or other being genuine—so I said to myself: "Then I am guaranteeing all the stamps on my club sheets."

I asked a gentleman who is on the Committee of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society if such was the case and he replied "Oh yes, certainly."

"But," I said, "it is not stated in any of the rules of any single club that members guarantee their stamps."

"No," was the reply, "they are guaranteed by implication."

Being rather sceptical as to this expounding of the law I turned to Clutter on Contracts and found the following extracts which bear upon the case and prove conclusively that an amateur, except as stated, does not give any warranty with his stamps and that a dealer does so.

(a). "With reference to warranties as to quality upon sales of goods, this general rule is, that the law does not imply a warranty as to their goodness or quality. The rule is "Caveat Emptor" and in general, no liability is incurred by reason of bad quality or defects, unless there be an express warranty or fraud."

(b). "And it appears that in contracts for the sale of provisions, by dealers and common traders in provisions, there is an implied warranty that they are wholesome. But it is clear that, where a person sells provisions, who is not a professed buyer and seller of such commodities, he is not liable unless there be evidence of a warranty or of fraud."

As stamps are as great a "necessity" to a philatelist as provisions there need be no cavil upon the point of stamps and provisions not being the same thing.

The amusing part was that one of my stamps was taken by a well known dealer which made me imagine for the moment I was taking part in a new edition of Austey's "Vice Versa."

I had visions of finding of myself in Stanley Gibbons' shop and asking for the B.E.A. book! Something of this sort would take place:—

Self: "I want the 2r. brick-red mint, surcharged on Company's stamp."

Assistant: "This is a mint copy for 60/-, but we are a little uncertain as to whether the surcharge is genuine."

Self (taking up stamp and examining it). "Oh, the surcharge is undoubtedly genuine."

Assistant: "Well, in that case we should have to charge you £5."

Self: "Thanks. I will take it at £5."

But to return to the point. Every dealer who contributes sheets to a Club packet should state on the cover the fact that he is a dealer, and then the timid purchaser would know if he were getting a warranted article. Or the amateur might put a remark to the effect that all his stamps were guaranteed, but in any case there should be some decided and settled rule upon the question.



SALE No. 1.

CATALOGUE

OF THE

Great Postage Stamp Sale

COMMENCING

MARCH 1ST. 1902,

And lasting for a few Weeks only.

The Reserve Price is placed against each Lot; Postage in all cases must be added and all communications prepaid.

All Orders with remittance must be sent to the Manager,

THE EMPIRE STAMP COMPANY,

5 Robertson Street, Hastings.

Great care has been exercised in preparing this Catalogue, and the undermentioned lots are believed to be correctly described. Goods on Sale daily between the hours of 10.30 and 5.30 (Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

UNUSED BRITISH COLONIALS.

LOT	Per 1		LOT	Per 10	
	s.	d.		s.	d.
1. Barbadoes ½d. red & grey	1d.	6	21. Lagos ½d. green	1½d.	10
2. Barbadoes ½d. green	1½d.	10	22. Mauritius 1c.	1d.	6
3. Barbadoes 1d. red	2d.	1 4	23. Mauritius 2c.	1½d.	10
4. Bermuda ½d. green	1½d.	10	24. St. Helena ½d. green	1½d.	10
5. British Honduras 1c.	1½d.	10	25. N. Nigeria ½d.	1½d.	10
6. Grenada ½d. gr. and lilac	1½d.	10	26. Sarawak 1c.	1d.	6
7. Jamaica ½d. green	1½d.	10	27. Malay States 1c.	1d.	6
8. Leeward Islands ½d.	1½d.	10	28. Malay States 2c.	2d.	1 4
9. St. Vincent ½d.	1½d.	10	29. Malay States 4c.	3d.	2 2
10. Malta ½d. brown	1d.	6	30. Malay States 5c.	4d.	2 8
11. Malta ½d. green	1½d.	10	31. Seychelles 2c.	1½d.	10
12. Malta 1d. red	2d.	1 4	32. Seychelles 3c.	2d.	1 4
13. Malta 2d. grey	3½d.	2 6	33. Seychelles 4c.	5d.	3 3
14. Malta 2½d. blue	4½d.	3 0	34. British Central Africa 1d.	2½d.	1 6
15. Malta 4d. brown	6d.	4 6	35. British Central Africa 2d.	5d.	3 3
16. Malta 4½d. brown	6d.	4 8	36. British Central Africa 4d.	8d.	5 6
17. Malta 5d. red	7d.	5 4	37. Barbadoes 2d.	4d.	2 10
18. Gibraltar ½d. d. green	1½d.	10	38. Barbadoes 2½d.	6d.	4 6
19. Newfoundland 1c.	1½d.	10	39. British Guiana 2c.	3d.	2 2
20. Gambia ½d. green	1½d.	10	40. Cayman Island 1d.	3d.	2 2



LOTS		<i>Sale Price per Lot.</i>
		£ s. d.
41-43	Twenty-five sets 4 Ecuador, new issue, including surcharges (selling at 6d. set)	4 6
44-46	Ten sets 8 Peru, including latest surcharges (selling at 1/- set)	3 6
47-50	One hundred Cuba, 9 kinds (assorted) including high values, obsolete	2 9
51-53	Twenty-five sets, 7 obsolete Cuba (175 stamps) of the obsolete issue	3 6
54-57	One hundred and twenty obsolete Cuba, 8 kinds (assorted)	3 3
58-64	Twenty-five Liberia 5c. red and black triangular issue, imperforated	7 0
65-69	Twenty-five Liberia 5c. red and black triangular issue, rouletted	6 9
70-72	One hundred and fifty Argentine 3c. yellow 1892 issue	2 6
73	Five hundred and fifty United States stamps, 2c., and a few others	1 6
74-76	Two hundred British Guiana 1c. and 2c., equally assorted	2 3
77-81	One hundred Travancore blue	1 8
82	An Exercise book containing about 250 Swiss stamps, a useful assortment, collected by a gentleman whilst in Switzerland	6 0
83	Forty Swiss Jubilee issue, 5c. and 10c., assorted	2 6
84-95	One hundred black Spanish 5c. Recargo	1 3
96-99	A bag containing 15,000 Foreign Stamps, unassorted	4 6
100	A sack containing 50,000 Foreign Stamps as imported, well assorted	12 9
101-133	A large quantity of Assorted Stamps in envelopes, each lot contains about 2,500 stamps	1 0
134	Collection of 4,328 different Stamps in an Imperial album, a really nice lot	25 0 0
135	Collection of 3,700 different Stamps in a two guinea Lincoln album	12 0 0
136	Collection 1820 stamps in Lincoln album (including some duplicates)	1 15 0
137	Collection 1510 different stamps in an Excelsior album	3 15 0
138	Collection 1470 stamps in Lincoln album (some duplicates)	1 17 6
139	Collection 1016 different stamps, neatly mounted	16 0
140	Collection 521 different stamps mounted in duplicate book	6 6
141-144	Six 2/6 New Zealand, postally used, superb copies, catalogue, 1/6 each	3 3
145-146	Two hundred New Zealand, postage 1d. universal	3 9
147-149	Two hundred New Zealand, 1d. lake obsolete (terraces)	6 6
150-157	One hundred New Zealand, 2d. mauve, 1900, perforated II	4 3
158-160	Twenty New Zealand, 4d. rose (cat 9d. each)	6 9
161-164	Fifty New Zealand, 1d. carmine, universal postage (London prints)	7 0

LOTS.		Sale Price per Lot.		
		£	s.	d.
165-167	Two hundred New Zealand, ½d. black (1882 issue)		2	9
168	Twenty-five sets New Zealand, 1883 issue, 10 varieties complete.....	1	1	0
169-170	Forty-eight New Zealand prov. ½d. and 2d. (1900 issue) equally assorted.....		3	6
171	Two hundred well-assorted New Zealand railway stamps (obsolete)		5	3
172-174	Two hundred New Zealand 1898 issue. ½d. 1d. 2d. assorted		5	0
175	Two hundred South Australia ½d. new issue (postage)		5	3
176	Two hundred South Australia, 1d. and 2d. 1900 issue, surcharged O.S		4	9
177-178	One hundred and fifty South Australia, 2d. lilac		2	9
179-181	Fifty South Australia, ½d. small brown		2	6
182	One hundred South Australia, 4d. mauve (obsolete shade)		4	0
183-189	Three hundred Tasmania, pictorial issue (1d. and 2d. values)		6	9
190-192	Forty-eight Fiji, 1d. and 2d. V.R. (postally used)		3	9
193-195	Twelve Western Australia, 3d. and 6d. fiscals used postally		2	9
196-197	Forty-eight do. do. 1d. C.A.		3	9
198-200	Forty-eight do. do. 1d. Cr. W.A.		3	3
201-217	An envelope containing well-assorted Australian Stamps, about 1,000, affording a good variety		4	6
218	A parcel of about 2,500 Australian stamps, assorted, 20 kinds		9	6
219-224	Two hundred Victoria, 1d. rose (postage) ..		3	0
225-228	Fifty New South Wales registration stamps, selling at 3d. each		4	6
229-230	One hundred New South Wales, 2d. blue ..		1	6
231-235	Two hundred New South Wales, 1d. and 2d. centenary issue ..		3	0
236	One hundred and thirty Hyderabad, native Indian States		1	9
237	A similar lot of about 350 stamps		5	0
238	Eighty-nine Cape of Good Hope, 4d. blue		4	6
239	Two hundred and fifty Transvaal Orange Free State and Cape Colony, assorted, including V.R.I. E.R.I. etc	10	0	
240	Ten F.R.I. ½d. green, 20 E.R.I. ½d. and 2d. brown and ten others		9	6
241	About 1,000 Cape of Good Hope, 5 kinds, assorted		7	6
242-247	Fifty English 1/- red and green, 1900 issue, and few others.....		7	6
248-255	One hundred English 1/- green, mixed plates, 1871 issue.....	10	0	
256-61	One hundred English 4d. rose, 1862 issue..		6	0
262-268	One hundred English ½d. green army official.....		3	9
269-273	One hundred English 6d. rose and lilac surcharged, Government parcel		7	6
274	About 80 Entires, Postcards, &c., including used and unused, also about 50 Tuck's Postcards		7	6

LOTS		Sale Price	
		per Lot.	
		£	s. d.
275	A box containing about 10,000 British Colonials , 14 kinds, assorted	10	0
276-291	A parcel containing about 5,000 British Colonials, assorted, over 25 kinds.....	10	6
292	A large box containing about 50,000 assorted Colonials, large variety	5	0 0
293	A cigar box containing about 1,000 useful assortment of stamps, suitable for approval sheets to re-sell at 1d. to 6d. each.....	15	0
294-306	Similar lots of about 500 each	6	3
307	A box containing about 590 assorted Stamps , not more than 3 of any one kind (a useful lot)	2	6
308	Two hundred Canada, 1 and 2c., Mapleleaf and figure, various Natal and others ..	3	6
309-317	Twenty-five sets of 3 Egyptian Salts, 250, 500 M. and 1 L. (selling at 1s. per set)	5	0
318	Five sets Six New Holland, 10 sets Six Baby Queen obsolete issue	4	0
319-321	A Collector's Cabinet containing 12 drawers with dust-proof cover	2	0
322	A Five-Shilling Empire Postage Stamp Album (new).....	4	0
323	A Two-Shilling-and-Sixpenny World's Postage Stamp Album (new)	1	9
324	Several copies Bright (A.B.C.) catalogue (latest edition) at each	1	9
325	Parts 1, 2, and 3 of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue (recent editions)	3	6
326	Many copies the 1902 Edition of Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World , at each	10	½
327-362	Five Empire Pocket Stamp Albums or duplicate collecting books.....	1	0
363	Two Million Stamp Mounts , at the rate of 5d. per 1,000, usually sold at 8d. and 1s. per 1,000. . .		
364-368	Two hundred and fifty blank approval sheets, with printed instructions	2	6
369	Several thousand assorted packets of Stamps selling at 1d. to 2s. each, offered at half-prices during Sale.		
370	A large quantity of Approval Sheets, ranging in price from 6/3 per sheet, offered at three-eighths marked prices, that is, a Sheet value £1 costs but 7s. 6d. nett. Conditionally the whole Sheet is purchased outright.		

NOTICE 1—We purpose holding Sales of this kind at intervals. Collectors having Stamps or Collections for Sale may include same therein. Our Scale of Charge will be sent on application.

For further particulars apply to the **MANAGER**—

THE EMPIRE STAMP COMPANY,
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On Postal Cards and Covers.

By a SPECIALIST.

It is a long time since we had such an avalanche of postal stationery in these islands as has been our lot of late. Not very long ago I rashly hazarded the opinion that, considering how recently it was that the colour of the domestic cards was changed from red-brown to green, it could not reasonably be expected that any further change was imminent, at all events until the Coronation. But whether looked for or not, the "Kings Heads" are with us, and almost all at once, too. During the past few weeks all the chief offices have received a stock, but it will not be until stocks of the old issue are quite exhausted that the new ones will be sold. Whether there may be any use in saying my little say about the appearance of the cards I cannot guess, but I am quite determined to risk it. In the first place I am sorry the designers did not take advantage of the opportunity to supply us with something a little less bald and a little more artistic than we have been accustomed to. In this respect there was much room for improvement and much could have been done without in any way incurring the change of elaboration. In the second place, I think there is very little of the artistic in the stamp designs and am rather surprised that the King should have approved them. I am quite sure that he could, without flattery of any kind, have been made to look more like the handsome Englishman that he is, instead of like a Belgian Hotel Proprietor. But the finish and workmanship of the cards is as usual all that could be desired.

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The necessity for looking before one hazards a leap should be an ever present maxim of the chronicler of new issues. It is frequently to be observed in the philatelic magazines that in anxiety after the dizzy delight of being the first to acquaint the world of a new issue, the chronicler makes some absurd mistake which has afterwards to be corrected with as little loss of dignity as possible. The particular case in point which leads to these reflections is a suppositious 2c. post card with head of King Edward, chronicled for Newfoundland last month in some of the continental magazines. The information originated with "Le Timbrophile Belge," which remarked that Newfoundland was the first Colony to prove its loyalty by the issue of a 2c. post card with the effigy of the King. An illustration was given, which showed the present type of Postal Union card, and a stamp—somewhat familiar, I thought at the time, though I could not guess why—making a not particularly handsome issue. This item was copied in other journals abroad, but did not find a place in any English magazine. I did not place it in my list, hoping to have further information before doing so, or perhaps a copy for illustration. I did not observe that in the "T.B." illustration there was the American Bank Note Company's name under the stamp, and the British American Bank Note Company's name in the usual place above lower border. Had I done so, it would have been an easy inference that the thing was a fake, and I should no doubt have discovered that it was possible to make a similar card by cutting the perfs from a "Prince of Wales" 2c. stamp and affixing it neatly over the "Queen" stamp of the current card. However, fortunately for my spotless reputation, I read the confession in the current "T.B." "Nous sommes victimes d'un joyeux funiste," and I have carefully erased the note from my tablets.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Bechuanaland Protectorate.—The ½d. green envelope of Great Britain has been overprinted for use here. The overprint is in black, like that on the current British ½d. and 1d. cards.

Bulgaria.—The "M.C." chronicles some new cards, 5 and 5 + 5 stotinki, green on cream card, and 10 and 10 + 10 stotinki, rose on cream card.

Corea (Korea).—The reply Postal Union card, of value 4 + 4 chuen, has now appeared and is, of course, similar to the single card of that value mentioned in my December list.

Some native inscriptions appear in upper centre, which are evidently equivalent of the "avec response payee" and "Response," which appears underneath.

France.—A diversion in postal stationery is the envelope which our French neighbours issue for visiting cards. A new lot has now appeared with the new type of 5c. green stamp.

The new stamp now also appears on the 2c. wrapper and a 10 + 10c. reply card (like the new single card) is now in use.

Great Britain.—It is quite exciting writing-up a chronicle of new British Postal Stationery, with the head of Edward VII. There is, first, the white court shape card single and reply, printed in green. The king's head is in an octogan and above is a crown, while at each side is the word "post-

POST CARD
THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



age" and "halfpenny" at the foot. The large buff ½d. card and its attendant reply are the same. Then there is a new 1d. card, and the Letter card, both in carmine as before, and both with a 1d. stamp after the general style of the ½d. one, but with projecting ornaments at the sides, as befit its greater value and importance.

Then we have a new ½d. wrapper also with king's head, and a new Registered Envelope (with circular stamp inscribed "REGISTRATION TWO PENCE" and POSTAGE ONE PENNY, as



per the new regulations), and new ½d. and 1d. envelopes, of various sizes, probably all sizes as before.

In "E.W.S.N." for the past few weeks have been interesting articles on the old envelope dies and also some interesting date records of the first used copies seen. The earliest used copy of the ½d. white card reported is January 17th, and the ½d. buff February 6th. The earliest used letter card was postmarked January 31st, and the earliest ½d. wrapper Feb. 5th. The 1d. carmine card is not reported used until Feb. 14th, and is not yet obtainable at most of the large northern post offices.

Greece.—Mr. W. J. Scott has shown me two varieties of perforation of the new 10 lepton letter card. The first, which is the A form gauges 11, while the other is C and gauges about 14.

Orange River Colony.—In reply to a query, Mr. B. W. Warhurst has come to the rescue of the "M.C." with a list of the cards of the Orange Free State, overprinted V.R.I. The dates are tentative, being those of earliest specimens recorded. I should much like to hear from readers who have earlier copies.

V.R.I. (thick V) and stop after value—			
½d.	rose		(12.7.00)
1d.	orange		(7.4.00)
V.R.I. (raised stops)—			
½d. + ½d.	green		(21.4.00)
1d. + 1d.	brown		(21.4.00)
1½d. on 2d.	mauve		(29.4.00)
V.R.I. (without stop after value)—			
½d.	rose		(3.7.00)
½d. + ½d.	green		
1d.	orange		(28.6.00)
1d. + 1d.	brown		(12.5.00)
1½d. on 2d.	mauve		(7.7.00)
V.R.I. (sans-serif)—			
½d.	rose		(27.7.00)
½d. + ½d.	green		
1d.	orange		
1d. + 1d.	brown		(25.9.00)

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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To Our Subscribers.

This number of the *Fortnightly* concludes our seventh volume. Many subscription renewals become due at this juncture, and we hope that readers at home and abroad will respond with their usual promptitude to the reminder we send them, in order that there may be no break in the delivery of the paper.

We are aiming to make the *S.C.F.* a better philatelic newspaper than ever before, and the recent great increase in our circle of readers has been the greatest encouragement possible.

In our next issue, No. 183, the first of the new volume, many acceptable changes will be made in the general arrangement of the paper, notably as regards the contents of the supplements and the disposition of the advertisements.

Many *Fortnightly* readers object to the mixing-up of advertisements and reading matter, and we will candidly say that this is a point on which we are heartily at one with the objectors. A philatelic journal such as this, however, must be run on commercial lines, since it is not the "house-organ" of any stamp dealing firm. Nevertheless we have resolved that in future the advertisements and the reading matter shall be kept apart so far as it is practicable. The present number of the paper may be taken as an evidence of our desire to meet the wishes of the philatelic public in this matter.

This said, we will leave succeeding numbers of the *Fortnightly* to speak for themselves.

A Suggested Collection Bureau.

A reader of the *Fortnightly* writes us as follows:—

An idea has been striking me (quite selfish in its inception) that as the coming Coronation is likely to attract large numbers of American and Colonial visitors to this country, it might be a boon to your subscribers and a source of profit to yourselves, if you and your publishers were to open a bureau for the sale of stamp collections this summer. Many of the visitors will come over with the full intention of taking home some souvenirs of their trip and many with an eye to bargains. Philatelists as well as others will be on the look-out, and it would be a great thing for them to be able to go to an establishment in which they already had full confidence, and the same remark applies to sellers in this country. The latter of course would have to pay an agreed commission on sales. If the suggestion strikes you as a good one, I should say it would be useful to advertise the bureau beforehand in the *States and Colonies* in widely circulating philatelic journals.

What suggested the idea to me was the fact that I intend putting up an album of general stamps of the catalogue value (Stanley Gibbons) say of £300 or more. This collection I thought I would put up by auction, but on considering the matter the idea of a Bureau suggested itself.

We fear that the suggestion so far as it concerns the *Fortnightly* proprietary, must be declined with thanks. It is

our policy and our wish to preserve the *S.C.F.* as a collector's journal, "written for collectors by collectors," and our adoption of the idea presented above would at once stamp us as dealers, and we should feel that we were breaking faith with our readers and the trade.

At the same time we thank our correspondent for his suggestion, and invite the views of other readers thereupon.

An Index to Volume VII. of the *S.C.F.* will be ready at an early date.

Our heartiest good wishes to the Herts Philatelic Society in connection with the Competitive Exhibition which, by the kindness of the London Society, will be held in the well-known rooms at Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, in June next. Details in the Exhibition are given in this number.

"Stamps for Nothing" reads enticingly in a stamp dealer's announcement. Mons. Th. Lemaire, of Paris, is publishing, serially, an excellent priced catalogue of stamps, in which many varieties are marked at the unusual valuation of "nil." This does not mean that Mons. Th. Lemaire has taken up universal philanthropy as a hobby, but that he is prepared to "give away" specimens of the very common stamps to those philatelists who purchase the better-class goods at the figures quoted in his list. It is a highly sensible innovation, for there is no coinage in the world that contains an expression of value small enough to apply to such very common stamps as the current 10 pfennig of Germany, the 15 centimes of France, or our own poor penny presentment of King Edward the Seventh.

We are informed that Mr. H. Bull has become a partner in the firm of John Edwards & Co., philatelic auctioneers.

Readers of the "*Fortnightly*" who find a difficulty in procuring the journal at newsvendors' shops or bookstalls, are requested to note that the Wholesale Agents are Messrs. C. Nissen & Co., 77 and 78, High Holborn, W.C. Mention of Messrs. Nissen's name and address in giving a first order for the paper will at once obviate any difficulty.

Philately a Science.

AN ENTERTAINING AND EXHAUSTIVE LECTURE BY
MR. HEGINBOTTOM, OF ROCHDALE.

WE have been privileged to read the rough notes used by Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A., in delivering an address on Philately before the members of the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society—an address which appears to have been remarkable for a masterly marshalling of interesting facts in connection with our hobby. "Hobby," by the way, is not the word that Mr. Heginbottom would use in describing the pursuit of Philately. He claimed, in the course of his paper, that Philately had the right to be designated a science, for it was made up of knowledge acquired from the comprehension of a systematic exposition of facts.

Mr. Heginbottom has most kindly submitted to our inspection the many sheets of stamps used to illustrate his lecture. It is no exaggeration to say that these sheets represent a vast expenditure of time. They are twenty in number and are well filled with curious and characteristic stamps from all corners of the globe, and all most admirably selected as specimens well calculated to "point a moral and adorn a tale."

Philately, in its historical, geographical, and political aspects; the poetry of Philately; Philately, as indicating loyalty, and as representative of Religion, Nature, Zoology, &c., were a few of the many interesting heads in Mr. Heginbottom's paper. He also spoke of the artistic side of Philately, the instructive side, the advantages of the hobby and its alleged but non-existent disadvantages.

A most interesting and informing paper which must have been followed with great attention by Mr. Heginbottom's audience.

In a reference to his own town, by the way, Mr. Heginbottom deplored the fact that Rochdale, at present, was without a Philatelic Society. That, (may we hope?) is a state of affairs that Rochdale will promptly remedy.

New Issues and Varieties.

In this column we desire to publish prompt news as to all changes and variations in the postal issues of the world. We shall welcome any information that readers at home or abroad can send us, and (unless a request to the contrary be expressed) the fullest acknowledgment will be given.

Bolivia.—We now give an illustration of the highest value of the new Bolivians, thus completing the quartette first chronicled in the *Fortnightly* some six weeks ago.



British Central Africa.—The new 1d. stamp, kindly sent us by Messrs. G. Hamilton-Smith & Co., shows the usual nigger device in mauve with border of stamp in carmine. Watermark, Crown and C.A.

Adhesive, 1d., mauve and carmine.



Colombia (Panama).—From "Le Timbrophile Belge" we learn of the 5c. blue "map" stamp of this Province overprinted "A.R." for registered letter duty.

British Honduras.—The new 10c. stamp, inscribed "Postage and Revenue," is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive: 10c. lilac and green.

Bulgaria.—Two further values of the new "Unpaid" set have reached us from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. Up-to-date the list stands as follows:—



"Unpaid" Adhesives: 5 stot., carmine.
10 .. green.
30 .. violet-rose.
50 .. orange.

Cayman Islands.—The King Edward stamps if not actually in use, are on the eve of appearing, specimen copies having already been sent out to foreign governments in accordance with custom. We are indebted to the "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung" for an illustration of the 2½d. stamp. The three values so far known to be ready are:—



*Adhesives: 2½d. blue.
6d. brown.
1s. orange.*

Fiji.—Mr. J. Meiklejohn, of Stirling, apropos of Mr. J. Johnston's recent request for information regarding Fijian stamps bearing the initials "J.B.T.," now sends us a 6d. Fijian stamp with these initials written across it in ink. The letters are said to stand for the name of Sir J. B. Thurston, late Governor of the Fijian group, and Mr. Meiklejohn tells us that his information is to the effect that stamps so initialled were used by Sir J. B. Thurston for some particular official business. We assume it is not suggested that Sir J. B. Thurston initialled the stamps in person for the writing on the specimen sent by our correspondent is far too neat and legible to be that of an official dignitary!

France.—Our brilliant new Parisian contemporary, the "I.C.C.P." ("Intermediaire des Collectionneurs de Cartes Postales," gives the accompanying sketches of the modifications proposed in the design of the current 15 centimes stamp of France. It will be seen that the figure of value is greatly improved in its form and in its surroundings, while the word "Postes," hitherto placed on the tablet that bears the numeral of value is now to be introduced into the top frame of the stamp.



Gambia.—An illustration of the 1d. King Edward stamp is culled from the pages of the "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung," but up to the time of going to press we have seen no specimen of the stamp.

Great Britain.—The ½d. vermilion stamp surcharged "Army Official" is to be found with a defective "f" in the word "Official," as shown in our rough drawing of the word.

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It will be seen that the second of the two "f's" is quite innocent of centre-piece. Mr. Meiklejohn, of Stirling, N.B., submits a specimen showing this interesting variety.

Mr. F. C. Michell has received the current 1d. red with the "Army Official" overprint.

Greece.—Mr. W. H. Earl is kind enough to point out that we "nodded" in our rendering of the list of colours and values of the new Parcel Post stamps in the last *Fortnightly*. The set is composed as follows:—

5 lepta, orange.
25 .. green.
50 .. blue.
1 drachma, carmine.
2 .. brown.



We now give an illustration of the new stamps, which, we are informed, are to be purchased only for gold at the Greek post-offices, whereas the ordinary current stamps are to be had in exchange for paper currency.

Labuan.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. point out to us a distinct difference in the colour of the 1 cent stamp of Labuan—and, presumably, of Borneo also. The colour has now changed from the ordinary lilac hitherto in vogue, to what is comparatively a pronounced mauve.

Orange River Colony.—From Mr. A. Rosenburg we hear of a curious variety of the 3d. "V.R.I." Orange Colony with a stop in front of the "3," thus:—'3d.

South Australia.—Mr. L. S. Charlick informs us that several sheets of the 5d. South Australian, perf. 15, being found in the Postal Department recently, the authorities surcharged them "O.S.," and although it was decided afterwards to destroy them, the stamps were by an oversight put into use in the usual manner. The normal perf. for the "O.S." 5d. stamp is, of course, 13. The perf. 15 should prove to be a very desirable stamp.

Herts Philatelic Society's Exhibition.

TO BE HELD AT THE LONDON SOCIETY'S ROOMS
IN JUNE NEXT.

WE have much pleasure in giving publicity to the following "Rules and Regulations" governing the Exhibition to be held in London in June next under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society. It is important to note that the Exhibition, in the competitive sense, is confined to Members of the Herts Society, but exhibits *not for competition* are invited from other philatelists.

1.—The Exhibition will take place at the Rooms of the Philatelic Society, London (kindly lent by the Society), on Saturday, the 7th of June, 1902, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., and will be a Competitive Exhibition.

2.—Only members of the Herts Philatelic Society will be allowed to exhibit for competition. The Exhibition Committee, however, are authorised to invite other Philatelists to send Exhibits, but not for competition.

3.—Only Adhesive Postage stamps, in an unused or used state (loose or on originals), in single specimens, strips, or blocks may be shown. Essays, Proofs or Reprints, only with their respective originals.

4.—The Exhibits are to be divided into Four Classes:—

I.—Stamps of Great Britain, or any of the following Colonies: Barbados, British Guiana, Ceylon, Griqualand Mauritius, Natal, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, St. Helena, Straits Settlements, South Australia, Tasmania, Transvaal, Trinidad, Turks Islands, Victoria, Western Australia.

II.—Stamps of any of the remaining Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain.

III.—Stamps of any European Country not comprised in Classes I. or II.

IV.—Stamps of any other Country not comprised in Classes I., II. or III.

5.—No Exhibit must exceed 50 stamps. Pairs count as 1, Strips of 3 count as 2. Blocks or strips of 4 count as 3 stamps; larger blocks or strips count in the same proportion, subject to the condition, that unsevered varieties count as many stamps as there are distinct varieties. Essays, Proofs and Reprints count as actual stamps.

6.—Each Exhibit must be mounted on cards provided by the Society, to be had on application to the Hon. Secretary at 6d. a dozen, post free.

7.—No exhibit must occupy more than 3 cards.

8.—Exhibitors are not bound to show consecutive issues nor to limit their exhibits to one Country or Colony.

9.—Each exhibitor may send in 3 exhibits for each Class, but must mark such exhibits separately A, B and C, and the Committee

reserve to themselves the right to show only A, or A and B, should there not be sufficient space available to show all the three.

10.—The Committee will invite prominent Philatelists to act as Judges. The Judges will be instructed to give preference to Exhibits which only contain single specimens, each being different, unless each specimen in the pair, strip, or block shown, constitutes a distinct variety. The Judges will also be instructed to give preference to exhibits in accordance with the completeness of the issues shown, and not to rarities which have only a monetary value, but to such exhibits as show special philatelic knowledge or study.

11.—The Committee will place a number of Medals—Gold, Silver, and Bronze—at the disposal of the Judges. No Exhibitor may take more than one Medal in each Class. Mr. Franz Reichenheim has also kindly presented two Silver Medals for the best Exhibits shown by Lady Members who have not been awarded one of the Society's Gold or Silver Medals.

12.—The Committee are at liberty to refuse any Exhibit without giving any reason.

13.—Every Exhibitor must be the sole *bona fide* proprietor of the exhibit or exhibits shown by him.

14.—Exhibitors are requested to intimate to the Hon. Secretary *on or before 1st May, 1902*, the countries whose stamps they intend to show and the number of their exhibits in each Class.

The Exhibits must be sent free of charge to Mr. H. R. Oldfield, 13, Walbrook, London, E.C., by *Friday, May 30th, 1902*.

15.—Each Exhibit must be accompanied by the shortest possible description, giving the name of the country, year of issue, and exact number of stamps contained therein, as well as name and address of the owner on the back of each.

16.—The Committee and Mr. H. R. Oldfield will only receive Exhibits on the condition that they incur no responsibility whatever for any loss or damage done to the Exhibits in transit to them, while in their custody, or in course of return, they will, however, endeavour to take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the Exhibits while in their custody. Exhibitors wishing to insure their stamps against Fire, Burglary and Theft, are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary before 1st May, stating the amount of the desired Insurance, in order that necessary arrangements may be made. Each Exhibitor insuring, must bear the proper proportion of his Insurance, which will be at the rate of 1s. 6d. for each £100.

17.—It would facilitate the work of the Committee to a great extent, if the Exhibitors would kindly call either personally or by their representatives for their exhibits immediately after the close of the Exhibition at the Exhibition-Room. Any Exhibit not called for by the owner or his Representative at the close of the Exhibition will be taken care of by the Committee, and returned to the respective owner, by Registered Post with the least possible delay.

18.—Admission to the Exhibition will be free of charge, but only by printed tickets to be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary or to any Member of the Committee.

By Order of the Committee,

H. A. SLADE, Hon. Secretary, Ingleside, St. Albans, Herts.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held at the Central Cafe, Bedford Street, Plymouth, on Thursday, February 13. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. R. T. Stevens read a paper on Philately, which had been sent by Mr. R. P. Rogers of Embroke Dock, illustrated by a valuable collection of stamps from Mr. Rogers' collection. An interesting discussion followed upon the various points raised.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE meeting of this Society held at the Patent Library on February 4th, was devoted to a display of Straits Settlements, and of the various States now united for postal purposes under the name of Federated Malay States. Almost complete collections were shown by Mr. J. W. Duffield and Mr. Eugene Egly, while Mr. J. H. Thackrah showed a quantity of specimens.

THE LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE December packet came to hand this week, containing 29 sheets; value, about £84, of which nearly £15 worth of stamps were sold. The sheets have been returned to members and all accounts squared.

Two new members joined last month (January) so that the number as well as the quality of stamps is increasing each month.

Among the better things in this packet were a good selection of pence Ceylons; some good Queen's Heads and other Colonials; a pin perf. 4d. green Barbados; 4 yellow St. Vincents, catalogued 50/-, price 10/-; St. Vincent, 1/- brown, catalogued 30/-, price 11/9; 6 Sidney Views and a fine show of triangular Capes.

Three more members can be admitted, and applications should be made to the *Secretary*, MISS LOUISE HAYNES, 10, Batoum Gardens, West Kensington.

CORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President: REV. W. BELL.

Committee:

T. BAHINGTON, A. MALTBY, F. H. STOPFORD.

Hon Secretary:

J. DIXON, 1, Mardyke Villas, Cork.

At a Meeting held in the Commercial Buildings on Tuesday last, under the Chairmanship of Rev. W. Bell, it was unanimously decided to form the above Society for the study of matters connected with Philately, and the exchange of Members' duplicates. The Subscription will be 5/- per annum. The date of first meeting is fixed for Monday evening, the 17th inst., in the Board Room, Commercial Buildings, South Mall, at 8 o'clock, when rules will be submitted.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

ON Saturday, February 8th, a goodly muster of members and friends of the International Philatelic Union attended a philatelic lantern show under the direction of Mr. T. H. Hinton, the enterprising Hon. Secretary of the Union. The first half of the display was devoted to "A Run Round the British Empire in 60 minutes," stamps representative of all quarters of Greater Britain being thrown on the screen, with a running commentary by Mr. Hinton. In the second half of the entertainment many interesting forgeries were shown, side by side with the genuine stamps. It was a most interesting evening, and both the I.P.U. and its Hon. Secretary are to be congratulated.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Society on February 15th, a Lecture was given by Mr. Chas. Purdom on the "Postage Stamps of the Argentine Republic." Mr. Purdom displayed a fine collection of the stamps of this country and his remarks on the various issues, especially the early lithographs of which he has made a special study, were listened to with great interest.

Mr. Herbert F. Johnson proposed a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mr. Douglas Charles. — W. G. PARKER, *Hon. Sec.*, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,
14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, Jan., 1902.

(continued.)

£ s. d.

NORTH AMERICA.

Newfoundland, 1857, 1/- carmine	12	0	0
United States, 1868, with grille. 9oc. blue* no gum ..	2	0	0
Do. 1869, 9oc. black and carmine*	2	12	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1878, Provisional 1d. on half of 5/- rose, numeral 7mm. high, reading downwards, a pair ..	17	0	0
Do. another pair, numeral 6mm. high reading downwards, 2 tears	11	15	0
Do. a single copy, reading upwards	4	5	0
Grenada, 1888-90, Provisionals, 4d. on 2/- orange with upright "D"	8	10	0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow-green on laid paper, heavy post-mark	30	0	0
Do. 1878, 6d. grey*	3	12	6
St. Christopher, 1882-90, 4d. blue*	2	8	0
Do. 1888, One Penny on 2½d. ultramarine, large and small surcharges	10	15	0
St. Vincent, 1880, Provisionals, 1d. in red on half of 6d. blue-green, a pair*	12	7	6
Do. do. 5/- rose-red*	7	0	0
Do. do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion	8	10	0
Tobago, 1882-84, wmk. CA. 6d. stone*	5	0	0
Do. 1886-89, Provisionals, ½ Penny on 6d. stone, with inverted surcharge*	4	0	0
Trinidad, Lady McLeod local, 1847, 2½d. deep blue on entire, uncancelled	14	0	0
Turks Islands, 1873-79, wmk. star, 1/- lilac, perfs. clipped ..	8	10	0
Do. 1881, 2½ on 1/- blue, type 10*	10	0	0
Do. do. 2½ on 1/- blue, type 13*	14	10	0
Do. do. 2½ on 1/- lilac, type 6*	4	4	0
Do. do. 2½ on 1/- lilac, type 10*	6	0	0
Do. do. 4 on 1d. red, type 15* no gum	3	7	6
Do. do. 4 on 1/- lilac, type 16*	2	18	0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, Jan. 20th.

British East Africa, on Gt. Britain, first issue, the set of three in pairs*	9	0	0
Natal, 3d. wmk. star, imperf. pair*	2	10	0
Newfoundland, 1/- carmine-vermilion, cut close	8	8	0
Do. 6d. orange-vermilion	1	12	0
New South Wales, Sydney, 1d. deep rose on bluish paper ..	2	18	0
Do. ditto 2d. plate 3, retouch on entire	3	12	0
New Zealand, 2d. pale blue. wmk. N.Z. rouletted*	2	10	0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, Jan. 20th, 1902.

Nevis, 1861, perf. 13, 1/- green	1	1	0
New Zealand, 1885, wmk. star, white paper, 1/- green,* pinholed	1	1	0
Niger Coast, 10/- deep violet*	1	2	0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I., 1d. purple with double sur... ..	1	12	0
St. Vincent, wmk. star, 4d. blue	1	3	0
Shanghai, Postage Due, pl. 12, 2c. brown on buff (S.G. 138a)* ..	0	18	0
Do. 15c. blue (S.G. No. 141)	1	7	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,
January 23rd and 24th, 1902.

EUROPE.

Bremen, 7 grote, imperf.	1	0	0
Gt. Britain, 1857, 1d. deep rose-red, imperf.,* with bottom margin	1	12	0
Do. do. another specimen* with top margin	1	18	0
Hanover, 10 groschen green	2	7	6
Mecklenburg Schwerin, 1864, 4/4 sch. red, rouletted	1	10	0
Monaco, 1st issue, 5 frcs.*	1	12	0
Naples, ½ tornese blue, "Arms"	7	10	0
Russian Levant, 1865, 2k. brown and blue	2	17	6
Do. do. 2ok. blue and red.. .. .	3	10	0
Saxony, 3 pfennige red	5	0	0
Spain, 1851, 2 reales red	6	0	0
Do. 1852, 2 rls. pale red, fair copy	2	8	0

Spain, Madrid, 3 cuartos bronze	11	0	0
Do. 1865, 12 cts. rose and blue, error, inverted frame ..	6	6	0
Switzerland, Basle, 2½ rappen	2	4	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½ rappen black and red	2	4	0

AFRICA.

British East Africa, on Company's Stamps, 5a. black on grey-blue	2	0	0
Do. do. 2 rupees, brick-red	2	0	0
British South Africa, 1891, Provisionals ½d., 2d., 4d. and 8d.* ..	5	0	0
Do. do. another set*	5	12	6
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red	3	3	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion on yellowish paper, early state of plate, defective	5	10	0
Do. do. 2d. blue	2	12	0
Do. Small Fillet, 2d. blue	2	10	0
Transvaal, Queen's Head, 2/- blue*	1	8	0
Zanzibar, 1897-99, 2½ and 25c. on 1 anna on 10c. black and lilac	1	12	0
Do. do. 2½ and 25c. on 1½ anna on 15c. blue	1	12	0

NORTH AMERICA.

Canada, 1st issue 7½d. green	1	16	0
Newfoundland, 2d. carmine-vermilion, thinned	1	18	0
Do. 4d. carmine-vermilion	4	0	0
Nova Scotia, 1/- violet	9	0	0

WEST INDIES.

Bahamas, 1st issue, 1d. lake, imperf.	2	6	0
British Honduras, 1887, 1/- grey	2	0	0
Cuba, 1883, Provl. error 10 on 20c. brown	2	0	0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow-green	3	7	6
St. Vincent, wmk. star, 4d. deep blue	1	2	0
Do. 1881, Provl. "One Penny" on 6d. yellow-green	2	2	0

SOUTH AMERICA.

Colombia, 1861, 2½c. black	1	5	0
Guatemala, 1881, 5c. orange and green, inverted centre ..	2	10	0

OCEANIA.

New South Wales, Sidney View, 1d. plate 2	1	15	0
Do. do. 3d. green	2	0	0
New Zealand, pelure paper, 1/- green, perf.	3	12	6
Do. 1863, 3d. mauve, imperf.	2	2	0
Queensland, wmk. scrip, 1d. orange-vermilion*	1	18	0
Victoria, 1st issue, 2d. lilac	3	14	0
Do. The Too Late Stamp	1	14	0
Do. 1858-61, 2/- green, perf.*	2	2	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,
January 28th and 29th, 1902.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

British Guiana, 1852, 1c. blue, cut rather close on entire ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 4c. blue, on entire, uncancelled	2	8	0
Do. 1862, Provisional, 4c. blue (No. 12 on plate)*	8	2	6
Do. 1885, wmk. CA., 6d. yellow*	1	16	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Cinco pesos olive-yellow*, damaged and repaired	6	0	0
Do. do. do. orange, damaged	3	7	6

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales, 1850-51, 2d. blue, plate 2, 1st retouch, a pair	2	17	6
South Australia, 1870, perf. 10, 3d. red and blue*	3	0	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. gold-bronze	3	0	0
Do. do. 6d. grey-bronze, torn	1	18	0

EUROPE.

Bergedorf, 1861, 3sch. black on rose*, thinned	4	0	0
Gt. Britain, 1854-57, wmk. small crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue* ..	2	10	0
Hamburg, 1864, 1½sch. blue*	1	16	0
Spain, 1854, 1 real pale blue, torn	6	0	0
Switzerland, Neuchatel, 1851, 5c. black and red	1	10	0
Do. do. another specimen	1	18	0
Do. Winterthur, 1850, 2½ rappen black and red, on entire	2	0	0
Do. 1850, cross without border, 2½ rappen black and red, Orts Post*	9	10	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 60 crazie red	5	15	0
Do. 1853, 3 lire yellow	25	0	0

	£	s.	d.
ASIA.			
Afghanistan, 1871-72, dated 1289, 6 shahi purple ..	5	0	0
Do. 1875-76, dated 1293, "Tablet" issue, shahi purple ..	3	0	0
Do. 1 rupee purple, a vertical strip of 3*, the top stamp being inscribed "One Rupee" and the two lower ones "Rupee" ..	12	0	0
AFRICA.			
British Central Africa, 1895, £1 orange* ..	2	7	6
Do. 1897, £1 blue* ..	3	15	0
Do. another specimen, used ..	2	8	0
British East Africa, 1895, 5s. black on blue ..	2	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock, 1d. bright-red ..	3	0	0
Gold Coast, 1883, wmk. CA., 1d. blue* ..	1	14	0
Mauritius, 1859, large fillet, 2d. dark blue, torn at top ..	8	0	0
Do. do. Greek border, 1d. scarlet* no gum ..	6	10	0
Transvaal, 1878-79, 1 penny in red on 6d. black, type 16, a pair ..	5	2	6
Do. do. 1 penny in black on 6d. black, type 10* ..	2	4	0
NORTH AMERICA.			
British Columbia, 1867-69, perf. 14, 10c. lake* ..	1	18	0
Do. do. perf. 12½, 10c. lake,* no gum ..	1	10	0
United States, State, \$2 black and green* ..	2	4	0
BRITISH WEST INDIES.			
St. Vincent, 1880, wmk. star, 5/- rose-red ..	7	0	0
Do. do. 1d. in red on half of 6d. blue-green ..	2	10	0
Tobago, 1880, 1d. in M.S.S. on half of 6d. orange, on piece of original ..	2	12	6
Turks Islands, 1881, Provl. 4 on 6d. black, type 15 ..	2	0	0
Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, February 3rd.			
British South Africa, 1890, £2 rose-red, fair ..	1	12	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, blue paper, 1d. red ..	1	6	0
Newfoundland, 1862, no wmk., imperf., 8d. lake, a pane of 26* ..	4	15	0
Nevis, 1861, perf. 13, 1/- green, fair copy ..	1	1	0
Niger Coast, 1898-1901, wmk. CA., 10/- deep violet, a block of 4* ..	6	0	0
Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, February 4th and 5th.			
British Central Africa, £10, black and vermilion* surcharged "Specimen" ..	1	3	0
Do. £25 black and green surcharged "Specimen" ..	1	13	0
Do. 1898, £10 yellow, rubbed] ..	1	12	0
British East Africa, surcharged on Company's Stamp, 5s. black on grey-blue, heavy postmark ..	1	10	0
British Guiana, 1862, rouletted 4c. black on blue ..	4	15	0
British South Africa, first issue, £2 rose-red* ..	2	4	0
Do. 1897, £1 black and red-brown on green* ..	1	4	0
Cape of Good Hope, triangular, 1d. brick-red, a block of 6 ..	1	5	0
Do. do. 1d. rose-red, a pair* ..	2	0	0
Do. do. do. a block of 8* with margins ..	6	5	0
Do. do. 6d. grey-lilac* part gum ..	1	16	0
Do. do. 1/- yellow-green, a pair ..	2	10	0
Do. do. 1/- dark green with margins ..	3	10	0
Do. do. do. a block of 4 used ..	5	5	0
Do. do. do. a block of 8 with side and bottom margins* mint ..	24	0	0
Do. do. De la Rue print, 1d. blood-red, a pair* ..	2	12	6
Do. do. do. a block of 8* ..	8	15	0
Do. do. do. 4d. slate-blue, a pair* ..	2	17	6
Do. do. do. 6d. bright mauve a block of 8* ..	9	15	0
Do. do. do. a pair* ..	3	3	0
Do. do. 1/- emerald-green, a pair* ..	11	0	0
Do. 1/- emerald-green, a block of 8, with left and bottom margins* ..	38	0	0
Ceylon, imperf., 9d. lilac-brown, good margins ..	2	6	0
Do. 1885 Provisional, 5c. on 24c. purple-brown (S.G. No. 141), defective ..	1	0	0
Dominica, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 1/- lilac-rose* ..	1	16	0
Gt. Britain, 1d. black, a complete reconstructed plate, mounted on card ..	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Grenada, 1886, Provisional 1d. on 1½d., surcharge inverted (S.G. No. 35)* ..	2	6	0
Hanover, 1859-63, 10gr. olive-green ..	1	10	0
Natal, first issue, 6d. green ..	1	6	0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow ..	1	3	0
Newfoundland, 8d. scarlet-vermilion, a block of 4, with left side margin* ..	2	4	0
Do. Lake issue, 5d. reddish-purple, a block of 7* ..	3	0	0
Do. 5d. red-brown, a block of 12* ..	1	12	0
Do. 8d., a block of 6* ..	1	9	0
Do. 1866, 13c. orange-yellow, a complete sheet of 100* ..	6	6	0
Do. 1868-73, 5c. black, a block of 24*, mint ..	14	10	0
Do. Provisional One Cent on 3c., a complete mint sheet of 50, showing various types ..	5	5	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, plate 2, 1d. red on yellowish ..	1	6	0
Do. do. another different shade ..	1	6	0
Do. do. another defective ..	1	0	0
Do. do. another specimen on bluish ..	1	6	0
Do. do. plate 2, 2d. blue, with margins ..	1	1	0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I., 6d. carmine, with raised stops ..	1	3	0
St. Lucia, wmk. star (6d.) green ..	1	12	0
Do. wmk. CA., perf. 14 (De la Rue) 6d. lilac* ..	1	6	0
Do. 1/- red-brown* ..	2	4	0
Tasmania, first issue, 1d. blue ..	1	15	0
Tobago, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 5/- grey* ..	2	10	0
Do. 6d. stone* ..	1	12	0
Transvaal, 1878, rouletted 1d. red on blue* ..	2	10	0
Trinidad, pin perf. 4d. brown-lilac* ..	1	7	0
Do. rough perf., 4d. black lilac ..	1	6	0
United States, 1855, 90c. blue, imperf. on right* ..	2	6	0
Do. Justice, 90c. imperf. at top and perforated short at bottom* ..	1	12	0
Do. another specimen, fine* ..	3	0	0
Victoria, Queen on Throne, engraved 2d.* ..	1	7	0
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AN INTERESTING AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST WHO IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO ENGLAND.

THROUGHOUT the philatelic world Mr. A. F. Basset Hull is known as a painstaking and enthusiastic philatelist, and as the historian of the stamps of the Australian Colonies. As Mr. Hull is now on his way to England, some details of his career, taken from the "Australian Journal of Philately," will be of interest.



MR. A. F. BASSETT HULL.

Mr. Arthur Francis Basset Hull was born at Glenorchy, Tasmania, on the 10th October, 1852. He is one of a family of 14, and has so many relatives bearing similar initials, that for the sake of identification he writes his mother's name in full before his surname, which is simply Hull (not Basset-Hull with a hyphen between). He began collecting stamps at the age of six years, and the hobby had such a fascination for him that, although admitted to the Tasmanian bar in 1891, he forsook the brief bag a year later and came to this city, where his services as a philatelic expert were eagerly availed of by the postal authorities here, and which post he occupied for eight years until his appointment to the more lucrative and ambitious position of Secretary to the Labour Commissioners, a body calculated to do much good for the country.

Having obtained leave of absence for 12 months, and a roving commission to obtain abroad any information possible on the labour question, Mr. Hull at the last meeting of the Sydney Philatelic Club, resigned his position as honorary secretary, which office he has held intermittently for a period of five years altogether.

As a writer, Mr. Hull's name is well-known in the philatelic world, and it is scarcely necessary to say that he has, by his efforts, elucidated many points concerning Australian stamps, and lifted them out of the region of uncertainty.

His work on the stamps of Tasmania is accepted as a text-book, and his articles on the early issues of New South Wales, Tonga, Cook Islands, and "Appendix to the Stamps of Tasmania," recently published in the pages of several of our English contemporaries, have raised him to the position of a writer of the highest grade.

During 1890-91 Mr. Hull edited and published a quarterly journal, "The Federal Australian Philatelist," but relinquished it, as at that time philatelists were not sufficiently advanced to realize the value of such an excellent paper. He also filled the editorial chair of other Australian philatelic journals, but lately his time has been so much occupied with his secretarial duties that he has been compelled to relegate philately to a back seat. He has, however, in manuscript the greater portion of an exhaustive work on Australian stamps, which he hopes to publish shortly.

As a collector, although having a parental regard for the stamps of Tasmania, Mr. Hull has not only collected them, but those of New South Wales and Queensland as well (of the stamps of the latter State he wrote a full history). Mr. Hull has sold several collections from time to time, his ambition being to collect not to hold, and his present hobby is that of collecting original envelopes which bear indications of something peculiar to philately, and an exceedingly interesting collection it is.

Prior to his departure for the old country on the 15th instant, Mr. Hull purposes entering again the bonds of matrimony, and his bride will accompany him in his travels which, we trust, will be one long extended honeymoon.

In view of the above circumstances, and in recognition of the way in which Mr. Hull has championed the cause of Australian philately, the members of the Sydney Philatelic Club have decided to present him with a suitable wedding present, to which it has given us much pleasure to contribute. He has our hearty congratulations and best wishes for his health and happiness.

Regarding the important philatelic literary work on which Mr. Basset Hull has lately been engaged, another Antipodean contemporary, the "Australian Philatelist," speaks more explicitly:

Mr. Basset Hull intends arranging for the publication of a work which he has long had in hand, viz., a history of the stamps of Australia up to the establishment of the Commonwealth. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was good enough to take an interest in Mr. Hull's proposed work, and personally communicated with the Postmaster General of the Commonwealth, with the view of facilitating the obtaining of such Official records as were wanting to complete the history.

News-Notes from all Quarters.

From the Collectors' Publishing Company, Fleet Street, E.C., we have received an attractive philatelic picture-card, depicting the now famous—or should we say notorious?—"pigeongrain" stamps of Great Barrier Islands.

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On Saturday evening last, February 8th, many members and friends of the International Philatelic Union attended a philatelic lantern show under the direction of Mr. T. H. Hinton, the enterprising Hon. Secretary of the Union. The first half of the display was devoted to "A Run Round the British Empire in 60 minutes," stamps representative of all quarters of Greater Britain being thrown on the screen, with a running commentary by Mr. Hinton. In the second half of the entertainment many interesting forgeries were shown, side by side with the genuine stamps. It was a most interesting evening, and both the I.P.U. and its Hon. Secretary are to be congratulated.

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A Parliamentary paper issued a few days since on the subject of Anglo-French postage, does not appear to contain anything of great interest for philatelists.

The paper consists of an agreement between the two nations, additional to the Postal Convention of 1890, and signed December 11th, 1901, by Sir E. Monson and M. Delcasse.

Its chief change is that charges for sea conveyance of correspondence shall be paid by the country of "origin," according to the tariff fixed for sea conveyance of correspondence either by the Universal Postal Union or by the regulations of the country of origin.

The Prize-Competition Auction.

The special Auction Sale, in which a particular public interest has been taken because of its association with the South African Stamp Company's big prize competition, was duly held by Messrs. Plumridge and Co., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last.

The total realisation was over £2,000. So much we can announce at once, but full details must wait for the next issue of the *Fortnightly*.

The Jubilee Series of Postage and Revenue Stamps of Great Britain.

SOME NOTES READ BEFORE THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON, ON NOVEMBER 22ND, 1901, BY MR. FREDERICK WEST.

(From the "London Philatelist.")

Concluded from No. 180, Supplement page iii.

THE THREE-HALFPENNY.

This stamp is printed in two colours, the background purple and the remainder green, and each varies considerably in intensity.

THE TWOPENCE.

This is also in two colours, *i.e.*, a green background with a tablet in scarlet, on which is shown the value in white. The colours range from a bright green to a dark olive-green, and from scarlet to carmine.

THE TWOPENCE-HALFPENNY.

This is printed in purple on blue paper, and both range from light to dark colour. This value and some others have been printed by mistake on the gum side of the paper.

THE THREEPENCE.

The 3d. has been issued in two recognised shades of yellow paper, varying in depths of colour which are easily discernible. The printing on each ranges from a light to a dark purple-brown. In the early days of coloured paper great variation in shade occurred through the difficulty in working the colouring matter. The Postal Authorities have been very careful with regard to variations of colour, and when any sheets were discovered they were immediately repulped. In 1891 some few sheets escaped detection, and appeared on bright orange paper. They were, however, very soon discovered and repulped, and this accounts for the very few copies of this stamp now obtainable.*

THE FOURPENCE.

The 4d. is issued green and brown; the central part of the design is green and the rest of the stamp is brown. There is not much variety in the latter, but the green varies in colouring and depth. There is a minor error in this stamp, *i.e.* some of the centre fillings-in of the figure 4 are uncoloured and unshaded.

* The following official letter bears out these observations:—

"SOMERSET HOUSE, W.C.,
"7th November, 1901.

"SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and to inform you that you are labouring under a misapprehension as to their having been, at any time, any definite withdrawal of the paper used for the 3d. stamp, in consequence of a mistake in the colour of the paper—bright orange instead of yellow.

"The variation in colour which you mention is accounted for by the fact that in the early days, when the coloured papers were first manufactured for stamps, great variations occurred in some years through the difficulty in working with the colouring matter. Wherever variations from the proper tint were detected, the sheets of paper were immediately repulped before they left the mill.

"Some few sheets at different times must, however, have escaped detection, and this accounts for the few 3d. stamps on bright orange instead of yellow paper.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"ERNEST CLEAVE,

"Controller of Stamps.

"F. WEST, Esq."

THE FOURPENCE-HALFPENNY.

This stamp is bicoloured, green being used for the head of the late Queen and carmine for the rest of the design. It varies only in shades of colour. In April, 1890, the General Post Office announced in a circular that the issue would cease on the exhaustion of the stock in hand, and added that no supplies would be sent out after August 31st, 1900.

It is not now issued, but I believe it has not yet been withdrawn, as copies can still be purchased at post offices which have the remainder of their stock on hand.

THE FIVEPENCE.

The 5d. is printed in two colours—blue for the tablets of value and purple for the rest of the design. The shades run from light to dark, the blue variety being sometimes ultra-marine; while instead of the purple there appears a lilac shade.

THE SIXPENCE.

The 6d. is issued on pale and dark rose-red paper, the colour of the printing being purple of various shades.

THE NINEPENCE

This stamp is printed in two colours, the head and its cross-shaped frame being in purple and the remainder in blue. It varies in shades of colour in the centre from purple to a purple-brown, and of late the blue is more brilliant.

THE TENPENCE.

This is one of the set printed in two colours—the centre in purple and the remainder in carmine-red and scarlet. The variety of shade is small. There appears to be a minor error in this stamp. The numeral of value in the framework has a very small "d" alongside; in some copies this letter is "o." I am unable to say whether or not the error is on the imprimatur sheets, but from careful observation the "o" seems to be clearly formed.

THE ONE SHILLING (GREEN).

(1) This last of the Jubilee issue is printed in only one colour, *i.e.* green, and varies very considerably in depth of shade. Lately copies have appeared in a very dark shade, quite different from the earlier printings. This stamp is not now issued, but has not been withdrawn, and it is probably dealt with in the same way as the 4½d.

(2) The 1900 issue is a bicolour stamp, the centre being green and the frame round scarlet. The latest issue have frames coloured a bright carmine. I have experienced great difficulty in obtaining copies of this stamp. The first I purchased from abroad, and these are coloured green and scarlet, but the copies I acquired a few days ago are green and bright carmine.

THE TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE.

This stamp, though issued on the 2nd July, 1883, like the 5s., 10s., £1, and £5, forms part of the current issue. The first issue of the 2s. 6d. were on fiscal paper of a more or less bluish tint. The printing is in doubly fugitive ink. At first it was of a very light dull lilac colour, and then the issues were on blue and white paper. Copies of this shade are scarce. Subsequently the colour became darker, but the paper was white. In 1889 a bright violet printing on blue and white paper came into use, and after that the colour was, and is now, of a dark violet shade. This stamp is issued on a yellow paper, as is also the 5s. and 10s. Some authorities think this was caused from being used on yellow telegram forms, but I am not at all satisfied that this view is correct, inasmuch as a considerable amount of damp must have been used to cause the yellow colouring in the paper to permeate through the gum, and through the stamp in a perfectly even and decided way without causing the colouring of the stamp to run. I notice that all the copies I have of these values are postmarked in 1889.

THE FIVE SHILLINGS.

This, like the 2s. 6d., was first issued on fiscal paper of a bluish tint, varying in depth of colour, and afterwards on white. The colour of the printing was at first light rose on both blue and white paper, and subsequently altered to carmine, light and dark, and is now crimson. The light shades are difficult to obtain. There is a variety of colour which is a marone or crimson-lake on white paper. Copies of this 5s. stamp are found on yellow paper, to which my former observations on the 2s. 6d. apply. Copies are also known with twelve perforations instead of fourteen.

THE TEN SHILLINGS.

The 10s., like the 2s. 6d. and 5s., was first printed on bluish fiscal paper, and subsequently on white. The shades of

printing colour vary from a very pale to a dull blue and ultimately to an ultramarine. In 1884 some few copies were issued in cobalt on white paper, specimens of which are very rarely met with. The lightest shade of blue is on white and not on blue tinted paper. As before stated, the stamp appears on yellow. If the mode of cancellation by total obliteration lately adopted is pursued, copies of this stamp will be extremely rare.

THE ONE POUND.

This stamp was first issued in the present design on the 1st April, 1884, when the printing was of a dark and light chocolate colour. It was superseded on the 27th January, 1891, by the current stamp printed in dark and bright green with slight shades.

THE FIVE POUNDS.

This last stamp of the current issue made its official appearance on 21st March, 1882, on blue fiscal paper, and subsequently on white. The first printing on both papers was of an orange-vermilion colour, but later the colour became a brighter orange until now when it is a bright vermilion.

In my few remarks I have of course been unable to travel over a great deal of ground covered by my friend the late Mr. Hastings Wright and Mr. Creeke, because they have dealt with the issues, or rather a part of them, on far wider and more elaborate lines. My object has been to bring before you my own lengthened experiences in making a collection of these issues alone. In doing which I hope I have made my notes interesting to some of my fellow-members, and that somebody from amongst them may be induced to further his philatelic career in the paths of similar collecting. I know that it is very difficult to make a collection of fine copies of used English stamps, and more particularly of the current issues, but I strongly urge that specialists in these stamps should, like Mr. Hastings Wright in his unused English, aim at the fine copies only, and above all things collect pairs and blocks. A collector is reported to have said that there is not much to collect in the stamps of Great Britain, and that if he started he could make a collection in a week or two. My answer is that the current issues have taken me upwards of four years to collect, and that I am still trying to improve on the copies I have, and I consider finality still a long way off.

In conclusion, I will only say that dealers generally would materially add to the inducement to collect English stamps if they, by their catalogues, fixed a higher price for very fine copies as compared with the moderately good ones with which one is familiar.

“Owing to what perversity is it that British postage stamps do not bear the name of our country? Is this an instance of our proverbial insular pride? asks “Collector” in the course of a letter to “The Standard.”

Our latest new contemporary is called “Guide Philatelique” and hails from Geneva. But surely it is most unhappy that the Editor of a journal which wishes to be regarded as a reliable guide should be a person named Canard!

The writer of an article in the “Pall Mall Gazette” tells many stories of the early days of the postal system. As thus: “Sir Henry Bessemer, whose fame belongs to railways rather than stamps, invented a machine in his early days by which the fraudulent use of stamps a second time was made impossible, and the inventor could almost without doubt have secured a fortune with his contrivance. But he was honest as well as clever, and he suggested to the Government that dating the stamp would do just as well. The Government accepted his suggestion gratis, and Sir Henry Bessemer must be ranked among the men who gave away fortunes.”

M. Mougeot, the French Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs, has long been pegging away at the question of an international postage stamp, by means of which anyone desiring to do so could pay small amounts in stamps or send an addressed envelope ready stamped for a reply. M. Mougeot, however, appears to have dropped the idea of an international adhesive, for his latest proposal is for embossed envelopes only.

Some Random Notes.

BY “WALLABY.”

LAST month I was staying with a friend at Tunbridge Wells and in course of conversation I learnt that my host had a stamp collection which had not been touched for the last eleven, or twelve years, so I immediately scented something a little out of the common and conjured up visions of Sydney Views, early Ceylons, West Australians, &c., galore. After tea the wonderful album was brought to light and very carefully and with much pleasant anticipation I undid the brown paper coverings.

Austria, the first country examined was not a success, the rarest stamp being an 1858, 2kr. yellow, but several stamps had been cut clean out of the page, and my host remembered having let an enthusiastic friend take his pick more than a decade ago. As I turned over page after page how I envied that friend, and how I wished he hadn't been quite so enthusiastic,—here and there, a stamp worth a few pence was left, but those cut out squares were too suggestive. Wurtemberg, for instance, yielded a first issue 1kr., and an 1858, 6 krenzer, but how about those 18kr. stamps that *might* have been there.

I examined page after page until I reached the United States,—under the presidency of Arthur—according to the printed information at the top of the page. Here I was rewarded with the finest copy of a 12c. black grilled, 1867, that I have ever set eyes on. A 24c. in a very dark shade of lilac, without the grilles, slightly torn, but otherwise perfect, on piece of original. A 24c. grey, almost green, lilac in perfect condition, together with a 2c. black grilled, and a 10c. green. The other stamps on the page consisted of common postals and revenues and what was once a splendid copy of the 12c. green Steamship, but the paste which had been used to stick it down had caked on both sides of the stamp, and was like cement, of course it was much discoloured and valueless. The same liberal use of “cement” had spoilt a National Bank, 15c. orange, and completely taken every vestige of colour out of a 3c. locomotive.

The rest of the album was a blank, as far as scarcities were concerned, but I was only too satisfied to find one page that had escaped overhauling. Needless to say the U.S.A.'s changed hands and both parties were satisfied.

It is a far cry from America to New Zealand, but I was examining a parcel of New Zealand, 1882-97, 1d. reds, a little while back and I was surprised at the number of varieties of perforation, uncatalogued varieties I mean, such as stamps showing three perfs., 12½ by 10 and 10, and 10 by 11 and 10, etc. Surely these stamps are worth cataloguing.

Two years ago when in Sydney I was surprised to find how hard the current used stamps above 6d. with the exception of the 1/- value, were to procure, and I have not had reason to alter my opinion. For anyone interested in the varieties of perforation of this Colony I hold that these stamps are well worth keeping.

Having purchased stamps, mint and otherwise, in all the Australian States, with the exception of Tasmania, I am of opinion that the current, and recent issues, with few exceptions are much over catalogued; with the early issues the reverse is the case, in fact I think nearly all Australians prior to 1870 are considerably under their true market value.

Catalogue prices remind me of a couple of incidents that may be of interest. In a recent Scott's the surcharged post card of Western Australia is catalogued at 1/- unused, no price being quoted for the used card. Being in Fremantle I purchased over the post office counter a supply at 1½d. each, face value of course. I have found a good exchange market in America for them.

Early in 1899 I purchased at the Colombo P.O. a lot of the recently surcharged 15c. at 1d. each, these stamps I put through the post addressed to myself in Western Australia. A collector-dealer in Albany offered me 3d. each for them, which I refused, preferring to hold as an investment; now Gibbons' catalogues this stamp at 4d. mint and 1d. used!

I could relate a host of other little stamp reminiscences and perhaps the Editor will allow me space in a future issue

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