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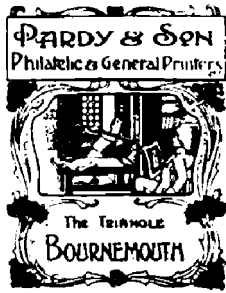
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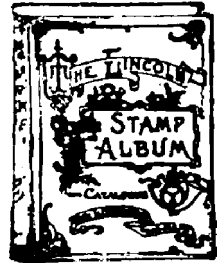
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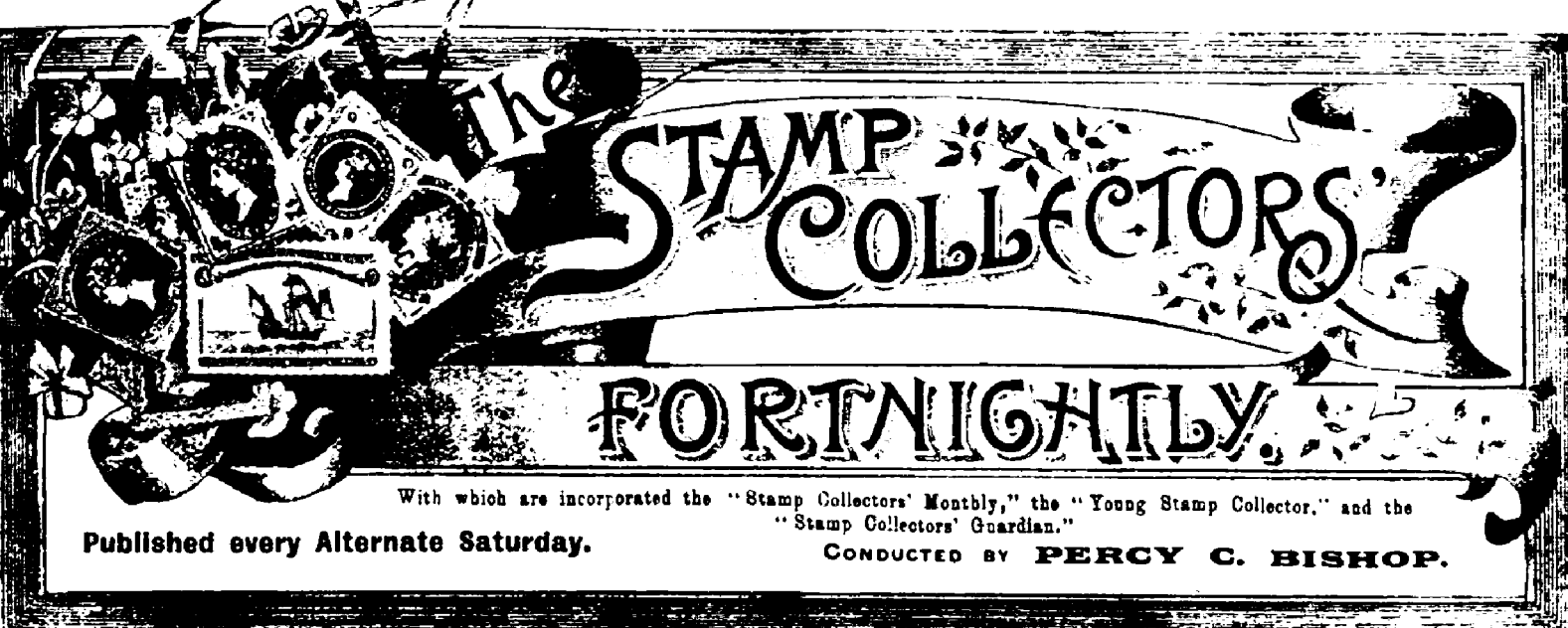
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Dresden Society's 25th Year.

The biggest Philatelic Society in the world, the International Philatelic Society of Dresden, is now in its twenty-fifth year. To be exact, it celebrated the 25th anniversary of its foundation on December 31st, 1901. Many interesting philatelic joints and functions have been arranged for the three days, May 24th to May 26th of the present year, as a special celebration of this interesting event.

A Page from the Past.

It is now nearly ten years since the sudden appearance of sheets of reprints of the "Laureated" stamps of New South Wales created one of the biggest sensations in the history of Philately. A prominent part in that episode was played by Mr. Alfred van Dyck, and it is interesting to know that this gentleman, after a long retirement from active philately, is now resident in Paris. It is from the Gay City that Mr. van Dyck dates the following document, which was sold together with two sheets of 8d. Laureated stamps—one a sheet of reprints; the other a proof sheet—at a recent sale at "Puttick's":—

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the impression and also the colour and texture of the paper are different in the reprints. I further certify that it is one of the two sheets (the other was a sheet printed in yellow) which were found in 1887 at the Colonial Secretary's Office in Sydney, together with the copper plate engraved by H. C. Jervis and a note in the handwriting of James Raymond, Postmaster-General of New South Wales, saying, 'If new plate has not arrived from London by end of the month, plate should be sent to Clayton to be made sharper.—J. R.'

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"The copper plates of the twopence, Star, the sixpence, and the eightpence of the Laureated series of New South Wales were destroyed at Sydney in 1887, after a certain number of reprints had been printed from them. The said plates, with each stamp on them completely defaced, were seen not only by me, but also by Dr. A. Houson and Dawson A. Vindin, of Sydney, and I have been assured by Dr. A. Houson, who saw it done, that they had later been broken in small bits and put in the melting-pot."

A most interesting echo, indeed, of a past philatelic romance! The two gentlemen mentioned by Mr. Alfred van Dyck have figured prominently in the philatelic world. Mr. Dawson A. Vindin, was at one time the leading stamp dealer in Australia, and proprietor of the old "Vindin's Philatelic Monthly," since known as the "Australian Philatelist." Dr. Houson, if memory serves us aright, was the victim of a big stamp theft, the whole of his valuable collection of Oceanic stamps being appropriated by some person or persons unknown. The "London Philatelist," from whose pages we quote Mr. van Dyck's interesting "certificate," speaks truly when it declares that this document will "waken up old memories and associations in the minds of many readers."

Off to Canada.

A constant reader, and a contributor to our columns, Mr. F. F. Lamb, of Edith Road, Rainsgate ("Wallaby"), desires us to notify the fact that he leaves England for Canada on the 18th instant, and that his address, *pro tem.*, will be St. John, P.O., New Brunswick, Canada.

A Sherlock Holmes Philatelic Competition.

In a future number we shall publish particulars of a "Sherlock Holmes" Stamp Competition, for which substantial prizes will be offered. The nature of the Competition, and its connection with the eminent detective named, will be explained in our next issue.

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. 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.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1868-84. Perf. 14.				
½d. chestnut ..	.. 1/4	1/3	1/1	
1d. pale brown ..	.. 1/8	1/6	1/1	
1d. deep brown ..	.. 1/6	1/4	1/1	
1d. red-brown ..	.. 1/4	1/3	1/1	
2d. pale mauve ..	.. 1/6	1/1	1/2	1/1
2d. bright mauve ..	.. 1/9	1/3	1/3	1/2
3d. ultramarine ..	.. 2/6	1/9	1/8	1/6
4d. ultramarine ..	.. 3/1	2/3	1/6	1/4
4d. pale blue ..	.. 2/6	1/9	1/4	1/3
6d. pale rose ..	.. 10/1	7/1	1/9	1/6
6d. rose ..	.. 5/1	4/1	1/6	1/4
6d. bright carmine ..	.. 3/6	2/9	1/1	1/8
1/- orange ..	.. 10/1	6/6	1/1	1/8
1/- orange-yellow ..	.. 7/6	5/1	1/8	1/6
5/- green ..	.. 12/6	8/1	9/1	6/1
1877. Provisionals.				
4 on 6d. rose (Gibbons type a)	.. 60/1	42/1	30/1	20/1
Do. (" type b)	.. 60/1	42/1	30/1	20/1
Do. (" type c)	.. 40/1	20/1	17/6	9/1
Do. (" type d)	.. 30/1	15/1	12/6	7/1
1881-2. Provisional.				
1d. on 5/- green (Gibbons' No. 21)	.. 20/1	12/6	7/1	4/1
Do. (" No. 22)	.. 7/6	5/1	7/6	5/1
Do. (" No. 23)	.. 25/1	15/1	10/1	6/1
Do. (" No. 24)	.. 7/6	5/1	7/6	5/1
Do. (" No. 25)	..			
1882. Provisionals.				
½d. on 5/- green ..	.. 3/1	2/1	3/1	2/1
3d. on 4d. ultram'ine (Gibbons' No. 38)	.. 17/6	10/1	6/1	4/1
Do. (" No. 39)	.. 21/1	12/6	10/1	6/1
Do. (" No. 40)	.. 22/6	14/1	12/1	7/1
Do. (" No. 41)	.. 40/1	22/6	17/6	11/6
Do. (" No. 42)	.. 80/1	42/1	35/1	20/1
1888. Provisionals.				
2d. on 3d. ultram'ine (Gibbons' No. 52)	.. 4/6	2/6	2/6	1/6
Do. (" No. 53)	.. 1/9	1/3	1/6	1/4
1d. on 3d. " (" No. 54)	.. 1/6	1/1	1/6	1/4
Do. (" No. 55)	.. 5/1	3/1	1/9	1/3
1d. on 4d. ultram'ine (" No. 57)	.. 4/6	3/1	4/6	3/1
Do. (" No. 58)	..			
Do. (" No. 59)	..			
1892. Provisional.				
2½d. on 3d. ultramarine ..	.. 2/1	1/6	1/6	1/1
1894.				
1d. purple ..	.. 1/3	1/2	1/1	
1896. Provisional.				
1d. on 3d. ultramarine (Gibbons' No. 69)	.. 1/1	1/9	1/6	1/1
2				
Do. (" No. 70)	.. 9/1	7/1	8/1	5/1
Do. (" No. 71)	.. 3/1	2/6	3/1	2/1
Do. (" No. 72)	.. 3/1	2/6	3/1	2/1
Do. (" No. 73)	.. 4/1	3/3	4/1	3/1
Do. (" No. 74)	.. 2/1	1/6	2/1	1/6
Do. (" No. 75)	.. 1/6	1/3	2/1	1/6
Halve Penny on 3d. ultramarine ..	.. 1/4	1/3	1/4	1/3
2½ on 3d. ultramarine ..	.. 2/1	1/6	2/1	1/6
Do. with antique 2 in ½	..			

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1897-1900. Unsurcharged.				
½d. yellow ..	.. 1/1	1/8	1/3	1/2
½d. orange ..	.. 1/3	1/2	1/2	1/1
1/- brown ..	.. 7/6	5/1	1/6	1/1
British Occupation. 1900.				
Surcharged V.R.I. and Value. First Printing.				
½d. orange ..	.. 1/3		1/3	1/9
1d. purple ..	.. 1/6		1/6	1/1
2d. bright lilac ..	.. 1/6		1/6	1/4
2½d. on 3d. blue ..	.. 7/6		7/6	5/1
Do. with antique 2 in ½ ..	.. 90/1			
3d. blue ..	.. 1/6		1/9	1/6
4d. blue ..	.. 2/6		3/1	2/6
6d. bright carmine ..	.. 20/1		22/6	17/6
6d. blue ..	.. 1/6		1/9	1/3
1/- brown ..	.. 1/6		1/9	1/3
5/- green ..	.. 21/1		30/1	25/1
Second Printing.				
½d. orange ..	.. 1/1		1/2	1/1
1d. purple ..	.. 1/2		1/2	
2d. bright lilac ..	.. 1/3		1/6	1/4
2½d. on 3d. blue ..	..		
Do. with antique 2 in ½ ..	..		
3d. blue ..	.. 1/4		1/6	1/4
4d. blue ..	.. 1/6		1/6	1/1
6d. bright carmine ..	.. 20/1		22/6	17/6
6d. blue ..	.. 1/8		1/1	1/8
1/- brown ..	.. 1/6		1/9	1/3
5/- green ..	.. 6/6		8/1	6/1
1900. Provisional on Cape Stamp.				
ORANGE RIVER COLONY on ½d. green ..	.. 1/1		1/2	1/1
Do. on 2½d. blue ..	.. 1/4		1/4	1/3
1882-86. Fiscal Postal Stamps. Gibbons' Type 51.				
6d. grey ..	..		
Gibbons' Type 52.				
6d. grey ..	..		
1/- grey ..	..		
1/6 blue ..	..		
2/- magenta ..	..		
3/- chestnut ..	..		
4/- grey ..	..		
5/- rose ..	..		
6/- green ..	..		
£5 green ..	..		
6d. in black on 8/- yellow ..	..		

NOTE.—Various postage stamps were surcharged 1F and used as telegraph stamps. These all appear to have been admissible for postal purposes.

The S. A. S. Company's Competition.

We regret that, by a slip of the pen in our last number, we made it appear that the total realisation of Messrs. Plumridge & Co's Auction of Feb. 24, 25, and 26 (on which the South African Stamp Company's big prize competition turned) was £2000, instead of which we should have written "nearly £2000." When the exact figures were totted up the result came to £1934 8s. od., and the three nearest competitions sent in were as follows:—

First Prize:—

Mr. William Lane Joynt, 66, Northumberland Road, Dublin.

Computation: £1945 16s.

Second Prize:—

Mr. O. Dannenberg, 35, Old Jewry, E.C.

Computation: £1954 os. 6d.

Third Prize:—

Mr. B. W. Milward, 36, Ridge Road, N.

Computation: £1954 13s.

We congratulate the South African Stamp Company on a highly successful competition. If there is room for a regret at all it is that no lady figures among the prize winners, though several "had a shot." One competitor, a gentleman, sent in over 600 computations, and his best attempt was about £350 short of correctness.

Notes on the Stamps of Turkey.

By L. W. FULCHER.

From the "Philatelic Journal of India."

OF the stamps of European countries, those of Turkey are undoubtedly the most unpopular. Very few collectors seem to care for them, while for the specialist they remain a new world to conquer. Practically all we know of these stamps is due to the late Mr. Tapling, and next to nothing has been added to our knowledge of them since he communicated to the Philatelic Society of London the result of his investigations. In these notes I do not pretend to elucidate the various problems that arise from the study of these stamps, but all I hope to achieve is a general survey of the various issues, bringing together what is already known about them, with a hope of demonstrating that they are not without interest.

There is no doubt that the cause of the unpopularity of Turkish stamps lies in the somewhat intricate nature of the inscriptions surcharged on the earlier issues—a difficulty enhanced by the unfamiliarity of most collectors with oriental characters, and further—and this is a serious objection, in the numerous "freaks" and "curiosities" in which this country abounds. The philatelic value of these latter is in some cases difficult to determine, but I am of opinion that most of them are merely printer's waste. Again, the stamps surcharged "Cheir," which it is certainly necessary for every collector to take, if he wishes to make a representative collection of Turkish stamps, are troublesome on account of the varieties of types of the surcharge and also from the numerous forgeries which exist. On the other hand, the stamps surcharged for Mount Athos and the "Katschak" stamps are of very very doubtful philatelic value, and may legitimately be ignored by collectors. If then a collector ignores these latter and refuses to take, especially at fancy prices, the freaks and curiosities referred to above, I venture to think, and I speak from experience, that he will find the regular issues of great interest, and although he may be troubled with determining types of surcharge, yet he will not be bothered by irritating varieties of perforation.

I propose to base my notes on the various issues on the list in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' current catalogue. Although this has been much improved in the last two or three editions, yet there are several notable omissions and a few errors.

Before considering the first official issue there is a stamp of some interest which was introduced in 1859 to frank official correspondences by the boat chartered by the Turkish Admiralty, between Constantinople and Brussa or Smyrna, and which, therefore I suppose, must be regarded as a local, and probably this is the reason for its omission from the list given by Gibbons. The stamp is an oblong rectangle with a steamship sailing to right for central design. Beneath the steamship are the letters Po Pe (Porto Piastre) with a blank space for the insertion of the amount of the postage, which was done in pencil or pen and ink. The oval is lettered UFFICIO POSTALE VAPORI AMMIRAGLIATO and is framed by a border of alternate dots and asterisks, while the corners of the rectangle are filled in with arabesques. The colour is claret. The stamp is rare, and it was only in use for four months and seems to be practically unknown to collectors.

The first official issue, with the Thugra and Crescent, of January, 1863, is well known to collectors. The stamps are lithographed, and the first printing was on a soft pelure paper, coloured on the upper surface only. Each alternate row of stamps on the sheet is inverted with respect to the adjacent

rows, and the wide space between the tête bêche rows is overprinted with a coloured band, blue on the 5 piastres and red on the other values and bearing Turkish characters in white. Stamps may be met with with the band in other colours, but these are "Essays" according to Moen's. Stanley Gibbons' list of the principal shades is correct, but he omits the stamps on which the coloured band may be found at the top. This occurs on all the values except the 1 piastre, and it appears legitimate to collect these varieties as I have found them genuinely used. I have seen a copy of the 1 piastre, unused, of this printing in a kind of *olive-green*, but this may be only a colour change due to atmospheric or chemical agencies.

A second printing was made in December, 1863, of the 20 paras and 1 piastre on *thick* paper, coloured on upper surface only. There exist several distinct shades of the 1 piastre, and besides shades intermediate to *slate* and *purple*, as given by Gibbons, copies are to be found in a kind of *pale red* called "rose" by Moens, and also of a greenish tinge which Moens terms "vert d'eau." Belonging to this printing, however, there is a very important omission in Stanley Gibbons' catalogue. A most curious error exists, which, as far as I can recall at the present moment, is without a parallel in the stamps of any country, and this consists of the 20 paras with the Thugra and Crescent, and the whole of the design reversed, showing that it must have been printed from a positive design on the stone. Mr. Tapling read a paper before the Philatelic Society of London in 1889 describing this stamp, which he had just acquired, and came to the conclusion that a transfer must have been made from the reversed matrix direct to the lithographic stone, instead of, in the first place, on to transfer paper, as would normally be the case, and as, no doubt, the 99 other impressions of which the sheet is composed were transferred. However, this may be, the first few sheets printed contained this reversed stamp, but it was soon noticed and corrected. We have evidence given in the paper of Tapling's above referred to, that all the sheets containing the error were issued, but that the total number could not have been more than a dozen or so, a fact which accounts for the error remaining unknown to collectors for over 20 years. One of these errors was offered in a London auction some years ago.

The regular stamps of this first issue, probably on account of the unpopularity of the country with collectors, still appear to be fairly plentiful even in mint state.

News-Notes from all Quarters.

Postmark-collectors will note that the "Philatelic Monthly Referee" is beginning a history of the postmarks of London from 1840 to 1901 by "Duplex."

Members of the Philatelic Society, London, at the meeting held on January 31st, voted an expression of condolence with Mr. W. B. Avery on the recent loss of his wife.

Lieutenant-Colonel Du Moulin of the 1st Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, killed in action at Abraham's Kraal on October 20th, was a philatelist very well known in India, and a prominent member of the Indian Philatelic Society.

Mr. José Maria Garrigo, a prominent member of the Chili Philatelic Society, is the hero of the "Stamp Collector's" latest personal article. Mr. Garrigo has a fine lot of Chilians, and to collectors who are daunted by the intricacies of British Colonials he recommends his own country as "a nice, easy and straightforward" series of stamps.

Answer to Correspondent.

J.G.S.—Yes, we have seen several. They are proofs, and rather scarce used.

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A "Sherlock Holmes" Prize Competition is a novelty we have in store for *Fortnightly* readers. Particulars will be given in our next number.

Evidently there is life still in the collection of "Entires," despite the hard knocks this branch of the hobby has sustained. In the Auction Reports of this number will be found the prices realised for a number of interesting post cards sold at Mr. Hadlow's auction of February 17. While there are post cards that will fetch from 10s. to 25s. apiece the believer in "Entires" surely need not despair!

Philatelists' thanks are due to anyone who will enlighten us as to the stamps of little-known and difficult countries. The short paper by Mr. L. W. Fulcher on the stamps of Turkey, quoted in this issue from the "Philatelic Journal of India," is a case in point.

Seldom have we read a more fascinating contribution to the discussion of philatelic ways and means than Mr. Oldfield's "Three Stages of Stamp Collecting," the first portion of which appears in this issue of the *Fortnightly*. We think that every reader will agree with us in this regard and give Mr. Oldfield's paper a careful and sympathetic perusal.

A Word to the Subscriber.

WITH this number we commence a new volume—our eighth. It has been our custom to acquaint Subscribers of the termination of their subscription by means of a yellow "VERY IMPORTANT" slip, and in order to give every reader a fair chance to renew, we have periodically reminded them by means of this notice. The result, on the whole, has been very successful, being the means of prolonging many an old acquaintance.

We have also been asking readers to pay—not necessarily 3/3 only, but to remit, so as to complete a volume.

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This Number will be sent to all the *Fortnightly's* old supporters, as well as the new; and if this fails to wake up the absent-minded ones, we must, with great regret, wipe them off the books, as we—like Lord Rosebery—intend to start with a clean slate. State your reason for discontinuing the S.C.F.

Many new features are being introduced in this Volume, and, with the right kind of support, we hope to make Vol. 8 of the S.C.F. the best volume of the series.

Stamp Collecting as a Hobby.

A PAPER READ BY MR. GEORGE BURROW BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, FEB. 24TH, 1902.

DURING the few minutes in which I shall speak, I shall touch briefly upon the delights and fascinations of our Hobby; leaving its scientific bearing to more able hands than mine.

By the uninitiated, a stamp collector is usually looked upon as a crank; and one of the first water.

We collectors, however, derive much pleasure from its indulgence; and perchance our wits may thereby even be sharpened.

A Philatelist has at his disposal plenty of opportunities for the development of much intellectual knowledge and training, and in what pursuit will he find so interesting a study in contemporary history; or where so graphic an account of what has taken place in the past 60 years?

Chief among the interesting events are:—

The Franco-German War, resulting in the issues of Alsace and Lorraine; followed by the creation of the German Empire, and the absorption into its postal service of all the subsidiary German States, except Bavaria and Wurtemberg.

The transfer of the Ionian Isles to Greece, and of Heligoland to Germany, doing away with the stamps of both.

The loss of the temporal power of the Pope of Rome, followed by the absorption of all the subsidiary States, forming the Kingdom of Italy.

The Carlist rising in Spain with its temperary issues of Don Carlos, and the recent loss of the Spanish Colonies of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, and their requisition by the United States.

The voluntary transfer of Hawaii to the same power and cessation of its stamp issues.

The Revolution in Brazil resulting in the overthrow of its Monarchy and establishment of a Republic.

The sad history of Poland and of Finland.

A united British North America—with the exception of Newfoundland.

The Civil War in America with its wealth of curious and rare stamps.

The continuous revolutions of the South American States are also faithfully chronicled and recorded on either the old stamps by means of a surcharge, or by the issue of a brand new set, got up chiefly for collectors.

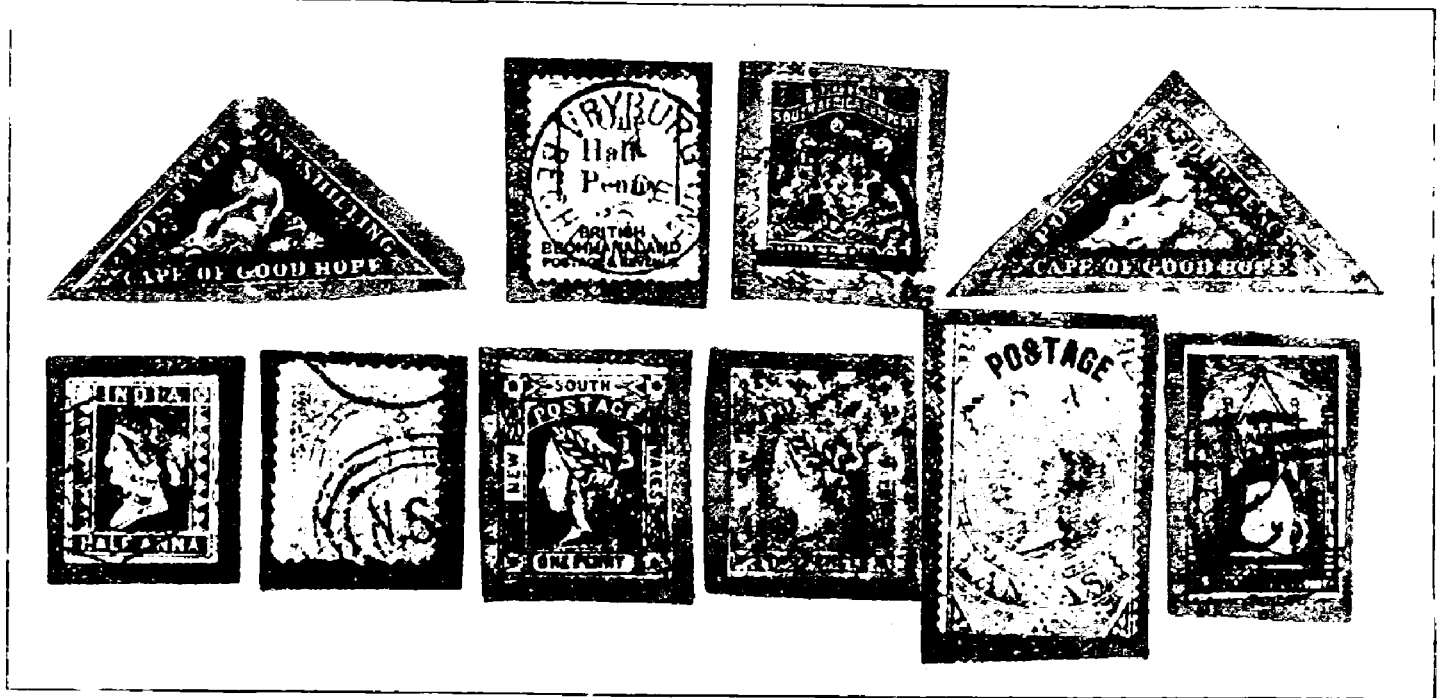
As a last instance I may mention the taking over the Transvaal in 1877; and its unfortunate cession to the Boers in 1878 as is faithfully evidenced by the old issues of that country surcharged V.R.; followed by the beautiful issue of the "Queen's Head"; and at the present time the creation of a united British South Africa and an Australian Commonwealth.

As regards the geography and coinage of the world, who but a Stamp Collector can readily grasp the position of many of the smaller Countries and Islands, or have as keen a grip of the intricacies of the Centimo or Centesimo of Europe, of the Cent in the New World; of the Real, the Rouble and Piastre; the Peso and the Peseto; the Dollar of the United States and Canada, or that of some of the paper monied countries where a Dollar or Peso mean anything from 4s. to 2½d?

All these things tend to make the real collector of stamps one who carefully notes for future use all the little odds and ends of life, which when properly arranged and marshalled will be found even in business life of great help.

I well remember going some years ago to an English Post Office—and not a small or obscure one—to ask a question as to the mail for the Virgin Islands; when the clerk gravely informed me he could give no information, and referred me to another department which also persisted that I must be mistaken, as no such place was known. Did I mean Virginia when I repeated "Virgin Isles" there was almost a suggestion in the official account that I was having a joke at his

A Little Lot of Dangerous Forgeries.



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.



Cayman Islands.—The King Edward stamps so far issued are now to hand, from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:

Adhesives: 2½d. blue.
6d. brown.
1s. orange.

Curacao.—The 25 cents Netherlands, blue and rose, has now been surcharged "25 ct." at top and "Curacao" at foot. Specimen kindly sent by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive: 25c. rose and blue, surcharged.

Dominican Republic.—We reproduce from the "American Journal of Philately" types of the newest adhesive stamps of the Dominican Republic, both the ordinary and the official series. The issue is commemorative of something



or other, and the values and colours are as follows:—

Ordinary Adhesives:

- 1c. dark green and black.
- 2c. scarlet and black.
- 5c. blue and black.
- 10c. orange and black.
- 12c. purple and black.
- 20c. carmine rose and black.
- 50c. bistre brown and black.

Official Stamps:

- 2c. scarlet and black.
- 5c. dark blue and black.
- 10c. yellow green and black.
- 20c. yellow and black.

Great Britain.—Information as to the further issues of King Edward stamps has been slowly filtering out from official sources. The "London Philatelist" has been specially favoured with advance specimens of the 1½d., 3d., and 2s. 6d. stamps, which apart from the change in the head are practically identical with the existing stamps of the same denominations. The 1½d. and 3d. stamps are to appear at the end of March, and the 2s. 6d. some two or three weeks later.

Some considerable time ago the *Fortnightly* stated on semi-official authority, that there would be no £5 King Edward stamps. This was the first journal in the world to give publicity to the fact, which is now officially confirmed by the Controller of Stamps and Stores.

Adhesives. 1½d. purple and green.
3d. " on yellow.
2s. 6d. "

At the last meeting of the Philatelic Society, London, Mr. A. B. Creeke, Jun., showed a specimen of the current one penny, overprinted "R.H. OFFICIAL," for use in the Royal Households. He has also informed the "London Philatelist" of various other official stamps, of which we append a list. All the overprints are in *sans-serif* capitals, and printed in black.

Official Adhesives.

- R.H. OFFICIAL. 1d. carmine.
- I.R. OFFICIAL. ½d. green.
- 1d. carmine.
- 2½d. blue.
- 1s. green and carmine (Queen's Head).

ARMY OFFICIAL.	½d. green. 1d. carmine.
O.W. OFFICIAL.	½d. green (Queen's Head). ½d. " 1d. carmine.
BOARD OF EDUCATION.	½d. green. 1d. carmine. 2½d. blue. 5d. purple and blue (Queen's Head). 1s. green and carmine (Queen's Head).

Of the above official stamps (which, unless otherwise indicated, bear the King's Head), all are issued or ready for issue, except the 2½d. "I.R. Official." We have ourselves received from Messrs. Hyam & Co. a copy of the 1d. stamp with the overprint "Board of Education." Messrs. Hyam have the whole set, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 5d. and 1s., so overprinted, the 5d. and 1s. stamps being Queen's Heads.

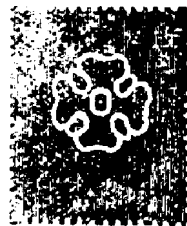
Hong Kong.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us what will doubtless be the last of the "Queen's Heads" from this Colony.

Adhesive : 30 cents brown.

Orange River Colony.—We are getting a little tired of the Orange River Colony. We don't regret its inclusion in the British Empire, but as New Issue chroniclers we are moved to say that this territory gave us far less trouble when it was merely the Orange Free State.

The latest provisional—for the creation of which we cannot see any overwhelming necessity—consists of the 6d. blue V.R.I. with additional surcharge of "4d" in red.

We have received a specimen from the South African Stamp Company who point out that as the surcharge occurs on the raised dot variety this provisional 4d. will necessarily show all the varieties of the second printing! "It appears," our friends add, "that the authorities intend to make use of the old stock in this manner before giving out the new issue."



Sarawak.—The 2 cents green has now appeared with the rose watermark in use for the stamps of Johore, the Soudan, Zanzibar, etc. A specimen of the watermarked stamp is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive : 2c. green, watermarked.

Suriname.—The new oblong ½ cent stamp is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive : ½ cent violet.



Tasmania.—Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle, of Sydney, send us the 2d. pictorial stamp as printed in Melbourne on "V and crown" paper. A six months supply has been printed off, and Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle's information is to the effect that all the other Tasmanian pictorials are to be printed in Melbourne.

As a postscript to their letter Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle write: "We have just heard that the 1d. has also been issued on 'V and crown' paper."

Adhesives : 1d. red, Melbourne print; wmk V. and Crown.
2d. violet, " "

Transvaal.—Mr. G. Killick, of Hont Street, Cape Town draws attention to the fact that the 5s. "V.R.I." exists on both buff and white paper. He has only two copies of the stamp on white paper, one of which is in his own collection. Mr. Killick will be happy to show the white paper variety to any *Fortnightly* reader in Cape Town.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A VERY successful meeting was held on Monday, Feb. 24th, there being present 15 members and one visitor.

During the evening Mr. Burrows read an interesting paper on "Stamp Collecting as a Hobby," the paper being illustrated by specimens of stamps, portraits, &c.

It is intended to hold a Supper on Monday, the 24th March, when the President hopes that many members and their friends will make it convenient to be present.

CALEDONIA EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE "Caledonia" Exchange Packet for December returned from circuit on the 17th February, and all sheets and cash due to members forwarded on the 18th. The February packet is now sent off and is a decided improvement on the two or three previous ones.

Would members please send in good selections for March, so that we may continue to have good packets. Since last report Messrs. Jas. Carter and J. H. Reynolds have joined the Club.

J. JOHNSTON, Secretary, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President - MR. WALTER SCOTT.

THE Monthly Meeting of this Society was held on the 11th ult., at the Society's room. There were present, in addition to the President in the chair, Messrs. W. G. Bowden, T. Edwards, J. L. Everett, W. A. Jutsum, (Hon. Sec. and Treas.), B. W. King, G. E. Petty, E. W. Shackell, J. P., and Alderman Trounce, J. P.

The event for the evening was Mr. E. W. Shackell's paper on the Stamps of Belgium, followed by a display of his own and the members' collections of that country.

The paper dealt very minutely and lucidly with the various issues of adhesives, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Shackell for his excellent paper.

Nearly every member present displayed his collection and much interest was taken in the inspection of the various displays. There were fine copies of nearly every stamp to be seen in varieties of shade and the Secretary showed an uncatalogued variety, the 1 centime of the 1869-80 series without the word "centime" appearing under the numeral. The stamp was examined by strong glasses at the meeting but no word could be seen. The stamp is an unused one and shows the other designs, even the legend in the band encircling the lion rampant at the top. Another member produced a specimen of the 1893-8 issue with Sunday tablet at foot printed on two thicknesses of paper.

An enquiry as to the girder-like cancellation on some stamps elicited two explanations - one that same was a telegraphic obliteration, and the other that the cancellation was one used when a counter clerk obliterated the stamp at his counter. The design does not appear to be in favour with collectors.

At the Meeting on the 11th inst. the paper and display was by Mr. W. A. Jutsum, the Hon. Sec. and Treas., on the Stamps of Denmark and her Colonies, and a report will appear in our next issue.

Official address: 371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC EXCHANGE.

THE November Packet has returned from circuit and all sheets returned to members. The sales were very fair being between 14 and 15 per cent. of the total sent out.

December packet is due back when quarterly statements will be sent out, and balances settled as speedily as possible.

Stamp collecting would be far more popular were it not for the jack-in-the-box-like way lately of dealing with values by dealers. Pity 'tis there is not an authoritative standard to guide collectors as to relative values. There was a catalogue once which was looked upon as reliable, but that has dropped in the general estimation. Collectors do not want a dealer's reference to his stock by which to gauge the worth of a stamp. Doubtless a great honour awaits the clever individual who can frame an independent catalogue.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE November Packet duly returned Feb. 21st and was immediately broken up and accounts paid within 7 days. The sales averaged nearly 20 per cent.—an improvement on past packets. The December, January and February packets are still on circuit. The March packet started its rounds punctually on the 1st, carrying nearly £130 nett. and the sales therefrom should quite come up to the average. Since last report two or three members have been very slow in settling their accounts and when the rules have been enforced complained of the fines. It is as well to be understood, and I hereby give notice, that unless adverse balances due to the Club are paid within the set time rule to will be fully enforced and the defaulting member expelled the Club. I give the limit 7 days and I have not once infringed on that limit in disbursing the Club accounts. Five new members have recently joined us.

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Enquiries as to the Straits of Magellan also resulted in no one knowing where it was situated, nor the rate of postage.

You all know that the first country to adopt and issue "Adhesive Postage Stamps" was Great Britain in 1840; followed in 1843 by Brazil, in 1849 by Bavaria, Belgium and France, in 1850 by Spain, and by several of the German States. 1850 saw also the issue of Victoria—the first of Australia. In 1851 was issued the first stamp of Asia—that for the Scinde District under the administration of Sir Barth Frere—and in 1853 Africa was represented by the beautiful triangular issue of the Cape of Good Hope.

A man must have a hobby of some kind—without it he becomes a very poor specimen of humanity; and what pursuit is so interesting and popular as that of Stamp Collecting or Philately.

Philately broadly means a "Fondness for stamps showing that the Tax or Postage has been paid"; another rendering being "Fondness for Exemption from Taxation."

By some people Stamp Collecting is classed as a Science; it is necessary for the so designated Philatelists to have a good knowledge of chemistry, of colours, and of the manufacture of inks and papers, besides a variety of other information.

I do not deal with this aspect of Philately; but rather with the collection of stamps as a pleasure and hobby, irrespective of a mere desire of gain in following its pursuit.

It is necessary that a successful collector should be the possessor of a good memory to know which stamps to acquire, and which to avoid, and of a keen observation in his search for varieties and errors; as often a misplaced letter or dot will immensely add to its value.

It is also necessary that he should show a method in the arrangement of his collection, together with an appreciation of the beautiful, with scrupulous care and cleanliness in handling his stamps; for nothing detracts more from the interest and value of any collection, than a slovenly, careless and dirty arrangement of same.

A collector should always try and secure the finest specimens, absolutely perfect, even though incurring a greater cost of time and money, rather than be content with inferior copies.

As a beneficial relaxation from the worries and bothers of the ordinary routine of business, I know of no more useful or pleasant change of occupation—one which will bring into active use qualities which may prove of vast importance in our daily life, and one which may be indulged in at a reasonable cost, provided a collector is satisfied to *collect* as a collector, and not as an enthusiast, recognising that in no public or private collection can the whole works of any renowned artist be found.

If a collector is satisfied to pick up his wants, one by one, as opportunities present themselves, he can in time acquire a fair collection at no great cost, which may prove of the greatest pleasure and interest, and at the same time be of sufficient value to return him a good proportion—if not the whole—of the amount expended, and in some cases much more.

At the same time, I do not advocate stamp collecting, as some do, as a first-class financial investment.

Like a great many so-called A 1 investments, described by those interested to be "absolute certainties," Philately may or may not prove a success as an investment—one must take the risk.

My early experience comprises offers of the 1/- Orange Newfoundland at 1/-, which I declined; and having on hand a large quantity of the 5 cents Black Seal, the most I could get for that in exchange was 4/- per 100.

There is a Freemasonry among Stamp Collectors and a fellow collector is always warmly welcomed.

In conclusion, how many of us are aware of the honour conferred upon the memory of their deceased patriots by the N.S. America—whose stamps form a portrait gallery of many of the Presidents, Statesmen and Warriors of that country, and whose memory is thus kept fresh in the minds of the nation in a manner absolutely unequalled by any monument or painting.

Three Stages of Stamp Collecting.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON,
ON JANUARY 31ST, 1902. BY H. R. OLDFIELD.

Reprinted from the "London Philatelist."

FOR several years now the future of Philately has seemed less bright; there have been rocks ahead and around; the current of progress appears to draw the collector towards a lonely track on a limitless ocean. Such a prospect is not alluring, for man is a gregarious animal, and solitude, though pleasant for a time, becomes wearisome if too long continued. Much pleasure is to be derived from congenial companionship; the collecting instinct is stimulated and aroused by discussion and comparison, and the enjoyment of our hobby is increased by healthy rivalry and competition.

In the olden days all collectors had a common interest in the subject of discussion or display, because everyone sought to obtain a general collection of all countries, and consequently the meetings were not only pleasant reunions of fellow-enthusiasts, but each one present was able to take an active part in the proceedings, and not only to add to his individual knowledge some facts or figures which at that moment were practically useful to him in the formation of his collection, but also to throw his ideas and information into the common stock. In this way Philately grew and flourished; its votaries were ardent, happy, and contented; the only rocks ahead were those of the forgeries, upon each of which increasing knowledge was placing a lighthouse, or beacon of warning.

At the present day we are most of us specialists, some of one country or group of countries, some of another, and but very few of the same country or group. For this reason a substantial proportion of the enjoyment and profit of our meetings has been lost; the friendships and the social instincts are as keen as ever, but common interest in the special subject for discussion or display is absent. How can a collector of South American States alone feel and show an absorbing interest in a collection of Austria, or the specialist in Indian Native States exhibit enthusiasm over a display of the Philippine Islands? The general collector who has already realised the practical impossibility of attaining anything like completeness in his collection, and who is thinking of limiting the field of his operations, is depressed rather than stimulated when he inspects the magnificent special collections, such as those of Japan, the United States of America or of Colombia, the Italian States, Switzerland, New South Wales, Victoria, Cape of Good Hope, and Natal, which from time to time have been shown in these rooms or at the various public exhibitions, while the varieties of perforation which have been found and elaborated, notably in Austria, Japan, and South Australia, are a weariness to the flesh.

At the same time the difficulties of navigation and the rocks ahead have multiplied. There are intricate channels of perforation, paper, and dies, currents of Speculation, and whirlpools of "Bloating," which, with reprints and speculative issues, combine to lure the collector into that sea of death and decay, where it is said many ships have been drawn and lost for ever.

What, then, is the remedy?—for I think you will agree that the return of a specialist to a general collection is impossible. No one who has caught the infection of specialising would be satisfied with the single specimen of each value, regardless of shades, paper, perforation, or watermark, which perhaps satisfied him in his early days; and even if he could get over the lack of completeness and the want of symmetry, which would ever be present to his mind, it would still be impossible for him to fill many of the blank spaces in his albums, while the number of stamps required would render the task wearisome and the expense prohibitive.

It will, I think, be admitted on all sides that the man who has once tasted the pleasures of specialising could not return with a contented mind to what is generally known as a general collection.

Of course a *specialist* GENERAL collection, more particularly as specialism is now understood, is a luxury reserved for the millionaire, and such a luxury as would spoil one's taste for ordinary fare.

Is there, then, no remedy, and must we each follow the current of our own fancies solitary and alone? If so, a greater danger than the oft-talked of "rock ahead" threatens our hobby, and the prospect before the votaries of Philately would be gloomy and depressing.

To my mind, however, the evil is, and has been, *inherent* in our hobby, and will work out its own remedy.

My object to-night is to trace the history of the progress of Philately, and to indicate one way in which the danger may be lessened, and a common interest begin once more to permeate our meetings, and also with the hope that other members may join in a discussion upon this important subject, and point out other means of overcoming the dangers which we have all begun to realise.

So far there have been two stages in collecting:—The General Collection; The Specialist Collection.

While there always will be general collectors (and it would be a sorry day for Philately if there were not), the transition from general collecting to specialising is natural, and is indeed an inevitable incident in the progress of Philately. A general collection fails to satisfy the desire for completeness and perfection which every true collector possesses. For the purposes of this paper I take it that the general collector is one who is satisfied with a single specimen of each stamp, who does not consider the niceties of shade, paper, design, type, or perforation, or too much regard the varieties of watermark. It does not matter to him whether his three copies of the first issue of Sardinia are respectively black or intense black, blue or deep blue, violet-rose, rose, or deep rose; he is quite satisfied if he has one copy of each of the three values. His Sydney Views may be on white, yellowish, bluish, wove or laid paper, for aught he cares. And while he may take copies of the two plates of the 1d., and the five plates of the 2d. values, he will not trouble to distinguish between Die I. and Die II. of his St. Lucian stamps. Perforations he practically ignores.

The specialist, on the other hand, devotes a great deal of his time and attention to all these points, and Philatelists have to thank him for much valuable and useful information which has been laboriously obtained and freely given to his brother collectors. This expenditure of time, thought and trouble is all for the good of our hobby, and tends towards progress. Why, then, is it that we now find ourselves, as a body, in the unsatisfactory condition which I have indicated?

The explanation is not difficult to find. The rocks of forgeries, reprints, and speculative issues have been blamed and exposed times without number. Efforts have been made to destroy and undermine the latter, but have not been wholly successful, and now that these speculative issues are being let alone, they will gradually cease to form any serious obstacle to progress. The real dangers, however, which we have almost altogether overlooked, are the currents of Speculation and the whirlpools of Bloating.

Let us trace the history of the matter. A general collector finds the numbers of his stamps increasing by leaps and bounds, but no country is complete. If he has the true collecting instinct, mere numbers will not satisfy; he yearns towards completeness and perfection. He sees, perhaps, some one or more of the well-known specialised collections, with one of two results: either a profound feeling of discouragement seizes him, and he gradually loses interest, or else he looks around for some field which may still remain open to conquest. *Naturally* he fights shy of those countries whose specialised collections he has seen, collections which contain copy after copy of rarities, all of them identical, and representing, perhaps, fabulous sums. "Why, there cannot be any left for me," he says to himself. "I must try elsewhere." And then, when he has selected his country or group of countries, he naturally thinks that to be successful he also must specialise, on the same lines and so he begins to bloat in the common stamps, and in the rarities of his particular fancies.

The inevitable result follows, and in the same way that he

has been frightened off certain countries he himself helps to frighten other collectors from those which he himself has selected. But as I have already said, before long the evil will begin to work its own remedy. The process of collecting in this way tends to raise the price of the stamps against the collector himself, and when he has acquired his bloated collection and used up his available funds, what is he going to do? Some few may have been fortunate enough to hit on the public taste for the time being, and thus be able to dispose of their accumulations at a profit and start again. The majority will be obliged either to rest on their oars, or else to get out, or partially out, at a loss. In neither case, however, is this true collecting; and the bloating specialist not only injures the prospects of our hobby, but also, and fortunately, suffers (as a general rule) in his own pocket. The *real* enthusiastic collector will extricate himself from his difficulties as best he can, and learn a lesson from experience, while the mere speculator will in the end burn his fingers and leave it alone in future.

The unfortunate part of the matter is that an innocent and unwary collector may easily be caught in the outermost circles of the whirlpool without quite knowing what he is doing, and even under the impression that he is sailing on his proper course.

Of course, the accumulation of a considerable number of stamps of the same value and issue is not necessarily bloating, but may be justifiable and proper, provided there is a valid reason for so doing.

In Switzerland, New South Wales, Bolivia, and other countries the accumulation of specimens has enabled the collector to discover and distinguish the various varieties of type upon the plates of the same value, and so to increase our knowledge of the stamps of these countries and our interest in their collection.

There is, however, no reason, sense, or merit in getting together as a "collection" a number of stamps, whether they be common or rare, which are undistinguishable either in shade, paper, perforation, design, or type. Such accumulations are not collections in the proper sense of the word, and should be discouraged both in the interests of Philately and of collectors themselves.

I myself am one of the younger collectors—if not in age, at any rate in the practice of our hobby—and am free to admit that I have made these mistakes. Consequently I am able to speak from experience of the dangers of this second stage of Philately while still looking forward to the brighter future which I think the third stage will introduce. We have seen the advantages and the defects both of the first and of the second stages. If the future implies Progress, then the third stage must retain the good qualities of the two preceding, whilst it minimises their disadvantages.

Community of interest must be regained, increase of knowledge must continue, the lonely tracts must converge, healthy competition must be restored, and once again Philately will exercise its magnetic influence, fresh and enthusiastic adherents will join our ranks, and receive and confer renewed influence and vitality, to our mutual benefit.

The consequences will and must *naturally* ensue. For us it remains to consider whether we of the Philatelic Society, London, will lead the way, and so preserve unimpaired our position and influence as the leading Society, or leave it to others to show the way in which we shall be eventually compelled to follow.

The third stage, then, as I have perhaps forshadowed, will be Limited Specialism. I do not mean that *all* the great specialised collections of the present day will or should be broken up and disposed of. We number in our ranks wealthy and influential members, who can afford to specialise largely and minutely without losing their power of continued expansion, and I trust it will always be our privilege and pride to find among our members the owners of large, scientific, and world-renowned specialised collections, helping, as they will, to preserve our prestige and pre-eminence in the philatelic world. But we also have among us—and long may we continue to do so, for they represent collectively the backbone and life-blood of our Society—other collectors who, though neither wealthy nor perhaps influential, are yet

enthusiastic, painstaking, and capable; and these may be hampered and discouraged, if not actually led astray and lost to our Society and to Philately, by the evil influences and consequences of the second stage.

We cannot all collect on this grand and lordly scale. Most of those who try are confined to a limited field, and when that has been occupied must either remain (1) *in statu quo*; or else (2) descend to what is now deemed second rank by disposing of a portion of their treasures if, though with limited means, they wish to extend their borders; or else (3) abandon altogether the scene of their past triumphs in search of fresh openings, where, if successful, they may reach a similar unsatisfactory altitude. What wonder it that some adopt this third course, though by so acting they do violence to the true collecting instinct; while others—disheartened, dissatisfied, and discontented—leave our ranks for ever?

The true collector, however, when he meets with an obstacle or a difficulty, thinks only how it can be overcome; and the true collector it is who will lead the way to our third stage, and will eventually overcome the disadvantages of that and of other stages which will doubtless be reached in the advance of our hobby.

There, then, are the difficulties and the dangers of the second stage. The problem to be solved is how to specialise and yet to continue to collect without sacrificing the visible and tangible products of past study. The solution, like that of most other problems, is lost sight of because of its simplicity. "Get rid of the idea that numbers are essential to completeness. Avoid bloating and over-elaboration."

I trust no one will think that I am laying down the law and telling other people how they ought to collect. This would not only be presumptuous but foolish, for of course every collector will, and rightly, please himself as to what he collects and how he collects. My object is threefold: First, to indicate what I think the third stage of collecting will be: to give my reasons and to point out the advantages; second, to induce this Society to encourage those who are seeking to introduce this third stage; and, finally, to indicate to others who may have felt the weight of the evils of present-day specialist collecting a way out, and to ask them to join in finding some way which may contribute towards the pleasure and profit of ourselves and of our brother collectors.

Limited Specialism, then, in my opinion, will be the third stage, and I can best explain what I mean by personal illustrations. While bloating, as such, is wholly unjustifiable and detrimental, temporary bloating may (as I have said) in some countries be requisite and necessary. Where the accumulations are essential for the purpose of studying the stamps and determining type, designs, printing paper, shades of perforation, bloating—temporary bloating—is necessary.

Countries may roughly be divided into three classes, but many of them will fall, or partially fall, on the border lines of Classes 1 or 2.

Class A.—Countries which have not yet been studied, and in which temporary bloating is necessary in order satisfactorily to determine various questions in the nature of those just indicated. This class will inevitably grow smaller and smaller, and at the present time most of the countries confined in it must be sought for in South and Central America.

Class B.—Countries which have been studied, and as regards earlier issues are now fully understood, and in which bloating is no longer necessary for purposes of study. For instance, among these may be numbered Great Britain, the U.S.A., and New South Wales.

Class C.—Countries whose stamps can be sufficiently studied without the necessity for accumulating specimens.

The point I wish to make is that bloating, except for such temporary purposes as I have indicated, is harmful both to Philately and to the collector, and should be discouraged at exhibitions and at displays. When carried to excess it wearies the spectators, disheartens the collectors, deprives them of opportunities of securing specimens, raises the price artificially against the bloater and other collectors as well, unsettles the market, and removes the stability of value as to which a prudent man is desirous to be satisfied before he invests.

(To be concluded in our next number).

From the Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,
February 13th and 14th, 1902.

EUROPE.

	£	s.	d.
Great Britain, 1840, 2d. blue without white lines, a horizontal pair*	7	10	0
do. 1841, 2d. blue, a horizontal pair without letters in corners*	2	6	0
do. another pair	2	8	0
do. 1873-80, 8d. brown-lilac*	3	10	0

ASIA.

Afghanistan, 1st issue, 1868, the violet stamp (Gibbons, No. 1)*	2	16	0
do. 1294, ½ and 1 rupee black*	7	10	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 4d. rose, imperf.	10	0	0
Labuan, 1880, 12c. carmine*	1	10	0

AFRICA.

British South Africa, 1891, Provisionals, ½d., 2d., and 4d. on 6d. ultramarine and 8d. on 1s. brown, all*	5	0	0
do. a similar lot, used, on piece	6	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking Besieged complete set	20	0	0
do. do. 1s. on Bechuanaland Protectorate*	2	0	0
Griqualand West, 1874, M.S. surcharge 1d. in red on 4d. blue, used, on entire	1	6	0
Lagos, 1885-87, 10s. lilac-brown* no gum	6	15	0
Natal, 1st issue, 3d. rose	1	2	0
Niger Coast Provisionals, 1d. in red on half 2d. (No. 9)	2	3	0
Do. do. surcharged in capitals ½d. in violet (No. 12)*	2	10	0
Do. do. ½d. in green on 2½d.* (No. 13)	1	4	0
Do. do. another specimen, used	1	4	0
Do. do. ½d. in carmine on 2½d.* (No. 15)	1	15	0
Do. do. ½d. in blue on 2½d.* (No. 15a)	1	14	0
Do. do. ½d. in black on 2½d.* (No. 15b)	4	0	0
Do. do. surcharged in italics ½d. in violet on 2d.* (No. 16)	1	18	0
Do. do. ½d. in green on 2½d.* (No. 20)	2	0	0
Do. do. another copy, rubbed	1	14	0
Do. do. surcharged in fancy capital, ½d. in violet on 2d.* (No. 21)	2	8	0
Do. do. ½d. in blue on 2d.* (No. 22)	4	0	0
Do. do. another specimen, used	4	0	0
Do. do. ½d. in vermilion on 2½d.* (No. 24)	2	0	0
Do. do. ½d. in blue on 2½d.* (No. 25)	2	12	0
Do. do. ½d. in green on 2½d.* (No. 26)	2	4	0
Do. do. surcharged in slanting caps. ½d. in green on 2½d.* (No. 27)	2	8	0
Do. do. another copy	1	18	0
Do. do. "One Shilling" in violet on 2d.* (No. 28)	3	0	0
Do. do. "One Shilling" in vermilion on 2d. (No. 29)	3	12	0
Do. do. 10/- in vermilion on 5d.* creased (No. 32)	8	15	0
Do. do. 1894, provisional, ½d. on 2½d. blue (No. 53)	1	16	0

NORTH AMERICA.

New Brunswick, 1/- violet, used with 3d. red	10	0	0
Newfoundland, 6d. orange	1	1	0
British Honduras, 1891, "6" in black on 10c. mauve, surcharge inverted*	15	10	0
Do. another copy, used on entire, with an inverted "6" in red on 10c.	4	0	0
Do. "6" in red on 10c. mauve with inverted surcharge, a pair*	6	5	0
Do. a single specimen*	3	7	6
Do. another specimen with the inverted "6" appearing as a "9," used on entire, with ordinary specimen	5	5	0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, Feb. 17th.

British Honduras, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 6d. yellow	1	8	0
Mauritius, post paid, 1d. orange, early state, cut close	3	9	0
Natal, perf. 12½, 4d.*	1	2	0
Newfoundland, 2d. orange-vermilion oxidized	1	0	0
Do. 4d. orange-vermilion do.	1	12	0

	£	s.	d.
Oil Rivers, Half Penny in violet on 2d. (Gibbons, No. 12)	1	10	0
Orange Free State, 6d. blue, a block of 4d.*	6	0	0
Do. do. a vertical strip of 3*	4	10	0
Do. do. surcharged V.R.I., 2½d. blue, raised stops, a pair*	5	17	6
St. Vincent, no wmk., 4d. orange*	1	5	0
South Australia, 10d. in black on gd. orange-yellow, compound perms.	1	10	0
Trinidad, "O.S." on 5/-, perf. 12½*	1	11	0
Wurtemberg, 70kr. red-violet*	1	10	0

POSTCARDS.

Ceylon in Caps., 8c. on 2c. (Gibbons, No. 4)*	1	5	0
Do. do. do. do. No. 5*	1	5	0
Do. do. 12c. on 2c. do. No. 6*	1	5	0
Do. do. 10c. on 2c. do. No. 17*	0	8	0
Do. do. 10c. on 2c. do. No. 18*	0	6	0
Do. do. 3c. on 6c. do. No. 26*	0	11	0
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Orange Free State, postcard, surcharged 1d. on ½d.*	0	10	0

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE, February 18th and 19th, 1902.

EUROPE.

France, 1849, 1 franc orange, creased	4	15	0
Gt. Britain, 1847-54, octagonal 10d. brown, die 3*, no gum	3	10	0
Do. do. 1/- green, no gum*	2	15	0
Do. 1883-84, £1 purple-brown, wmk. orbs.,* no gum, perf. missing	4	4	0
Do. "I.R. Official," 1885, 10/- blue, "Accounts" cancellation	2	0	0
Do. do. £1 green	2	0	0
Hungary, 1871, 1.litho., 25kr. violet*	1	0	0
Oldenburg, 1855, ½sgr. black on green, thinned	1	0	0
Do. 1859, 2gr. black on rose* do.	2	2	0
Do. 1861, ½gr. orange-yellow, cut close	1	10	0
Do. do. 2grs. red*	1	12	0
Spain, 1852, 6 reals blue,* no gum	2	15	0
Tuscany, 1853, 9kr. lilac on white,* no gum	5	5	0
Do. 1860, 3lire yellow, poor copy	19	10	0
Wurtemberg, 1873, 70kr. mauve, a pair	2	12	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 4d. rose, rather poor copy	6	5	0
Do. do. 1/9 green, fair	1	18	0
Do. do. 2/- blue	4	15	0
Do. 1861, perf., wmk. star, 8d. brown	3	3	0
Do. do. 2/- blue	1	10	0
India, Service, 1866, 2 annas black-and-purple*	2	4	0

AFRICA.

Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. scarlet, penmarked and torn	3	15	0
Gold Coast, 1891-94, 20/- green and rose*	4	5	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 2d. blue, medium impression	7	5	0
Niger Coast, 1893-94, Half-Penny in blue (fancy caps) on 2d.*	4	17	6
Zululand, 5/- carmine	3	0	0

NORTH AMERICA.

New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve, thinned and cut into	3	3	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 6½d. scarlet*	6	15	0
Do. 1860, 4d. orange	2	3	0
Do. do. 1/- orange	7	15	0
United States, 1855, 90c. blue*, no gum	1	16	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1870, wmk. large Star, rough perms., 4d. rose*, no perms. at left	2	0	0
Tobago, 1880, M.S. Provi., 1d. on half of 6d. orange, on piece	2	6	0
Trinidad, 1852-60, Litho, 1d. blue, early impression	2	18	0
Do. do. another medium	2	8	0
Trinidad, 1859-61, imperf., 6d. green	1	15	0

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales, Sydney View, 1850, 2d. blue, plate 2, without pick or shovel, early impression	4	0	0
New Zealand, 1856, blue paper, 1d. red	2	2	0
Queensland, 1860, imperf., 2d. blue, cut into	2	2	0
Do. do. 6d. green, slightly thinned	3	3	0
Do. 1868-74, 1/- claret*	7	15	0

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Victoria, 1850, 3d. blue*	1	14	0
Do. 1868-81, 5/- blue on yellow	3	5	0
Do. do. 5/- blue and red*	2	0	0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown on red, torn	2	15	0
Do. do. 6d. black-bronze, torn	1	18	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.s Sale, Feb. 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1902.

Barbados, 1/- black, imperf., no gum	1	9	0
Do. Provi., 1d. on half of 5/-, fine	4	15	0
Brazil, slanting figures, 180 on yellowish	1	5	0
Do. do. 300 on greyish	2	2	0
Do. do. 600 fine	4	4	0
British Central Africa, perf. 14, wmk. CC., £1 blue*	3	0	0
British Columbia, imperf., 10c.*	1	14	0
Do. \$1*, mint	2	8	0
British Guiana, First issue, 12c. blue, cut round	5	5	0
Do. do. 4c. black on blue	5	5	0
Do. 1856, 4c. black on magenta, on piece, corners clipped	4	7	6
Do. 1876, 4c., perf. 12½	2	2	0
Do. 1888, \$1, mint	2	2	0
British Honduras, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 1/- grey	1	14	0
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 14, 50c. on 1/- grey (small type)*	2	10	0
British South Africa, first issue, £1 blue*	1	7	0
Buenos Ayres, first issue, 4 pesos vermilion*, good margins	12	0	0
Canada, 7½d., cut close*	3	5	0
Do. 10d. on thick paper*	4	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. scarlet	4	12	6
Do. do. another	3	3	0
Do. do. 4d. blue*, damaged	2	15	0
Do. do. 3d. deep blue, on piece	5	15	0
Do. 1855, 6d. slate-lilac*	1	18	0
Do. do. 1/- dark green*, mint	3	7	6
Do. do. 1/- yellow-green*, part gum	3	0	0
Do. 1863, 1d. carmine, block of 4*, mint	4	4	0
Do. do. 6d. bright mauve*, mint	1	9	0
Do. do. 1/- emerald-green*, mint	4	17	6
Do. 1864-77, Provi., ½d. on 3d., wmk. CC.	2	0	0

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Philately at Home and Abroad

Our "Sherlock Holmes" Competition.

We promised, in our last *Fortnightly*, to give particulars of our projected "Sherlock Holmes" Philatelic Prize Competition, and to explain our use of the name of Conan Doyle's famous detective in this connection.

The art of the detective consists in observing minutiae and making deductions from them. The problem we are going to place before our readers is to inspect the backs of stamps and then tell us what is to be seen on their faces.

We have photographed 18 stamps from various parts of the British Empire, mounted face downwards on a card, the watermarks having been previously pencilled over to make them come out clearly. The photograph will be printed in our next number together with the Rules of the Competition.

The Prizes will be as follows:—First prize, £5 cash; Ladies prize (for the fair sex only), £1 cash; six Consolation prizes of mint unused Colonial stamps of the *face value* of 5s. for each winner.

The offer of a special prize for ladies does not preclude a lady from carrying off the chief award should her solutions be the best sent in. In that event the special £1 prize would be given as a second award to the "next best," whether a lady or a gentleman. But the bestowal of awards must rest entirely with the Editor of *S.C.F.*, whose decision will be final.

Philately on the Lecture Platform.

A good start has been made by Mr. Fred J. Melville in his rôle of Philatelic lecturer. At Exeter Hall on March 11 he gave his "Postage Stamps with Stories," before a large and

appreciative audience. He showed a portrait of Herr Emil Fuchs, gave some details of the Prince of Wales's collection, exhibited lantern pictures of the famous "Post Office" stamps of Mauritius, and told many a story of the romance of Philately.

The S.T.P.A.'s New Secretary.

This official intimation has been sent out from the offices of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, 63 & 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.:—

The Directors beg to inform you that they have nominated Mr. A. Sonn, 7, Whitehall Park Road, Chiswick, as Secretary to the Association. All letters should be addressed to him.

Achilles, of Paris and Patagonia.

ACHILLES, the self-styled King of Patagonia, has just died in Paris. Poor Achilles! He sulked in a tent—or a tenement—in the Gay City because the Patagonians were not always polite to him and wouldn't recognise his Kingship at any price. In Paris the self-exiled monarch secluded himself in a genteel atmosphere of wounded majesty, occasionally unbending to present a Patagonian order to some favoured neighbour. His Lord Great Chamberlain kept a wine shop near by. What a subject for W. S. Gilbert! But there is one thing for which philatelists will tender grateful thanks to his Majesty King Achilles of Patagonia. He never attempted to float an issue of Patagonian stamps!

"A Little Lot of Dangerous Forgeries."

In the last *Fortnightly* we should have returned thanks to Mr. W. Hadlow for the kind loan of the Colonial imitations illustrated on page i. of our Supplement, under the heading, "A Little Lot of Dangerous Forgeries."

As shown in black-and-white illustrations these things seem well nigh flawless, but, happily, the forger is more fallible in such important details as colour and paper.

We wish to keep the *Fortnightly* at the front in the matter of forgery exposure, and shall at all times appreciate correspondence on the subject.

How dare we collect Stamps?

Why is it that philatelists—perhaps the best friends the Post Office could have—are so consistently disliked and discouraged by the British postal authorities. It is one of the minor mysteries of life, and the faint hope of one day solving it is one of the things that reconciles us to what the junior reporter describes as "this sublimary sphere." The

disapproval in which Philately is held by St. Martin's-le-Grand has been exemplified again and again, but it is within the last few months that the "finishing touch" has been applied.

Readers of the *Fortnightly* will remember an article describing how vain were the efforts of the Post Office to prevent repeated "leakages" of the high value postage stamps adhering to used telegraph forms. It is from this source that the philatelic market has drawn its main supplies of 10s., £1, and £5 stamps, and the "heads" of the postal department must have ached "considerable" when articles appeared in various of the morning papers showing that so long as high value postage stamps were used for telegraphic purposes so long would the cancelled labels find their way to the stamp market. It was on those newspaper articles that the *Fortnightly's* remarks were based.

The Government acted promptly. Yes! Governments do act that way sometimes! The ukase went forth that for the future all high value postage stamps used on telegraph forms were to be "blacked out," in the Accounts Branch, by means of a solid dab of printer's ink applied with a printer's roller. The treatment prescribed was on a par with that adopted in Petersburg and at the Sublime Porte when the halfpenny evening papers of Great Britain come to hand containing flippant references to the Russian fleet or the Sultan's seraglio.

All this sort of thing is calculated to make one dreadfully repentant for daring to be a philatelist. If these were the times of Jamie the First, His Mightiness the Czar of St. Martin's-le-Grand would have us all strangled with red tape on Tower Hill—for witchcraft or something.

We have to thank Mr. J. J. Coates for the loan of specimens of the 10s. and £1 stamps treated in this way, but we think it better not to disfigure the pages of the *Fortnightly* with an illustration. Readers will kindly picture to themselves a perforated splotch of black—as black as Lord Londonderry's own coal—and there they will have a perfect rendering of the 10s. or other high-value stamp as it emerges from the Accounts Branch of the G.P.O.

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.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.		Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1860.	Perf. 12.				
	2d. rose	12/6	6/6	12/6	7/
	3d. blue	30/	12/6	25/	15/
	6d. green	25/	15/	21/	12/6
1860-70.	Perf. 11 to 12. On white to yellowish paper.				
	1d. orange	3/	2/3	7/6	5/
	1d. brown-orange	6/	4/	12/6	8/
	2d. rose	4/	3/	2/	1/3
	3d. blue	4/	3/	2/	1/3
	4d. black	6/	4/	3/6	2/6
	4d. brown	4/	3/	6/	4/6
	6d. yellow-green	6/6	4/6	5/	3/6
	9d. red-lilac	1/3	1/	3/	2/3
1872.	Perf. 11 to 12.				
	1c. brown-orange	6/	4/	8/6	6/
	2c. ultramarine	1/3	1/	12/6	8/
	3c. rose	1/9	1/3	7/6	5/6
	4c. green	8/	6/	8/6	6/
	6c. black	4/	3/	7/6	5/
	12c. red-violet	6/	5/	12/6	8/

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE January packet came home on the 15th, and sheets were returned to their owners, and all cash paid out on the 17th.

Sales were not up to the usual percentage. This was to be expected as the sheets sent in were not up to the usual standard. Since last report, Mr. F. E. Rempfy, of Torquay, has joined the Club. There is still room for others. Rules and any other information can be had from JOHN JOHNSTON, Sec., Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

"UNUSED" STAMP EXCHANGE.

FEBRUARY packet was duly despatched on the 15th. It contained 13 sheets of useful stamps; value £73 8s. 3½d.

Several fresh members admitted, still there is room for more. References are indispensable.

Secretary, H. BEAN, 140, Loughborough Park, Brixton, S.W.

BLACKPOOL STAMP EXCHANGE.

THIS new Exchange is limited to 21 members.

The Hon. Secretary is Mr. W. Warburton, of Waterloo Road, Blackpool. Philatelists desiring to join are required to furnish two references. The subscription is 1s. per annum, and one of the rules reads: "Every member must send in a selection, and see packet monthly. Those omitting to send cannot see the packet."

FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting on March 6th, Messrs. J. J. Coates, C. H. Crosse, H. Kuhlcr, R. Kronmann, O. Marsh, T. P. Stokoe and J. Verzijl, were duly elected members.

Donations to the library, by Mr. Schwabacher

of Roussins Catalogue, and Mr. Morley of several of his publications were received with thanks.

Members may have the loan of books or the M.S.S. catalogue on application to the librarian and payment of postages.

Satisfactory work was done in the discussion and cataloguing of the Colonial revenues from Antigua to British Guiana, several additions being listed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate St. Without, E.C., when the fiscals of Br. Guiana (provisionals), Br. Honduras, Br. N. Borneo, and Canada, will be taken.

Members are expected to bring their collections or send full notes of any unlisted varieties in these countries.

His Honour Judge Philbrick, k.c., has kindly accepted the Honorary Membership of the Society.

Rules and any other information can be had from the Hon. Sec., A. B. KAY, 35, Bessborough Street, London, S.W.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

FEBRUARY 6TH.—Miss E. A. Barron, Messrs. B. Tilley, V. Smith, M. R. Lyndon White, C. Pappangelis, W. Katzaraky were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were ordered to be entered on the minutes to Messrs. C. Wells and J. A. Margoschis for valuable contributions to the Permanent Collection and to Messrs. H. L. Hayman, G. F. Jackson and J. Dixon for equally valuable ones to the Library.

Mr. S. Johnson then gave "some notes on the surface printed stamps of Great Britain" and Mr. W. S. Vaughton afterwards displayed his fine collection of Ceylon.

Hon. Sec. & Treas., Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE meeting held on February 18th, was devoted to a display of the stamps of Spain and Colonies, collections being shown by Messrs. E. Egly, W. Denison, Roebuck, J. H. Thackrah, W. A. Jefferson, and J. W. Duffield.

At the meeting held on March 4th, Mr. John H. Thackrah contributed an interesting paper entitled "Stray Notes on Stamp Collecting," presenting in an attractive manner many curious facts about stamps and their collection.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At a meeting held on March 5th, there was an interesting discussion as to general collecting as compared with specialism. At the meeting of March 19th, Mr. J. F. Peace read a very interesting paper on "The Stamps of France." He described in detail the various issues from 1849 to the present time, illustrating his remarks by means of his collection, which was almost complete. There was a good muster of members to listen to Mr. Peace's paper, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. The meeting was then adjourned until April 9th, when it was decided to hold an exhibition of stamps of South America.

MANCHESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the Meeting held on February 28th (Mr. W. Dorning Beckton in the chair), Mr. C. H. Coote read a paper on the five-bani blue, Roumania, error of colour. Mr. W. W. Munn gave some notes on the twopenny blue Queensland, 1882-83, Die I, and the 1887-89, Die II. Mr. J. C. North exhibited an interesting series of unchronicled postcards.—From the "Manchester City News."

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.

Bussahir.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., send us an addition to the list of this Native State. The new comer is a quarter-anna label in red-brown, with a violet rubber-stamped monogram, "P.S." The design is in the usual Bussahir manner, with an impossible tiger in the central circle.



Danish West Indies.—The American papers would have us believe that the sale of this archipelago to Uncle Sam is practically an accomplished fact, but it would not seem so in the face of the issue of an entirely new series of "Porto Marke" stamps of the annexed design, chronicled in our German contemporary. "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung."

Greece.—A new set of Unpaid Letter stamps has made its appearance, specimens of which are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. A large numeral of value is the chief feature of the design. Colours and denominations as follows:

Unpaid Letter Stamps:—

1 lepton brown.	30 lepta purple.
2 lepta grey.	40 " brown.
3 " orange.	50 " maone.
5 " green.	1 drachma black.
10 " carmine.	2 " bronze.
20 " lake.	3 " silver.
25 " blue.	5 " gold.

India.—A writer in "The Scotsman" hears that it will be many months before any of the new stamps with the Emperor's head will be issued to the public, as the stock in hand of the current stamps is considerable, and until it is nearly exhausted the others will not be circulated, though envelopes and postcards embossed with the Emperor's head will probably be used at once.

Roumania.—The 15 bani in the new grey colour is now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., who also send us the 1 bani of the current set *unwatermarked*.

*Adhesives:—*15 bani grey.
1 bani brown, *unwatermarked*.

South Australia.—A correspondent of "Poole's Monthly Philatelist" has shown a specimen of the 1d. green, 1893, with the name of the colony distinctly printed "Ajstralia."

Mr. George Blockey writes as follows to account for the appearance of the 5d., perf. 15, with "O.S." surcharge, commented upon in a recent *Fortnightly*:—

In 1893-95, a supply of the 3d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 5d., which would all be perf. 15, were surcharged for official use, and were put away into stock, awaiting requisitions from the various departments. There was all the time a large stock (considering the infrequent use of this value) of the surcharged 5d. on 6d., brown, in hand which was evidently overlooked by the stamp printer, consequently they were not issued. This is borne out by the fact that the latter were still being used well into the year 1900, and by some departments to this day. There was a further printing of the surcharge of the 5d., brown-purple, in 1899. These would, of course, be perf. 13, and not being in immediate demand were put away into stock, the sheets being placed on top of the previous printing, perf. 15. This would account for the former being used before the latter. There being such a small demand for the 5d. "O.S." stamp, neither printing would be large, and consequently both are scarce.

Spain.—The 15 cents of the current set has now made its appearance in a new colour, lilac. We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for a specimen.

*Adhesive:—*15c. lilac.

Tunis.—We think we have not yet chronicled two new arrivals from this French dependency, specimens of which have been received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:—

*Adhesives:—*35c. brown.
2fr. lilac.

United States.—A complete new issue is now in preparation, and there is official authority for the statement that an entirely new value will be created—a stamp of 13 cents. This new denomination (says the "Weekly Philatelic Era") will bear the head of a former Republican President, the late Benjamin Harrison. This seems almost incredible, after all the talk about a McKinley stamp. One other change is to be made: Commodore Perry, whose head has appeared on U.S.A. stamps ever since the 1870 issue, is to be dethroned in favour of Admiral Farragut.

Sir Henry Bessemer's "Invention."

HOW THE GOVERNMENT SECURED A VALUABLE IDEA FOR NOTHING.

THERE is an interesting sequel to our recent paragraph on Sir Henry Bessemer in the "St. James' Gazette," of February 18, a clipping from which is kindly sent us by Mr. R. Halliday.

To that newspaper Mr. H. Ernest Garle writes as follows under date February 14:—

Your contributor of "Obiter Scripta" this evening, when speaking of the obliteration of stamps, errs in some respects when mentioning that Sir Henry Bessemer invented a machine for the obliteration of stamps, as I shall presently show.

As a grand-nephew of Sir Henry, and one who has more than once heard the old gentleman tell the story, I may, perhaps, as it is interesting, be permitted to give the facts. No doubt many of your readers are aware that the impressed stamps usually put upon legal and other documents retain the impression permanently when impressed upon paper but not upon parchment, and that in these circumstances the stamping authorities affix a small square of paper to the parchment by means of a metal clip which has an adhesive label gummed on the other side, the stamp being then pressed upon the whole. This method left the door open for unscrupulous persons to remove the square of paper with the stamp upon it from valueless deeds and affix it to a deed requiring stamping.

Sir Henry Bessemer, then a young and struggling man, conceived the idea of perforating the parchment with the amount of duty enshrined in some suitable device, in much the same way that some people perforate the value of their cheques nowadays.

He submitted his idea to the Director of Stamps (Lord Althorpe, I think it was), and not only was it accepted, but because of the special machinery that the new system entailed he was appointed to superintend operations at a substantial salary.

In high glee he carried the news to the young lady to whom he was engaged to be married. "Why!" said she, "if only the stamps were dated and a law passed that all documents had to be stamped within a certain time after the date of their signing, the Government would not have to get the new machinery."

Sir Henry worked out the mechanical details upon the dies and submitted the new idea to the stamping authorities. "What a brilliant idea!" said they. "Of course we shouldn't want new machinery, and—er—er—of course we—er—shan't want you, Mr. Bessemer."

This is the true story of Sir Henry Bessemer's "gift" of a fortune. I leave it to others to judge of the morality of the State's action; for my part I think the universe has been a gainer, although I doubt whether at the time Lord Althorpe had this in contemplation.

The foregoing shows where your contributor is in error. First, in ascribing the obliterating machines to adhesive whereas it had relation to impressed stamps; secondly, in saying that Sir Henry Bessemer gave away a fortune; and last (and this error is quite excusable) in attributing the invention to Sir Henry Bessemer instead of to the lady who afterwards became his wife.

The story serves to accentuate the melancholy axiom:—
"There is no copyright in ideas."

Owing to increased calls upon his time, Mr. Nelson T. Hillier is relinquishing the Secretaryship of the South of England Stamp Exchange. His successor as Secretary will be Miss Florence E. Smith, of "Winfrith." The Crescent, Bedford, who is already well-known as Secretary of the Beginners' Exchange Club.

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On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

THE "McKinley" postal card promised by Uncle Sam some time ago has not yet turned up. I have been looking for this by every mail, as it was promised definitely, I believe, for February 1st. Presumably Mr. Daggett, the Government contractor, will be having a warm time of it at the hands of the officials. I am told the Post Office Department has issued an order calling in the unpopular 2 cents green letter sheet issued in 1886, which are now to be destroyed. For many years it has been almost impossible to get these letter sheets, as most country and town postmasters returned their stocks to the redemption department years ago, as unsaleable. And certainly it was a wretched, ill-planned device, and fully deserved its fate. But I have often wondered the United States Post Office never had a letter card. Possibly the explanation is that as the public would not pay (as we simple English do) a high price for the card, the issue would only be a matter of extra expense, without any compensating increase in revenue.

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The opportunity created by the issue of the King Edward envelopes has been taken advantage of by many collectors for the purpose of collecting the die numbers, and I read in "E.W.S.N.", which is always an authority on such matters, that the following numbers are now known:—

½d. 8, 9, 10, 12.

1d. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13.

The collection of die numbers of envelope stamps, however, is a matter that does not appeal to us all. Collectors of adhesives often take them in, in a cut square condition, and for collectors of entires it is a good plan to have a page or two set aside for a cut square die series in addition to the copy of the entire.

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Several trifling imperfections can be found on the new post cards of Great Britain, in the shape of marks of colour across the white lines of design. I have examined a very large number of all varieties, but have been unable to trace these slight variations to any legitimate conclusion, and am therefore of the opinion that such as they are, they are due to specks of dust or unevenness of impression. There is however one little mark which I find very frequent on the halfpenny card, and it is on the inner line of inner frame, just about parallel with the space between the P and O of postage at the right. It is quite common amongst the ½d. court cards.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Chili.—A new card appeared last December which however is only recently in circulation, of the value of 2 centavos ultramarine on pale blue card. It is identical with the postal union card of 1894 in regard to inscriptions but bears the 1901 stamp. It is the work of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd, the American Bank Note Co. being "out of it" this time.

Danish West Indies.—The "M.C." states that owing to an alteration in the postal tariff some provisionals have been issued. The 3c. and 3 + 3c. cards have been surcharged "1 cent 1901."

France.—The new design of stamp is gradually being applied to all the postal stationery. The 5c. envelope comes in 178 × 72 mm size, and also small visiting card size. The 15c. envelope is in 120 × 96 mm. and 146 × 112 mm. sizes.

Hungary.—The internal postal rate for cards having been raised from 4 to 5 filler, some single and reply cards of that value have been issued, supplanting the 4 filler value. The cards are in other respects as before.

Malay States.—According to the "London Philatelist." the cards formerly issued by Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor (Sungei Ujong never had any) have been superseded by a new set inscribed "Federated Malay States."

The values are 1c. green on pale buff and reply, and 3c. rose red on pale buff and reply.

Peru.—The "M.C." quotes a "report" that 50,000 each of the 3 and 4 centavo cards have been surcharged for use as 1 and 2 centavo cards respectively. "L'Essor" records the 4c. card of 1889 with the inscription CUATRO CENTAVOS in larger capitals.

Roumania.—The same contemporary says the stamp of the 1 Bani wrapper is now inscribed 1 BAN, instead of 1 Bani.

Stamp Hunting in Westralia.

BY "WALLABY."

THE stamps of the old Swan River Settlements have always had a great attraction for me, so that it was a pleasant experience buying my first West Australians in their native country.

I landed from one of the eastward bound P. & O. steamers, at Albany, and my first business after clearing the Customs was to call at the Post Office to see if there were any letters for me from up country friends, there were, and after making the necessary arrangements to go up into the Bush, by the mail train, I strolled back to the P.O. and laid in a stock of unused.

I went up country some 70 odd miles, and two days later drove over to the Railway Station to fetch the letters. My mail consisted of several English letters that had travelled on the boat with me from Port Said, also a lot of surcharged Ceylons, that I had picked up in Colombo, and addressed to myself in W.A. About a week later I had to go down to Albany on business, and while registering some letters at the P.O. was asked if I was Mr. —, of Cranbrook, if so, would I give him (the P.O. clerk) "those Ceylon stamps that had been forwarded on to Cranbrook a week back!" Needless to say I didn't part. Where won't you find philatelists?

The 2d. grey, being almost indistinguishable from the ½d. green at night time, the colour of the 2d. was changed to yellow, on the new watermarked paper. At first glance this seems an unnecessary change, but constantly I have seen letters with ½d. stamps instead of 2d. ones affixed, and as 2d. is the internal and inter-Colonial postal charge for ½oz. letters, the consignees had frequently 3d. to pay.

These new stamps were issued in a very jerky fashion; only a few sheets were sent to the country post offices before they were stopped, to allow the stock of greys to get cleared out, consequently the idea got abroad that the 2d. yellow was purely a provisional issue and this stamp, mint, had a ready sale in N.S.W. at 6d.

The postal charge for post cards from W.A. to England is 1½d., formerly it was 3d. but when the letter rates were reduced to 2½d. the 3d. green post card was surcharged 1½d. in purple with a rubber hand stamp. These cards were still on sale a couple of years ago at some post offices, and I picked up a supply at Freemantle. Scott catalogued this card at 25c. a price that gave me good returns on my exchange lists with my American correspondents.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting many philatelists in Westralia, but I had the chance of examining one or two big lots of Colonial stamps. One young lady had saved all the stamps that she could beg, borrow, or steal for the last ten years and had amassed nearly 10,000 mostly West and South Australians. I went through the lot carefully but beyond a lot of postally used fiscals and a few high values there was, with one single exception nothing worth having. The exception proved to be a pair of lightly postmarked surcharged 2d. on 3d. lilac, used on a piece of an official envelope, and formed as pretty a pair as heart could wish.

The stamps of W.A. with a coloured overprint are frequently not bank stamps as many collectors suppose, but stamps that have been on registered letters. In the Albany, and several other post offices, they use a special oval stamp for postmarking registers and as the ink is generally of lilac colour, it makes the stamps look as if they had done fiscal duty.

"WALLABY."

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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The Passing of "Stamps."

The following notice appears in the current number of our monthly contemporary, "Stamps":—

This issue of "STAMPS" is the last that will appear.

The proprietors of the paper have, for some time past, found it a matter of increasing difficulty to give the journal the attention it demanded and deserved. And now, very reluctantly, they have to abandon its publication. "STAMPS," from very modest beginnings, has become a philatelic journal of recognised merit and undoubted influence in the stamp-collecting world; but its progress—welcome as that progress has been—has necessarily brought with it increased work and greater responsibility. Other calls upon the time and energy of the proprietors compel them to part with the copyright, and as the result of negotiations with Mr. Percy C. Bishop, Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, it has been decided to incorporate our journal with that very successful and justly popular philatelic newspaper.

It is no pleasant task to write these words, to know that the long and helpful association between proprietors and readers must now cease; but at least it may be claimed that this valedictory address is no confession of failure. "STAMPS" has made its name and its fame, and but for the circumstances already mentioned, the proprietors would not dream of parting with the paper.

As it is, Mr. F. L. Heygate and his partners in the proprietorship of "STAMPS," Messrs. Guilford & Hart, Ltd., in bidding farewell to the readers of "STAMPS," desire to thank them most heartily for their support and sympathy in the past and to beg that the same goodwill may be extended to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, with which journal "STAMPS" will be amalgamated forthwith.

All the unexpired subscriptions to "STAMPS" will be "filled" by the *Fortnightly*, commencing with the issue of the latter journal dated April 12th, wherein will appear a special notice on the subject.

Pending the publication of full details in the next *Fortnightly* the above article may be left to tell its own story. It is necessary only to add that the acquisition of the copyright of "Stamps" will greatly enlarge our circle of readers and in other ways will help us greatly in carrying on our campaign as a collectors' journal written by collectors for collectors.

Quite a Forgery Number is this issue of the *Fortnightly*, containing as it does a long article on Venturini, the Italian imitator, Mr. Charles Nissen's disclosures regarding the faking of British Stamps on blenté paper, and other items regarding Philatelic fakery.

Henceforth it is our intention always to place "New Issues and Varieties" on Page 1 of the *Fortnightly's* Supplement, and this, we think is an arrangement that will commend itself to our readers. Philatelists wishing to keep regular track of new emissions need simply gather our Supplements together, and they will form a sequential record of the "entrances and exits" of Philately. In this and other departments we are making strenuous efforts still further to improve the *Fortnightly*. We have to thank the many readers who have recently written us, for their kind and cheering letters.

A Forger's Stock-in-Trade.

THE PHILATELIC "TREASURES" OF HENRI BAUCHE, *alias* ADRIEN CHAMPION.—THE TRIAL OF CHAMPION FOR FRAUDULENT BANKRUPTCY AT GENEVA.

MONS. J. JAQUIER, Editor of the "Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung," gives a most interesting description of the stock of forged stamps carried by the notorious Henri Bauche, *alias* Jules Rapin, *alias* Adrien Champion—"the Champion of Philoutelie." The "collection" of Henri Bauche, as seen by Mons. Jaquier, was housed in three Yvert and Tellier albums, one well filled, the others nearly empty, about a hundred approval books and three or four Duplicate books for "rarities." There are about 10,000 genuine stamps worth perhaps 1d. each, and a small book of old Swiss, containing 50 double Genevas, 50 half Genevas, 150 small eagles and a few green on white stamps, 50 Vaud 4c., 50 5c., and an equal number of Neuchatel and Wintherthurs, also 40 Zurich 6r., but no 4r. nor even a Basle. Presumably Venturini has not yet perfected these!

There is no question (writes Mons. Jaquier) that these forgeries are very fine, if one can so describe something so undesirable. The designs are almost perfect, only the slightest variations appearing here and there. The paper is less good, especially for the Zurich. One Geneva obliteration is so good that one would pass the stamp as genuine on the strength of it.

The booklet containing these Swiss imitations was of course not intended to show to customers, as such an accumulation of rarities would be liable to awaken suspicion. Some of these stamps were included in the small approval books among more ordinary stamps. There were also several of the framed cross issue—of course faked.

One of the duplicate books was equally attractive. A striking item was about 15 of the tête bêche varieties of France, 1849; also a nice lot of the same on and off the original, from the 20c to the 1 franc vermillion, not forgetting the 20c. blue. These forgeries are made in sheets of ten stamps which gives five tête bêche pairs. These imitations are very dangerous especially the 15c. green, and have probably been in circulation for a long time.

As to the 1, 2 and 5fr. French Unpaid, which were described in the "Revue Philatelique Francaise," in 1896, it would appear they are still being sold, and as a matter of fact, they are really very well got up, even better than those of 1849. They have also the advantage from the forger's point of view of being producible in many varieties. For instance, they can be printed in black or in red-brown, the 1fr. in rose; they can be perforated for France, thus giving seven varieties. The three values, printed in red-brown and the 1fr. rose, imperf., give four Colonial varieties. Taking these stamps and surcharging them Diego Suarez, Martinique, Obock, St. Pierre and Miquelon, and Tahiti, will give another 14 varieties. Result, 25 different forgeries from three blocks. We found over 200 of these in the Bauche.

I believe the stamps of the 1849 issue are made by the same parties as the above mentioned unpaid and probably the old unpaid 10c. black, 40c. blue, and 60c. yellow, come from the same source. These latter are very well done but the paper is too white.

There were also a large number of other forgeries, including some very finely engraved triangular Capes, a number of finely cleaned Tasmanian, also Uruguay Officials, and many others.

On the whole, though some of these were not to be called dangerous, the general get up of these forgeries was remarkably good, and, indeed, rather alarming to philatelists. Evidently many sales had been effected by Bauche, and his trade must have been a profitable one for him to have been willing to abandon the amount he paid for bail (£200) when arrested by the London Police.

It was as an expert valuer of stamps that Mons. Jaquier was called upon to inspect Henri Bauche's stock, for Bauche, or, to give him his true name, Champion has been involved in bankruptcy proceedings in Switzerland.

Just as we go to press a succeeding issue of Mons. Jaquier's journal reaches us giving a report of Henri Bauche's trial before the Correctional Tribunal of Geneva. In the next *Fortnightly* we shall give our readers an idea of what took place.

For the present suffice it to say that "Henri Bauche" was sentenced to nine months imprisonment, but, owing to a peculiar condition of the Swiss law, was at once set at liberty.

Venturini, King of the Forgers.

THE "FORTNIGHTLY'S" ATTEMPT TO BRING THE PESTS OF PHILATELY TO JUSTICE.—AN INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.
CHEMICALLY BLUED £5 STAMPS DENOUNCED BY MR. CHARLES NISSEN.

THE state of affairs which makes it possible for men like Venturini, the notorious Italian "stamp repairer," to hawk their forgeries through the post is a crying scandal. The *Fortnightly* has made an attempt to bring home to the authorities the urgent necessity for action, and in this we have been assisted by many zealous philatelists.

A reader of the *Fortnightly* has conducted a long correspondence with this man Venturini, whom we have dubbed the King of the Forgers because there is little doubt that his operations have been on a larger scale than those of many of his confrères in this undesirable "industry." Some pickings from this interesting correspondence—conducted in French—will be of interest to our readers. Venturini, essentially a polite man in his letter-writing, is always profuse in his protestations of devotion to the interests and requirements of his "client." A first purchase of his worthless wares—a purchase undertaken on behalf of the *Fortnightly*—produces an obsequious acknowledgment and an offer of further "sendings."

Here is Venturini's price list—or, rather, one of his price lists:—

PRIX DES IMITATIONS DES TIMBRES-POSTE.	s	d.
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.. .. . 5	2	0
.. Wintherthur, 2½ rap.	2	6
.. Neuchatel, 5 cents	2	0
.. Zurich, 6 rp.	1	6
France, Colonies Taxe, 1, 2, 5 frs. noir la serie	6	0
.. les memes deutelés	6	0
France, Colonies Taxe, 1, 2, 5 frs brun la serie	5	0
.. les memes deutelés	5	0
Maroc, 1 peseta sur 1fr. taxe France	1	6
Diego Suarez, sur 1fr. taxe Colonies	1	6
Obock, taxe, 1, 2, fr. brun serie	6	0
Tahiti, 2, 5 fr. taxes. brun serie	6	0
France, Taxes, 60 cent bistre	1	6
.. .. . 40 .. blue	2	0
Badan, 18 kreuzer	3	0
Monaco, 1 centime, 40c.	1	0
.. .. . 5fr.	1	6
.. .. . 1fr.	3	0
.. .. . 5frs.	5	0
Espagne, 1865, 4 cuartos	3	0
.. 12 cuartos centre reuverjé	5	0
.. le meme deutelé	5	0
.. 1865, 19 cuartos	3	0
.. le meme deutelé	5	0
.. 1891, 5 reales	2	0
.. .. . 10 reales	3	0
Tuscany, 1891, 1 soldo	3	0
.. .. . 2 soldo	5	0
.. .. . 60 crazie	6	0
.. 1860, 3 lire	10	0

Attached to the list is a polite suggestion that, "in ordering, one should indicate, if one desires the stamps *used or unused with gum*." It makes very little difference to Venturini how you have them. "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

The King of the Forgers is a bird of passage. He moves here, there, and everywhere, presumably in the pursuit of his business. But Florence is his headquarters and his home. When away from Florence he entrusts his affairs to a go-between, who is regularly advised as to his chief's movements. For instance, in June last, Venturini writes:

I beg you to reply per return of post regarding my sending of imitations as I have to make a journey in a few days.

In the same letter he offers to clear out "the whole stock" of imitations of Spanish Colonies (Cuba, Porto Rico, Fernando Poo, and Philippines) at a much reduced figure—50 sets of each Colony, or 200 sets in all, for 2s. the set.

Writing from Barberino di Mugello, Venturini prefixes a "Sir to our reader's name, as if he had attained the honour of Knighthood, and in his letter begs to be allowed to correspond in French or Italian, assures our reader that his imitations are in every respect quite as good as the genuine thing, and in conclusion notifies "a change of domicile." (If the *Fortnightly's* representations are of any avail Venturini will shortly undergo "a change of domicile" that will not be good for his health).

It is needless to recite the contents of all the letters in our possession, but one masterly effort of hypocrisy in a letter dated November last is too good to be missed. Venturini is pressing our reader in this letter to purchase certain large lots of imitations of Portuguese Colonies, Tuscany, etc., and as a conclusion to his letter he writes:—

I beg of you, dear sir, to sell my imitations as imitations, and not as genuine ("et pas pour bons") because I know that many times my imitations have been sold for originals, *a thing which grieves me very much*, and which almost decides me to supply my imitations with the surcharge "fac simile." Do you think that would be better?

Now as the result of his correspondence with this slimy Italian person, our reader paid over a matter of £9 and secured in return an array of "rarities," which if only they were genuine, would drive many a member of the Philatelic Society green with envy.

The stamps were purchased *for us*—to assist us in our crusade against these pests of Philately who are tolerated, if not protected, by the pusillanimous police authorities of Italy and other nations.

Having our case as we thought, complete, we laid all the facts before the Board of Inland Revenue, taking care to point out that Venturini's "creations" included forgeries of British stamps. The nett result of our action, up to date, is the following sequence of letters. They are characteristic of the Board of Inland, and we leave them to speak for themselves.

INLAND REVENUE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.,
24th February, 1902.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. N. CRAFER,
Secretary.

INLAND REVENUE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.,
18th February, 1902.

GENTLEMEN,

The Board of Inland Revenue direct me to acquaint you that they understand, from information which you have supplied, that there is in your possession a stock of certain fictitious Belgian and other postage stamps which you are understood to have purchased on the understanding that they were imitations.

The Board are in the circumstances quite prepared to accept your explanation as representing the facts of the case, but, having regard to the illegal character of all transactions in fictitious postage stamps, I am to request that you will give up the whole stock of these stamps, of which the Board have before them the list furnished by you, to the Comptroller of Stamps and Stores at this Office.

I am to express the Board's thanks for your action in bringing the matter to the notice of the Postal Authorities.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. N. CRAFER,
Secretary.

INLAND REVENUE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.,
4th March, 1902.

GENTLEMEN,

I have submitted to the Board of Inland Revenue your letter of the 22nd ultimo with regard to the fictitious postage stamps in your possession.

The Board gather therefrom that you demur to surrendering these stamps, as requested in my previous letter, on the ground that they are not your property.

With reference thereto, I am directed to point out that section 7 of the Post Office Protections Act, 1884 (47 & 48 Vic. c. 76) is express to the effect that—a person shall not have in his possession—unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp; and that any stamp, die, instrument, or materials, found in the possession of any person in contravention of this section may be seized and shall be forfeited (N.B. "fictitious stamp" includes a stamp denoting a rate of postage of a foreign country). It would appear further from the case of *Dickens v. Gill* (1896) 2. Q.B. 310, that the retaining possession of such a fictitious stamp, after notice of the forgery is sufficient to constitute an offence, even if, when first obtained, the stamp was thought to be genuine.

Having regard to all the circumstances of the present case, the Board do not propose to take any further steps in the direction of requiring them to be surrendered, but they think it right to lay before you the above exposition of the legal aspect of the case in view of the possibility of their being pressed to exercise their legal powers in the matter.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. N. CRAFER,

Secretary.

BRITISH £5 STAMPS WITH FAKED BLEUTÉ.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A GUARANTEE BY THE LONDON SOCIETY'S EXPERT COMMITTEE?

We must compliment Mr. Charles Nissen on another signal service to Philately by exposing the latest fraud adopted in connection with British stamps. For some time past "some person or persons unknown" have been turning a dishonest penny by putting on the market British stamps of various values with a faked bleuté, obtained by means of a chemical dyeing.

It is in connection with a fraud of this sort on a £5 stamp that Mr. Nissen has put us in possession of the following facts.

Not long since a well known dealer—a dealer of high reputation and unquestionable character—sold a certain gentleman what purported to be a copy of the £5 stamp on blued paper. And it was on blued paper, but unhappily the blueing had been done by private hands instead of by Government. The purchaser, being a frequent caller at Messrs. C. Nissen & Co.'s offices in Holborn, happened to show him, Mr. Nissen, the stamp, only to hear it promptly denounced as a faked bleuté. Accordingly the stamp was taken back to the seller, who was not able positively to guarantee it. The purchaser thereupon suggested it should be sent to the London Philatelic Society's Expert Committee, and left it with the dealer for that purpose. A few days later it happened that Mr. E. D. Bacon called upon the dealer who had sold the stamp. The opportunity was seized to submit the specimen to him, Mr. Bacon, who is deservedly regarded as a high authority on such matters, at once declared it genuine. These facts being duly reported to Mr. Nissen he sent the following letter to the purchaser of the stamp:—

Herewith your Great Britain £5 stamp. We still adhere to our original opinion that the stamp has been chemically dyed, and we are supported by numerous English specialists. . . . We suggest that you inform the seller of the circumstances. We might mention that recently we have been offered two 5s. Great Britain that have been tampered with in a similar way, the blue being exactly the same shade. The £5 stamps were never printed in bright vermilion on the blued paper. All the blued paper copies were in dull orange-vermilion and orange-vermilion.

This suggestion was adopted; the stamp was submitted to the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Society. After keeping it about a month the Committee returned the stamp with a clean bill of health, and its guarantee was signed by Mr. E. D. Bacon.

And yet the bleuté is faked, declares Mr. Nissen; and he is supported in his contention by many well-know specialists

of English stamps. For example, Mr. J. B. Neyroud writes Mr. Nissen as follows:—

The paper and shade of the £5 stamp submitted are those of the last issue—the bright vermilion. The paper has been very slightly blued by a chemical process, and there is a striking difference on comparing the stamp with genuine specimens on bluish paper of the £5 orange-vermilion of the first issue (March 1882 to 1890).

Now for the leading counts in the indictment of this particular £5 stamp:

In the first place the stamp is of the bright vermilion shade, and the £5 stamps of this shade do not exist bleuté.

Again, the bleuté does not agree with that seen on admittedly genuine bleuté specimens. It is not a true bleuté, but shows a distinctly greenish tinge.

It is needless for us to suggest that the dealer who sold the stamp should at once return the cash to his customer. His reputation for straightforward dealing is beyond question, and he will need no advice as to the course he should pursue directly it is made clear that he had sold a thing which was not what it purported to be. Our object in bringing the matter forward is to put philatelists on their guard against the growing practice of faking these bleuté stamps by means of chemical dyeing. The fakes are not really dangerous when carefully expertised, but then until one knows that a danger exists how is one to guard against it? Philatelists must make a careful note of the fact that a great many of the stamps that exist bleuté, and which are scarce in that condition, are now being faked by chemical dyeing.

The most serious phase of this matter is the serious blunder made by the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Society, London. It is a blunder which should be enquired into forthwith, and moreover it is a blunder which must not occur again. Let this sort of mistake become at all frequent and stamp men would begin to ask one another the question—with a sneer—"What is the value of the London Society's guarantee?" And once that sort of thing came to pass, the Expert Committee might just as well extend its present lengthy vacation to extend from January 1st to the last day of December.

A FORGERY OF THURN AND TAXIS.

From Mr. A. E. Glasewald's journal, "Mitteldeutsche Briefmarken Zeitung," we take the annexed illustrations, show-



GENUINE.



FORGED.

ing a genuine 10 sgr. Thurn and Taxis side by side with the latest counterfeit of the same. The marked differences in the background, in the smaller numerals of value, and in the inscriptions at head and foot, need not be described in detail. They speak for themselves.

The second number of the new quarterly journal, "The Stamp Collectors' Budget," published at Hastings, contains a handy list of the New Issues of 1901."

Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son write us, regarding their justly famous "Rowland Hill" Packet Collection, that part 3 of the collection, comprising Bosnia and Canada can no longer be supplied separately but only as part of the complete series.

Great Britain, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, Prussia and Germany are among the nations that have issued stamps without the name of the country of origin upon them, while on some of the early issues of Barbados, St. Lucia, British Guiana, Trinidad, Mauritius, and the Ionian Islands there is no indication of value.

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He will stop at one of the leading Hotels in the above cities and would like to meet all the prominent collectors on his route and appointments can be made at his Hotels or the Collectors residence by addressing him after April 15th c/o Brown, Shipley & Co., 123, Pall Mall, London, England, or any letter reaching the New England Stamp Compy., Boston, previous to that date will receive prompt attention.

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Three Stages of Stamp Collecting.

(Concluded from page 7).

At present quality and value are the ruling standards at exhibitions, and no exhibit can hope to secure full recognition unless it comes up to these standards. I do not want to pass remarks on other collectors' exhibits, and must therefore ask you to pardon the egotistical nature of the following and other illustrations. Assume for the moment there is an exhibition of Columbian stamps. The collection which I have shown contains in the first issue of Antioquia some ten copies each of the 2½ cent. and 5 cent. and about six copies each of the 10 c. and 1 peso. Suppose another exhibitor had only four copies, one of each, but all fine, would his exhibit be likely to have the preference over mine? I think not, and yet I would the standards of our exhibitions were such that preference would be given to exhibits which did not contain duplicates. There would be more room, and the exhibition would be more interesting.

The essence of the third stage will be that collectors will accumulate copies for purpose of study and selection only; from such copies they will form more or less *limited* (instead of, as now, more or less *extensive*) specialised collections, which will enable them to retain a memento of their study at the least possible cost, and so afford scope for extensions to other countries.

In this way prices will not be disturbed or unduly inflated, more collectors will take the same countries, more interest will be shown at the meetings and discussions, more competition will prevail privately and at exhibitions, more stamps will be available at more reasonable prices, and any rise in value will be gradual and reliable.

I want to show that a complete and interesting collection of nearly any country can be made in this way at a tenth of the cost of present day collections, and so a collector's pocket will enable him to take ten countries for every one he does now, and get more than double the amount of pleasure and interest out of his hobby.

With your permission I will now show some stamps as a practical illustration of my contention, and will then conclude this lengthy forecast with some recommendations which I trust you may consider worthy of discussion.

My first illustration relates to the stamps of a country which formerly was comprised in Class A; namely, Bolivia. It is not for me to say whether it should now fall under Class B, but I think it may be treated as being more or less on the border line. At any rate, when I began to collect, the accumulation of specimens for purposes of study was not only justifiable, but necessary. Led astray by the example of others, I thought that both quantity and quality were not merely temporary but *permanent* essentials to a fine collection. I hope to-night to prove the contrary. My collection has been shown at London, Antwerp, and Manchester. At the first and third of these exhibitions it took the highest possible award in its class, but at Antwerp it had to take a second place to Mr. Ehrenbach's collection of Buenos Ayres. It has cost me between £600 and £700 or more, and has doubtless served to frighten off others from an interesting country. It will never be shown again, for I have satisfied myself that for all practical purposes an interesting and complete collection can be made at a cost of from £50 to £60.

Apart from duplicates, this wearisome, unwieldy, and expensive collection has been subdivided as follows:—

1. A set of complete sheets of the issues of 1865 and 1867, which I submit for your inspection. These complete sheets are suitable for the wealthy specialist, but are unnecessary for a really good and representative collection such as a collector of moderate means might wish to form.

2. A complete collection on present-day lines, comprising the picked copies of the monster accumulation from which it has been selected. This, with the sheets, ought to satisfy the most exacting specialist even of our time.

To enable you to form your own judgment upon this point I have brought the collection for your inspection to-night.

3. A second collection formed on the same lines.

4. Materials for a third collection, also formed on the same lines, but not so complete.

5. A remainder, comprising duplicates not required for the above, nor for

6. Which consists of the small specialised collection I intend to retain, and which I have also brought in order to show you how, at a small cost, it is possible to make a fine, complete, and interesting collection of the stamps of this country.

In this collection you may note specimens of the six types into which the 5 centavos stamps of 1866 and 1867 are divided, and also of various shades and curiosities; while in the fifteen special varieties you may feel quite sure that you have secured one or more impressions of each of the seven printings which were taken from the original plate, and the six retouches to which it was subjected.

Then follow four varieties of a more general nature, together with copies containing various combinations of the unbarred "A" in the words "BOLIVIA," "CONTRATOS," "CENTAVOS." Specimens of the printing, shades, and papers of the other values of 1866 and 1867 issues follow, and you reach the nine-star issue of November, 1867, in which, as in succeeding issues, all stamps of the same value are identical, so that, apart from shades, some few surcharges, errors, doubtfuls, and forgeries, the collection rapidly brings itself to a conclusion.

My next illustration is taken from Class C, in which the accumulation of specimens cannot be justified upon any ground. From this class I have selected Serbia to show to you to-night. I cannot show my old collection, for I am no longer its owner, but it occupied one entire volume, and represented an expenditure of more than £300. My present collection is contained on twenty pages, and perhaps even now is more extensive than is really necessary, but the cost is reduced to less than a third of the original outlay.

The first issue of 1866 requires three pages, because I could not make up my mind to part with *all* the complete sheets—these are useful as showing the differences in the twelve stamps and the three principal varieties; the second page shows some of the varieties of shade and printing.

The issues of October and November, 1866, are to be found on two pages, and comprise, I think, sufficient shades, and all the known errors, while two further sheets are required for the issue 1868—9.

The issues of 1869 to 1878, 1873, and 1879, represent the real difficulties of this country, and I am by no means satisfied with my own arrangement. One has to deal with nine different values, three distinct varieties of perforation, papers varying from thin with medium to thick, and in addition the semi-transparent stamps with oily gum, and the two classes of spacing. At present these issues occupy eight pages, but the present arrangement is probably open to considerable improvement. The remaining issues, with the unpaid stamps, require five sheets.

According to present-day conceptions, the cost of a really fine collection of Swiss stamps would run from £2,000 to £4,000, while on the new lines which this new century will introduce the cost of a fine and quite sufficiently complete specialised collection will, at present-day prices, not exceed from £200 to £300.

In conclusion, I should like to move three separate and distinct resolutions, each one independent of the others. I hope that one or more of them may find a *seconder*, and perhaps the *support* of a majority of those present. If permitted, I would suggest that each resolution should be put separately, provided a seconder can be found and after prior discussion. If no one will second it, the resolution must perforce fall to the ground, but whatever may happen I should like to think that some definite decision will be come to on all three motions.

1. That in the opinion of members present it is desirable to encourage limited, specialised collections, upon some such lines, as those laid down in the paper that has been read this evening.

2. That it is also desirable to hold an exhibition, or exhibitions, competitive or otherwise, at which exhibits shall be limited to one specimen only of the different values, shades, or varieties.

3. That the Society shall present each year a gold medal to the member whose paper read before the Society during the previous session shall be deemed to be most worthy of such honour, and that a special meeting of the members be called to consider this resolution, and, if deemed desirable, to instruct the Council to formulate a scheme, with all requisite rules and regulations.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

An Imperfect Auction Report.

THE "Stamp Collector" of Birmingham, must beware how it clips items from the newspapers. They are dangerous. The average newspaper man knows nothing about Philately and is therefore apt to write a great deal on the subject.

It happens that there was an auction sale of stamps at Smith's Rooms, Edinburgh, on March 22nd, duly reported in the local newspapers, and from them, presumably, a report was copied into the "Stamp Collector." Witness a few of the absurdities introduced into the list of realisations:—

- New South Wales, yellow-green, laureated, unused, 12 ..
- " " 1855. 6d. grey, *imperfect*, and the *imperfection registered*, 18 ..
- Tasmania, first issue, 1d. blue, *imperfect*, 16 ..
- " " 1855, wmk. Star, 4d. deep blue, *imperfect*, 9f ..

The italics are ours. What a comfort to have the "imperfect" of the N.S.W. 6d. grey carefully "registered."

The 1d. blue Tasmania, by the way, must have been *imperfect* indeed to realise only 16s., and in the same colony 9s. is a long price for an "imperfect" 4d. star as perfect copies are commonly sold in London for about 2s.

The S.T.P.A.'s New Broom.

THE Stamp Trade Protection Association is rapidly getting into its stride. Many of the suggestions made by well-wishers have now been adopted, and Mr. Ad Sonn, the new Secretary of the Association, is putting in excellent work. The "black lists" now being circulated *sub rosa* among the S.T.P.A.'s members at regular intervals, are the very thing that was wanted. These alone should make it more than

worth the while of every active philatelist to enrol himself a member of the Association.

Stamp men must remember this important point:—The more members enlisted in the S.T.P.A., the greater the good that can be done; and consequently every philatelist who becomes a member in order to conserve his own interests, is at the same time helping, perhaps only a little, but still helping, to conserve the interests of all philatelists throughout the United Kingdom.

The "Schoolboy Collector" Swindle.

MANY of us would like to be boys again. "Truth" tells of a man who became a boy again in order to work a particularly cute swindle.

One of my readers in the West Indies writes the Editor of "Truth" relates how he was recently favoured with a curious letter purporting to be written by a schoolboy stamp-collector, asking him if he would kindly send him a few Jamaica stamps of every kind, especially the one with the black centre. The schoolboy excused his intrusion on the ground that he was not in a position to pay for the stamps he wanted. This enterprising youth signed himself "A. E. Drew," and wrote from an address in Walthamstow; and soon after receiving his letter my correspondent found in his "Truth" an account of the conviction of an individual whom he had little difficulty in identifying with his schoolboy friend.

Drew, in fact, is a man who was convicted at Greenwich in the first week in January, and fined for keeping a betting house and sending a betting circular to a boy at Eton. He traded from various addresses at Forest Hill, and Walthamstow, and he had another address at Clapham Common.

He seems to have tried several different lines of business, and he added to his other offences that of being a deserter from a Militia regiment.

Ware, then, the small boy who writes you with a request for a few stamps. Likely enough he's a grown man gifted with the bump of acquisitiveness and a schoolboy style of letter-writing.

Why is the King's Head Turned to the Left?

This is not a riddle, but just a question, and one of the society papers affects to be able to answer it:

There are people (says our contemporary) who still wonder why King Edward's postage-stamp does not face the other way about, like his coins, which follow the old custom of placing the heads of successive Sovereigns to look right or left, in turns. The stamp, however, is a new product, untrammelled by tradition, and its Royal profiles may continue as before. At present His Majesty, like his august mother seemed to do, manifests a sympathetic interest in the correspondence carried on by his subjects by facing the various

addresses written by them. Were his profile reversed, and the stamp still placed in the top right-hand corner of the envelope, the King's attitude might appear cold and indifferent; and sensitive persons would feel tempted to fix his effigy to the left—a revolutionary proceeding indeed.

British Stamps "Phrenologically Incorrect"!

By the way, a journal called the "Popular Phrenologist" is severe on the design of the new British stamps. The representation of the King's head it declares to be phrenologically incorrect. It would indicate, it seems, only an average intellect, and an almost uncontrollable animality, selfishness, passion, and so on—in fact, a low, brutal, animal nature, with scarcely a redeeming quality. Whereas King Edward VII. is certainly known to possess a high, social, friendly, warm-hearted, genial, and adaptable nature, and has, therefore, a well-developed base to the brain. The "Popular Phrenologist" contends that a phrenological expert should have been consulted before the new British stamps were issued! Well, well! Its getting to be a desperately difficult business to please everybody. Perhaps its quite as well that the King's collar (as the small child says in the story) had "gone to the wash" when his portrait was taken for this stamp, for otherwise we should certainly have been told by the "Hosiery and Shirtmakers' Mercury" (if there be such a paper) that the King's collar was quite six months out-of-date.

Philatelists Who Come and Go.

A Bournemouth philatelist, who by the way contributes an interesting column on stamp-collecting to the local "Observer," is attempting to form a Bournemouth Philatelic Society. As at all other seaside resorts, however, he finds that the philatelic population is largely made up of people who "come and go." Still, the *Fortnightly's* address book is evidence that there is a sufficiency of philatelists resident in Bournemouth to make a respectable philatelic society. If there are any *S.C.F.* readers in that delightful town who have not yet been approached on the subject, we shall be happy to put them in communication with the would-be promoter of the Society. Meantime, we wish the movement all success.

"Henri Bauche" Champion on Trial.

As briefly stated in the last *Fortnightly* the trial of Adrian Champion, alias Henri Bauche, alias Jules Rapin, on charges connected with the bankruptcy of his firm, took place before the Correctional Tribunal of Geneva on February 25th.

It appears that as long ago as 1893 the firm of Adrian Champion became bankrupt, and one of the leading creditors came to the rescue by associating himself with the fortunes of the business. At the same time Theodore and Edward Champion, brothers of Adrian, became partners in the reconstructed firm of "Champion and Co." In 1900 there was a second bankruptcy, and Adrian Champion, it was alleged, made off with a big stock of stamps and was guilty of various other offences against the bankruptcy laws.

Champion, during the following year, travelled from place to place under many aliases—Hanf, Jules Rapin, Henri Bauche, &c., the first of these names being that of the young lady who afterwards provided the £200 bail which was estreated when "Bauche" took "French leave" of British justice and the Old Bailey.

The many witnesses in the case against Adrien Champion, included the Mons. Kirchhofer already mentioned, Mons. Jacquier, of the "Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung," and Mons. Forbin, the Paris dealer. Mademoiselle Hanf was called, but did not answer to her name.

In the result, Adrien Champion, was found guilty on certain counts, and condemned to imprisonment for nine months and ten days. As the sentence was to date from the time of his arrest, the prisoner was at once set at liberty.

Having proved to his own complete satisfaction that it is quite a noble thing to give the poorer philatelists an opportunity of purchasing imitations of rare stamps, we assume that Mons. Champion—Bauche—Rapin, will at once resume operations in the nefarious calling of his choice. Philatelists will do well to remember his various names, though for all we know to the contrary he may have chosen new ones already.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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(B) Small Star. (i.) Clean Cut Perfs.					
2d. blue	40/	25/
3d. brown	20/	15/
6d. green	35/	25/
1/- violet	£8	£5	25/	15/
Registered, olive-yellow	£7	£4	18/	15/
(ii.)					
1d. carmine	15/	10/	7/	5/
2d. blue	7/	7/
3d. brown	7/6	5/	7/6	4/6
6d. green	£8	90/	5/	3/
1/- dull violet	£5	60/	15/	10/
Registered orange-yellow	15/	10/	7/	6/
(iii.) Clean Cut Regular Perfs. 14.					
1d. carmine	20/	15/	7/	6/
2d. deep blue	100	40/	10/	7/
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1d. Indian red	120/-	80/	15/	10/
1d. orange-vermilion	10/	7/6	2/6	2/
2d. blue	10/	7/6	7/	4/
3d. brown	10/	7/6	4/	2/6
6d. green	25/	15/	3/	2/
1/- grey	25/	20/	2/9	2/
(ii.) Round Holes.					
1d. pale vermilion	30/	20/	5/	3/
2d. blue	20/	15/	2/6	2/
6d. green	25/	20/	2/	1/6
1864-5. Small Star. Perf. 12½ to 13. Square Holes.					
1d. orange-vermilion	15/	12/	6/	5/
2d. blue	30/	22/	5/	4/
6d. yellow-green	35/	15/	4/6	3/6
"Registered," orange-yellow	22/	18/	7/6	5/
January, 1866. Watermark Script. Perf. 12½ to 13.					
1d. orange-vermilion	70/	45/	10/	7/
2d. blue	10/6	6/6	1/9	1/3
September, 1866. No. wmk.					
4d. slate	35/	20/	5/	3/
4d. slate-lilac	12/	10/	2/3	2/
5/- pale rose	40/	30/	15/	10/
1868-74. Watermark Truncated Star.					
(i.) Perf. 13.					
1d. orange-vermilion	15/	10/	1/3	1/
2d. blue	7/6	5/	1/8	1/6
3d. olive-brown	2/3	2/
3d. brown	4/6	4/
6d. green	7/	5/

QUEENSLAND.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
6d. yellow-green ..	45	30	2	1/6
1/- dull claret ..	..	..	10	8
1/- olive-brown ..	..	..	10	7
1/- red-violet ..	£5	£3	7/6	6
<i>(iii.) Perf. 12.</i>				
1d. orange-vermilion ..	..	..	20	15
2d. blue ..	..	..	35	25
3d. brown ..	..	..	..	..
6d. green ..	..	..	22	15
1/- red-violet ..	..	..	9	6/6
1868-79. (i.) Perf. 13. Wmk. Q and Crown.				
1d. vermilion ..	14	10	2	1/6
1d. rose-red ..	25	15	6	3/6
2d. blue ..	10	7	9	1/6
3d. brown ..	12 6	8	6	4 6
4d. yellow ..	£7	£4	22/6	12/6
6d. deep green ..	..	..	3 6	2 6
6d. yellow-green ..	30	22/6	2	1 6
6d. apple-green ..	35	25	7	5 6
1/- violet ..	..	..	35	20
<i>(ii.) Perf. 12.</i>				
1d. vermilion ..	15	10	1 6	1
1d. bright vermilion ..	4	18	2 3	2
1d. pale rose ..	15	10	1 6	1
2d. blue ..	7 6	5	6	1/4
3d. brown ..	10	7	4/6	3/6
4d. yellow ..	100	60	4 6	3/6
4d. buff ..	100	60	5/6	4
6d. deep green ..	35	25	3 6	2/9
6d. yellow-green ..	30	25	2	1 6
6d. apple-green ..	35	25	3 3	2/6
1 - red-violet ..	10	7	3	2 6
1 - violet ..	30	17/6	3/9	3
<i>Variety, Without watermark.</i>				
6d. pale green ..	80	45	8/6	6 6
<i>With Burelé Band at back.</i>				
1 - red-violet ..	30	15	27 6	20
1881. Same watermark. Perf. 12				
2 - blue ..	13	8	12	9
2 6 scarlet ..	30	15	22 6	17 6
5/- ochre ..	55	30	25	20
10/- brown ..	80	40	35	25
20/- rose ..	65	35	22/6	17 6
1879-81. Watermark Q and Crown. Perf. 12				
1d. brown-red ..	6	5	6	1/4
1d. dull orange ..	5	4	4	..
1d. scarlet ..	3	2/3	2	..
2d. deep blue ..	10	7 6	1 3	1
2d. pale blue ..	3/6	2/9	1/2	..
2d. " " T. W. joined ..	3/9	3/9	3	..
4d. orange-yellow ..	7/6	4	1/6	1
6d. green ..	7	5	1/6	1/3
1/- deep violet ..	14	10	4 6	3 6
1/- pale lilac ..	6	4	3	2/3
<i>Varieties. Lettered Queensland.</i>				
1d. brown-red ..	..	..	8 6	6
1d. dull orange ..	..	..	7 6	5/6
1d. scarlet ..	..	..	7 6	5
<i>No Watermark. Burelé Band on Back.</i>				
1d. brown-red ..	..	..	15	11
2d. blue ..	..	..	21	16
1880.				
1/2d. on 1d. red-brown ..	14/6	12	17/6	12
1882-86. (A) Thin Paper. Perf. 12.				
2/- blue ..	10 6	6 6	4/6	4
2/6 vermilion ..	8 6	5	3 9	2/6
5/- rose ..	8/6	5	3/6	2 6
10/- brown ..	17/6	10	5	4
£1 green ..	35	25	10	7/6
<i>(B) Thick Paper.</i>				
2/- blue ..	14	8	5	4
2 6 vermilion ..	3/9	2/6	3/6	2 9
5/- rose ..	7	4/6	6/6	5

QUEENSLAND—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
10/- brown ..	15	10	9	7/6
£1 green ..	25	15	8 6	7
1882-3. Crown and Q.				
<i>(i.) Perf. 12.</i>				
1d. vermilion ..	1/3	1	1/2	1
2d. blue ..	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/2
4d. yellow ..	4/6	3	1/4	1/3
6d. green ..	1/3	1	1/2	1
1/- mauve ..	2	1/6	1/3	2
1/- deep mauve ..	2	1/6	1/3	2
<i>(ii.) Perf. 9 x 12.</i>				
1d. pale red ..	..	..	12	10
2d. blue ..	..	..	7 6	12/6
1/- mauve ..	..	..	12 6	40
1887 9. (i.) Perf. 12.				
1d. red ..	1 6	1	1/2	1
2d. blue ..	3	2/3	1/3	1
2/- brown ..	15	12	12 6	10
<i>(ii.) Perf. 9 x 12.</i>				
2d. blue ..	..	..	20	12/6
1890 4. Perf. 12 1/2.				
1/2d. pale green ..	1	1	1/1	1/1
1/2d. deep green ..	1	1	1	1/1
1d. red ..	1/2	..	1/1	..
2d. blue (old plate) ..	1	..	1/1	..
2d. " (new plate) ..	1/8	8	1/4	1/3
2 1/2d. carmine ..	1/9	1/8	2	..
3d. brown ..	1/6	1/4	1/3	1/2
4d. yellow ..	1/8	6	1/2	..
6d. green ..	1/10	1/8	1/1	..
2 - red-brown ..	5	4	2/6	2
1894 5. (A.) Watermark Large Crown and Q. Perf. 12 to 12 1/2.				
1d. red ..	1/3	1/2	3	2
2d. blue ..	1/4	1/3	3	2
1/- mauve ..	2 6	2	1/6	1 3
<i>(B.) Unwatermarked, with Burelé Band.</i>				
1d. red ..	3	1/3	1/2	1/2
<i>(C.) Thin Paper, Q and Crown faintly impressed.</i>				
2d. blue ..	1	9	..	..
1895-6. Perf. 12 1/2. (A.)				
1/2d. green ..	1	..	1/1	..
1d. red ..	1/2	..	1/1	..
2d. blue ..	1	..	1/1	..
2 1/2d. carmine ..	2/6	1/6	3	1/2
2 1/2d. rose ..	1	1/9	1/7	5
5d. purple-brown ..	1	9	1/4	3
<i>(B.) Thick Paper. Watermark Large Crown and 2.</i>				
1/2d. green ..	4	3	1/3	1/2
<i>(C.) No Watermark, with Burelé Band.</i>				
1/2d. green ..	1/2	..	1/2	..
<i>Variety without Burelé Band.</i>				
1/2d. green ..	30	..	..	..
<i>(D.) Thin Paper, Watermark faintly impressed.</i>				
1/2d. green ..	1 6	1 3	1 3	1
1d. orange-red ..	1/3	1/2	1/2	..
1896. Perf. 13. Figures in lower corners.				
1d. vermilion ..	1/3	1/2	1/1	..
1897-9. Figures in all Corners.				
1/2d. green ..	1	..	1/1	..
1d. red ..	1/2	..	1/1	..
2d. blue ..	1/3	..	1/1	..
2 1/2d. rose ..	4/6	3/6	1	1/10
2 1/2d. mauve on blue ..	15	14	14	13
2 1/2d. brown-purple ..	14	14	14	13
3d. brown ..	15	14	14	13

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To Publish or not to Publish?

IN an adjoining column we reprint from the "American Journal of Philately," the latest contribution of its Editor, Mr. John N. Luff, to the controversy that rages around the questions of the publication of detailed description of philatelic forgeries. In his earlier article Mr. Luff argued that to instruct the philatelist as to differences between forged and genuine stamps was to enlighten the forger as to the shortcomings in his work. To this "Hamburgensis," in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" supplied a telling retort, which Mr. Luff quotes at full length in his second article. The forger, argues "Hamburgensis," needs no enlightenment as to his own deficiencies—he knows them only too well. Mr. Luff's reply to this contention is twofold. He pleads first of all that we are not now considering line-engraved stamps imitated by line-engraving, but counterfeits made by photography, and, he adds, "the reproduction of the lines is, to all intents and purposes, perfect." In that event, we cannot very well demonstrate to the forger variations which do not exist; but as regards any variation of paper or colour we still contend that it is the duty of a philatelic journalist to protect the amateur philatelist against his natural enemy. Failing such protection by publicity, what alternative does Mr. Luff suggest? Would he leave the collector entirely dependent upon the dealer for guidance in such matters? That, possibly, would be a satisfactory remedy if all the stamp dealers in the world were persons absolutely devoid of guile; but—but this is a line of thought along which we leave the reader to roam alone and as his fancy guides him.

Mr. Luff has a second string to his bow. He asserts that the advocates of publicity would advise "a government, on discovering a forgery in one of its securities, to insert notices in the public press, saying, 'The forger of such and such a bank note will kindly observe that his work differs from the official product in such and such a way.'" Now this is mere trifling. The advocates of publicity, as Mr. Luff calls those who differ from the advocates of silence, would not necessarily advise anything of the sort, because a stamp, although a government security, is a vastly different thing from a bank-note. If the stamp-forger of to-day planned to defraud the Government, there would be some analogy, but, as Mr. Luff well knows, governments have nothing whatever to do with this question. The forger's intended victim is the amateur philatelist who buys a stamp purely as a curio, and not because it is a piece of paper money.

Of Mr. Luff's sincere desire to arrive at a true solution of the question, we have not the smallest doubt, but no useful purpose is served by an appeal to matters which are in no sense analogous to the case in point. On the other hand, our confrère's broad-minded manner of approaching the subject is warmly to be commended. "It is largely a matter of opinion," writes Mr. Luff. It is, and we want more opinions. The views of *Fortnightly*-readers would be interesting and welcome.

Should we Publish Descriptions of Forgeries.

A FURTHER ARTICLE BY JOHN N. LUFF, EDITOR OF THE "AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY."

IN a recent number of the "American Journal of Philately" I, as Editor, expressed myself in opposition to the publication of dangerous counterfeits in philatelic magazines. As was to be expected, this view was not concurred in by everyone. Several writers have expressed opinions to the contrary and backed their views by arguments. I do not propose to enter into any controversy with these gentlemen or to make any special effort to refute their arguments. I realize that this is not a question that may be settled by the presentation of evidence or demonstrated like a mathematical problem. It is largely a matter of opinion and it is quite possible that the views of my opponents may be more correct than my own, though, of course, I do not now think so.

I have no intention of attempting to discuss all that has been mentioned in opposition to my editorial,—I merely desire to say a few words on a couple of points. In a recent number of "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" the Editor says: "As to counterfeits, we believe in the publication of information that will enable an intelligent collector to protect his interests. The publication can be made cheaper and faster than the counterfeiter can change the details of his work." It is barely possible that we might keep pace with the forgers if we had warning of each of their efforts, but their products are usually put on the markets very quietly and it is merely by accident that we become aware of their existence. Let us suppose that a forgery is carefully described and the maker corrects the defects. We again, and more minutely, describe the differences between it and the genuine stamp and he once more uses this information. Let this continue for a few times and I fear we will have assisted him to attain a perfection which will deceive the ablest of us all.

In the last number of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" we read:

"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? Is it 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?" My critic does not appreciate the class of counterfeits to which I referred. We are not now confronted with anything such as he describes. I am not speaking of efforts to imitate line engraving by line engraving. The counterfeits we now have to fear are made by photography and the reproduction of the lines is, to all intents and purposes perfect. These forgeries are not offered in wholesale quantities,—they are offered one at a time and probably only one or two in a year. They represent stamps of large value (I saw one recently priced at \$1,500) and are made with a care proportionate to the returns expected.

When a government discovers a forgery in one of its securities it does not print notices in the public press, saying, "The forger of such and such a bank note will kindly observe that his work differs from the official product in such and such a way. Please make corrections." But this is what the advocates of publicity would have philatelists do.

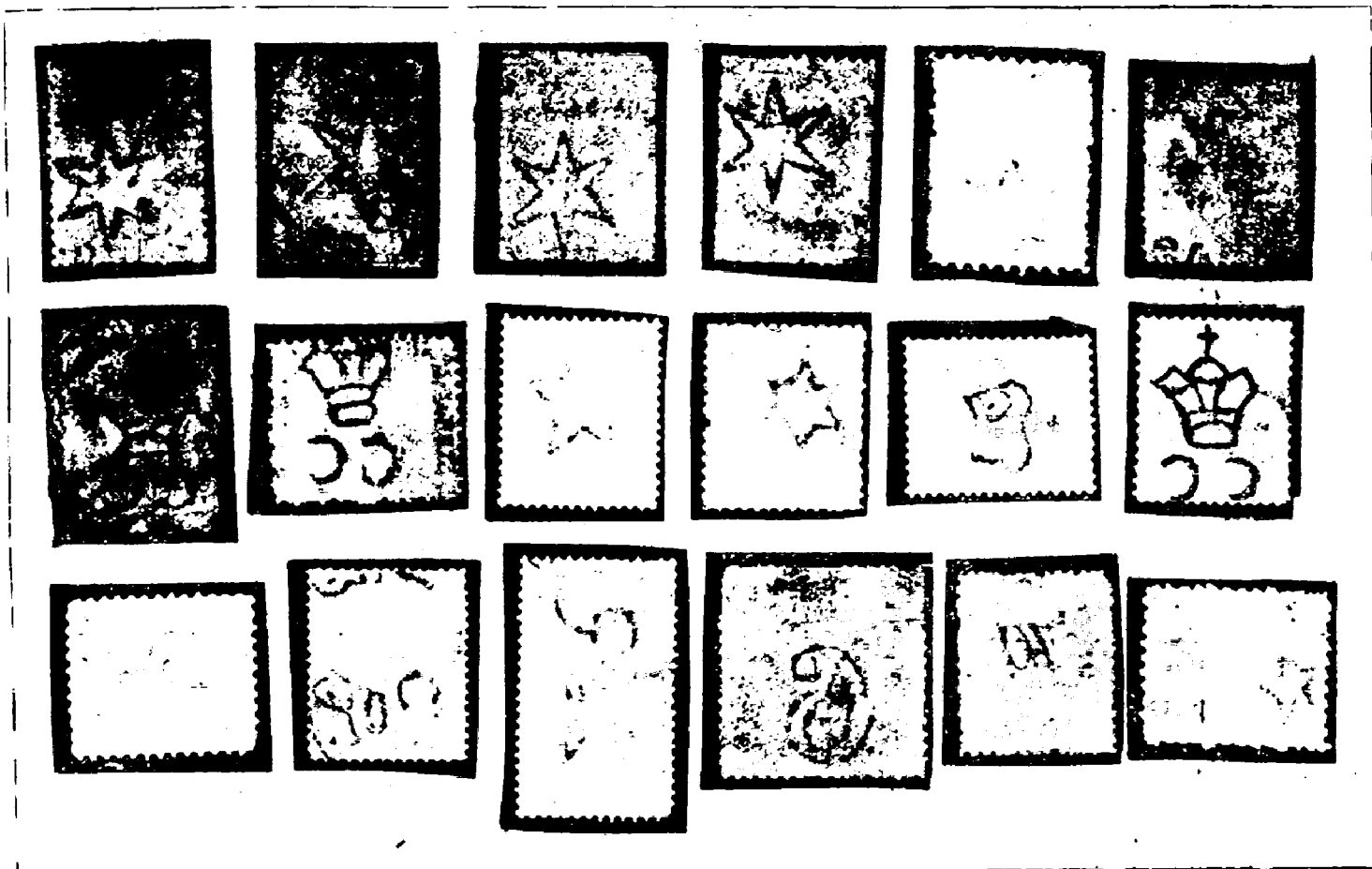
As a collector I believe in protecting the collector, but, when clever rogues are plotting for large gains, I do not believe that their intended victim is protected by publicity.

Regarding British Stamps with Faked Bleute
we hope to have something further to say in our next issue.

At the moment of going to Press we have received the prospectus of a philatelic joint-stock venture to be known as the Imperial Stamp Exchange, Limited. We have had no time to examine into the merits of the enterprise, but apparently the business to be established is quite a new one and must therefore represent a distinctly speculative security. At the same time, there are experienced philatelists associated with the scheme.

Our "Sherlock Holmes" Philatelic Competition.

WITH THE WATERMARKS AND PERFORATIONS TO GUIDE THEM, WHO CAN IDENTIFY THESE EIGHTEEN STAMPS?



THE large photographic illustration given here shows eighteen stamps of the British Empire which have most rudely turned their backs upon the audience.

With only the perforations and watermarks of the stamps to guide them, we want the readers of the *Fortnightly* to tell us exactly what stamps have been used in preparing the above photograph.

All the stamps belong to the British Empire.

To the philatelic "detectives" who send us the best solutions of the mystery we offer substantial rewards, as follows:—

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The competition is open, absolutely free to all readers of the *Fortnightly*. The one essential condition is that every competitor should write his or her solution on the coupon printed below.

All coupons (attached in each case to a sheet of paper bearing the full name and address of the competitor) must be posted to reach the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C., NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 19TH. In order, however, to give readers over-sea a fair chance of trying for a prize we will accept as valid all letters bearing a departure-postmark not later than May 15th, providing such letters reach us not later than Monday, June 3rd.

It will be obvious that readers in certain of the far-off colonies are excluded from participation. This is regrettable but unavoidable.

In our No. 188 (published Saturday, May 24) we shall publish the complete list of correct solutions, and in the issue after that—

namely, No. 189, published Saturday, June 7th—we shall publish our award of the prizes.

Competitors will help us if they mark their envelopes in left hand top corner, " 'Sherlock Holmes' Competition."

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 1st, a discussion was held on "Minor Varieties," the result of which is summed up in the resolution below:—

It is resolved:

That this Society, while recognising the difficulty of drawing a line of distinction between varieties and minor varieties offers the following recommendations for the assistance and guidance of beginners:

It is recommended:

1.—That a type of each stamp be selected for inclusion in a collection rather than a row of shades of the same stamp, and rather than a row of minor retouches and improvements upon original dies.

2.—That variations in the gauge of the perforations be only considered when they point to a separate and distinctive issue of a stamp.

3.—That the same be recommended with regard to watermarks, hair-lines, and secret marks.

4.—That errors of composition in type surcharges be disregarded when it is known that they were issued concurrently with the normal varieties.

On Saturday, 15th March, Mr. Edward C. Tidman gave a lecture on "The Adhesives of Russia."

W. G. PARKER, *Hon. Secretary*, 215, Upper Kensington Lane, S.E.

"STAMPS" EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

As was announced in the last number of this paper "Stamps" has now ceased to exist, having been amalgamated with the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly," which paper will henceforth be the Official Organ of this Exchange. A copy of each issue of the "Fortnightly" will be sent to all members. Reports of the progress of the Exchange will appear regularly in the Official Organ.

The March packets were duly despatched on the 6th March. Value as follows:—Colonial Packet, £484 7s. 0½d.; European ditto, £167 5s. 2d.; General ditto, £288 5s. 0d., a total of £939 17s. 2½d.

September accounts have all been settled, and all sheets returned to their respective owners.

The October and November Packets are now all returned and shew sales as follows: October: Colonial, £61 18s. 6½d.; European, £7 14s. 7d.; General, £34 9s. 2d., a total of £104 2s. 3½d. November: Colonial, £35 14s. 1½d.; European, £6 10s. 1½d.; General, £38 16s. 5d., a total of £81 0s. 8d. Accounts for the above two months Packets are being sent out as quickly as possible.

A few more Members can still be admitted to the Exchange, advanced Collectors more particularly wanted.

Rules and full particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Sec.:

F. L. HEYGATE, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

The seventy-seventh meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, on Monday evening, February 10th, 1902.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Calman, Low, Luff and Scott.

The Committee on New Club House, reported that negotiations for the house at No. 128 E. 28th Street, had not been successful, and that we would not be able to obtain that building at present. On motion of Mr. H. L. Calman, seconded by Mr. Bruner, the Treasurer was authorized to sign the renewal for one year of the lease of the present Club House.

On motion of Mr. Calman, seconded by Mr. Luff, Messrs. Low and Scott were appointed a committee to devise a medal for the Club, and to have a die made.

A communication was received from the American Collectors' Company, offering the following medals for competitive exhibits of stamps, to be held under the auspices of the Collectors' Club.

One gold medal for the best general Collection of stamps mounted in a printed album.

One silver medal for the second best general collection.

One bronze medal for the third best,

One silver medal for the best collection of the stamps of Japan.

One bronze medal for the second best collection of the stamps of that country.

This offer was accepted with thanks. It was decided that the competition for general collections should be held at the Club House in March, and that for Japan in April, the exact dates to be fixed subsequently.

The seventy-eighth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Monday, March 10th, 1902.

The treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$459.43 exclusive of \$1000 bond was accepted as read.

The treasurer was instructed to renew lease of present building for one year more.

The names having been posted the required length of time, Messrs. Casey A. Wood and Blair S. Williams were declared unanimously elected as subscribing members.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 451, Fourth Avenue, New York.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

FEB. 27TH AND 28TH. Our Fourth Stamp Auction. This was the most successful we have held. The quality of the stamps was better. The total amount realised was higher and the interest taken in it was better than previously.

Some of the prices were very good indeed. A mint block of 16 imperf. 1d. Great Britain fetched 40s., while a similar block of 12, with marginal inscription, obtained 32s. Great Britain, £1 cross, 22s.; £1 anchor, 40s. Tasmania, 1st issue 1d. blue, 41s. British Columbia, CC. 12½, 10c., 26s.; \$1, 42s.; CC. 14, 50c., 17s.

At the meeting afterwards Messrs. H. F. Coghlan White, L. Cohen and O. K. Trechman were unanimously elected members, and Mr. W. E. White was thanked for his present to the Library.

March 6th. Display, Great Britain. Mr. J. Steele Higgins. Mr. C. J. Byrne was elected

a member and Messrs. Clarke of Bushey were thanked for their donation of periodicals.

Mr. J. Steele Higgins then gave a display of his superb collection of the stamps of Great Britain arranged in five large volumes. It not only represents a very large cash value but displays a great amount of taste in the selection and arrangement besides an immense amount of painstaking care in making the collection so complete in fine copies of all the minor varieties. It is the first time that Mr. Higgins has shown us his collection and although we expected to see some nice things owing to the number of medals the collection has won, it was certainly a revelation in many respects.

March 20th. Messrs. W. E. Loy, E. Tamsen and S. S. Kee were unanimously elected members. Messrs. W. Morley, F. C. Henderson and W. E. Loy were accorded votes of thanks for valuable donations to the Library.

TRAVELLERS' STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

(1893).

This Club has lately appointed new officers. Dr. James Dumbur-Brunton having become President in the place of the well-known Philatelist, the late Mr. Henry Loveridge, and Mr. J. H. Wareham, of Wimbledon, and Mr. G. Tomkinson, of Kidderminster, Vice Presidents.

On the 1st inst., the April Packet commenced its round, value £401 0s. 11d.

This is a very fine Packet rich in rare Colonials, early star issues of Ceylon and triangular Capes, some in mint condition.

"The Travellers'" is purely an Amateur Exchange and only those who can give the highest references are accepted as members.

The S.C. *Fortnightly* is the official organ of the Club.

Hon. Secretary: Leicester. A. B. PAINE, Longsdon, near Stoke-on-Trent.

THE LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

The January packet has returned to the Secretary, and all sheets have been sent back to members, and balances paid.

This packet contained absolutely the finest collection of Niger Coasts the Secretary has ever seen—such rarities as the bisected 1d. surcharged 2d. in red; the 1d. bisected surcharged ½d., used on original; ½d. on 2d. blue; halfpenny in green on 2½d. all were marked at reasonable prices.

Though this Club is designated the "Ladies' Stamp Exchange," it does not now exclude gentlemen, and there are still two vacancies.

For particulars and rules, apply to the Hon. Sec., MISS LOUISE HAYNES, 10, Batoum Gardens, West Kensington.

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Incorporated under the Companies' Acts, 1862—1900.

CAPITAL £10,000.

Divided into 10,000 Shares of £1 each, which are now offered for subscription payable as follows:—

2/- per Share on Application.

3/- per Share on Allotment.

5/- per Share at 1, 2 and 3 months after allotment.

DIRECTORS.

ERNEST GALWAY, 2, Carthusian Street, London, E.C.

JOHN WILLIAM ODLING, 59, Fairlop Road, Leytonstone, Essex.

* JOHN SLADE ALLEN, 84, Adelaide Road, Brockley, London, S.E.

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* *Will join the Board after Allotment.*

BANKERS:

LONDON & SOUTH WESTERN BANK LIMITED,

78, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SOLICITOR.

W. CORBETT GOULDING, Esq., 49, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

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CARTER, CLAY & LINTOTT, Chartered Accountants, 1, Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C.

Secretary & Office:

ROBERT GADD, 56, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.

PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company has been formed to carry on the business of Stamp Dealers and Importers; Manufacturers of Stamp Albums, Mounts, Stock Books and Accessories, Approval Books and other Philatelic Requisites; and generally to trade in used and unused Postage Stamps, and things appertaining thereto.

Since the introduction of Postage Stamps in 1840, there never has been so much interest shewn in this subject as now, there being enthusiastic Collectors in all ranks of society from the Hair Apparent, down to the youngest schoolboy, and it is probable that every year the number is increased by hundreds of thousands.

The events of the South African war and the accession of His Majesty King Edward VII have both greatly contributed to intensify the ardour of Philatelists, but the main reason for the increasing number of Collectors is undoubtedly the fact that stamp collecting is one of the most profitable of hobbies, as exemplified in the extraordinary prices realised in the open market for choice specimens of rare stamps.

Indeed the occupation of stamp collecting is so lucrative that many persons have realized considerable amounts for their collections, and it is a well known fact that practically all the best known Dealers commenced in a very small way of business.

one feature in its programme to which special attention may be drawn is the fact that it is designed to use the business premises of the Company as a **Central Stamp Exchange** where Collectors will be encouraged to bring their duplicate stamps to be fairly exchanged for others which they desire. Nothing of this kind has as yet been inaugurated in this country, but there is a well known Stamp Walk in Paris every week.

An important department will be opened to allow of the exchange of Stamps for articles of various kinds, and it is believed that quite a large opening exists for transactions of this class both at home and abroad. In this connection it may be mentioned that the Directors are in a position to purchase goods of every description at the lowest wholesale rates—for example, the Company will offer facilities to persons having good old Collections to exchange Stamps for Pianos, Furniture or anything else required, whilst those with still better collections may exchange them for goods to any amount according to agreed valuation of the Stamps for exchange. It is anticipated that quantities of Stamps will be sent to the Company by correspondents abroad requesting goods to value in return, and it is probable that an extensive business on these lines will result.

Stamp Collectors who are Shareholders will be afforded opportunities for exchanging their duplicates on specially favourable terms, and the Directors invite the co-operation of all persons who regularly or occasionally have Stamps for sale, and who wish to secure fair and liberal treatment in the disposal of them.

The Company will acquire valuable collections and stocks of stamps in consideration of small cash payments and allotments of fully paid shares or cash in lieu of shares at the option of the Company. Suitable premises for the purposes of the Company have been secured at 56, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C., where a Stamp business is now being carried on under the name of the "**The Imperial Stamp Exchange.**"

Notwithstanding that these premises are centrally situated and so well adapted to an undertaking of this character, the rent is only £80 for the first year, with the option of a lease for about twenty years at £75 per annum.

The purchase prices payable by the Company have been fixed as follows:—

To Mr. John Slade Allen, for Stock on hand the 15th day of March, 1902, with Goodwill and all Assets (except Book Debts or Cash Balances), the sum of £1,250, (of which sum £500 is payable in respect of of the said Goodwill), payable as to £150 in Cash and £1,100 in Cash or Shares at the option of the Company.

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PARTICULARS OF CONTRACTS.

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The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is £500. The estimated amount of the preliminary expenses is £200.

The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director shall be the holding of 10 shares in the company; that the remuneration of the Directors, other than the Managing Director, if any, shall be £1 ls. for each attendance at Board Meetings and such further sum (if any) as shall be determined by the Company in General Meeting; that the Directors shall have power to remunerate any one of their number for special services rendered to the Company, either by a fixed sum, percentage of profits or otherwise.

Applications for shares should be made upon the enclosed form and sent to the Company's Bankers The London and South Western Bank, Limited, 78, Fleet Street, London, E.C., with the amount payable on application. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of the shares allotted is less than the number applied for the balance will be applied in part payment of subsequent instalments. Forms of Application for Shares may be obtained from the Directors, Bankers, Solicitor, Auditors or Secretary.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Contracts and Agreements herein referred to can be inspected at the office of the Solicitor at any time during business hours.

This prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Permission to register this Company under the title of "**The Imperial Stamp Exchange, Limited,**" has been obtained with the sanction of the Home Office.

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

(TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS).

To the Directors of

THE IMPERIAL STAMP EXCHANGE, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,

Having paid to the Company's Bankers the sum of £ _____
being a deposit of 2/- per Share on _____ Shares of £1 each in the above named
Company, I request you to allot me that number of Shares, and I agree to accept the same, or any less
number that may be allotted to me, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and upon
the terms of the Prospectus, and I authorise you to have my name placed on the Register of Shareholders
in respect of the Shares so allotted.

Usual Signature _____

Name (in full) _____

Residence _____

Profession or Occupation _____

Date _____ 190

NOTE.—A Lady should say whether Married, Widow or Spinster.



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BANKER'S RECEIPT.

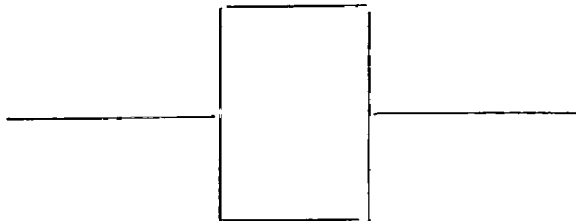
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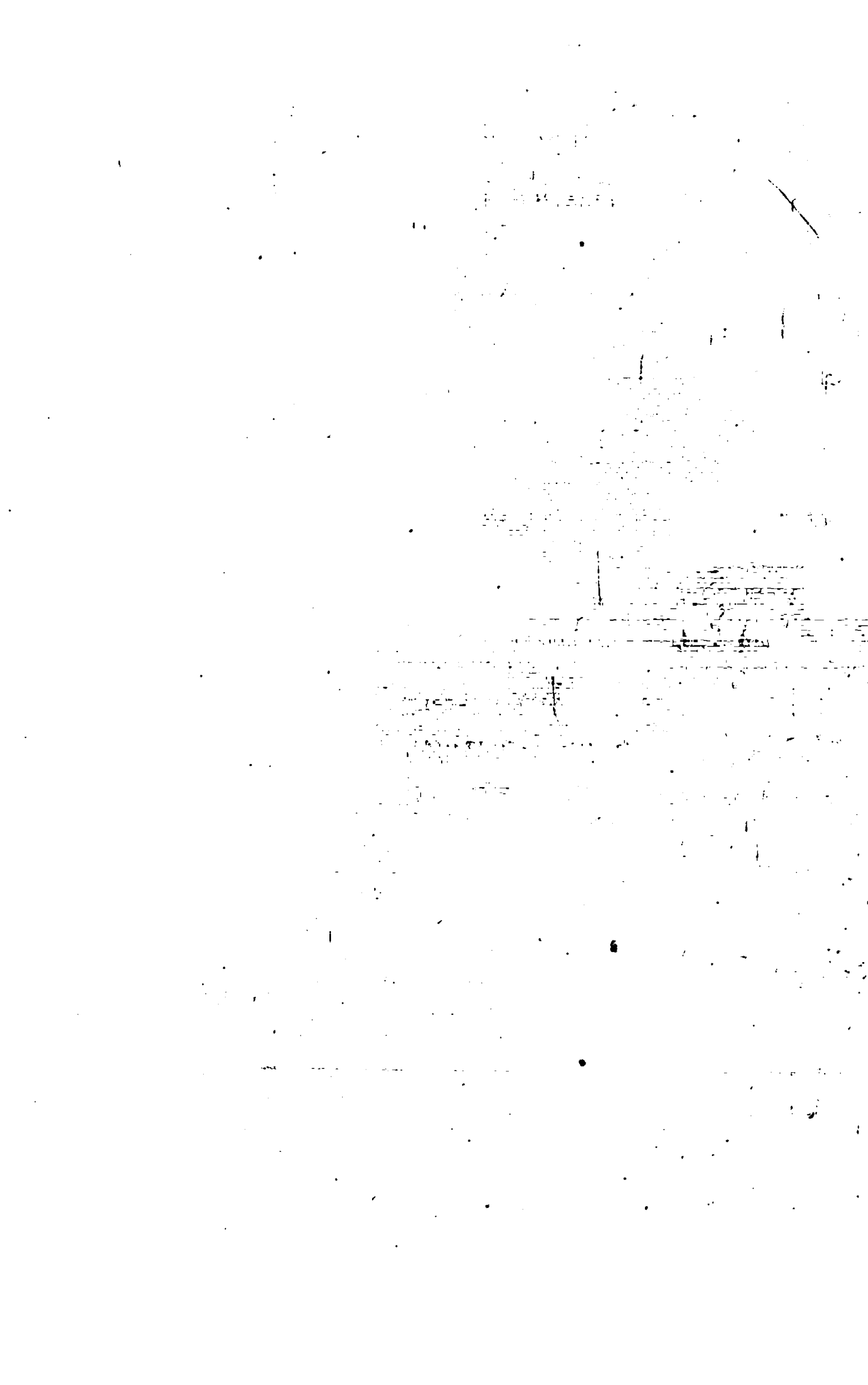
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of 2/- per Share on application for _____ Shares
of £1 each in the above-named Company.

For The London & South Western Bank Limited,
78, Fleet Street, E.C



£ : :

This Receipt must be retained to be exchanged for the Share Certificate.



Imperial Stamp Exchange Limited.

1.—The name of the Company is "THE IMPERIAL STAMP EXCHANGE, LIMITED."

2.—The registered office of the Company will be situate in England.

3.—The objects for which the Company is established are :—

(a.) To enter into and carry into effect with such (if any) modifications or alterations as may be agreed upon, but subject as to modifications or alterations agreed on prior to the Statutory Meeting to the approval of such meeting an agreement made between JOHN SLADE ALLRN of the one part, and ROBERT GADD on behalf of the Company of the other part, and an agreement made between HERBERT RICHARD MOULTON of the one part and ROBERT GADD on behalf of the Company of the other part.

(b.) To carry on the business of Stamp Dealers and Importers, Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of philatelic requisites of every description; General Merchants, and any other trade or business whatsoever which can, in the opinion of the Board, be advantageously carried on by the Company in connection with, or as auxiliary to, the general business of the Company.

(c.) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire for any estate or interest any lands, buildings, easements, rights, privileges, concessions, machinery, patents, plant, stock-in-trade, any real and personal property of any kind necessary or convenient for the Company's business.

(d.) To erect, construct, lay down, enlarge, alter and maintain any buildings, works and machinery necessary or convenient for the Company's business.

(e.) To borrow and raise money for the purpose of the Company's business.

(f.) To mortgage and charge the undertaking and all or any of the real and personal property, present or future, and all or any of the uncalled capital for the time being of the Company, and to issue at par or at a premium or discount, debentures, mortgage debentures, and debenture stock, payable to bearer or otherwise, and either permanent or redeemable or repayable and collaterally or further to secure any securities of the Company by a trust deed or other assurance.

(g.) To issue and deposit any securities which the Company has power to issue by way of mortgage to secure any sum less than the nominal amount of such securities, and also by way of security for the performance of any contracts or obligations of the Company.

(h.) To receive money on deposit or loan upon such terms as the Company may approve, and to guarantee the debts and contracts of customers and others.

(i.) To make advances to customers and others with or without security, and upon such terms as the Company may approve, and generally to act as bankers for customers and others.

(j.) To grant pensions, allowances, gratuities, and bonuses to the persons employed by or trading with the Company, and to support and subscribe to any schools, and any educational, scientific, literary, religious, or charitable institution, or trade societies, whether such societies be solely connected with the trade carried on by the Company or not, and any club or other establishment whether the same be calculated to advance the interests of the Company or of the persons employed by the Company or not.

(k.) To make, accept, endorse, and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.

(l.) To issue any shares of the Company at par, or at a premium, or as fully or in part paid up.

(m.) To pay for any property or rights acquired by the Company either in cash or shares, with or without preferred or deferred rights in respect of dividend or repayment of capital or otherwise or by any securities which the Company has power to issue or partly in one mode and partly in another, and generally on such terms as the Company may determine.

(n.) To pay brokerage and commissions, and to make such arrangements as may be expedient for placing all or any of the share debenture capital of the Company.

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(p.) To enter into partnership or any joint purse arrangement or any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests or co-operation with any company, firm, or person carrying on or proposing to carry on any business within the objects of this Company, and to acquire and hold shares, stock or securities of any such company.

(q.) To establish or promote or concur in establishing or promoting any other company whose objects shall include the acquisition and taking over of all or any of the assets and liabilities of or shall be in a manner calculated to advance directly or indirectly the objects and interests of this Company, and to acquire and hold shares, stock or securities of and guarantee the payment of any securities issued by any other obligation of any such company.

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(s.) To sell, exchange, let on rent, royalty, share of profits or otherwise grant licenses, easements, and other rights of and over and in any other manner deal with or dispose of the undertaking, and all or any of the property for the time being of the Company.

(t.) To amalgamate with any other company whose objects are include objects similar to those of this Company, whether by sale or purchase (for shares or otherwise) of the undertaking, subject to the liabilities of this or any such other company as aforesaid with or without winding up, or by sale or purchase (for shares or otherwise) of the shares or stock of this or any such other company as aforesaid or by partnership, or any arrangement of the nature of partnership or in any other manner.

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Number of Shares taken
by each Subscriber.

NAMES, ADDRESSES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION.

STANLEY BEDFORD, Crawthow Grove, East Dulwich, S.E., Valuer.	ONE.
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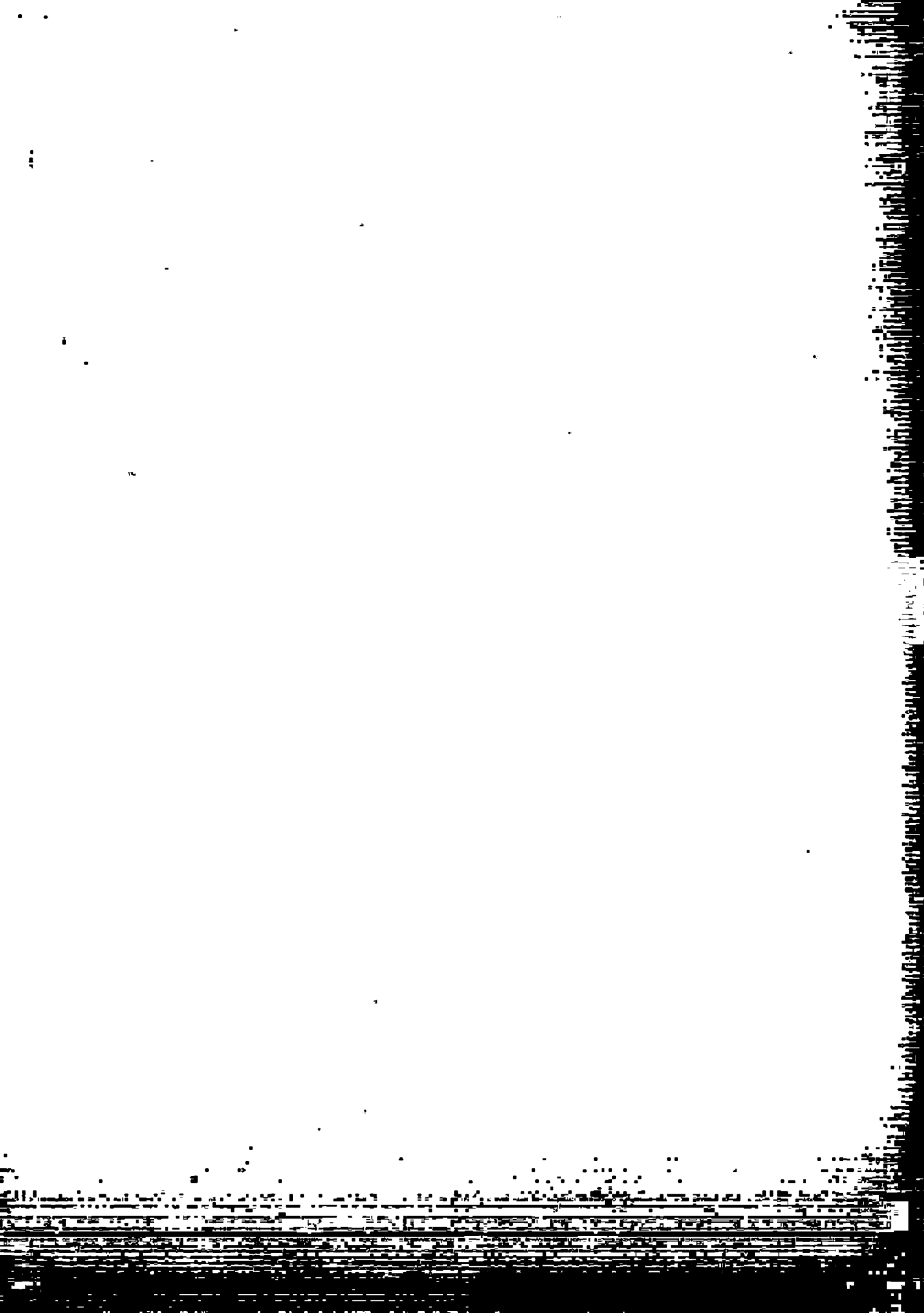
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The Purchase of "Stamps."

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AMALGAMATION, STILL FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE POSITION OF THE "STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY" AS THE LEADING PHILATELIC NEWSPAPER.

READERS of the *Fortnightly* were briefly apprised in our last issue of the purchase of the copyright of the monthly philatelic journal, "Stamps," and its incorporation with the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*. The purchase is one that greatly strengthens the position of the *S.C.F.* and will be found to redound to the advantage both of the readers of our journal and to the supporters of its now defunct contemporary.

In union lies strength. The acquisition of the copyright and also—for want of a better word—the "goodwill" of "Stamps" will enable us to cater for a greatly extended circle of readers, to wield a still greater influence for good as the collector's journal, written for collectors by collectors.

The discontinuance of "Stamps" is a regrettable, but in the circumstances an inevitable, termination of the life of a philatelic journal which had established for itself an enviable reputation as an honest and impartial exponent of Philately. The proprietors of the journal had latterly been quite unable



to devote the requisite time and attention to the conduct of their property. Negotiations were accordingly begun with a view to the sale of the paper to the *Fortnightly*, and in a single afternoon the matter was discussed in all its bearings and completed to the perfect satisfaction of both sides.

TO THE READERS OF "STAMPS,"

who now become—permanently we hope—readers of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, we wish to say that the various features of the now defunct journal will be continued in the *S.C.F.* directly the necessary arrangements can be made. We shall devote special articles to Fiscals, Entires, &c., and we shall also revive "The Young Stamp Collector" as a regular feature of the *Fortnightly*.

The arrangement we propose, as regards unexpired subscriptions to "Stamps," is this: To all "Stamps"—subscribers for the year 1902, we shall send the *Fortnightly* until the end of the year, thus completing the full period

covered by their subscriptions. Under this arrangement the subscriber to "Stamps" will receive some 18 or 19 numbers of the *S.C.F.* in lieu of the nine numbers of "Stamps" due to them; but we wish to act up to the spirit as well as to the letter of the contract, and by giving our new friends "good value" we shall hope to secure their permanent goodwill as readers of the *Fortnightly*.

THOSE WHO ARE "FORTNIGHTLY" READERS ALREADY will have their credits in the *S.C.F.* ledger extended accordingly. In other words a subscriber both to "Stamps" and the *Fortnightly* will now have his *S.C.F.* subscription extended to embrace the equivalent of the remaining issue of 1902, in satisfaction of his contract with "Stamps."

We think this will be quite clear and, we hope, quite satisfactory to all the readers of the amalgamated journals. At the same time, we shall appreciate correspondence on the subject and give our best attention to any suggestions that may be made.

THE STORY OF "STAMPS"

Is a story of great patience, perseverance, and philatelic enthusiasm on the part of its founder and first Editor, Mr. F. L. Heygate, of Rushden, Northamptonshire.

When "Stamps" first saw the light in January, 1897, it was of very modest dimensions indeed. Eight small pages, about "6x4," bound in a four page cover! For a year this represented the limit of the little journal's ambition; but in January, 1898, came developments. The paper was enlarged to double its former size, and many new features were introduced. From that date there was no looking back. Under the capable editorship of Mr. Heygate, and, later, under the charge of Mr. B. W. Warhurst, the magazine endeared itself to a steadily increasing circle of friends. Its catholicity was perhaps its greatest charm, for whether a man fancied Fiscals, Postals, or Entires, he was sure of finding something to interest him in "Stamps'" hospitable pages. This catholic spirit we hope to perpetuate in the *Fortnightly*.

Success always brings some penalty with it, and to the proprietors of "Stamps" it brought a mass of work for which they could ill afford the time. Hence their decision—a very reluctant decision—to part with the paper.

Mr. Heygate, to whom many *Fortnightly* readers will need no introduction, has lately been much occupied with the affairs of his very prosperous and useful exchange society, the "Stamps" Exchange Club. Now that he will have more time at his disposal, he hopes to make his Society even better and more popular among philatelists than it is at present and that is saying a good deal.

"Stamps" Exchange Society was formed in April, 1900, taking over at that time the "Western" Stamp Exchange Club and the "European Specialists" Exchange Society. It is therefore just two years since the Exchange Society was formed, the first packets being sent out on the 10th April, the value being £563 11s. 9d. As a comparison, the value of the last month's packets sent out was £939 17s. 2½d.

For the year April, 1900, to April, 1901, the total value of the monthly packets sent out was £8,595 os. 11½d., showing total sales £1,010 2s. 7½d. For the year April, 1901, to April, 1902, the value of the packets sent out was £8,632 11s. 8d. The packets for the last four months of the year are still in circulation, but the sales for the first eight months of the year amount to £689 10s. 4d., as against £611 7s. 2d. for the corresponding eight months of the previous year. Mr. Heygate confidently expects that the present year will show a further increase in the value of the packets, and the sales therefrom.

The total number of members is now nearly 150, and there is room, Mr. Heygate tells us, for additional members.

In an extensive robbery from the chief post office of Belgrade some 80,000 francs worth of stamps were stolen.

Mons. Edmond Frémy is dead at the early age of 41. Mons. Frémy was the founder and for many years Editor and Proprietor of that successful philatelic journal, "L'Echo de la Timbrologie."

Kaiser-i-Hind!

MR. WILMOT CORFIELD'S PLEA FOR AN INDIAN "KING EDWARD" ISSUE WORTHY OF THE CORONATION YEAR.

MR. WILMOT CORFIELD, well-known to philatelic Anglo Indians as the Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society of India, has addressed to "The Statesman" newspaper of Calcutta, a long and most interesting letter on the subject of the Indian postal issues, particularly with a view to the impending King Edward issue, the Coronation and other matters.

Many, writes Mr. Corfield, must have been interested in your recent announcement that the Edwardian postage stamps for India will appear at the time of the Coronation. It is to be hoped that they will not provoke the widespread dissatisfaction accorded to the new British issues.

There is, however, another series of Indian stamps—the Telegraphs. These perform two duties. They are bisected after being fixed to the telegraph form. The handsome lower half does not reach the sender—the unlovely upper alone passing into his possession. May I be permitted to suggest that these labels should be so re-designed that each should constitute *two* unsevered stamps, each complete in itself, but without any perforation between them; the lower (retained by the P.O.) bearing the authorities' indication of its nature (of no concern to the public), and the upper, the head of the Kaiser-i-Hind and a clear indication of value. By this means all the purposes of the present portions of stamps would be served. Those I suggest would still be business-like, but also symbolical of the might and majesty of Imperial rule. Ceasing to be paltry and fragmentary, they would attract, by the strength of their beauty, the wisdom of the political sentiment they convey, and the unity of the national spirit they foster.

There are again, too, the *official* postal issues. These are the ordinary issues surcharged O.H.M.S. Now the surcharge should be regarded as a mere makeshift, a temporary infliction to be resorted to when departmental machinery gets out of gear. As a permanency it is an anachronism. It is also expensive. Other countries have special stamps of special design. India is content with a costly overprint that looks cheap. Take the current one-anna stamp. Substitute the word "service" for the word "postage" in the design. The result is an official stamp. The cost of the original *cliché* required for the change would be trifling. It is obvious that it would be more economical to strike off a large number of impressions in one operation from the "service" die than from the "postage" die, subsequently overprinting the latter with the surcharge. What India needs is—

(1) *Postal Stamps* (whether adhesive or otherwise) of the highest possible order *made in India*, but under European supervision, to the design of an artist thoroughly imbued with the great spirit of true Indian art, and in this connection the name of Mr. J. Lockwood Kipling readily occurs to one. They should be strong stamps, beautiful stamps, and characteristic of the land they serve. The Emperor's head should be their leading feature, their value clear, their colours restful, and they should bear an inscription in native lettering that Edward VII. is Kaiser-i-Hind.

(2) *Telegraph Stamps* with the portion retained by the public similar to the posts, but with the lower edge imperforate.

(3) *Official Stamps* modified in design from the general issues to suit their purpose, but with all values printed in one and the same colour, a colour being selected that would not clash with the colour of any one stamp of the general issue. No surcharge.

(4) Distinct sets for Chamba, Gwalior, Jhind, Nabha and Patiala, with which States postal conventions are in force, designed by deft native artists of genius but made in India under European control. No surcharge.

I have endeavoured to briefly show how Indian philatelic issues might be improved without the least detriment to their efficiency as Government instruments, at a saving in the cost of production, and to the practical encouragement of India's artistic aspirations. The creation of many millions of stamps yearly is a bigger business than most people realise. Why should it not be retained within the borders of our coasts? Labour is cheap; materials plentiful. The land has artists—alive, alert,—why go to London? A Londoner never made the Taj or the Kutub. Our current issues are not without a pleasant distinction of their own in comparison with the shabby productions of some other countries of the Empire; but they are not Indian in the best and highest sense of the word, and their successors should be.

An absolutely unique opportunity for the issue of sets of stamps of all grades in all respects admirable is looming in the near future. The Coronation ceremony at Delhi in January next, would offer a

superbly suitable occasion for the launching of national stamps, really Indian, which would also preserve most fittingly for all time the memory of that august event. "Kaiser-i-Hind" stamps, issued first from the Mogul capital under the most auspicious circumstances, would be received and valued the world over. They should serve unaltered and unassailable to the end of the reign, and by reason of their own innate charm place India easily first in favour among the stamp-issuing peoples of the world.

Philatelic Future of the New Hebrides.

A French issue of postage stamps for the New Hebrides is talked of "L'Echo de la Timbrologie" states that a regular postal service is now established between these islands and New Caledonia. France has long sought to oust her partner, John Bull, from his share of the New Hebrides, and all this postal activity is doubtless the latest phase of the same old game. The "Australian Philatelist" gives a long and most interesting article in its March issue, describing the New Hebrides geographically, historically and from a philatelic standpoint.

Of course there have been New Hebrides stamps already, as every stamp collector is aware. The "Austrian Philatelist," in a description of the issue, provides a few facts not generally known:—

The Company *viz.*, the Australasian New Hebrides Company, issued two stamps for prepayment of postage on letters carried between the islands by their steamer, all letters being prepaid solely by these stamps, while with the addition of a 2½d. N.S. Wales stamp the letter would be carried to any part of the world. The ports of call in the Islands numbered 65.

The stamps, issued on the 17th March, 1897, were lithographed by John Sands & Co., of Sydney. The design consists of a photographic reproduction of Port Vila enclosed in a curved label inscribed "The Australasian New Hebrides Company, Limited." Beneath the view "Port Vila" surmounts a curved label with value in words. At the top "Inter-Island—Postage" in straight labels, and the figures of value are in the lower angles. White wove paper, unwatermarked, rouletted.

1d. magenta and black. 2d. brown and blue.

The stamps were designed for the Company by Mr. A. F. Basset Hull.

This issue, though of the nature of a private local, is exactly on the same footing as the stamps of Samoa and the original Fiji Times Express.

At the end of 1897 the New Hebrides Company had to stop operations. Unsubsidised and labouring under the many restrictions enforced in regard to trade with the natives in firearms, etc. by the British Government, they found they were unable to compete against French Companies heavily subsidised by the French Government, while the French, living side by side with the English were allowed to sell gunpowder, guns, etc. to the natives, the latter were unable, owing to the British laws enforced in the Islands, to do so.

So the New Hebrides Company is "no more." Trade with Australia has almost ceased, we are threatened with an issue of French stamps for the New Hebrides and there is a grave danger of our losing these Islands for ever.

Paul Jones on a Postage Stamp!

In America, it seems, philatelists are protesting vigorously against the official intention to "retire" the head of Commodore Perry in favour of that of Admiral Farragut on the national postage stamps. The announcement that the new 13 cents stamp will show the head of the late Republican President, Mr. Benjamin Harrison, has also evoked considerable criticism.

A correspondent of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" suggests the head of Paul Jones as that of a man to whom the Americans as a nation are far more deeply indebted.

Other suggestions will probably follow. What about Fenimore Cooper, or some representative of the noble redskin?—old Sitting Bull, for instance or—happy thought—Col. the Hon. W. F. Cody, Prince of the Prairie, and undisputed monarch of young America's bookshelf! Surely Buffalo Bill, the Pony Express Rider, would be the right man in the right place on a U.S.A. postage stamp? But there! we are forgetting one of the essential conditions. Buffalo Bill won't do—he's still alive!

From the Auction Rooms.

OUR PHILATELIC AUCTIONEERS.



VI. MR. H. THOMSON.
(MESSRS. MARTIN RAY & Co.)

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, Feb. 17th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Argentine Republic, 1864, imperf., 10c. green ..	2	15	0
British South Africa, 1890, £5 green ..	1	10	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red, a pair, used with Triangular 4d. blue on blue paper, on original ..	10	0	0
Do. do. 1d. red, 2 copies used with 4d. blue on original ..	10	0	0
Gt. Britain, 1867, wmk. emblems, plate 6, 6d. lilac* ..	1	0	0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I. 1d. purple, double surcharge*	1	1	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Feb. 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1902.

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	£	s.	d.
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate 1 ..	1	13	0
Do. do. do. 2d. blue ..	3	15	0
Do. do. do. 3d. emerald-green ..	6	15	0
Do. do. 1851, 1d. carmine on yellowish* ..	3	10	0
Do. do. Laureated, 8d. orange, thinned ..	2	17	6
Do. do. 1855, Diadem, 8d. orange ..	4	0	0
Do. do. 1888, £1 blue* ..	1	8	0
New Zealand, wmk. lozenges, 2d. vermilion ..	3	0	0
Niger Coast, 10/- in vermilion on 5d. (S. G. No. 32)* ..	11	0	0
Oldenburg, 2nd issue, 2sgr. black on rose* ..	2	17	6
Do. 3rd issue, 1/3sgr. moss green ..	2	8	0
Peru, 1st issue, medio peso, rose-red thinned ..	6	0	0
Portugal, Azores, First issue, 5r. surcharged in black* ..	3	0	0
Queensland, imperf., 1d. carmine-rose ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue ..	5	5	0
Do. imperf., 6d. green ..	3	3	0
Do. perf. 15, clean cut, wmk. large star, 1d. rose* ..	4	5	0
Do. no wmk. 1d. Indian red* ..	2	10	0
Do. 1/- violet on thick paper* no wmk., proof ..	2	0	0
Do. wmk. 2 and crown, perf. 12, 4d. yellow* ..	1	9	0

	£	s.	d.
St. Lucia, first issue, wmk. star, 4d. blue* ..	1	7	0
Do. do. 6d. green* ..	1	12	0
Do. wmk. CA., perf. 12, 4d. yellow* ..	2	0	0
Do. do. perf. 14, 6d. lilac* ..	1	10	0
Do. do. 1/- red-brown* ..	2	4	0
St. Vincent, no wmk., 1d. red, perf. 11 x 12 x 14 x 15 ..	5	10	0
Do. do. 6d. yellow-green, clean cut, perf. 15* ..	17	10	0
Do. part gum ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 4d. orange* ..	3	10	0
Do. wmk. star, 4d. deep blue* ..	6	15	0
Do. do. 1/- rose-red* ..	9	5	0
Do. do. 1/- vermilion, perf. 11 x 12 1/2 all round* ..	8	15	0
Do. do. 5/- rose-red* ..	1	14	0
Do. do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion ..	10	0	0
Schleswig-Holstein, first issue, 25 deep rose* ..	4	0	0
Sierra Leone, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 4d. blue* ..	2	8	0
Spain, 1853, 2r. vermilion ..	7	0	0
Switzerland, Basle, 2 1/2r. ..	7	0	0
Do. Neuchatel, 5c. black and red* ..	4	4	0
Tasmania, first issue, 1d. blue ..	1	5	0
Do. 1864, 1d. carmine, serrated perf.* ..	12	10	0
Tobago, wmk. CC., perf. 14, £1 mauve* ..	4	10	0
Do. 1d. in manuscript on half of 6d. ..	2	12	6
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 14, 6d. stone* ..	5	10	0
Do. wmk. CA., perf. 14, 6d. stone* ..	2	0	0
Transvaal, first issue, 1/- green, roulette* ..	2	0	0
Do. 1870, imperf., on hard paper, 1/- yellow-green* ..	3	3	0
Do. do. blotchy print, 1/- deep green* ..	1	11	0
Do. 1872, 1/- green*, fine roulette ..	1	0	0
Do. 1877, V.R. Transvaal, 1d.* ..	1	14	0
Do. do. do. thick rough paper, 1/- green, wide roulette ..	2	6	0
Do. do. do. in red, 1/- green ..	6	7	6
Co. 1878, "V.R. Transvaal," 6d. blue on green, imperf., inverted surcharge* ..	3	10	0
Do. do. the set 1/2d., 1d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, and 2/-* ..	1	10	0
Trinidad, Litho., 1d. deep blue, early state, creased ..	1	10	0
Do. do. later state, 1d. blue ..	1	12	0
Do. do. 1d. blue, early state, torn ..	2	12	6
Do. 1863, no wmk., 6d. deep green, perfs. cut on left and clipped* ..	4	0	0
Do. wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 4d. lilac* ..	2	0	0
United States, 1855, 90c. blue, thinned ..	21	0	0
Do. 1869, 24c. green and purple, inverted centre ..	1	9	0
Do. do. 30c. blue and carmine* ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 60c. carmine and black, thinned ..	4	0	0
Do. Confederate States, Baton rouge, 5c. green and red on entire, S.G. type 2 ..	3	3	0
Do. do. do. another on entire, S.G. type 3 ..	1	7	0
Victoria, first issue, 2d. cinnamon,* creased ..	1	14	0
Do. do. 2d. lilac, fine border ..	1	10	0
Do. do. 2d. cinnamon* ..	1	2	0
Do. do. 2d., another shade* ..	1	16	0
Do. 1857-63, perf. 12, 2d. lilac, perf. 12* ..	4	10	0
Do. 1861-62, 6d. orange ..	2	6	0
Do. 10d. slate* ..	4	4	0
Do. 5/- blue on yellow ..	1	16	0
Do. 5/- red on blue*, mint ..	1	18	0
Virgin Islands, 1/- single line border* ..	2	12	6
Western Australia, 2d. brown-black on red ..	2	15	0
Do. another with impression at back ..	2	10	0
Do. 6d. black-bronze ..	3	10	0
Do. imperf., 1860, 6d. sage-green* ..	2	6	0
Wurtemberg, 70kr. purple* ..	2	4	0
Do. do. red-lilac* ..			

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, February 27th and 28th, 1902.

EUROPE.

Lubeck, The error, 2 1/2 sch. brown* ..	1	5	0
Monaco, 1st issue, 5 francs* ..	1	8	0
Switzerland, Basle, 2 1/2 rappen,* defective ..	1	9	0
Do. Neuchatel, 5c. black and red ..	1	10	0
Do. Zurich, 4 rappen, vertical lines, defective ..	2	2	0
Wurtemberg, 70kr. red-lilac* ..	1	16	0

ASIA.

India-Service stamp, long rect., 4as. green and purple ..	1	0	0
Straits Settlements, 1868, perf., 1 1/2, 96c. grey,* pinholed ..	1	18	0

AFRICA.		£	s.	d.
British Bechuanaland, Gibbons No. 67, 4d. on ½d. vermilion, *error "For" instead of Fourpence ..		1	5	0
British Central Africa, 1898, £10 yellow stained ..		3	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red, cut close ..		1	16	0
Gold Coast, 1891-94, 20/- green and red* creased ..		2	18	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 2d. deep blue, early impression ..		2	6	0
Niger Coast, 1898-01, 10/- deep violet* ..		1	2	0
Zanzibar on Indian, blue surcharge, ½ anna green ..		2	5	0
NORTH AMERICA.				
Newfoundland, 4d. scarlet-vermilion, cut close ..		2	10	0
Do. 6d. scarlet-vermilion, do. ..		2	2	0
Nova Scotia, half a 6d. yellow-green, used on entire as 3d. ..		1	18	0
United States, 1870, with embossed grille, 10c. brown* ..		1	16	0
WEST INDIES.				
Bahamas, perf. 12½, 1/- green* ..		2	10	0
Do. 1883, provl. 4d. on 6d. violet* ..		1	2	0
British Guiana, 1852, 4c. black on deep blue, cut close ..		1	18	0
Cuba, 1883, error, 10 in black on 20c. brown ..		1	14	0
Danish West Indies, 1873-79, 14c. green and lilac* ..		1	1	0
Dominica, wmk. C. and CA., 1/- lilac-rose* ..		1	12	0
Nevis, 1st issue, 4d. rose* ..		1	10	0
Do. Litho., 6d. grey* ..		3	5	0
Do. do. 1/- pale green ..		1	4	0
Do. CA., 6d. green* ..		3	15	0
St. Christopher, provl. 1886, "4d." on 6d. variety, no stop after d. ..		1	2	0
St. Lucia, wmk. star, 4d. blue* ..		1	10	0
Do. do. 6d. green* ..		2	8	0
Do. 1886, 6d. lilac ..		2	2	0
St. Vincent, 1881, provl. ½ in red on half 6d. yellow-green, a pair* ..		2	7	6
Do. do. One Penny on 6d. yellow-green* ..		3	0	0
Tobago, 1st issue, 5/- slate* ..		2	6	0
SOUTH AMERICA.				
Tolima, 1st issue, 5c. on azure wove paper, a reconstructed plate of 10, including strip of 4 and pair ..		5	0	0
Do. 5c. on azure, quadrille paper, a reconstructed plate of 10 ..		5	0	0
Mexico, Eagle, 3c. brown, surcharged in Gothic type* ..		1	10	0
OCEANIA.				
Fiji Islands, Times Express, 9d. black on rose* ..		1	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 1, on horizontally ribbed paper ..		2	14	0
Do. do. 1d. red, plate 11 ..		2	10	0
Do. do. another ..		2	4	0
Do. do. another on laid paper ..		4	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, the variety crevit omitted, margins ..		6	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, variety, pick and shovel omitted ..		7	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, shading outside fan ornament ..		5	0	0
Do. 1855, 8d. orange, imperf. ..		1	18	0
New Zealand, 1856, 1/- green on blue paper ..		3	3	0
Do. Pelure paper, 1/- green, perforated and defective ..		1	0	0
Do. 1872, wmk. N.Z., 1d. brown ..		14	0	0
Do. wmk. Lozenges, 2d. vermilion ..		3	0	0
Queensland, 1st issue, 1d. carmine-rose ..		1	3	0
Do. wmk. Script, 1d. orange-vermilion* ..		2	8	0
Do. 1881, 5/- yellow-ochre* ..		1	16	0
Tasmania, 1st issue, 1d. blue ..		3	3	0
Victoria, 1st issue, 2d. lilac, thinned ..		1	9	0
Western Australia, 1861, 1/- yellow-green, rough perms. ..		1	5	0
Do. do. 1/- dark green ..		1	8	0
Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, March 3rd, 1902.				
Bolivia, 9 stars, 100c. black, heavy postmarked. ..		1	4	0
British East Africa, 1st issue, the set of 3* ..		4	17	6
Buenos Ayres, Tres pesos green, damaged ..		1	2	0
Grenada, 1d. blue-green, perf. 14, wmk. small star* (Gibbons' No. 92a) ..		1	1	0
India, 2d. ultramarine (Gibbons' No. 88a), double printed* ..		3	7	6
Liberia, 4c. green and black* inverted centre ..		2	8	0
Do. 5 dol. lake and black* inverted centre ..		3	17	6
Orange Free State, 3d. blue, surcharged both with Halve-Penny and ½d. in figures* ..		3	7	6
St. Lucia, wmk. C.A. 1/- red-brown ..		1	9	0

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

March 4th and 5th, 1902.

British Central Africa, 1891-93, £2 rose-red* ..	4	5	0
Do. East Africa, 1895, 5a. black on blue ..	2	0	0
Do. do. 5 rupees green, ..	1	16	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock, 1d. red ..	2	6	0
Do. do. do. 4d. dark blue, cut into ..	3	17	6
Do. do. Mafeking Besieged, a complete set of 19 varieties ..	17	0	0
Ceylon, 1857-59, 1/9 green*, damaged ..	1	17	0
Do. another copy, used ..	3	0	0
Do. 1861, 8d. yellow-brown ..	3	3	0
Do. do. 2/- blue ..	1	12	0
India, 1854, ½a. red, error* ..	5	10	0
Mauritius, 1859, large fillet, 2d. blue, torn ..	8	0	0
New South Wales, 1850-51, 1d. carmine, plate 2 ..	1	11	0
Do. do. 1d. bright red on laid ..	1	17	6
Do. do. 3d. bronze-green ..	2	0	0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 54 paras blue on green, cut hexagonally, on entire ..	6	0	0
Do. do. 108 paras blue on rose, on entire ..	15	0	0
Trinidad, 1852, Litho., 1d. blue, early impression, cut close ..	1	17	6
Turks Islands, 1881, 2½ on 1/- fillet, type 6* ..	2	10	0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, March 10th, 1902.

Argentine Republic, 1864, imperf. 15c. blue ..	1	14	0
British South Africa, 1890, £2 rose-red* ..	2	8	0
Do. 1897, £1 black and red-brown on green* ..	1	3	0
Gt. Britain, £5 orange ..	1	10	0
Do. I.R. Official green ..	1	16	0
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Are You a Mason?

WE extract this from the current "London Philatelist":
 We have pleasure in giving prominence to the proposal for a Philatelic Lodge of Masonry, and to request members of the Philatelic Society, London, who are active Freemasons to communicate with Mr. Gordon Smith, Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C., with a view to the formation of a "philatelic" lodge.

Philately on the Racecourse.

To the owner of racecourses in search of names for his "instruments of gambling" nothing is sacred. In the Double Trial Plate at Newmarket last week, a two-year-old filly by Amphion-Philatelist was among the runners. She led for some distance, it appears, but alas for the feelings of any philatelists who may chance to have been present at the meeting, "the Philatelist filly stopped to nothing up the hill" (to quote the racing scribe), "and was tailed off."

Stamps Ruined by Dry Rot.

RECENTLY a gentleman entered the office of Messrs. Smythe and Nicolle, in Sydney, with a parcel of stamps including 80 Sydney views and a heap of Laureates and wanted to know if anything could be done with them, but the firm had to admit sadly that they were useless. They were all ruined by "dry rot." There were blocks, strips and pairs, some of them lovely specimens and early impressions, but they fell asunder in one's fingers directly they were handled. They had laid in a damp cellar for many years, and were permeated with mildew.

A Woman's Head on American Stamps!

THE United States Postal Department is "innovating" with a vengeance. Following close upon the heels of the decision to create a 13 cents stamp comes the announcement that a woman's head is shortly to appear on one of the U.S.A. adhesives! "Who the fair one will be no man can tell," says the Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist." "Of course she will not be a living personage, but some historic dame who has achieved fame and renown." The author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" for instance?

Concerning the National Collection.

IN the course of a leading article on the Tapling Collection, the Editor of the "London Philatelist" writes:
 We are informed that the grant for the purchase of the new show cases will be included in this year's estimates, that their manufacture will be promptly proceeded with, and that in a few months the whole of this superb collection will be displayed for the delectation of the thousands of collectors, dealers, and Philatelists who annually visit the great Metropolis.

What is meant, we wonder, by "collectors, dealers, and Philatelists"? Is this a gentle indication that the Philatelist—with a capital "P," mark you!—is neither a collector nor a dealer?—or does it mean that he is a combination of both? However, this is merely by the way. In the language of the immortal Toots, it is "a matter of no consequence whatever."
 Mr. Castle follows up his pleasing announcement regarding the Tapling Collection by a vigorous plea for a more generous recognition by the British Museum Trustees of their obligations and duties towards philatelists. "In justice to the beneficent testator and in the interests of the nation generally, and of philatelists in particular, the collection ought to be continued," writes Mr. Castle; and every stamp collector who reads the words will endorse them with a cordial "hear, hear!" But, alas! the Tapling Collection extends only to 1890, and in the succeeding twelve years many stamps that are now quite scarce made their appearance. Much valuable time has been lost.

Blue Stamps Difficult to Forge.

IN recent articles by Mr. John N. Luff on the question of the publication of detailed descriptions of forgeries, much stress has been laid on the fact that photography is the favorite medium of the up-to-date imitator. A forged stamp is prepared by photographic means, much in the same way as an engraver will produce a high class illustration from a given copy. But it may be news to many who are un-

acquainted with the science of the camera, that certain colours do not readily lend themselves to photography. Blue is the shyest of all, and we may take it as a pretty safe rule that blue stamps are unlikely to be forged by any photographic process. Clear proof of what we say is supplied by the photographic illustrations of new issues appearing in the philatelic journals. The picture of the new British 10s. stamp in the March "London Philatelist" is an excellent case in point. In the inscriptions at head and foot and in the lines of the King's Head, the illustration given in the Society's organ is not a reproduction of the 10s. stamp at all, but is an example of a not conspicuously successful "touching up" by a draughtsman in the engraver's office.

Stray Jottings from all Quarters.

It is impossible for a stamp dealer to do business without advertising.—"Metropolitan Philatelist."

Messrs. Lay & Co., notify their removal from Eastcheap to more suitable premises at 38, Gracechurch Street, E.C.

We frequently hear it stated that speculation has ruined or greatly injured stamp collecting. It would be just as accurate to state that speculation has ruined the corn trade.—"Metropolitan Philatelist."

Halifax now has its Philatelic Society. Mr. Lionel Dickinson, of Lee Mount, acts as its Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

It was said during the late Spanish-American War that the Spaniards were greatly annoyed whenever the name of Columbus was mentioned, for, said they, had Columbus not discovered America we should not have all this trouble now—verily a curious point of view. We might look at it in another light and say if Columbus had not discovered America there would have been no Seebecks.—"Philatelic Journal of India."

New Transvaal Stamps on Sale.

THE first issue of the new Transvaal postage stamps was received by yesterday's mail (says the "Johannesburg Star" of March 22nd), and will be on sale on April 1st. The circulation of purely English stamps in the Transvaal, for the second time, is a historical event of much interest. The stamps are of pretty design, and more attractive than the Home stamp. There is more definition, and there is not that defect, which is so marked in the German and other stamps, of superfluity of detail. The denominations of the postage stamps are as usual, starting with the half-penny, and proceeding with 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s. and 10s. They are printed on a white ground, and up to 2s. the same engraving of the King's head as on the English stamps is reproduced in dark grey. The margins are all different, the half-penny being a light green, 1d. vermilion, 2d. delicate purple, 2½d. blue, 6d. amber, 1s. dark green, 2s. chocolate brown. The half-crown stamp has the head in lilac, the outer design being in black. In the five shillings stamps the colours are brown and yellow, with the brown predominating, and the 10s. is of a dark crimson, reminding one of the last issue of English sixpenny stamps. The revenue stamps start with the half-crown, and their values in succession run 5s., 10s., £1, £5, £10 and £25. In future postage stamps up to the value of 2s. will be available for revenue purposes; there will be no actual revenue stamps sold for special purposes under the half-crown. Later on embossed envelopes, post cards, and wrappers will be sold.

Collectors who are on the look out for respectable countries to specialise (remarks the "Philatelic Journal of India") might do worse than make a selection from the following: Danish West Indies, Iceland, Prince Edward Island, Gambia, Sicily, Jamaica, Chili, Monaco, Suriname, Curacao and Bosnia. They are all practically above reproach, and there are no unattainables, so they might all be absolutely completed without great expense. Compare with these Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, British North Borneo, Labuan, Matoking, Madagascar, French Congo and San Domingo.

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. 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.

QUEENSLAND.—Continued.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1897-99 (continued). Figures in all corners.				
4d. yellow	1/2
5d. purple-brown	1/4
6d. green	1/2
1/- mauve	1/3
2/- greenish-blue	1/1

1899.				
1d., zigzag roulette in black ..	3	6	2/6	1/4 1/1
1d. " plain ..	..	..	..	1/4
1d. " in black, also plain
1d. " plain and perf. 13 ..	8	..	1/6	1/8 1/6
1d. " in black

1899.				
4d. green	1/1

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S.G. Type 51. No Watermark. Perf. 12½.

1d. brown
6d. purple
1/- blue-green
2/- brown
2/6 dull red
5/- yellow .. .. .	..	..	..
10/- green .. .. .	..	..	..

Same Type. No Watermark.

1d. blue .. .. .	..	..	..
6d. purple .. .. .	..	..	..
6d. blue .. .. .	..	..	..
1/- blue-green .. .. .	..	..	..
2/- brown .. .. .	..	..	..
10/- green .. .. .	..	..	..
20/- rose .. .. .	..	..	..

Gibbons' Type 53. Perf. 12. Watermark Q and Crown.

1d. lilac .. .. .	..	..	..
6d. red-brown .. .. .	..	..	..
1/- green .. .. .	..	..	..
2/- blue .. .. .	..	..	..
2/6 brick-red .. .. .	..	..	..
5/- yellow-brown .. .. .	..	..	..
10/- brown .. .. .	..	..	..

Same Type. No Watermark. Burelé Band.

1d. lilac .. .. .	..	..	..
6d. red-brown .. .. .	..	..	..
6d. red-lilac .. .. .	..	..	..
1/- green .. .. .	..	..	..
2/- blue .. .. .	..	..	..
2/6 vermilion .. .. .	..	..	..
5/- yellow-brown .. .. .	..	..	..
10/- brown
20/- rose

Gibbons' Type 54. No Watermark. Burelé Band. Perf. 12.

1d. violet
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Same type. Watermark Q and Crown.

1d. violet
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Gibbons' type 55. Perf. 12.

6d. green
5/- salmon
10/- brown

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

IN the search for new notes for my monthly page, I have been going back ten years, to my files of "The Postal Card," of 1892, published in New Jersey, and edited by Mr. George Watson and Mr. Lohmayer. This little paper, which was supported by the Postal Card Society of America, could never get 'second class' rates and though it struggled manfully on for a considerable time, it was eventually obliged to cease publication. It was a precious little magazine to the coterie of 'entire' collectors of the States and of England at the time, and its thorough reliability and unfailing interest made it quite a notable example of contemporary philatelic literature.

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Ten years is not a long time perhaps, but when you look into the past through such a medium as this little magazine it seems as if a generation has passed away. The art of the 'entire' collector is still in an undeveloped state, but looking back over these ten years to the careful writers in the "Postal Card," we see that at that time the darkness was greater still. It was more difficult then than now to get information as to new issues abroad, but by the thorough search through the Continental stamp papers a good list was always prepared. It is interesting to note the comments on the first reply post card issued by the United States, which was vulgarly termed a double-breaster and was largely condemned. One correspondent calls it a 'boomerang' but is corrected, because you are not always sure of it coming back!

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There are also some diverting comments on the difficulties which the post office authorities at Washington apparently had with the English language. To explain in one lucid line that the face of a postal card is reserved for the address baffled the skill of each successive administration, from the first cards issued, to those of to-day. Those first cards faltered:

Address only on this side—the message on the other.

This bungle was so much scoffed at that it was quickly changed to a sentence which narrowly escaped success.

Nothing but the address can be placed on this side.

But the falsity of that assertion was plain and almost comic, for it was just as easy to write upon one side of the card as the other. The next political genius who harnessed himself to the task, achieved this verbless phrase:

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

To consider so weak-kneed and tottering an ellipsis an English sentence is too much, even for patriotism. Small wonder that it could not stand. Again the great feat was essayed. The legend then ran

This side is for address only.

But this was unsatisfactory as it lacked the precision of the definite article. The next attempt (1894) established the instruction at present used, which is possibly the most correct and convenient in use anywhere and certainly is an improvement on that of our Great Britain Cards.

This side is for the address only.

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A quaint feature of the "Postal Card" was that it would every now and then publish a list of various dealers' prices for a certain card or cards, side by side, in order to show readers which was the cheapest firm. As the advertisement thus given was perfectly gratuitous the dealers could hardly complain, even when they were at big prices, and collectors would of course be interested to know the lowest price at which specimens were obtainable. But the idea has many

obvious objections, and we should not care to see any revival of it amongst, say, stamp men.

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A contributor to "Meekel's Weekly" gives particulars of the departmental regulations under which each new contract for postal cards is given and accepted. "The single cards must be surface printed on one side only from hardened steel plates and with ink of such quality and colour as may from time to time be approved by the Postmaster-General. The use of aniline inks will not be allowed. The double or reply cards will be required to be similarly printed, but on both sides of the paper, the design to be selected by the Postmaster-General. The dies and rolls required to produce the working plates from which the cards are to be printed will be furnished by, and wholly at the expense of the Government, and from such designs as the Postmaster may see fit to adopt; but all the necessary working plates must be furnished, kept in repair, and removed at the cost of the contractor; and any expense which the Government may incur in connection therewith shall be charged to him and deducted in the settlement of accounts for cards furnished. All such plates made or used at any time during the contract term immediately become the property of the United States, and shall be turned over to the Postmaster-General, or his duly authorised agent, whenever demanded. The Postmaster-General may require the contractor to have all the working plates made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Department, but should it become necessary or expedient to turn over to him the dies and rolls for the preparation of working plates at some other establishment he shall be held responsible for their safe custody and proper use, and shall return them whenever demanded by the Postmaster-General or his agent. . . All spoiled cards shall be destroyed by the agent of the department in the presence of the contractor or representative or otherwise disposed of as the Postmaster-General may direct. Payment will not be made for cards spoiled in the process of manufacture or rejected upon inspection." The contract then goes on to dictate what sort of building is to be used in manufacture and storing, insurance, watchmen, etc., making the requirements as binding as one could ask, and this the contractor must agree to if he is to have the work.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Germany.—New cards of the values of 3 pfennig (grey) and 5 pfennig (green), with stamps inscribed *Deutsches Reich* instead of *Reichpost* are reported.

The "I.B.J." reports having seen overprinted 5+5pf. cards for the CAROLINE ISLANDS, and the MARIANNE ISLANDS with the overprint on the reply half only.

Mauritius.—"E.W.S.N." speaks of a 18c. blue on white envelope with a surcharge "15 cents."

Persia.—"Der Philatelist" chronicles a surcharge of the words *Provisiore*—1319 in a frame on the 12ch. rose envelope.

Philippines.—"Meekel's Weekly" states that the following envelopes have been overprinted PHILIPPINES.

- 1c. green on amber, red surcharge.
- 1c. green on blue, " "
- " " on Oriental buff, red surcharge.
- 2c. rose on white, " "
- 2c. rose on amber, " "
- 4c. brown, die A on amber, brown surcharge.
- 4c. " die C " " " "
- 5c. blue on amber, blue surcharge.

Uganda.—"E.W.S.N." reports having seen the following:--
Postcard. Buff card.

"Uganda" on 1a. carmine, B.E.A., 138 x 98

Reply Postcard. Buff card.

"Uganda" on ½ + ½a. green, B.E.A., 119 x 74

Registration Envelopes.

"Uganda" on 2as. red-brown, B.E.A., size F.

" " " " " H2.

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Publicity or Secrecy?

Following upon the article by Mr. J. N. Luff quoted in the last *Fortnightly*, the "American Journal of Philately" publishes a declaration that its proprietors, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, have no desire to keep the collector in the dark, their only wish being that such details as are likely to instruct and assist the stamp-forgers should not be published. Some will think this a perfectly intelligible, and even a commendable attitude to adopt. Others will think it mere hair-splitting.

To us the great and paramount consideration is the best interests of the collector, and the question, in our mind, amounts to this: Is it not better to help a few forgers (assuming, for the sake of argument that publication *does* help them) if by so doing we protect the great body of philatelists against fraud? The *Fortnightly* and kindred journals are not published for the instruction of the Castles and the Ehrenbachs and the Luffs of Philately, but for the benefit of the rank-and-file, the beginners and medium collectors who are not in the "inner circle" but are nevertheless the real backbone of our hobby. "The greatest good to the greatest number" must be our motto, and as Mr. Heginbottom points out, in a letter published elsewhere, there are, fortunately, fewer forgers than collectors; and if by exposing the latest tactics of the common enemy we are giving the forger a wrinkle or two, we maintain that even that is preferable to a policy which would leave the isolated provincial philatelist absolutely at the mercy of the first imitator who laid himself out to "rook" him.

Major Evans, we regret to note, is on the side of silence, and in a recent article on the subject he talks vaguely of persons who impute motives. We do not think there has been much imputing of motives, but the mention of it by the Editor of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' organ bring home to us the curious fact that only the representatives of the leading firms of stamp dealers strongly object to the publications of detailed descriptions of forgeries. "There is no occasion for such publication," say these people in effect, "because if only the collector will buy all his stamps from reliable firms (which is US) he will be perfectly safe." Is it, then, an attempt to squeeze out the small dealer, this crusade against descriptions of forgeries?

Now we shall be accused of imputing motives, but we would beg leave to state that Major Evans' own article gave us the idea. People who fancy that accusations are made should be careful to keep such fancies to themselves. *Qui s'excuse, qui s'accuse!*

Faked (or Accidental?) Bleuté.

With regard to our recent article on the subject of £5 stamps with faked bleuté we have nothing fresh to record.

The Philatelic Society's Expert Committee, invited to expertise the particular stamp concerned a second time, has reaffirmed its previous decision. But that decision, we ought perhaps to mention, was given in a somewhat curious form. The usual photo of the stamp was supplied, and attached to it, the Expert Committee's opinion, reading, so far as we remember, as follows:—

We have examined the £5 English Stamp submitted by Mr. — and are of opinion that it is on bluish paper.

Now as to the main fact that the stamp was on bluish paper there was never the slightest doubt. A one-eyed infant could have told us as much. But reading the Committee's opinion broad-mindedly, and as it is probably intended to be read, one infers that the Expert Committee's opinion is that the bleuté is official and, therefore, "genuine" in the full philatelic acceptance of the term. But is it official? And if it is official, why do many of the shrewdest philatelists in London pronounce it faked? Mr. Nissen's reasons for originally denouncing the stamp were as follows:—

(1.) The stamp is of the bright vermilion shade, which, he contends, was never printed on bleuté paper.

(2.) The bleuté is not a true bleuté, but shows a greenish tinge.

As to the first point, the fact upon which Mr. Nissen relies, is disputed by more than one philatelist. In the near future we hope to be able to clear this up. As to the question of colour the possibility has occurred to a *Fortnightly* correspondent that possibly there is "a third side to the question." "Perhaps," he writes, "something in the gum or paper, or some atmospheric or other influence brought to bear upon a parcel of these stamps has turned them into bleuté specimens. It would not be the first instance of a piece of clever stamp-faking by Dame Nature."

The point is interesting, and recalls to our mind a recent conversation with a well-known philatelist who advanced similar views, and instanced some of the large Jubilee stamps of Barbados as examples of—for want of a better word, "accidental bleuté." And not so very long ago, while rummaging among an accumulation of old stamp papers we came across a controversy on this very subject in Volumes II. and III. of the "Philatelic Record," and notably a long letter from a philatelist whose chosen pseudonym, "Bleuté par la Gomme," sufficiently indicates the nature of the arguments he advanced.

Pending a return to this subject we wish to state that if we have been led into an unjustifiable criticism of the Philatelic Society's Expert Committee no one will regret it more keenly than ourselves. The members of that Committee are eminent philatelists who give their fellow-collectors the benefit of their knowledge and experience absolutely "for love of the cause." The trifling fee charged for a decision cannot be sufficient to pay the Committee's actual out-of-pocket expenses, let alone anything in the shape of remuneration for the skill and trouble involved. And philatelists home and abroad have learned to look upon the Society's Expert Committee as infallible. For that reason we have been anxious that no mistake should be made, or if made rectified. But also for that reason—paradoxical as the words must sound—we do sincerely hope that our judgment has been too hasty!

PHILATELIC EVENTS

From April 26th to May 10th, 1902.

APRIL 29TH & 30TH.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at the Arbitration Room, 63/64, Chancery Lane, at 5 o'clock precisely each day.

MAY 1ST & 2ND.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Blenheim Room, Hotel Cecil, Strand, W.C., at 5 o'clock precisely each day.

MAY 5TH.—Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 5 o'clock precisely.

Messrs. Plumridge & Co. have quite unavoidably altered the dates of two forthcoming sales, and the corrected list is as follows:—April 29th & 30th, May 6th & 7th, May 29th & 30th, June 3rd & 4th (4 days sale with short interval), and June 17th & 18th.

Our "Sherlock Holmes" Philatelic Competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

From the conditions governing the "Sherlock Holmes" competition, as printed in the Supplement to the last *Fortnightly*, one very important point was omitted. As the matter stands at present many collectors might take the competition to be a mere guessing affair, which it is not, instead of a test of philatelic knowledge and skill, which it is.

The point omitted is this:—When it is impossible to say which of two or more stamps of an issue, or of different issues, has been used for the purposes of the competition, the stamp of lowest value may be assumed to be the one taken. Again if there are a number of issues to which one of the stamps might belong, then the lowest value of any of these issues will rank as a correct answer.

All the stamps, we may add, were photographed *life size* in order that the true perforations should be seen. The solutions sent in will be judged, in every case, on their merits, and as mentioned before the decision of the Editor of the *S.C.F.* will be final.

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.

Great Britain.—To the last of King Edward stamps actually issued must be added the following:—

- 1½d. lilac and green.
- 2d. green and carmine.
- 3d. lilac on yellow.
- 4d. brown and green.
- 1s. crimson and green.

The 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., and £1 stamps are due or almost due, but the 9d. and 10d. values, according to statements in the newspapers are not yet printed.

Cook Islands.—The ½d. and 1d. values have been re-issued in green and red respectively.

Adhesives. ½d. green.
1d. red.

Denmark, we are informed by Mr. Bertel Fuglsang, of Copenhagen, is going in for a complete new series of stamps. The design is to be made the subject of a competition, the Postmaster-General having addressed an advertisement to Danish artists and designers to submit their ideas before the 1st of July of this year. For the best design there will be a prize of £28; for the second best, £17; for other good designs which the P.M.G. may see fit to acquire, £12. The new stamps are expected to appear before the end of the year.

Fiji.—Mr. Bertram Poole writes:—"The current ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d. and 6d. stamps are now perforated 11 horizontally and 11½ vertically—a hitherto unchronicled gauge." In a specimen Mr. Poole sends us the 11½ gauge is very distinct and is doubtless the work of a new machine lately brought into use.

Germany.—From Mr. Ad. Sonn, and from various paragraphs in the newspapers, we gather that in the new 3 pfennig stamps, the 99th specimen in the sheet is spelt with a distinct "f" in place of the first "e" of the word "Deutsches," thus: DFUTSCHES.

In Berlin (a correspondent informs us), the variety at first changed hands for as much as 15 marks, but later on it was found that a great quantity must have been issued, and the price rapidly dwindled.

Iceland.—A complete new set is in contemplation, Mr. Bertel Fuglsang informs us. See note under "Denmark."

Italy.—Mr. Charles de Grave Sells kindly sends us two specimens of the current 5c. green, showing a very marked

variation of colour. The stamp is now appearing in a much darker green than formerly, and the change is certainly an improvement. The 25 centesimi stamp, the same correspondent tells us, is also darker in shade.

Adhesives: 5c. dark green.
25c. dark blue.

New Zealand.—Mr. L. A. Sanderson writes the "Australian Journal of Philately" as follows:—

The 1d. value has appeared on unwatermarked paper. The manufacturers at the time had not prepared the "bits" for the watermark. This news will prove a shock to those who laid in a stock of London prints in expectation of securing a good return on their money, as there is practically no difference between those printed in London and the present issue. The latter appear to be a little brighter in colour, but that's all. They are perforated 14, same as London prints.

Nuie and Penrhyn Islands.—Mr. Gilles informs the "Australian Journal of Philately" that the current ½d., 1d., and 2½d. values of New Zealand have been surcharged for use in these Islands.

Orange River Colony.—Mr. Bertram Poole informs us that in the recent provisional—"½d." in red on 6d. blue—the first stamp on the seventh row of each pane shows the error inverted figure "1" instead of "I." Furthermore our correspondent states that the fifth stamp in the fifth row of each pane has no stop after the "R" of V.R.I.

South Australia.—The 9d. value, we learn, has made its appearance on Crown and S.A. paper.

Surinam.—The Avenue Stamp Company have shown us a copy of the 25c. on 50c. brown in a hitherto unknown gauge of perforation—namely 14.

St. Helena.—We have to thank Mr. G. Chipp, of Port Elizabeth, for a specimen of the penny King Edward stamp.

Adhesive: 1d. carmine.

Uganda.—Mr. Ad. Sonn informs us of the receipt of two stamps surcharged "Uganda" in red on two of the British East Africa stamps—the ½ anna green and 2½ annas blue.

United States.—Mr. Theodore Jackson, dating from Fox Hill, Natal, March 28th, writes:—

An error of the 8 cents Pan-American issue having come to my notice, as I have not yet seen it chronicled in any paper, and thinking that it may be of some use to you I here give the description of it.

As you are doubtless aware this stamp is inscribed "Canal Locks at Sault de St. Marie. I have in my possession an unused specimen in which a letter "b" is put in error for a "d" in the word "de."

Should this error have been chronicled before, kindly let me know.

Messrs. W. & S. Mitchell have shown us a peculiar error existing in the blue 6 kreuzer Wurtemberg of 1863-64. In the tablet at bottom of stamp the value is printed as C. Kreuzer instead of 6.

Issues of the Danish West Indies.

By CRAWFORD CAPEN IN THE "AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY."

THE stamps of this country have aroused more interest recently in the United States than those of almost any other country. Stamps of Danish possessions have always been favorites with collectors, as nothing has been done to disturb the absolute confidence felt in the value of the issues, on account of the integrity of those who have prepared and issued them. Reprints of Danish stamps have been made, but there have been none of the stamps of the Danish West Indies. The various series as issued, have followed the designs and methods of printing adopted for the stamps of Denmark, and now that the country is to become a United States possession, it is only natural that collectors should turn towards it with the greatest possible interest. The re-writing of our catalogue, made in the last number of this JOURNAL, was in accord with the result of a considerable study of the stamps, and the placing of them in order as a consequence of that study. We regret to have made the mistake of repeating the old designations of perforation. These are not correct. The 1879-96 issue should be marked perf. $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ and the 1898-1901 issue should be marked perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$. Some of the later stamps of the 1873-96 issues measure $13\frac{1}{2}$ all round in perforation. Such a difference, however, may be due to a shrinkage of the paper which varies considerably in the different issues.

The first stamps sent out to the Danish West Indies, which were of the original type of the Danish stamps, with the crown in the centre, were of the value of three cents. The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors contains the following interesting note which will explain to collectors the reason for the variation in the gum so noticeable in the early stamps:

"The stamps of this issue are to be found with light and also very dark brown gum, the cause of which is as follows: In 1855 the authorities of St. Thomas received from the home government a package of postage stamps; on its being opened it was discovered that the damp atmosphere of the ship's hold had caused the stamps to stick together. They had to be regummed, and a part was sent to a pharmacist of the name Riise at St. Croix; and the remainder to F. Beuzon another pharmacist at St. Croix; the former used the purest gum arabic obtainable, while the latter used a gum of inferior quality; hence the difference in the color of the gum of these stamps."

The difference between this first printing and that of later issues is quite marked, not only in this matter of gum, but also in the shades of the ink used. The stamp with the original brown gum is not nearly

as rare, in unused condition, as the one with the yellow gum. Cancelled, however, there is not so great a difference in the value. The cancellation on these stamps is almost invariably composed of six concentric circles, the small one in the centre, being in a solid black color. This sometimes appears with an open centre showing that the cancelling stamp was originally made in this way but, as would very naturally be the case, became filled with ink in the small centre. The stamps are sometimes cancelled by a postmark only, and sometimes we find the postmark and circular cancellation also. The carmine shades of the first stamps gave place to a rose, varying somewhat in intensity, and having also in it a certain amount of carmine in some of the issues.

This was repeated in the perforated stamps which appeared in 1872. The three cent stamps, which are all that have been mentioned to the present time, have upon them what is known as a burelage, that is, another printing of fine parallel wavy lines in a different color from that of the stamp. These sometimes do not appear and, in the cases of some stamps, this over-printing is developed only by the use of chemicals or heat action. The burelage may be found on the three cent stamps, but it is not on the four cent blue stamp, which followed. This four cent blue stamp, issued in 1872 on account of the demand of the colony, is found perforate and also imperforate. Recently a number of specimens have been found part-perforate, but there has been considerable question as to whether they were not a variation of the imperforate stamps (probably printers waste) issued in the part-perforate form, with the idea of making an additional variety. The perforation of these four cent stamps is somewhat clearer and more decided than that of the three cent stamps. This may be the result of the difference in paper which in the four cent is of a thinner and more brittle character.

The stamps of new design of 1873-96 at first appeared on thin brittle paper, and also varied materially in color.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.**"STAMPS" EXCHANGE SOCIETY.**

THE April packets were despatched on the 8th inst. Value as follows:—

Colonial and European Packet £416 15 7½
General Packet .. £294 10 6½

October credits have all been paid out and sheets returned to owners, although all debit accounts are not yet settled.

There are vacancies for a few advanced members. Rules of the Exchange from the *Hon. Secretary*, F. L. HEYGATE, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on April 10th, at the residence of Mr. Lloyd, 22, Hurles Crescent, Clifton, with Mr. P. J. Lloyd in the chair.

After several business matters had been discussed, Mr. Lloyd showed his New South Wales collection, including a fine lot of Sidney Views, and the display was much appreciated by those present.

HENRY ALSOP, *Hon. Secretary*, 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

A GENERAL Meeting of the Society was held on Monday, the 31st March, 1902, at 6 o'clock, at Mr. Larmour's residence, No. 60, Bentinck Street, Calcutta, with Mr. C. F. Larmour in the chair.

The audited accounts for 1901, which showed a satisfactory financial position, were passed and their circulation directed. The outstandings in respect of subscriptions and journal advertisements were carefully examined and directions for the future guidance of the *Hon. Treasurer* in respect of the same decided upon.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Luckis was elected a member of the Council in the place of Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. A. Harris, who has left for Europe.

Mr. Hoffmann brought forward the subject of an exhibition next cold season, and it was resolved that enquiries be made and the members addressed in view to an exhibition of the stamps of the Indian Native States (both postal and fiscal) other than those of Imperial issue, and that should the proposal meet with an adequately favourable response, the stamps be exhibited first at Calcutta early in December and subsequently at Delhi at the Coronation exhibition of Indian Arts and Crafts in January next. It was pointed out that the probable presence then in India of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the President of the London Philatelic Society, would add to the interest of the hoped for philatelic displays.

It was decided to invite the *Hon. Mr. D. P. Mason* to contribute a handbook to the Society's series of handbooks on the stamps of Afghanistan.

Mr. Corfield exhibited some new issues that have not yet appeared in the form of advance specimens of the coming Indian half-anna envelope (circular green) and the quarter anna post card (chocolate brown) bearing the Emperor's head. These are the very first stamps of Edwardian design to reach India, and they will not be issued to the public until after the Coronation in June next. The profile of Edward VII. on both envelope and card is that by Mr. Fuchs, already familiar from its appearance on the new issues of the United Kingdom. Mr. Corfield also exhibited advance specimen copies of a series of ten stamps of the Transvaal, from a half-penny to ten shillings. These also bear the King's head (Fuchs' design), but as a set are far more pleasing than the British issues. All are

bi-coloured, the execution being very fine and the full effect excellent. Latest advices, both from South Africa and London, are silent on the subject of this highly important and historically impressive series, and it is not known in India when they will be placed in circulation.

Since the year opened Major W. Barrett, *i.s.c.*, *p.s.o.*, Mr. Fred. Rogers, Mr. Hajee Esmail Aboobaker Johari, Dr. B. W. Holmes, Mr. F. C. Dwane and Mr. J. E. Chamberlain, *i.c.s.*, have been elected members.

A special expression of deep regret was recorded on the loss by death in South Africa of Colonel M. E. du Moulin, killed in action in January last. Colonel du Moulin was one of the original members of the Society, and prior to his departure from India the Secretary of the Dum-Dum Stamp Club. He was a philatelist of distinction and his loss to the pursuit in India is widely felt.

W. CORFIELD, *Hon. Sec.*, Calcutta, 2nd April, 1902

JUNIOR LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AT the meeting on Saturday, 5th April, at Clapham Hall, the subject was: "How I Collect Stamps."

Messrs. McCullam, Purdom and Lamb described their methods of collecting, and subsequently all those present gave their experiences, the youngest who spoke being 13 years of age.

It was decided to hold the annual outing on the Saturday before the Coronation, as many of the country members are expected to be in town on that date.

On Saturday, 19th April, Mr. W. Darwin gave a lecture on the "Stamps of Holland." Mr. Darwin has made a fine rational specialist collection of the stamps of that country, and his lecture was much appreciated. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Fred J. Melville and seconded by Mr. Fahy was heartily accorded.

The next meeting will be held on May 3rd, when several papers will be read. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 17th, 1902.

Hon. Sec.: W. G. PARKER, 215, Upper Kennington Lane, S.E.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE principal feature of the meeting held on March 18th was a display of collections of the various issues of New Zealand, and an explanation of them by Mr. John H. Thackrah, who remarked that New Zealand affords a remarkable instance of how little really definite and official information is available as to some of the issues of our Colonies.

Collections of New Zealand stamps were shown by Mr. T. K. Skipwith, Mr. H. M. Hepworth, Mr. E. Egly, Mr. W. A. Jefferson, Mr. G. Woodhead, Mr. J. Woodhead, and Mr. Thackrah himself, and at the close a vote of thanks to Mr. Thackrah was passed.

There was a good attendance of members, with the President (Mr. F. A. Padgett) in the chair, and several novelties were shown by Mr. George Woodhead, Mr. Roebuck, and others.

UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE.

FEBRUARY Packet Sheets returned to owners: sales about 10 per cent. of total sent in. March Packet is in circulation with 11 sheets value £53 10s. 5d. April Packet started 15th with 13 sheets value £73 9s. 9d.

There is room for a few more members as buyers, and also for those who have any old issues in mint state to dispose of.

Rules on application to Secretary H. BEAN, 164, Loughborough Park, Brixton.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

(FOUNDED SEPTEMBER, 1900).

AS recorded in the *Fortnightly*, the Secretaryship of this Exchange has changed hands, and the duties are now being carried on by Miss Florence Smith, of Winefrith, the Crescent, Bedford, to whom all applications for rules or membership should be made. My duties terminate with the February Packet, 1902, which has been duly returned to me from circulation, and, with the January Packet, has been broken up and all sheets returned and cash balances paid to members. The sales on the whole, since September Packet, 1901, to February, 1902, have been exceptionally good; the total amount circulated was £508 11s. 1d. (nett), and the sales therefrom amount to £145 15s. 3½d. (nett).

I am glad to say nearly all the members have returned their transfer forms duly executed and are continuing their membership under the same rules. Since the formation of the Club not a single bad debt has been incurred, all accounts have been paid and sheets returned to their respective owners within seven days of return of packet.

I cannot speak too highly for the courteous way in which the members have acted during my term in office as Secretary, the accounts have been paid promptly, packets circulated quickly, and the rules adhered to; and it is with deep regret that I have to relinquish the post, but the numerous letters from members convince me that my services were well appreciated by them.

In conclusion, I tend to all my heartiest thanks for the support and friendly way in which I have been treated, and wishing the Club and its members a long and successful career.

I beg to remain, the friend of all, NELSON T. HILLIER, *Retiring Secretary and Founder*, 16, Grosvenor Crescent, St. Leonards.

[Members of the South of England Stamp Exchange will, we feel sure, join with us in heartily congratulating Mr. Nelson Hillier on his successful and conscientious services as Secretary.—EDITOR, S.C.F.]

THE FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE April packet, amounting to upwards of £247 has been sent on its rounds. From the January packet only £33 odd was removed, but the sales for the remaining months of the quarter should be better, as the total value is over £800.

Messrs. A. E. Moore and C. H. Crosse (of Bombay) have joined the club since last report.

Those who have odd fiscals and merely wish to dispose of them, or individuals who wish to exchange or collect fiscals should communicate with

A. B. KAY, *Hon. Secretary*, 35, Bessborough Street, London, S.W.

"BRITISH EMPIRE" EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE February Packets have returned and the contents despatched to their owners. Results as follows:—

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Our Review of Reviews.

Remainders that are likely to "remain."

In the February and March issues of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" a writer who signs himself "Hamburgensis" has been describing the curious adventures of the huge block of Philippine remainders sold by auction in December, 1899. The purchasers on that occasion were Messrs. Edward A. Keller, of Manila, whose bid was \$50,300 Manila currency—about £5000 sterling. A Mr. Schenkel (how he comes into the business is not clearly stated) subsequently re-sold the remainders in Paris for about £6,500. These details are merely introductory, the real object of "Hamburgensis" being to show the absurdity of many of the current catalogue quotations for Philippine stamps in the light of the figures he is able to give as to the remainders which still remain—and which, he opines, are likely to remain!

Striking an average from the figures given in the "P.J.G.B." it appears that only a 300th part of the total remainders sold by auction in December, 1899, had been disposed of up to December, 1901! And of the remainders that remain there are nearly thirty millions!

Designation by Catalogue Number.

In the "Australian Journal of Philately" sound views are expressed on the question of the designation of this or that stamp by its catalogue number.

The question of designating the various issues by means of a fixed, definite, and permanent number has been discussed at various times and in various journals, but no further improvement has resulted than that of having the same stamp quoted by some dealers in their catalogues under the same numbers as those in the preceding editions. We regret to find that in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' new catalogues, both parts 1 and 2, several numbers have been altered in many countries, on the other hand we are pleased to see that, on the whole, the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., have adhered to the numbers of their previous edition. It is, however, very confusing to collectors who, when they wish to trace a stamp, and refer to different catalogues for comparative purposes, find that the numbers are no earthly use whatever. Can something not be done to improve this state of affairs?

THIS WOULD BE A BOON TO ALL PHILATELISTS.

In the interests of collectors and dealers alike adds the "Australian Journal of Philately": we think it is high time that steps should be taken to elucidate the difficulty of designation by number, which, if attained, would enable philatelists throughout the world to know that, if New South Wales stamps numbered say 8, 10, 20 were mentioned, certain stamps were referred to!

A system of universal numeration for all catalogues—if only the cataloguers would lay their heads together on the subject!—would certainly be a boon to all stamp collectors throughout the world. Why should not a certain stamp which is No. 15, say, in Gibbons catalogue be also numbered 15 in Scott, in Bright, in Seuf, Kohl, Yvert & Tellier, and all the others? There is nothing impossible in the thing.

An Uncatalogued Variety of Persia.

"While going over a large number of duplicates," writes Mr. Herbert I. Watts in "the Adhesive," "I discovered an uncatalogued variety of the 7 shahi stamp of Persia, issue of 1889, and while I am not a minor variety crank, I really think this is worthy of any collector's notice.

"In the regular type of this 7 shahi there is a well formed period after the word 'Poste' in the upper label, while in the variety I have found there is no period or any trace of one. I have this variety both used and unused, and even under a strong glass there is no trace of a period to be discovered. All the stamps of this variety are perforated 11."

BETTER THAN IT IS CATALOGUED TO BE.

"I wish to state, adds Mr. Watts, that I believe the 7 shahi 1889 is a better stamp than the catalogue valuations would indicate. The 7s., 1891, was catalogued in Scott's 1894 at 3d. It is now priced at 1s. 8d. Something similar may be looked for in the case of the 7s. of 1889. It was in use for a shorter period of time than was the 7s. of 1891."

What About King Edward's Fiscals?

"It is remarkable," writes the Editor of "Morley's Philatelic Journal," that no information is at present obtainable as to the changes in British Fiscals which will be necessitated

by the substitution of the King's Head in place of the Queen's. All we can learn up to the present time is that the new series of 'unappropriated dies' will show the value clearly in plain figures and that possibly some additional values, such as £2 10s., will be added to the series."

Should we Discard Damaged Stamps?

In the March issue of "the Adhesive" Mr. Charles E. Jenney writes interestingly and with much force of argument on the question of damaged stamps. "The mania for perfection," as he calls it, has grown steadily among stamp collectors. Are we going too far in this direction?

Let us stop a few moments [suggest Mr. Jenney], and consider if this over-aestheticism has not carried us too far. To-day stamps that seem to the ordinary eye all right, or at least fair specimens, are searched with the microscope: and a perforation missing, the slightest tear, a thin place, a pin-hole pricked through, or a trifle too heavy cancellation will at once condemn the stamp. And yet the valuable collections of twenty years ago are as a rule chiefly made up of such stamps. To those who are perfectly willing to pay the top price for condition I have not a word to say, but to the bulk of collectors, those who wish to accumulate a large representative collection and cannot afford to pay fancy prices, I would talk a few minutes.

I have recently had the opportunity of handling many of the scarcer stamps from old collections and I think that 75% is not too high a figure to place as the proportion that would be rejected by the particular modern collector. Yet as these stamps appeared in the original collection they looked for the most part all right and delighted the eyes of collectors not possessing many of the rarities. When the stamps were unmounted and carefully examined many defects began to appear. A stamp with a tear in it but no part missing often could not be detected mounted in the album: stamps with thin backs are only found by observing their reverse; and stamps with small nicks or perforations missing are not always noticeable among a lot of other mounted stamps. But all these stamps are classified as damaged nowadays and many collectors will not exchange for them at any price. The result is that a damaged stamp is going the way of a round-cut envelope stamp and is almost worthless. Will it follow that stamp collecting will come to an end because there are so many damaged stamps, just as the collecting of envelopes has almost died out because of the taboo set on cut-round specimens, which composed the majority of the oldest issues?

We are sorry not to have the space to quote the whole of Mr. Jenney's article, which well merits a careful reading. "I hope," he writes in conclusion, "my few words may lead to some kindly thoughts toward the black sheep of our collections—the damaged stamps!"

The "Colonies" of Uncle Sam.

"United States Colonials" are naturally stamps that appeal to all American Collectors. But where are the so-called "colonies" of the United States? Where does the list begin and where leave off? Again—and this is a matter of prime importance to the philatelist—at what point in their history do these places begin to be the colonies of Uncle Sam? "Stylus" tackles the subject in a letter to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News":—

Collectors, he writes, seem to take for granted the dictum of cataloguers and writers on philatelic matters, so now we are all making a scramble for the stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, Hawaii and Dutch West Indies, under the peaceful delusion that we are adding to our "United States Collection." The edict has gone forth that these possessions have become, or are about to become, United States territory, and for that reason we believe what someone has told us, and add them to our book of United States. In the case of Cuba and Danish West Indies, they are not yet ours, so we can wait a little and abate our unseemly haste, for we may never possess them fully.

But on what grounds do we presume to say to the collector of United States stamps that he must not include the first and all the issues of these colonies? The stamps of Porto Rico and of the Philippine Islands issued prior to our taking possession in 1898, are Spanish Colonials and nothing more, and the fortunes of war cannot alter their status. Who ever heard of German states and colonials including the issues of Heligoland as part of his German collection, because that rock-bound island has since become a possession of the kaiser? Or the collector of France and French colonies including the earlier and later issues of the Mexican Republic, because Maximilian, under the protection of France in 1866, gained a brief foothold and promulgated stamps with his portrait?

Swiss Stamps, Whole and in Halves.

Some most interesting notes by Mr. Hans Kirchofer on the older stamps of Switzerland—most fascinating of European issues—have been translated for our Birmingham contemporary, the "Philatelic Chronicle" by Mr. Louis Schunnacher.

The close study of the Swiss postage stamps which had rather been neglected formerly, has received a great impetus in the last ten years, writes Mr. Kirchofer. Investigations and research have been rapidly pursued, and thus we have now arrived at the point on which the classification of the Swiss stamps agrees at last with the official documents.

Nevertheless there are still some obscure points which I hope to clear up as far as possible.

In the light of early enquiries it was taken for granted, that the Confederation stamps, issue 1850-52, appeared first without and afterwards with, cross border. Collectors continued this theory and took the very scarce Rayon II., 10 rappen, yellow, for a simple proof impression of which some used specimens came into possession of the public. The inventor of this theory being unable to maintain it any longer pretends now that only one row of the 40 different types in which these stamps appeared, had been issued by error with cross border. This statement, however, cannot remain intact, as I found, thanks to the kindness of the Swiss collectors, who favoured me with an inspection of their collections, *over* 32 different types of this stamp. Therefore the conclusion is that there must have been some whole sheets of this 10 rappen yellow, Rayon II. in existence.

The "Ortspost" and "Poste locale," Rayon I. and II. were certainly made with cross border. The cross has probably been corroded out of the plate afterwards to produce the red print less exactly but consequently quicker, because the black border required a very accurate impression. Proofs of this statement are, that the red colour is not on every specimen exactly in its place but encroaches upon the black limits of the escutcheon.

I discovered four adherent "Post locale" without cross border, type 3 and 4, 10 and 11, and found on the 10 and 11 traces of cross border, but on type 3 and 4 nothing of the kind was to be seen. The latter bore the date 1852. Among 30 letters bearing Rayons without border I did not find a single one dated before March, 1852, this proves that this stamp was probably only issued in 1852. Neither have I seen a Rayon II. with cross border on letters before 1852.

The 5 rappen dark blue, Rayon I., with cross border and without it have been used side by side, therefore I conclude that the quantities must have been rather large. At any rate the borders of the latter had not been removed from all the lithographic plates. When the 5 rappen stamps was printed in blue and red, there were also some specimens with complete cross border in circulation, I know of about 20 different types of this kind.

Some time ago a collector of Swiss postage stamps announced an up-to-then quite unknown Rayon II. yellow and red on white, as really a postage stamp, he being in possession of an obliterated specimen. This stamp is nothing else than a proof impression. This specimen was not found on a private letter, but comes from old post office archives. It would be difficult for this gentleman to produce another example of the kind. The number of these stamps cancelled officially, by way of trial, is very large, therefore we should be obliged to call them all newly discovered stamps!

Not less interesting than the above described stamps are the *cut in halves* specimens of the 1850-65 issue, which were first discussed by Ed. von Leman, they are generally looked upon as curiosities and not as official postally used stamps, and yet they have existed and been used for postage. An instruction coming from the post office head department, dated January the 4th, 1854, acknowledges their existence with regard to the issue 1850-54. The letter states: "It is a circumstance of daily occurrence that stamps cut in halves, so that they may represent the half of their nominal value, are used for postage. This proceeding which comprises the security of the obliteration is prohibited!" With regards to this we must consider stamps which were cut in halves *later on* as simple speculation products, but the case is different. The local tax of 2½ rappen had never been cancelled and therefore a substitute for the "Ortspost" and "Post locale" was needed as soon as the stock was cleared. After 1860 the sending of printed matter through the post increased considerably, and to make up the Ortspost fare, people were obliged to cut the 5 rappen stamps in two. This was mostly practised in Geneva. Until the 3 rappen stamps was issued the Confederation gave orders to the different post office departments to stamp the newspapers addressed to Sardinia with a whole 2 rappen and a cut in halves piece of the same value. Thus it happened that being out of stock for the moment the post office clerks cut in two their stamps to satisfy their customers. The proofs of this are to be found in the old post office accounts.

A Standard Collection of the World's Stamps.

On the now much discussed question of the Tapling Collection, "Dak," of the "Philatelic Journal of India," holds forth as follows:—

The national collection in the British Museum is still the subject of much rambling criticism. Surely the museum authorities could be approached by collectors at home and definite information elicited as to their future intentions. Parliament is sitting. A question or two from a member catching Mr. Speaker's eye, if put directly and at not too frequent intervals, would no doubt be a useful aid in keeping matters unsettled until a satisfactory decision to bring and keep the collection up to date could be arrived at.

The "M.J." for December publishes Mr. Gordon Smith's list of Indian stamps now in the collection. It is remarkable for many *lacunae*, and the youngest ordinary stamp it lists is dated 1888, though among official stamps some of a later date are noted. This should be the standard Indian collection of the world. I have read somewhere that in (I think) the precincts of the Palace of Westminster there are certain standards of weight and measure permanently built into the building, which are regarded as the ultimate representatives of the weight or measure whose name they bear. Philatelists should borrow the germ of the idea and insist on having somewhere a standard collection, permanently housed in a central public building perpetually growing and planned upon lines that, on the one hand, do not tend towards an undue restriction of legitimate varieties, and, on the other, aim at an exclusion of varieties likely to defeat, by reason of their absurdity, the true ends of sane Philately.

Mr. Tapling's noble gift has gone to sleep. Presuming its custodians eventually decide to carry it on as a live and valued institution, I would offer the following as my ideas towards putting this much-desired decision into practice. The Museum should take the collecting world into its confidence and desire its co-operation. It should invite certain well-known collectors to undertake the working up of the stamps of certain countries entrusted to their care. These members of "a committee for the promotion of the national collection" should be appointed by special minutes of the Museum authorities. Their letters of appointment should authorise them to enlist the aid of any Government in the interests of the collection, and it is probable that these letters would be regarded by those to whom they were addressed as very valued possessions, conferring a high honour on the recipients, and demanding in return earnest and disinterested service.

Suppose, then, under this scheme an Indian Collector were duly appointed to bring the Indian section of the Tapling collection up to date, what should then be done? The whole of the Indian section of the collection should be despatched to him in India with a supply of supplementary sheets, mounts and labels of the authorised size, shape, &c.—the whole under insurance. The Collector would receive them; he would approach the Philatelic Society of India, and the Government of India, and would meet with their united support and willingly-rendered assistance. In a few weeks the Museum in Bloomsbury would possess a complete Indian collection arranged on the Museum's own accepted scientific methods by experts on the spot—it would also have a representative in India pledged to submit new issues to London as soon as ever they appeared and only too proud to be honoured with the opportunity for doing so. The cost to the Museum would be merely the postage and insurance of the existing collection to India. And that which is true of India would equally apply to other countries both within and without the British Empire.

A vigorous philatelic crusade, having for its object the completion of the standard collection of the world, would in a couple of years approach within a very short distance of the attainment of its end. There would be comparatively few really unavoidable gaps in the ranks, and these could, for the time being, be filled by photographic reproductions.

A standard collection is susceptible of being reproduced indefinitely by photography, and so a standard catalogue available to all could be at last accomplished—a catalogue that mounted in blank albums would help to form the very best illustrated album conceivable. Philatelic Societies would find it of the greatest use. That of Birmingham (to its credit the pioneer of English Societies in this respect) is forming its own collection but (temporarily) in interleaved *Imperial Albums*. Were a photographed reproduction of the standard collection available *permanent* and not temporary arrangements could be adopted forthwith. Such an album would be invaluable also to those collectors intending to bequeath their collections to local public institutions, as the treasures taken over would up to a point be arranged by the generous donor himself on the best principles, and the arrangements could always be continued, growing with the growth of the parent collection in London and on the same carefully planned lines. These are my ideas.

And excellent ideas, too!

From the Auction Rooms.

A NEW partnership is announced in the philatelic auctioneering world, Mr. J. H. Telfer having become associated with the firm of Plumridge & Co. Mr. Telfer's association with stamp dealing—a long and honorable record—is now entirely severed. Messrs. Plumridge have always made a special point of the fact that they are not, in any way whatever, stamp dealers, and this state of affairs will in no way be altered by the advent of Mr. Telfer as a partner in the firm. In a course of a circular just issued Messrs. Plumridge & Co. explain that owing to the increasingly heavy work of the business it became absolutely necessary either to admit a working partner or to employ someone of considerable philatelic knowledge to superintend a share of the detail work. The former course was eventually chosen and negotiations with Mr. Telfer resulted in the partnership above announced. "In accordance with our well known principles," write Messrs. Plumridge, "Mr. Telfer has undertaken not to deal in or collect stamps."

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Stamp Auctions never shaped better than at the present time, as the very healthy realisations at recent sales must show. And the "advance bookings" for 1902-3, we learn, have already commenced in earnest.

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It has been suggested to us that a word of remonstrance might well be addressed to those sale-goers who mistake the philatelic auction room for a conversazione or a tea-fight. It is all very well to be comfortable and sociable, but the gentlemen who attend the philatelic sales should really give a thought to the auctioneer, who sometimes has to overtax himself to make his words audible amid the constant buzz of an audience chattily inclined. While the auctioneer is trying to dispose of the "lots" and affecting quite an artificial voice, so as to make himself distinctly heard all over the room, a little crowd of dealers and others will generally collect around the rostrum and argue loudly among themselves, or make remarks to the auctioneer or to persons near at hand, smoking vigorously all the time. They will think nothing of conducting a business "deal" while the bidding is going on, or of talking of their own private affairs across the table. It is really rather unreasonable, and while nobody wants to make himself a cold blanket or to throw cold water on anyone's conviviality, one cannot help thinking that too much forbearance is expected of a philatelic auctioneer. Nowhere but at a stamp sale would such things be tolerated.

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, March 11th and 12th.

	£	s.	d.
Brazil, slanting figures, 3as. black	1	12	0
British Columbia, perf. 12½, wmk. CC., 10c. lake and blue, perf. on all sides	1	15	0
Cape of Good Hope, "Mafeking Besieged," a complete set of 19 varieties	15	0	0
Do. do. 1/- on Cape 4d.	1	5	0
Do. do. 6d. on Bechuanaland Protectorate 3d.	1	5	0
Ceylon, wmk. Star, imperf., 9d. lilac-brown	3	0	0
Do. Provisional, wmk. CC., perf. 14, Ten on 36c. blue*	2	0	0
Do. do. do. do. 10c. on 64c. red-brown*	1	1	0
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 12½ x 14, 2r. 50c. lilac rose, heavy postmark and some perfs. clipped	1	12	0
Gold Coast, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 4d. mauve*	1	2	0
Do. wmk. CA., perf. 14, ½d. olive-yellow*	1	1	0
Gt. Britain, 1840, imperf., 1d. black, an entire reconstructed sheet of 240 stamps	4	12	6
Do. 1847, 1d. red-brown, unofficially rouletted with large serpentine roulettes, on entire	1	0	0
Do. do. do. do., 2 copies, used, on entire	2	10	0
Do. 1865, large white letters in corners, 6d. deep lilac, plate 6*	1	1	0
Do. wmk. spray, 2/- brown	2	0	0
Do. 1873-80, wmk. anchor, 2½d. lilac-rose, the error of lettering (S. G., No. 140)	1	15	0
Do. £1 green, wmk. Crowns, "Account Branch Cancellation."	1	18	0

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Natal, wmk. CC., perf. 15½ x 15, 5/- mauve,* part gum	1	14	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 3d. yellow-green	1	9	0
St. Helena, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 6d. ultramarine*	1	9	0
St. Lucia, 1860, wmk. star, (4d.) blue, badly centred*	1	8	0
Do. do. (6d.) green, surcharged "Specimen" in manuscript	1	1	0
Do. CA., perf. 12, "FOURPENCE" black on yellow*	2	0	0
Turks Islands, 2½d. on 6d. black	1	4	0
Do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac*	2	6	0
Do. do. on 1d. red*	2	0	0
Do. 4 on 1/- lilac (S.G. No. 37)*	2	6	0
Virgin Islands, 4d. in violet on 1/- crimson, block of 4*	3	5	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, March 13th and 14th, 1902.

Austria, 1850, thin paper, 1kr. orange*	1	5	0
Do. do. 9k. pale blue*	1	0	0
Do. Newspaper stamp, 1851-56. Head of Mercury, 6kr. dull yellow*	7	15	0
Baden, 1862, perf. 13½, 3kr. rose*	2	8	0
Bavaria, 1870-73, 12kr. red-lilac, a block of 4*	4	0	0
Do. 1874, 1 mark mauve, imperf., a horizontal pair*	2	10	0
Belgium, 1849, wmk. L.L. in frame, 10c. brown and 20c. blue, both*	2	17	6
Do. 1849, 10c. brown	1	10	0
Do. 1850, wmk. in frame, 10c. brown*	5	10	0
Do. do. 40c. carmine*	2	2	0
Do. 1851, wmk. L.L. without frame, 40c. carmine*	1	10	0
Do. 1875-81, 5 francs yellow-brown*	1	9	0
Denmark, 1851, 2rbs. blue*	2	10	0
Do. do. 4rbs. yellow-brown*	2	8	0
Finland, 1858, 5k. blue, a tete béche pair, used, on entire	8	5	0
Do. 1875, perf. 14 x 13½, 32p. lake*	1	1	0
Do. perf. 11, 1 mark lilac*	1	10	0
France, 1849-50, 1fr. orange-brown, stained*	5	0	0
Gt. Britain, 1840, 1d. black, a block of 8*	8	8	0
Do. do. 1d. black, "V.R.," a horizontal pair*	15	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, without white lines, a block of 6, defective*	5	0	0
Do. 1858-64, ½d. red, plate 9, a vertical pair*	3	12	6
Do. 1847-54, 10d. brown, plate 4*	4	10	0
Do. do. another, plate 3*	2	7	6
Do. 1873-80, 8d. brown-lilac, a horizontal pair*	7	5	0
Do. 1867-69, 2/- blue, no gum*	1	5	0
Do. 1884, wmk. 3 Crowns, £1 brown-purple,* defective	3	3	0
Hamburg, 1864, 1½sch. blue*	1	12	0
Hanover, 1850, 1sgr. black on grey-blue,* part gum	3	0	0
Do. ½th black and orange*	2	8	0
Hungary, Litho. 10k. blue*	1	18	0
Do. do. 25k. red-lilac, a block of 4*	4	10	0
Levant, 1863, 6k. blue, on thin paper	1	6	0
Do. 1865 (2k.) brown and blue, used on piece	3	17	6
Do. do. (20k.) blue and red, on piece, but uncanceled	6	12	6
Do. 1872, vertically laid paper, 3k. green, a block of 4*	4	12	6
Mecklenburg-Schwerin, 1864, rouletted ½sch. red*	6	10	0
Naples, 1858, 50 grana lake*	2	2	0
Do. 1860, ½ Tornese blue, "Arms"	8	10	0
Do. do. ½ Tornese deep blue, "Cross"	3	0	0
Oldenburg, 1859, ¼gr. black on green*	1	12	0
Russia, 1858, wmk. 1, perf. 15, 10k. brown and blue* part gum	1	10	0
Do. wmk. 2, 20k. deep blue and orange*	6	0	0
Do. do. 3, 30k. crimson and green*	7	7	0
Saxony, 1851, The error, ½ngr. black on pale blue	15	0	0
Do. 2ngr. dark blue,* no gum	2	17	0
Schleswig Holstein, 1850, 2sch. rose	2	18	0
Schleswig, 1864, 1½sch. grey-lilac*	1	10	0
Holstein do. 1½sch. blue*	1	14	0
Servia, 1866, error of colour, 2p. deep green on lilac-rose*	4	15	0
Spain, 1850, 10 reales green*	2	12	6
Do. 1851, 2 reales red*	15	0	0
Do. 1852, 12 cuartos dull lilac*	1	10	0
Do. do. 2rbs. pale red	3	10	0
Spain, 1853, 2 reales, vermilion*	8	8	0
Do. do. 6 reales blue*	1	18	0
Do. do. another dark blue*	1	16	0
Do. do. 3 Cuartos bronze*	11	0	0
Sweden, 1866, 17 ore, purple-grey*	1	12	0
Do. 1872, the error, Tretio' instead of Tjugo ore vermilion*	10	0	0

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Mr. W. S. Hughes, Hon. Sec., of the Imperial Philatelic Society writes in favour of the formation of a Universal Philatelic Society to which existing Societies could be affiliated. Suggestions to this effect have appeared in "Stamps," the "Australian Philatelist," and the *Fortnightly*, but any correspondence on the subject will be welcomed.

Good-bye to another old-established firm of stamp dealers! Messrs. Hugo Griebert & Co. notify us that they have just acquired the entire stock and collections of the firm of Faustino A. Martins, of Lisbon, whose active connection with Philately dates back to literally the infancy of the hobby, they being established as far back as 1867. Messrs. Griebert now boast that they possess the finest stock in the world of Portugal and Colonies, and in Portuguese Indies in particular they claim to have the finest array of rarities anywhere to be seen.

"Regarding the 'Collectors' Guide to Values,'" writes a correspondent, "might I suggest that you issue occasional addenda, revise the prices in the earlier numbers where necessary, and thus keep it right up to date, making it a permanent Collectors' Catalogue? I know this: I have found it of great help occasionally, and consider that the 'Guide' alone is worth more than the subscription charged for the *S.C.F.*, as there are many stamps the values of which it is very hard to get at."

The suggestion is interesting and welcome, but we think hardly practicable. Any attempt to keep the values of the British Empire up to date in the small space possible to give to this feature of the *Fortnightly* is, obviously, a difficult matter. Letters on the subject from other readers, whether for or against the proposal, will be welcome.

Weird and wonderful are the ways of the country post office. A reader of the *S.C.F.* informs us that he entered one of them in Stubbleshire or somewhere and asked for a packet of registered envelopes. After some discussion as to whether a complete packet should consist of 11 or 12 they handed him a round dozen and demanded 2s. Our friend very kindly pointed out that they were robbing themselves—a thing sufficiently unusual on the part of the post office to be worthy of remark—but the officials were quite ignorant of the fact that registered envelopes are now franked with postage as well as registration thereby making the price 3d. It wouldn't be surprising to hear of a deficit in the accounts of that office at the end of its financial year!

A number of readers have written in cordial approval of the *Fortnightly's* attitude on the question of Publicity versus Silence in the matter of philatelic forgeries. Mr. E. Heginbottom, u.a., heartily endorses the views of "Hamburgensis," and as regards Mr. Luff's latest article he writes:—

It is quite true that in publishing the differences between the genuine and the forged stamps one is helping the forger, but *one is also helping the philatelist*, and at the same time gradually making the forger's work more difficult. It is the collector who must be protected, even at the risk of giving aid to the forger. But, after all, I do not lay great stress on the aid given to the forger. It is not

often that the latter can turn out a stamp without some distinguishing point of variation

Take the case of the 8d. Ceylon, for example. I am under the opinion, perhaps erroneously, that forgers have yet to forge a water-marked stamp successfully. At any rate all the forgeries I have seen of stamps which, when genuine, have a certain watermark upon them, have had NO WATERMARK at all—a very easy way to distinguish between the two. Of course in cases of stamps without watermarks, the matter is made extremely more difficult, but as before said, there is GENERALLY some point of difference between the spurious and the genuine stamps and all honour and praise I say to those keen philatelists who find out this difference or differences and MAKE THEM PUBLIC. I assert that such publicity instead of causing the forgers to continue their efforts will on the contrary help to discourage them and probably will tend to cause them finally to throw up their nefarious trade in disgust.

I presume (adds Mr. Heginbottom) that Mr. Luff would condemn Earee's "Album Weeds." Well, this book is, I consider, a necessary one in every good collection, and although not up to date the author is now engaged in bringing out another edition, which, when issued, will probably prove equally as valuable as the volume which has so long ranked as a standard philatelic handbook.

Then again, we have to think of the rising generation of philatelists, the youth of both sexes. Should they acquire numerous forgeries in their collections, it follows later on, when told of them by some philatelist well up in such matters, that such-and-such a stamp is a forgery, etc., they would probably throw up the hobby in disgust.

On the whole, I maintain that more good is done to the philatelist by publicity than would be brought about by secrecy, because the number of forgers (happily) is nothing like the number of collectors, and the larger number must come first. And the larger the number of collectors in the world the better for our good science of philately!

To our mind, one of the most flattering proofs of the popularity of *S.C.F.* lies in the fact that we receive numerous registered letters containing the annual subscription of 3s. 3d., an amount which many of the senders in the ordinary course of things would not trouble to cover by postal insurance. On one day recently we received three registered packets from Buluwayo, each containing the amount of a subscription to the *Fortnightly*, and each letter costing 1s. 4d. to send!

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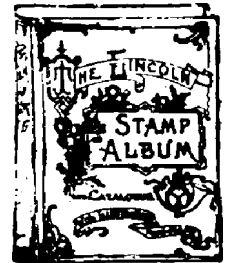
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"Is it Kleptomania?" asks the "New York Philatelist."

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THE strangest postage stamps in the world probably are the private issues of "Dr. Thebussem," a distinguished Spanish litterateur, who as a reward for signal services to the state was given the privilege of free postage by the Spanish Government, and also the right to style himself "Chief Honorary Postmaster of Madrid." "Dr. Thebussem," whose real name is Mariano Pardo de Figueroa, uses stamps of his own design, and is the only man in the world who has a stamp issue all to himself. The matter is recalled to us by a query addressed to our Birmingham contemporary, the "Stamp Collector," which, as a reply, reprints a meagre paragraph on the subject from the "Stamp News" of 1890; and appended to the reprint is the following note:—

Having never seen a copy of this stamp, nor an illustration of it, I daresay many readers besides myself would no doubt be very glad if any one fortunate enough to possess this stamp would favour the fraternity with a more detailed description of it.

Well, those who desire full information regarding the "Thebussem" stamps (it is not a question of one stamp, but of several) will find a full illustrated history of these curious labels in No. 94 of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, published in April 1898.

A Guinea Well Laid Out.

ALTHOUGH the Stamp Trade Protection Association's registered address is 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, W.C., it is as well to point out that the Secretary, Mr. Ad. Sonn, should be addressed at 7, Whitehall Park Road, Chiswick, London, S.W.

It is good to know that better support is now forthcoming from philatelists, but there is still a big majority who appear to be unmindful of the plucky fight the S.T.P.A. is making against the "crooks" of Philately. To all who collect stamps, or deal in them, or are in any way interested in our hobby, a guinea spent in a year's subscription to the S.T.P.A. is, we maintain, a guinea laid out to the best possible advantage.

Mr. Perryman speaks out.

In past days one could always count upon Mr. C. W. Perryman for a certain refreshing outspokenness that did not always commend itself to the favour of the person or persons that gentleman might be discussing at the moment. In a letter directed to the Editor of the "London Philatelist," and just published in the Philatelic Society's organ, Mr. Perryman does not mince matters in dealing with Mr. A. Van Dyck and the episode of the notorious reprints of the "Laureated" stamps of New South Wales. We referred to this matter under the heading "A Page from the Past" in No. 183 of the *Fortnightly*, and gave the text of Van Dyck's letter, sold as a philatelic curio at one of Messrs. Puttick's auctions. Mr. Perryman now writes:—

I bought the first few sheets Van Dyck exhibited, and which were sold to me as being all that existed—ten sheets in all—with his absolute guarantee that they were *originals*, and for which I paid between three and four hundred pounds, being on the basis of *twenty shillings* each for the 8d. and slightly less for the 2d. and 6d. You will remember Mr. Van Dyck's meeting with yourself when his fairy tales were first told, and I think I am right in saying that you with others were at first taken in with his confident and misleading statements. Little credence is likely to be attached to his letter, but I write to nail the lie to the counter that the stamps were sold as reprints at about face value. To my sorrow I know it, and am surprised to find that Mr. Van Dyck was writing under his own name so lately as Dec. 13th,

1901, from Paris. If he will come to England he might have his memory of the past vigorously refreshed as to how he sold his reprints and what he obtained for them.

"South Sea Bubbles" of Philately.

IN a note appended to Mr. Perryman's letter the Editor of the "London Philatelist" remarks that the "Laureated" New South Wales episode shares with the Austrian Mercuries and the "first issue" Cashmere the unenviable notoriety of being the three great South Sea Bubbles of nineteenth-century Philately.

A Loss to French Philately.

WE regret to learn from "L'Echo de la Timbrologie" that Mons. Fortin, President of the "Société Française de Timbrologie," is dead. Mons. Fortin had formed fine specialised collections of Ceylon and Cape Colony and was also interested in the stamps of Great Britain, France and the United States.

Mozambique Reminders for Sale.

MR. Charles J. Phillips, in his "Notes and News," reports that the Mozambique Company, of Lisbon, recently invited tenders for the following lots of the first issue of 1892-3, surcharged on the Portuguese, with head in relief:—

	Used.	Unused.
2½ reis	—	43,604
5 "	75,534	16,403
10 "	32,162	52,222
20 "	24,000	52,925
25 " purple	10,000	16,210
25 " reddish purple	—	12,375
40 "	13,206	39,994
50 "	12,887	40,697
100 "	12,917	37,158
200 "	10,026	39,994
300 "	10,714	43,227

The Company's circular, it appears, stated that there were almost as many more, stuck together and otherwise damaged, and that no tender would be accepted under £400. *If the buyer desired, the unused copies could be postmarked at the price of 6d. per thousand.*

"We consider (Mr. Phillips adds) all this sort of thing is bad for the stamp trade, and wish that all these reminders could be burnt. Naturally the stamps will now be of but little value, and will be very materially reduced in price in the next edition of our Catalogue.

"The other reminders of Portuguese Colonies, which were recently offered at auction, have not been sold, and we understand will not be sold, at any rate at present, although large tenders have been made for them."

The last reference is to the threatened colossal auction sale of Portuguese reminders more than once alluded to in the *Fortnightly* last year.

"If he had only Known—"

APROPOS the death of a once well-known stamp dealer, Mons. Paltzer, of Brussels, a good story is told by that diligent discoverer of interesting news items "Philologos" of the "Monthly Journal."

Mons. Paltzer, it appears, was a musician, and a pupil of the famous Belgian violinist, de Bériot.

In 1852 he accepted an engagement as first violin in the island of Réunion. It was just at the moment that there had been put into circulation the famous Réunion stamps of 15 and 30 centimes, which are worth to-day from £120 to £160 the pair. M. Paltzer used rather more than £2 worth of these stamps, which were supplied to the artistes of the theatre by the manager, M. Lacoste. The stamp of 15 centimes was used for the capital, Saint-Denis, and the stamp of 30 centimes was used for Brule, a suburb of Saint-Denis, and for other places on the island.

As obliterations were still unknown M. Paltzer himself obliterated the stamps which he used by writing across them his initial "P" in ink; moreover, as the stamps were innocent of gum, he stuck them down by means of wafers.

For a time M. Paltzer lived in Mauritius, and through his hands passed the stamps that are hunted for so keenly nowadays. Unfortunately for him he did not suspect the brilliant future that awaited the early stamps of Mauritius, and he kept none of the many envelopes which he received.

Forgery of an American Post-card.

NOT for some considerable long time has the United States postal department been called upon to cope with a forger, but that is the position of affairs at the present moment and we have the word of the "Metropolitan Philatelist's" Washington correspondent for it that the case is causing the Department considerable uneasiness.

It appears that a counterfeit of the "Jefferson" post-card has turned up in considerable quantities in New York, and it is feared that others may come to light in other quarters.

The counterfeit is not a fine one (remarks "The Optimist") but so little attention is given to the detail of printing on postal cards by the route agents and stampers that even a poor imitation may get through without detection. In this counterfeit the top of the nine lines run together whereas the genuine is spaced; the lines of Jefferson's face instead of being uniform and even are coarse and broken and readily detected if one examines the portrait. The wreath is also poor. The word "Jefferson" in the counterfeit is a light-faced type whereas the genuine has a heavier type. There is a marked distinction in the paper used. The counterfeit has a coated or glazed surface and differs radically from the genuine. The matter has been brought to the attention of the secret service men and will have close watching.

Original Gum for All Seasons.

"Why," demands the Editor of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," "has the man who attaches so much importance to original gum never discovered that there are four varieties of gum on the current U.S. stamps?"—and then goes on to repeat a statement made by "a veracious newspaper man" as follows.

"To meet the different conditions of the seasons of the year the quality of the gum on our postage stamps is changed quarterly. In winter, soft gum is used, while in summer a harder grade is applied to the postage stamps, and it is highly important always to keep a sharp watch on the mucilage to insure a quality least likely to cause the sheets to stick together by reason of the dampness in the atmosphere. The mucilage is prepared in accordance with a time-honored formula, and for boiling the strange concoction there are installed in the basement of the bureau of printing and engraving, three giant kettles, each of which will hold fully 100 gallons."

We make no comment except to express a pious hope that the custom will not be found to prevail in this country as well! It would be appalling to have to look forward to something of this sort in auction catalogues:

Great Britain £1 "I.R. Official," unused, with o.g. of Spring, 1902.

Or this:

Great Britain, fine unused set of 5s., 10s. and £1 with guaranteed Coronation gum.

Ugh! A new terror would be added to philatelic specialism, whether limited or otherwise.

Concerning Unused "O.S." Stamps.

SOME time ago we drew attention to the fact that the unused "O.S." stamps of South Australia are technically the property of the South Australian Government, but Mr. George Blockey, of Adelaide, in the course of a long and most interesting letter, raises points which would appear to prove that this contention cannot be fully upheld. Mr. Blockey writes:—

"In reference to the paragraph *re* Unused South Australian O.S. Stamps, in your issue of Feb. 15th, 1902, I would like you to make public what you think fit of the following:—I have had from time to time some of these stamps, which I have obtained in a perfectly legitimate manner, and have disposed of to Messrs. Gibbons and others in England, so you can quite understand that this quite unnecessary bobbery over these stamps is of vital interest to me. The following will, I think, go far to prove that unused O.S. stamps cannot be put quite on the same footing as the English I.R. Official stamps and are not always the property of the South Australian Government:—

(1).—A certain number of these O.S. stamps in an unused state have, on at least two occasions, been sold by the South Australian Government for face value. I am in possession of necessary details as to values sold, &c., and names of buyers, in reference to the above-mentioned two cases, and I furthermore purchased from one of

the parties some of these stamps, which, in due course, found their way into the stock books of a London firm.

(2).—A number of "O.S." stamps pass through the post without receiving any cancellation mark, and are bought by myself in the ordinary way of business. These would of course be without gum.

(3).—An Adelaide stamp collector, employed in one of the Government Departments, was called out of town on business for his department, and while absent had to write and post correspondence in connection with his work. Not carrying a supply of O.S. stamps he used ordinary ones, and on his return to the office sent in a requisition for stamps, which, of course, were supplied. These had fulfilled their purpose, and were, I maintain, his property to dispose of as he liked.

(4).—On one occasion at least unused "O.S." stamps were sold over the counter of the G.P.O.

A few years ago a strict account was *not* kept of the postage on official letters: consequently numbers of these stamps found their way into collections. This is altogether altered nowadays and current issue unused "O.S." stamps are, or ought to be, rare.

Correspondence Held Over.

We must reluctantly hold over to the next issue of the *Fortnightly* interesting communications received from Mr. W. Heath, Mr. A. Rosenberg (New Zealand), Mr. Ernest Heginbottom, Mr. W. T. Mark, and others.

Philatelic Notes from all Quarters.

The man Reeves, who was implicated with Neely and others in the Cuban postal frauds, has been pardoned.

The Coronation dominates everything just now. A new stamp album just about to be launched by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Limited, is to be called the "King's Own" Stamp Album.

The latest special issue of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" is devoted to the stamps of the Netherlands. An excellent number; but the disappearance of the special cover is regrettable.

Apropos of our "Review" paragraph dealing with Mr. Herbert Watts' references to Persian stamps Mr. E. Heginbottom, of Rochdale, sends for our inspection a specimen of the 7 shahi stamp of 1889 without full-point after the word "Poste."

"The fullest publicity as often as a fresh imitation is made, a thorough public exposure of the forger's work, and his methods, is the surest and only way to keep such gentry in check, and to render their game not worth the candle."—From the "Montreal Philatelist."

Interesting visitors from America, in the persons of Mr. A. W. Batchelder (Manager) and Mr. W. H. Colson (Sales Agent), of the New England Stamp Company, have received a cordial welcome in London. Both are "good specimens" of the smart, level-headed American man of business.

Enthusiasts in pictorial post-card collecting (remarks the "Philatelic Monthly Referee") may be pleased to learn that Mr. H. Law, of Westgate, Wakefield, Yorkshire, has started an Exchange for these interesting cards. The subscription to the Club, which is known as the Wakefield View Card Exchange, is 1s. 6d. per annum, and Mr. Law has just published a very neat set of rules printed on art-card.

Collectors on the look-out for stamps to speculate in are advised by the Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" to buy all the £1 and £5 Great Britain and 1, 3, and 5 marks German (presumably of the "Reichspost" series) they can lay their hands upon. Many dealers, it is asserted, are buying these in quantity at more than catalogue rates. "As a rule every British Colonial of 5s. face value, or over, is a good purchase," says the "Metropolitan Philatelist," in conclusion.

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The Way of the Stamp Dealer.

"W.E.P." writes a good letter to "The Bazaar" of Wednesday, April 23rd:—

You have sometimes had complaints from foreign stamp-dealers relative to their not having had stamps returned or paid for. I certainly think that in most cases they have only themselves to blame, for of all the loose ways of doing business, give me the majority of stamp-dealers. You send for, say, a 6d. packet advertised in your columns, and per return of post receive, without having asked for same, the packet and one or two sample books, probably worth some pounds, the dealer knowing absolutely nothing about you. One dealer persisted time after time in sending me books, and each time I returned them and had to pay postage and registration, requesting him not to send any more. I was staying at an hotel at the time, and from there went abroad. One of his books has followed me round to Malta, Smyrna, Constantinople, and Odessa, and has just landed home, and I think it quite a stroke of good luck that it ever reached me at all. In the meantime I have had numerous letters asking me to pay the value of the book.

It is an old complaint, and one that dealers would do well to silence once and for all. No trader has the right, legal or moral, to send unsolicited approval selections without accompanying them with sufficient stamps for return postage. We should hear of fewer "frauds on stamp dealers" if those dealers were a little less eager to distribute their property broadcast. To try to extend business is commendable, but there is a point at which enterprise becomes mere recklessness. We take it that an enclosure of return postage at once legalises a sending of stamps on approval, even though the parcel be unsolicited; and we advise all dealers to put themselves on the safe side by following this plan.

In the next "Fortnightly" the promised new features of the Journal will begin. The "Collectors' Guide to Values," in which another break has been caused by illness, will also be resumed.

The Prince of Wales, when he visits America, is to be received with full philatelic honours. Members of the Collectors Club, New York, have appointed a committee of twenty-one prominent philatelists to arrange for a stamp exhibition at the time of the royal visit.

The "London Philatelist" has published much original matter, good and otherwise, but mostly good. It is doubtful, however, whether such an extraordinary effusion as the paper read by Mr. Rudolf Meyer before the Philatelic Society on February 28th has ever appeared in any publication devoted to stamp collecting. Mr. Meyer, who "could or he would" give us a good scientific paper on stamps, devotes himself to the soul-stirring subject: "Two Sides of the Question; or, What the Wives Say." It is odd to see such stuff set out in the bold type and generous "measure" of a "London Philatelist" article.

About Mr. John N. Luff.

A NOTABLE AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

THE subject of the "Philatelic Record's" latest personal article, Mr. John N. Luff, needs (as our contemporary remarks) very little introduction. His name is intimately associated with Philately in the United States, where he has just been elected President of the leading society. As an exhibitor he has been much in evidence at the various exhibitions, whilst his deeply interesting articles which first appeared in the "American Journal of Philately," and have recently been published in book form, and more recently those on the numeral issue of Hawaii, have attracted the attention of collectors in all parts of the world.

During his schoolboy days Mr. Luff had the usual brief spasm of stamp collecting, but in his case it was even of shorter duration than usual, as none of the other boys in the school appeared to take any interest in the matter, and the embryo collection was abandoned after a few months. His serious efforts began about the beginning of the year 1889, when he was living alone on a large vineyard property in California, situated something like ten miles from everywhere. In looking over a copy of a juvenile magazine one evening he came across some advertisements of stamp dealers, and thought that collecting might be an assistance to while away rainy days and long winter evenings, expecting to find it rather a trivial affair and soon abandon it, as it would be an inexpensive amusement and consequently would not matter whether he kept it up or not. He has, however, since acquired a much greater respect for philately, and also does not take nearly as light a view of the financial obligations which it entails.

Early in his collecting he subscribed to the "Philatelic Journal of America," in which Major Evans' catalogue was then being published, and he found many things which were not in the priced catalogues of dealers, such as watermarks, perforations, &c. It occurred to him that if Major Evans considered it desirable to mention such things there must be collectors who were interested in them, and that it would be well for him also to take them up, which he accordingly did. To this fact he owes many of his best stamps, for he was looking out for perforations and watermarks long before the priced catalogues began to take note of them, and so secured a great many desirable stamps at bargain prices. He removed to San Francisco in 1890 and there met with a group of earnest and enthusiastic Philatelists, who were careful collectors and students of their stamps. Together they studied and discussed them, and had many interesting meetings in the Pacific Philatelic Society, as well as papers and discussions which were of use and value. At the end of 1893 he went to New York, and was for about six months associated with the firm of R. F. Albrecht & Co., his connection with the Scott Stamp and Coin Company commencing early in 1894. What he has done since that time, particularly in a literary way, is fairly well known to everyone.

His speciality is of course United States stamps, but he also collects all British Colonies and most of the Pacific Islands, such as Hawaii, Tonga, Samoa and Japan, and has found much to attract him in China, Shanghai, and other Treaty Ports, especially in the first issue of Shanghai. He has begun to find that he is attempting too much to do anything thoroughly and on the lines of present day collecting, but his collection, even in its existing shape, is so useful in his business and for reference that he cannot afford to give up any part of it, and for that reason he continues to cover such a very large field, though fully realizing that he cannot attain such results as would be possible with a limited speciality.

'Mekeel's Weekly,' referring to its special number on Hawaii compiled by Mr. Luff, very truly remarks:—"Philatelists seem to be singularly constituted. Take for instance, the case of Mr. John N. Luff: as everyone knows, he is one of the executive heads of a great stamp business. The unlearned in philately's fascinating might think that one so situated would seek relaxation in some pleasure as remote in its nature from the

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.

Benadir.—The stamps issued under the auspices of the company formed to exploit this Italian Colony are now to hand. They are priced in besas and annas, a besa being the one-fourth of an anna. Values and colours as follows:—

Adhesives:

1 besa, brown.	perf. 14, wmk. Crowns.
2 .. green,	" .. "
1 anna, claret,	" .. "
2 .. deep orange,	" .. "
2½ .. blue,	" .. "
5 .. pale orange.	" .. "
10 .. grey lilac,	" .. "

Dr. Dicra writes to the "Philatelic Record" as follows regarding the issue:—

A convention between the Italian Government and the Societ  Anonyme de Benadir for the organization of a Postal Service was concluded on February last, but has not yet been made public. No Post Office exists as yet in the Colony, correspondence being sent unstamped to Zanzibar, a journey of about 8 days. Thence it is forwarded either by the English or French mail.

It is strange to find stamps issued before the opening of the Post Offices, but the reason is quite evident, viz., to get money out of the pockets of collectors for the benefit of the Compagnie du Benadir. A report issued in 1891 by the Italian engineer, G. Manzoli, sent by the Societ  du Benadir to investigate the conditions of the Colony, confirms this, for it contains the following passage:—

"Rare communications with foreign countries will be inconvenient for residents in the Colony who are compelled to remain six weeks without letters, although this difficulty might be overcome by sending letters at the proper time to the Italian Consul at Bombay, as is actually done to the Consul at Zanzibar. By making use of the steamboat "Sofari," of the *Deutsche Ost Afrika*, which plies regularly between Bombay and Zanzibar and vice versa, or the boats of the *British India* or the *Navigazione Generale Itali no*, the mails of Benadir could be sent either to Bombay or Zanzibar and thus be accelerated by fourteen days. If special postage stamps were issued for the Colony, on sale by various residents, much trouble in the prepayment of letters coming from Benadir would be avoided, and they would form a source of certain revenue to the Societ  at the expense of the numerous collectors of stamps, who would not fail to secure a philatelic novelty."

It is not often that such intentions are as frankly and fearlessly expressed.

Colombia.—The "Philatelic Record" chronicles and illustrates two new provisionals from Carthagena. The illustrations given make a description unnecessary, but it should be mentioned that the apparently inevitable control mark now takes the form of a star.

Adhesives: 5c. violet.
10c. brown.

Danish West Indies.—The 4 cents stamp is now to hand in the 12½ perforation.

Adhesive: 4c. blue and brown, perf. 12½.

France.—It appears that the modified arrangement of the figures of value on the current stamps, as specially illustrated and described in the *Fortnightly* some time ago, is to be applied, not only to the 15 centimes stamp, but also to the 10, 20, 25 and 30c. values. The last named is already to hand in the new style.

France.—It appears that we shall shortly have a ½ centime stamp to add to our list of this country. The "Philatelic Record" quotes the following from a French contemporary:

On March 8th, the Chamber passed a new law fixing the rate for postage of periodicals. Article 14 states: "The rate for journals

and periodicals is 1 centime per copy up to 50 grammes. Above that weight 1 centime for every 25 grammes or fraction of 25 grammes. The rate for these journals and periodicals in the Department of publication or in adjoining Departments is one half the above mentioned."

In consequence, M. Mougeot announces that he is about to issue a new stamp of the value of ½ centime.

Germany.—As a matter of form it may be well to give the list of values of the German stamps now inscribed "Deutsches Reich" in place of "Reichspost," as follows:—

2 pf., grey.
3 .. brown.
5 .. green.
10 .. carmine.
20 .. ultramarine.
25 .. black and orange on yellow.
30 .. " " buff.
40 .. " and carmine.
50 .. " and lilac on buff.
80 .. " and carmine on rose.
1 mark, carmine.
2 marks, deep blue.
3 .. violet.
5 .. lake, frame in black.

From the "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung" we reproduce enlarged illustrations of portions of the stamps, both old and new, showing at a glance the modification that has been made.

The reason for the change in the inscription is best explained by the following official decree, which is not without a certain philatelic interest:—

BERLIN, February 20th, 1902.

According to an agreement concluded between the Administration of the German Post Office and that of the kingdom of Württemberg, universal stamps will be issued on the 1st of April for the German Empire and Württemberg, which will have the inscription "Deutsches Reich."

The sale of the new postage stamps commences on the 20th of March; they are, however, not admissible for the franking of letters, &c., before the 1st of April.

The postage stamps now current in the German Empire, namely, those of the last issue, with heraldic eagle and the inscription "Reichspost," and the actual issue with Germania will cease to be used after the end of March, and these stamps are not allowed to be used for the franking of letters or telegrams after the 31st of March. It is therefore recommended that the near introduction of new stamps should be considered when purchasing postage stamps, cards, &c., in order not to have large stocks on hand.

Remainders may be exchanged at all post offices in the German Empire and the kingdom of Württemberg from the 20th of March to the end of June for the new stamps, cards, &c. The German post offices will also exchange unused stamps of Württemberg for stamps of the new issue. Cash, however, will not be paid for any of the old stamps.

The Secretary of State for the P.O.,

KRAETKE.

Greece.—The new Unpaid Letter Stamps are of the design shown below. They have the same "E.T." and crown watermark as the ordinary adhesives and are perforated 13½. Colours and values as follows:—

Unpaid Letter Stamps.—

1 lep. chocolate.	30 lep. deep violet
2 .. grey.	40 .. deep brown
3 .. orange.	50 .. marone.
5 .. green.	1 drachma grey.
10 .. carmine.	2 drachmae bronze.
20 .. red violet.	3 .. silver.
25 .. ultramarine.	5 .. gold.

Regarding the ordinary Greek stamps of the current issue Mr. W. Dorning Beckton writes as follows in the April issue of the "Philatelic Record."

When these stamps first came over, differences of opinion existed how they had been produced and as to the meaning of the watermark. The former question has now been satisfactorily settled, so there is no need to say more about it. As to the latter, I do not remember seeing any explanation, and the American journals have more than

once asked for it in their columns without eliciting any reply. The latter journals have also been chronicling the stamps as existing without watermarks—*varieties*. With a view to setting both matters at rest before those who knew all about them had forgotten, I determined to make enquiries from official sources, and have been much assisted in so doing by my friend Mr. Mertzanoff.

The sheets of the lepta values contain 100 stamps on the sheet, arranged in ten rows of ten. The drachma values have 50 stamps in the sheet in five rows of ten.

The watermark on the stamps is a small Crown over the letters ET, meaning, "Greek Post Office."

The London agents of the Greek Government have been good enough to inform me that "the watermark is on every stamp which is printed, although it is not, unfortunately, very clear on some of them on account of the gum having covered it up to a great extent. If carefully examined, however, it will be found that the watermark is on every stamp."

The stamps were first of all printed on thick paper; now as further supplies are required, they are being superseded by those on distinctly thinner paper.

The following is a copy of the numbers of each value at first ordered from England and supplied:—

1 lepton	5,000,000
2 lepta	3,000,000
3 "	3,000,000
5 "	3,000,000
10 "	3,000,000
20 "	5,000,000
25 "	2,000,000
30 "	1,500,000
40 "	1,000,000
50 "	1,000,000
1 drachma	300,000
2 drachmae	125,000
3 "	50,000
5 "	25,000

Total 28,000,000 Stamps.

I understand from Mr. Mertzanoff that the whole of the above were printed on thick paper and constituted the first delivery. Complaints

were frequent about the gum and that the stamps came off the letters and this has probably brought about the change in the paper used in the second delivery from England. I am not at all sure that any change has been effected in the gum, which was probably good enough in the first printing, the reason of the stamps not sticking being, in my opinion, the thickness of the paper and not the pooriness of the gum.

Upon this question of paper the agents in England say, "It is correct that the stamps are now being printed on slightly thinner paper, but you are wrongly informed that the paper is unwatermarked. Every stamp is, and will be, watermarked." This statement, taken in conjunction with the quotation from their previous letter, seems to me to entirely settle the question of the so called no watermark varieties.

Transvaal.—The King Edward stamps appeared on April 1st, and specimens reached us from Messrs. Bright & Son just too late for illustration in our last number. The set consists of the following values:—

Adhesives:

3d. green and black.
1d. carmine ..
2d. lilac ..
2½d. blue ..
6d. orange ..
1/- olive grn. ..
2/- brown ..
2/6 grey-black and lilac.
5/- brown and black on yellow.
10 " " " red.

The stamps are generally voted a great success, especially when contrasted with the home-grown article. The printing the King's head in a greyish-black on all values, except the 2s. 6d., was undoubtedly a good idea.

"We note gladly," remarks the "Daily Chronicle," "that the Crown is balanced correctly over the King's head, and does not, as in our issue, threaten to topple over the royal nose."

Mr. Edwin Hayward, of Grahamstown, Cape Colony, writes us that he has the ordinary 1d. stamp of the South African Republic, unsurcharged, *without inscription of value*.

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Issues of the Danish West Indies.

By CRAWFORD CAPEN IN THE "AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY."

(Concluded.)

The earliest one cent stamp of this type was the one with a violet centre. The catalogue price for this is placed at five dollars new and one dollar used, as unused specimens are exceedingly scarce, and cancelled ones are not common. The shades differ somewhat even in these violet shades, the earliest being quite pronounced, and the latest almost the same as the rose-lilac which soon followed it. The cancellation upon this stamp with the violet centre is frequently that of the old concentric circles which has been used in the Danish West Indies almost to the present time. The latest letters from there, that we have seen, are cancelled only with the postmark, while the earlier issues have both the cancelling mark and postmark. The fact that the stamps of the Danish West Indies were, at first, good only for postage to Denmark made it necessary, on old letters, to add stamps of the United States. If they were to be sent to this country, or stamps of other countries to which the letters were directed. These make the covers bearing the original stamps interesting, in the same way as those of the Hawaiian Islands, the Numerals of the latter country usually being found in connection with United States postage stamps.

The shades of the one cent stamp are more than those listed in our catalogue, but the six varieties that we have given, cover them as well as it was possible to do in a catalogue made for the use of the ordinary collector. It has been stated that the green and violet shades down to those of the rose lilac. These again, in some shades, approach very closely the red violet stamp issued later. The earliest stamps with claret centre were apparently issued in 1887, but the shade of these stamps varies somewhat from the late type which did not appear until 1892.

We are guided in the dates given, by selections made from a large number of dated stamps in our possession. It may be that we do not make these dates early enough, and if any of our readers have any specimens dates earlier than those we have ascribed to special issues, we shall be glad to see them. The brown red stamp followed the claret and first appeared in 1895. A slight variation in the amount of red in the ink changes the shade to a red brown. The first word in each is an adjective modifying the meaning of the second. Thus, in our brown red, the color is red of a brownish tinge. In our red brown the color is brown with a reddish tendency.

The three cent stamp, like the one cent, came, at first, upon this brittle paper, and the earliest shades are rose, varying from dark to light. This rose shade was followed by the three cent stamps with

the lilac centre and with a bright blue frame. The blue of the outer portion of the three cent stamp of the succeeding issue is much duller. It may be called a robbin's egg blue it is so near the light green. The centre was red. This was followed by a carmine three cent stamp which, in varying shades, is continued to the present time. The dates, as nearly as we can discover them, are 1873 for the three cent dull blue and rose, 1861 for the three cent blue and lake, 1885 for the three cent dull blue and red and 1889 for the stamp with the carmine centre.

The four cent stamp appeared first in dark brown and ultramarine. This soon gave way to the stamps with the bright blue centre with a lighter brown frame, and the last issue in the earlier perforation was of a four cent stamp with a dull blue centre.

We have not been able, to the present time, to determine the dates of these changes, not having secured enough cancelled copies showing the dates of use.

The five cent stamp had at first a dark grey centre, and later an ordinary grey.

The seven cent in the earliest issues appeared with a deep yellow centre, and later the stamps are of a pronounced orange shade. The yellow stamp is much scarcer than the orange, although, when this same stamp was surcharged, about an equal number of each shade appear to have been used, so that in the surcharged issue the varieties are both equally common.

The ten cent stamp came first with a black-brown centre and also an ordinary dark brown shade was used. The ten cent stamp presents a curious variety in the shape of a stamp having a period between the "t" and "s" of the word "cents." This period is found both in the stamp with the black-brown and that with the ordinary brown centre. It is not our custom, in the catalogue, to repeat a minor variety in connection with every shade noted, but it may usually be assumed that minor varieties are found in the different shades that are mentioned.

The twelve cent stamp of the different issues varies very little, the difference being mainly in the shade of the outer

portion. The paper follows that in use for other stamps issued at the same time.

The fourteen cent lilac and green, comes upon the thin brittle paper of the early issue, and as most of those stamps were destroyed, it is the only stamp of the country that is likely to be increasingly scarce.

The fifty cent stamp is found in a bright and dull purple with numerous intermediate shades.

The surcharges which were made upon these stamps differ very little one from another; indeed, there are no marked varieties except the double surcharge on the one cent stamp. The surcharge ten cents was apparently made more frequently upon the fifty cent of the lighter shade, and really good shades of the bright purple having the ten cent surcharge are much scarcer than the same on the light or medium shades. There are no marked varieties in the later issue from 1898-1900. If there has been more than one printing the work has been done in such a way as to reproduce the original shades. The only marked difference that exist in the recent surcharges are found in the shape of the figure 2 in the 1902 and in the first 2 of the surcharge 2 on 3c.

This surcharged issue was exhausted soon after it was put on sale, although it is very likely, in view of the thrifty nature of the people of the Danish West Indies that there will be enough specimens to supply American collectors.

Mr. W. W. King, of the U.S. Marine Hospital service, writes from Porto Rico to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" regarding recently issued stamps of the Danish West Indies:

I was in St. Thomas on March 23rd, and in conversation with a postal official I picked up a few items which may be of sufficient interest to publish. He stated that they had a fair supply enough he thought to last until the islands were or were not sold.

There seems to be no idea of speculation in these stamps nor in the postage due set which this gentleman stated had been in use since January 1st. These are not sold over the counter, either cancelled or uncanceled, but are used on underpaid matter and not cancelled even then. There are not many used and I should think they will be rare, unless there should be a large lot of remainders sold.

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study of papers and perforations as anything could possibly be. But what do we read in the sketch of this gentleman in the Hawaiian special? That he is in the collecting swim head over heels; that he has formed fine special collections of the stamps of the United States, of Shanghai and the Chinese Treaty Ports, of Hawaiians and of the same stamps of a dozen other countries, everyone of which abounds in unbridled intricacy. All this to say nothing of Mr. Luff's collection of reprints, which is said to be one of the two great reprint collections of the world, and his numerous and voluminous philatelic writings. Verily, it would seem in philately "as if increase of appetite had grown by what it fed on."

It will be remembered that Mr. Luff's display of the stamps of his own country secured a Gold Medal at the Paris Exhibition of 1900.

Some Australian Minor Varieties

INTERESTING ITEMS THAT WILL APPEAR IN MR. BASSET HULL'S PROMISED WORK ON THE AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

MR. MANEY-LAKE, who is compiling a list of minor varieties of recent and current issues for inclusion in Mr. Basset Hull's promised work on Australian stamps, has handed the Editor of the "Australian Philatelist" his notes, from which the following extracts are made by our contemporary:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—I have been shown the 1d. red De la Rue type, perf. 12½ horizontally, and imperf. vertically, which I do not think has been chronicled before. Recently, certain values have appeared on a new paper. This paper is thinner and tougher than that hitherto in use, and is very highly surfaced, the watermark is very distinct and the gum is darker. Most of the printings on the new paper so far appear with the watermark inverted. The ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 10d., and 1/- have been issued, and the printing appears to have been made from new plates, and the result is very superior, the stamps looking all bright and fresh, and the colours are more brilliant than usual, the 10d. especially is a beautiful deep lilac, and looks a very handsome stamp. The 1d. and 2d. on this new paper have also been issued with the addition of a broad band of colour round the margins of the sheets, bearing the date 1901.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 1874 issued overprinted "Specimen" and printed in trial colours, has been shown me, they are as follows:—

1d. venetian red.	3d. lilac.	6d. pale brown.
2d. blue.	4d. rose.	1/- green (accepted colour).

I have also in my collection the 6d. carmine current issue unperforated. At the beginning of this year the papers and perforations for the local printings of the ½d. and 1d. were altered, and I shall attempt to describe the varieties as lucidly as possible:—

Soft, thick paper wmk. double lined NZ and star (wmk. very indistinct).

½d. green, perf. 14; 14 × 11; 11 × 14.
1d. carmine, perf. 14; perf. 14 horizontally; imperf. vertically.
Thin paper, same wmk., but distinct.
½d. green, perf. 14, 14 × 11, 11 × 14.
1d. carmine " " "
Thin paper, no wmk.
½d. green, 1d. carmine, perf. 14.

The 1d. of this issue, no wmk., can be distinguished from the English print by the dull, unsurfaced gum when unused, and when used, either by the thinner paper—through which the design almost shows—or by the date of postmark. I have seen two curiosities of perforation in the 1d., which, when seen, are easily understood, but to describe them is decidedly difficult. In one instance one stamp on a sheet was apparently found to be blotched after the sheet had been perforated; this was cut from the sheet by the printer, and a stamp from another sheet put in its place, fastened with strips of gummed paper and then re-perforated vertically. This is horrible enough, but the original sheet was perforated

14 × 11, and the inserted stamp 11 × 14. The result is in the single stamp; 1d. carmine; perf. 11 horizontally and 11, and also 14 vertically. The second curiosity of perforation consisted of a block of four 1d. (universal) which had been perforated 14 all round, the horizontal perf. was about ¼ of an inch out of centre, however, so the thrifty printer gummed slips of paper, over the "off" perf. and re-perforated the stamps horizontally, only *this* time he used a machine ganging 11. Result:—

1d. carmine, perf. 14 vertically × 11 horizontally, with an additional perforation, 14 at the top.

QUEENSLAND.—The 1/- grey, no wmk., 1862 issue I have perforated with round holes (not hitherto catalogued), also the 1d. 1887 issue *without* stop after value in rose-pink.

ODDITIES AND FLAWS.

NEW ZEALAND.—1d. rose 1892-97 issue, "A" white oval-shaped flaw on the Queen's Head, "B" also with a white "C" shaped flaw above D of New Zealand.

VICTORIA.—The flaw in the ½d. green *without* "postage" has been described in this journal; however, it is the 2d stamp from right side 7th row, and the "O" in "Victoria" is broken, resembling a "C."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Centennial issue 1d., and also 1d. O.S.: "A" flaw ONE for ONE; "B," a white line running through the O of SOUTH, 2d. Centennial issue, and also 2d. O.S.: "A," white oval flaw almost obliterating the PE of PENCE, "B," white flaw running from the foot of the T of TWO, and "C," full-stop between TW of TWO, thus: T.WO. "D," large break in oval on right side, opposite the Emu's head. Numbers A and C are to be found on the same sheet.

TASMANIA.—In the 1871-91 issue, 1d. carmine, local print, and the various provisional lithographed issues of this stamp may be found: "A," large V-shaped flaw running down the Queen's neck to the foot of the stamp; "B," a flaw obliterating the A of TAS, and "C," two small V-shaped flaws one above and the other below the second A of TASMANIA. 3d. Indian-red: "A," long white flaw running from the left-hand side of the stamp right through the THREE PE of THREE PENCE, and in the ½d. on 1d. carmine many varieties of broken letters may be found. This is a list of a *few* of the many minor varieties that occur in *every* sheet of a printing, not merely a blotched impression of which, perhaps, only one impression is known, and collectors can spend some of the coming winter evenings in search for these and other interesting Oddities and Flaws among their duplicates.

Dr. Emilio Diena is compiling a new handbook on the stamps of Sicily. The right man in the right place!

There is now a fair prospect of the proposed Bournemouth Philatelic Society being started by the opening of next season.

The delegates of the Swiss Philatelic Societies meet this year at Basle on Sunday and Monday, the 6th and 7th of July.

Martha Washington, the American newspapers state, will be the American woman chosen to be pictured on one of the postage stamps of the forthcoming new series.

In America a copy of the much discussed 4 cents "Buffalo" stamp, with inverted centre, is to be offered at auction, without reserve. Speculation is rife as to what the copy will fetch.

"They order these things differently abroad." The "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung," admittedly one of the finest German stamp journals, circulates with its April number the "prospectus" of the State Lottery of Mecklenburg Schwerin.

"The decision of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., to abandon the sale of entires almost proved the death blow to this branch of philately. A re-action seems now to be imminent, and entires will possibly soon boom into popularity. —"Philatelic Chronicle."

Our Review of Reviews.

The Herts Society's Limited Exhibits.

The decision of the Herts Philatelic Society to restrict all exhibits at its forthcoming show to a given number of stamps per member is severely criticised in the "Philatelic Record"—a little too severely, perhaps, in view of the fact that the Herts Society's Exhibition, in the prize-winning sense, is purely a private affair.

"An exhibit framed on these lines," declares the "Record," "must resolve itself into one of two alternatives. Either one, or possibly two, issues of a country will be displayed and constitute an entire exhibit, or a single-specimen collection of the whole will be attempted, omitting the commoner stamps in order to conform to the limit rule. Probably in the former case, and without a doubt in the latter, it becomes in reality an exhibit of rarities, thus introducing the very thing which the framers of the syllabus wish to avoid, and producing exactly the opposite effect from the one which they desire. The expediency of shewing one or two issues only will be particularly apparent to those specialists who are credited with possessing "bloated" collections, which they will find very happy hunting-grounds for the fifty stamps necessary for their purpose."

"MAKING A PRICE FOR STAMPS."

The "Philatelic Record" is happier in its attempt to take in hand the guileless unsophisticated amateur philatelist—have you ever met him?—and lead him behind the scenes and show him how the prices of stamps as given in catalogues are arrived at. "The making of prices in stamps is an interesting study," remarks our contemporary—

Take as a case in point, the 5s. canine stamp of Zululand. For some years this stamp was on sale at the usual price of a current stamp, from 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. But one fine morning it leaked out that only a small number had been printed, that most of those had been used for fiscal purposes, and that the stamp was obsolete. The knowing ones scouted round to pick up all available copies, and Gibbons withdrew his stock from sale. Then for some time there was an awkward pause. No copies were to be had for the sole reason that no one knew what to charge. All were waiting to see how the cat., *i.e.*, Gibbons' catalogue, would jump, but Gibbons left the price a disappointing blank. The time was not ripe for making a price. Eventually Gibbons, in 1896, priced the stamp, 75s. for unused and 80s. for used copies, and then specimens filtered into the auctions. At first they were snapped up at prices close on catalogue, then they drooped, but now the price is stiffening up to catalogue, so much so as to justify the original making of the price by Gibbons. It was a venturesome thing to raise the price of a stamp from 12s. 6d. to 75s., but the market has accepted and maintained the Gibbons' valuation.

So much for the past, but in the present, when the price is yet to be made, there is generally much perturbation behind the scenes and a good deal of "animated expectancy." And just now, the "Record" remarks in conclusion, the difficulty is to know what value to assign to the recently received two-penny Gold Coast.

"Dotty Philately" does no Harm.

That excellent and oft-quoted Canadian journal, the "Montreal Philatelist," does not share the fears expressed as to the possibly harmful effect upon stamp-collecting of "the craze for minor varieties," which the *Fortnightly* crystallised into "Dotty Philately."

As long as new issues of stamps appear, public attention will be constantly drawn to them in some part of the world; they will be saved, collections will be formed, beginners will start up, gradually acquaintance will be made with others of like tastes, knowledge of the existence of catalogues and of our literature will be acquired, and ere long a full fledged philatelist will be developed.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE STAMP-COLLECTOR.

This, adds our contemporary, is the usual process in the growth of a stamp collector, and much as the old timers protest against the flood of new issues, the fact is patent to all who look below the surface that the permanence of philately, including the permanence of stamp values, depends almost entirely upon the constant supply of newly issued stamps.

CANADIANS THAT HAVE QUICKLY RISEN IN VALUE.

Certain Canadian issues of quite recent date have very

rapidly appreciated in value. On this subject the "Montreal Philatelist" has some interesting remarks to make:—

We notice, in the list of corrections to their priced catalogue, that Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., has advanced the price of the Canada, 1898, 6c. to 1s. unused and 6d. used making it of the same price as the 1897 6c. As we have already pointed out, the 1898 6c. is, in unused condition, a much rarer stamp than the 1897 issue. It was not generally known that it was to be withdrawn from issue, and for this reason no large stocks were bought up by regular dealers while it was on sale, consequently nearly all printed were used. The new South Wales 3d. issued in 1899 in blue green is now quoted at \$4.50 by the cataloguers, but it is far from being as scarce a stamp unused as the Canada 1898 6c. Possibly when the makers of catalogues succeed in laying in as large a stock of the Canadian stamp as they now hold of the Australian the price will advance to a corresponding figure.

Another stamp which is listed too low is the 1898 8c. None of that value have been printed since 1899 and the supply has been exhausted for some time. The 1897 8c. is the only stamp of that value that has been on sale lately, and we hear that the stock of this, too, has been sold out.

Varieties of Mexico, Issue of 1895-99.

Mr. Rudolf Frenzel in an interesting communication to the "London Philatelist," gives the following list of varieties—"apparently unchronicled"—of the 1895-99 series of Mexico. All, he remarks, are on wove paper.

- Imperf., no wmk., 3 centavos and 10 pesos.
- .. in centre of pairs, either horizontally or vertically, 3 and 5 centavos.
- .. wmk. C.E.U.M., *vertically*, 5 centavos.
- .. in centre horizontally, wmk. C.E.U.M., 5 centavos.
- .. wmk. R.M. in monogram, 5 centavos.
- .. wmk. R.M. and Eagle, 5 centavos.
- Double perf. 12, wmk. C.E.U.M., 3 centavos.
- Perf. 6 x 12, no wmk., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20 centavos.
- .. 6 x 12, wmk. C.E.U.M., 1, 3, 4, 10, 12, 15, 20 centavos.
- .. 6 .. 3 centavos.
- .. 6 x 12, wmk. R.M. in monogram, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 centavos.
- .. 6 .. 1, 3, 15 centavos.
- .. 6 x 12, wmk. R.M. and Eagle, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 20, 50 centavos.
- .. 6 .. 1, 5, 10 centavos.

In Gibbons' latest catalogue, Mr. Frenzel observes, the 1 and 5 centavos stamps are given perf. 6 and perf. 6 x 12: but no mention is made of watermarks.

COMPLETENESS IN PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

Mr. N. P. Castle, in this same issue of the "London Philatelist" devotes his leading article to philatelic literature, and deplors the "relatively small circulation" of valuable philatelic works of reference. He pleads for a greater attention to the literature of our hobby on the part of the leading societies.

The formation of anything approaching a representative philatelic library is beyond the scope of the ordinary collector, and, indeed, within a very few years will be practically unattainable. The half-way house in this difficulty is the greater circulation and diffusion of these works through the medium of Philatelic Societies. Every body in the world worthy of that name should have at least one copy of all important works for the benefit of their members, and the larger societies should possess two, or even more, for lending-out purposes, etc. The Philatelic Society of London itself does not set too laudable an example herein, as its library is far below what it should be for so important a body, and requires, by the acquisition of further books, by a more complete and properly bound series of all the important journals, and by the provision of proper bookcases, to be brought on a par with the status of the Society. We trust that this question will be taken up, and that the librarian's heroic efforts may be seconded by an energetic sub-committee who will not cease their labours until the London Philatelic Society has a library truly worthy of its name and reputation.

All philatelists will cordially applaud the sentiments here expressed. Too little thought is given by the individual philatelist to the vast storehouse of information that accumulates in the Philatelic Press. The stamp collector who begrudges money for anything but actual stamps is a short-sighted kind of person; and the philatelic society without a library is pretty much in the plight of a ship without a rudder. A splendid "lead" in this matter is given by the Birmingham Society, which is now diligently collecting every scrap of the world's philatelic literature.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on April 3rd, 1902, Messrs. W. Corfield, E. Doighalik, Max Jacobs, G. Labour, M. Langlois, A. E. Laurence, F. G. C. Lundy and José Sanjurjo were elected members.

Dr. A. Legrand has kindly accepted the Honorary Membership of the Society.

Le Timbre Fiscal for 1891-93 was presented to the Library.

The Colonial Fiscals from British Guiana to Canada were discussed and catalogued.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1st, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopgate Street Without, E.C., when the Fiscals of Canada (Provinces) and Cape of Good Hope will be taken.

Members are expected to bring their collections, or send full notes of unlisted varieties, or any information they can give in these stamps.

Donations to the Library will be welcomed.

The catalogue as far as listed is issued to members each month.

Rules and any other information can be had from the *Hon. Secretary*, A. B. KAY, 35, Bessborough Street, London, S.W.

NEW ZEALAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Thirteenth Annual General Meeting was held in the Exchange Buildings, Wellington, on Wednesday, December 18th, 1901.

The Vice-President, Mr. E. G. Pilcher, occupied the chair, and several other members were present.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and adopted.

The following officers were elected for season 1901-2:—Patron, The Right Hon. the Earl of Ranfurly, G.C.M.G.; President, the Hon. the Postmaster-General; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. E. G. Pilcher and A. T. Bate; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. L. A. Sanderson; Asst. Sec., Mr. J. E. Maurant; Exchange Supt., Mr. Thos. Acocks; Committee, Messrs. W. Cook, T. F. Gray, H. J. Hosking and H. F. Preston.

The membership of the Society now totals 97 members. Twelve new members were elected; 13 have resigned or been dropped, and one died.

The Exchange Branch, under the new system, still continues to give every satisfaction, especially as far as the financial position is concerned. During the season 361 sheets, containing 12,939 stamps valued at £984 10s 2d have been sent in for circulation; out of these, stamps valued at £280 8s 1d have been sold.

The Society's receipts for the season amounted to £150 10s 8d, and the expenditure to £147 8s 7d, leaving a balance in hand of £2 12s 1d. The liabilities amount to £11 5s, and the assets are valued at £61 10s 6d, leaving a balance of £50 5s 6d to the credit of the Society.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE seventy-ninth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on April 14th. Present: Messrs. Andreini, Calman, Luff and Perrin.

A communication was read from Mr. J. B. Leavy, offering two medals, one of silver and one of bronze, to be awarded for the two best collections of the stamps of Havti, said exhibit to be held under the auspices of the club.

Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Leavy's offer be accepted, said exhibition to be held during the month of May.

Mr. A. Holland sent a communication offering one silver medal and one bronze medal to be awarded in competitive exhibition under the auspices of the club for the best and second best

collection of the stamps of the Balkan States.

Mr. Holland's offer was accepted and this exhibition will be held during the month of May.

The committee appointed as judges to award the medals donated by the American Collectors Co. for the best general collections exhibited at the club, reported that the gold medal was awarded to Mr. H. H. Scholle and the silver one to Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

Moved by Mr. Calman, seconded by Mr. Luff and carried unanimously that the President be authorised to appoint a committee of twenty-one to arrange for an exhibition of stamps to be held in New York City, at about the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales, and that \$100 be appropriated for preliminary expenses; also that the committee shall be authorised in its discretion to increase the number of its members and to appoint such sub-committees as it may deem proper.

The following committee was appointed: J. M. Andreini, J. W. Scott, Albert Perrin, P. F. Bruner, G. E. Jones, Chas. Gregory, E. B. Power, F. H. Tows, Jos. B. Leavy, H. E. Deats, I. A. Mekeel, H. L. Calman, John N. Luff, Wm. Thorne, J. C. Morgenthau, C. F. Bishop, Wm. A. Smith, Jr., Alex. Holland, Jos. S. Rich, H. J. Duveen, Wm. H. Sussdorff.

Messrs. Henry A. Ramsden and Hamlin Russell were declared unanimously elected as subscribing members.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York City.

LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE February packet has just been settled. It contained 36 sheets, value about £150, of which £24 10s. were sold.

Among the good things were a quantity of Gold Coasts used and unused; some fine Queenlands in superb condition; various mint unused old European; fine "pence" Ceylons; a variety of first issue India without the second "1," used and fine, which I have not before heard of; 2/6 to 10/- Lagos; two Sidney views and St. Vincent 4d. blue; first issue New Brunswick; unused first Gibraltar in sets; 96c. Hong Kong, &c., &c. Several new members have recently joined, but there are still one or two vacancies for either ladies or gentlemen.

SPECIAL NOTE! Change of Address:—After May 30th the Secretary's permanent address will be: MISS LOUISE HAYNES, 1, Westwood House, Wood Lane, London, W.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, April 8th.

Messrs. Holbrook Buhl, Edward Buhl, E. Lintels, F. B. Neyroud and Courtenay Welsh, were elected ordinary members of the Society.

The date of the Annual Dinner was fixed for May 7th, and that of the Garden Party at St. Albans for June 14th.

At the termination of routine business, the Hon. Secretary gave a display of Mr. Vernon Roberts' collection of the stamps of Gambia. This collection is too well known to need description. Like every other country that Mr. Roberts has taken up, Gambia is practically complete. All the issues (with one exception) are illustrated by unused panes in mint condition. No specialist can go farther than this, and very few can hope to go so far. The following were perhaps the most notable items of the display: First issue, no wmk., imperf., 4d. brown, block of four, strip of three, and three strips of two; 6d. blue, strip of two (very deep shade) and three singles; wmk. Cr. and CC., imperf., entire panes of the 4d. and 6d., with beautiful ranges of shades in pairs, etc.; 1880 issue, panes of all values, with wonderful shades in the 2d. carmine; 1887-9 issues, panes of all printings.

At the close of the display the Chairman voiced the satisfaction of the members, and proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be transmitted to Mr. Roberts for his great courtesy in loaning the collections to the Society, and that the said vote be duly recorded in the minutes. This was seconded by Mr. Meyer, and carried with enthusiasm.

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

BRITISH EMPIRE EXCHANGE CLUB.

MARCH Colonial packet returned, sales £8 12s. out of £85. Sheets and monthly accounts will be sent out in a day or two. May Colonial packet contained some very good Colonial stamps. The packet contained 24 sheets, nett value £135 2s. 2d. A few members can still be admitted. Apply: *Secretary*, H. BEAN, 164, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

THE "BEGINNERS" STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE February packet was returned to the Secretary on April 19th and all credit balances were paid by the 29th. One or two adverse balances remain unpaid at the time of writing, but the Secretary hopes to receive them before this report appears in the S.C.F. The May packet started on the first of the month and contained 38 sheets, nett value £48. There is one vacancy. Rules for 3d. stamp from the *Secretary*, MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE first packet under the new regime started on April 5th and contained 40 sheets, value £65 nett. The March packet is due back to the Secretary on May 30th when sheets shall be returned promptly. There are several vacancies for reliable collectors, rules for 3d. stamp. Miss Smith thanks all members for their promises of support, and hopes to prove as efficient a Secretary as the retiring one has been. *Secretary*, MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MAY 1st. Messrs R. H. Hume, M.A., R. H. Davidson, A. P. Walker and H. Hassel were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were ordered to be entered on the minutes to Lady Glen, Dr. J. H. Keynes, Messrs F. C. Henderson, D. Davis, G. L. Edwards, C. A. Stephenson and T. Cresswell for valuable donations to the library, also to Messrs. R. Hollick, W. Pimm, W. F. Wadams, J. A. Margoschis and C. S. Nicklin, who gave valuable donations of stamps to the permanent collection, and to Mr. C. A. Stephenson who gave 20/- cash for the same purpose, having no duplicates to give. Stamps to that amount were to be selected by the Hon. Sec. from the sheets of members.

£5 was also granted from the funds to assist the Permanent Collection, as it was felt that it would be very serviceable to members at all the meetings when types at least of most of the principal varieties were included. It was the general opinion that more than £5 should be granted, but in view of the heavy expense this year in trying to bring the Library up to date it was agreed to leave it at this for the present.

As forecasted in the last Annual Report we are making good progress with the Auction Catalogues of U.S.A., and we have over 400 priced already.

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March 13th and 14th, 1902.

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Switzerland, Basle, 2½ rappen	2	10	0
Do. Neufchatel, 5c. black and red	1	11	0
Do. Vaud, 5c. black and red	1	2	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½r. black and red	1	8	0
Do. Poste Locale, 2½ rappen, black and red	2	10	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 1 soldo, orange on grey, a horizontal strip of 3"	5	0	0
Do. do. 2 soldo, brick-red	3	0	0
Do. 1853, 1 soldo, yellow-buff, thinned*	1	16	0
Do. do. 9 crazie, lilac-grey	3	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1851-52, 9kr. on pale rose, thinned*	2	4	0
Do. 1856, with silk thread, 6kr. green*	1	17	0
Do. do. 9kr. rose*	2	18	0
Do. 1858-60, 3kr. orange*	1	16	0
Do. do. 9kr. rose*	3	15	0
Do. do. 18kr. blue*	2	14	0
Do. do. perf. 13½, 9kr. carmine*	2	10	0
Do. 1873, 7okr. purple	2	2	0
Do. 1875-79, 2 marks vermilion on orange*	4	0	0

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March 18th and 19th, 1902.

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Gt. Britain, 1840, 1d. black, "V.R."* no gum	8	10	0
Do. 1883/84, £5 orange on bluish, telegraphically used	2	2	0
Monaco, 1885, 5 francs, carmine on green*	1	5	0
Naples, 1860, ½ tornese. blue. Arms*, creased	5	7	6
Do. do. Cross*, cut rather close	2	8	0
Portugal, 1866, 120 reis, blue, with lozenge perf.	3	0	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 4d. rose	8	7	6
Do. do. 8d. brown, slight tear	6	17	6
Do. do. 1/9 green	2	4	0
Do. do. 2/-, thinned	2	10	0
Do. 1861, perfd., wmk. Star, 8d. yellow-brown	3	15	0
Do. do. 8d. brown, badly centred	1	14	0
Do. do. 1/9 green*	3	8	0
India Service, 1866, 2a. purple and green*, no gum and slightly torn	1	7	0
Do. do. 4a. purple and green	2	8	0

AFRICA.

British South Africa, 1890, £2 rose-red	1	13	0
Do. 1896, 97, Buluwayo Provisional, One Penny on 3d. grey, rubbed	1	18	0
Do. do. One Penny on 4/- grey, a pair	4	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1853/64, 1/- yellow-green*	1	7	0
Do. 1861, woodblock, 1d. red*, part gum, slightly defective	7	15	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue, cut into	1	16	0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, sans-serif surch. on British. Bech. 2/- on 1/-	1	8	0
Do. do. another specimen	1	8	0

NORTH AMERICA.

Canada, 1852-57, 7½d. green*	4	15	0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1d. red-brown	1	2	0
United States, 1851, 5c. red-brown	0	19	0
Do. 1856, 90c. blue*	2	2	0
Do. do. do. *, no gum	2	4	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1875-78, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 6d. bright yellow* some perfs. clipped	2	0	0
Montserrat, 1884-85, wmk. CA., 4d. blue	1	4	0
St. Lucia, wmk. CA., 6d. lilac*, no gum	1	6	0
St. Vincent, 1881, Provisional, One Penny on 6d. yellow-green	2	2	0

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	£	s.	d.
British Guiana, 1852, 4c. blue, rubbed and creased	1	14	0
Do. 1860, 1c. brown*	2	6	0
British Honduras, 1885-87, wmk. CA., 6d. yellow*	1	12	0
Do. do. 1/- grey	1	10	0

Mr. Wm HADLOW'S Sale, March 24th, 1902.

British Honduras, CA., 6d. yellow	1	15	0
Gt. Britain, £5 orange, fair	1	8	0
Mauritius, 1/- deep green, perf.	1	3	0
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, cut close	6	0	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 3d. green on yellowish	1	5	0
Do. Stars in Corners, 2d. blue, error H'ares	1	2	0
South Australia, second issue, Colonial print, 1d. yellow-green	1	4	0
Victoria, Too Late*, creased and soiled	1	10	0
Do. 1st issue, 2d. deep lilac, background and fine border	1	14	0
Western Australia, 1s' issue, 6d. black on entire	1	8	0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, March 24th, 1902.

Antigua, imperf., 1d. dull rose	2	10	0
Bermuda, 1875, surcharged in black, 1d. on 1/- dark green, showing large P. wide spacing between this and next letter	1	5	0
British Guiana, 1852, imperf., 1c. black on magenta, defective	1	10	0
Do. 1862, Provisional, 2c. black on yellow (S.G. 68)	2	5	0
Canada, imperf., 10c. dull purple (S.G. 44a)	3	6	0
Hawaii, 1854, thick white paper, 13c. dull red*	1	2	0
Mauritius, 1859, Greek Border, 1d. red	0	18	0
Natal, 1861, no wmk., clean cut perf., 3d. blue*, no gum	1	0	0
Niger Coast, 1898-1901, wmk. CA., 10/- deep violet*	1	2	0
Switzerland, Zurich Local Post, 1850, imperf., 2½rp. black and red	1	12	0
Transvaal, "V.R.", 1878, fine roulette, 3d. mauve on buff*	1	2	0
Trinidad, 1859, imperf., 6d. green, used on piece	1	2	0
Virgin Islands, 1866, perf. 12. 6d. deep rose*	1	3	0
Western Australia, 1857, imperf., 2d. brown-black on red	1	4	0

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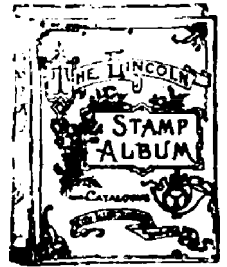
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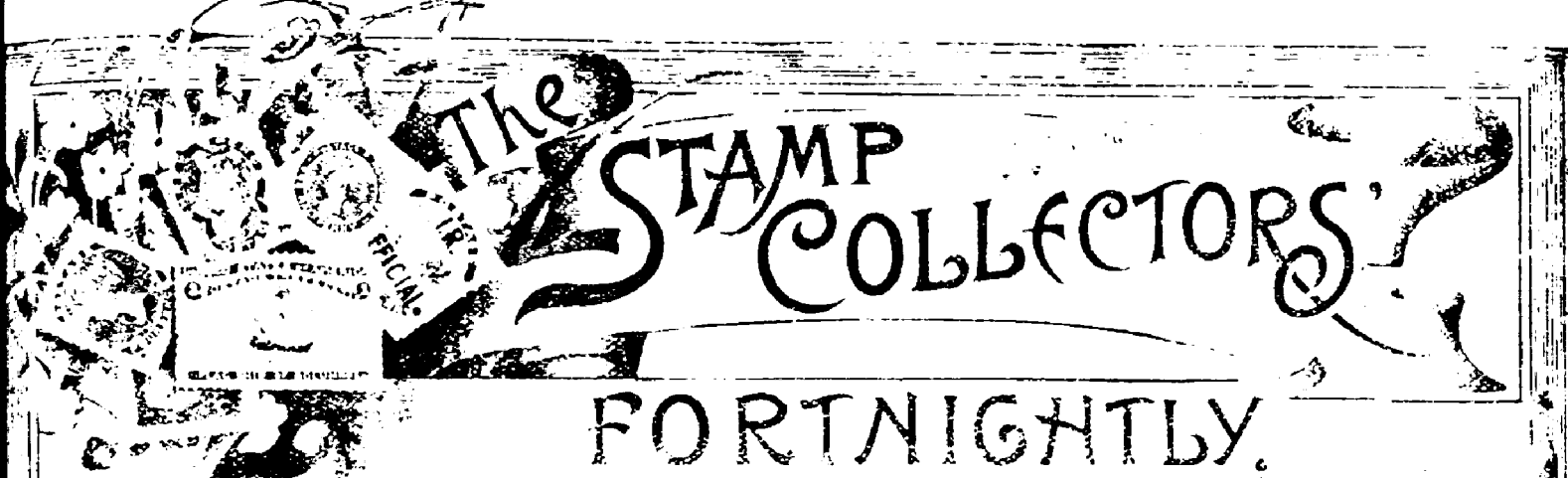
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We have much pleasure in giving publicity to a project for an open competitive philatelic exhibition to be held at San Francisco at some time in September next. The exhibition will be held under the auspices of the Pacific Philatelic Society, and we give full particulars thus far obtainable in our "Philatelic Societies' Reports." The exhibition is to be open to the whole world.

The Forged "Jefferson" Postcard.

As a sequel to our note in the last *Fortnightly* regarding the forgery of the American postcard, popularly known as the "Jefferson" postcard, comes news of the arrest of one Louis Smith, who is charged with counterfeiting this card in huge numbers.

It appears that Smith worked quite alone, and with such caution as to disarm all suspicion. He engaged one firm to enamel a quantity of card stock as though it were to be used for some legitimate purpose. A second firm imitated the Jefferson medallion ostensibly for an invitation card, and at a third establishment the "United States of America" label was prepared; the further simple type necessities were easily supplied. All these parts would be placed together, allowing of the issue of a counterfeit that has been described variously as from poor to fine.

It is supposed that millions of the cards have been made, as Smith admits that he has been engaged in his work for two years.

The police when they made the arrest confiscated over 100,000 forged cards, together with printing presses, card-

board and plates. The government had long been suspicious that the postal card was being counterfeited, but heretofore no proof had been available.

Inspector Stuart, who has had the case in hand, states that large profits must have been reaped by Smith as the government pays but seventeen cents a thousand for the manufacture of these cards.

Prices of Spain and Colonies.

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The Forged "Jefferson" Postcard.

As a sequel to our note in the last *Fortnightly* regarding the forgery of the American postcard, popularly known as the "Jefferson" postcard, comes news of the arrest of one Louis Smith, who is charged with counterfeiting this card in huge numbers.

It appears that Smith worked quite alone, and with such caution as to disarm all suspicion. He engaged one firm to enamel a quantity of card stock as though it were to be used for some legitimate purpose. A second firm imitated the Jefferson medalion ostensibly for an invitation card, and at a third establishment the "United States of America" label was prepared; the further simple type necessities were easily supplied. All these parts would be placed together, allowing of the issue of a counterfeit that has been described variously as from poor to fine.

It is supposed that millions of the cards have been made, as Smith admits that he has been engaged in his work for two years.

The police when they made the arrest confiscated over 100,000 forged cards, together with printing presses, card-

board and plates. The government had long been suspicious that the postal card was being counterfeited, but heretofore no proof had been available.

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The young men in writing for the stamps used various names, among them being Frank Altinger, Springfield; R. C. Curtis, Nichols Junction; George P. Vincent, Rosville; and Charles A. Harding, Box 237, Springfield. They rented a post office box under the name of Charles A. Harding.

Inspector Bunsen, on taking up the case, learned that Altinger had left Springfield in September, 1900. The young man was traced to Colorado, where he lived a short time in several cities, finally settling in Colorado Springs with his mother, a Mrs. Kline. When Mr. Bunsen visited her home and inquired for Altinger, he had considerable difficulty in locating him, the mother denying that he resided there, but when pressed, she admitted that she was his mother, but said that she did not know where he was at that time. The inspector left her and secreting himself in the vicinity, soon saw her leave the house. He followed her to a point where she took the street car, and caught the same conveyance. They rode about seven miles to a suburb, and the mother left the car and went to a building that was being erected. The inspector was not far away and soon saw her emerge from the building with her son. He then confronted them and they accompanied him to the post office building, where Altinger confessed to the transaction with the stamp companies, but placed the greater part of the blame upon Walters.

Altinger told the inspector he believed they had realized \$300 or \$400 by the scheme. Walters said he did not think they made over \$150.

That Much-Discussed "Invert."

A RECENT issue of "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" contains this amazing announcement regarding the much-talked-of 4 cent stamp of Pan-American issue, with inverted centre:—

"I have been informed by the best authority that the 4c. Pan-American stamps with inverted centres were purposely and intentionally printed in the inverted form, on the express direction of * * * but with the order that the word "Specimen" be printed across the faces. There were 200 of these inverted stamps printed, but by mistake the word "Specimen" was omitted from over 100 of them, and these got into the hands of a very favored few. Consequently the public should be aware that these inverts have been purposely issued in order to place a new curiosity on the stamp market."

The Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist," commenting on this statement, characterises the charge as preposterous, "because it is not likely that any man in a position to order this to be made would jeopardize his official position by giving such an order." Mr. J. W. Scott's journal takes the more charitable view, that a sheet of the 4c. value showing inverted centre was seen by some kind hearted official, who, yielding to the entreaties of his friends consented to oblige them by distributing the curiosities among them after taking the precaution to make them invalid by stamping the word "Specimen" on every stamp.

"Apparently," adds the "Metropolitan Philatelist," "some of his friends have carefully erased the offending word from the specimens kindly given them!"

It is an extraordinary business, anyhow.

Inverted Automobiles are Common.

By the way, the fact that this 4 cents Pan-American stamp shows a picture of an automobile, prompts yet another of the Transatlantic weeklies, "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," to crack a joke on the subject.

The frequency with which automobiles become unmanageable and overturn makes the inverted centre four-cent Pan-American a logical consequence.

Wurtemberg: A Warning.

COLLECTORS are warned by "Ewen's Weekly" against a purchase of the 2 marks orange and black, Wurtemberg, unused on the basis of catalogue prices. The 2 mark value was first issued in 1875, and has of course now been superseded by ordinary German stamps. Never during its lifetime of 27 years has been sold to the public, with the result that the 2mk. yellow is catalogued £8 unused, and the 2mk. red £7 10s., and the 2mk. orange and black 15s. to 25s. Now that Wurtemberg stamps are obsolete, however, the restriction on the sale of this particular value has been removed, and it can be bought at Stuttgart for face value. No doubt many collectors will think they have got a bargain when it is offered to them at $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ catalogue price.

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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		Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
ST. CHRISTOPHER.					
1870. CC. 12½.					
1d. dull rose ..	..	10/	5/	6/6	4/6
1d. lilac-rose ..	..	4/	3/	3/	2/
6d. green ..	..	25/	15/	1/	1/9
1870. CC. 14.					
1d. lilac-rose ..	..	25/	15/	5/	3/6
6d. green ..	..	2/3	1/6	1/	1/9
1879. CC. 14.					
2½d. red-brown ..	..	40/	25/	35/	28/
4d. blue ..	..	30/	20/	2/9	2/3
1882-90. CA. 14.					
½d. green ..	..	1/2		1/2	
1d. lilac-rose ..	..	80/	50/	28/	21/
1d. carmine-rose ..	..	1/2	1/2	1/3	1/2
2½d. red-brown ..	..	32/	25/	7/	5/6
2½d. ultramarine ..	..	8/	1/6	1/8	1/6
4d. blue ..	..	80/	50/	6/6	4/6
4d. grey ..	..	18/	1/6	1/6	1/5
6d. olive-brown ..	..	24/	20/	32/6	27/6
1/- pale lilac ..	..	21/	16/	20/	15/
1/- deep lilac ..	..	18/	15/	20/	15/
1858-8.					
½d. on ½ of 1d. rose ..	..	2/3	2/	2/9	2/
4d. on 6d. green ..	..	6/	4/6	6/9	5/
<i>Variety with stop after "Pence."</i>					
4d. on 6d. green ..	..	10/	7/6		
1886.					
1d. on 6d. green ..	..	2/6	2/	2/6	2/
4d. on 6d. green ..	..	20/	14/	10/	7/6
1887.					
1d. on ½d. green ..	..	6/6	5/	10/	6/6
1888. Small Surcharge.					
1d. on 2½d. blue ..	..			
1888. Large Surcharge.					
1d. on 2½d. blue ..	..	15/	10/	16/	12/6
REVENUES USED FOR POSTAGE.					
1883. Nevis stamps surcharged Revenue in black and St. Christopher in violet.					
1d. mauve ..	..	18/6	10/		
6d. green ..	..	12/	7/6		
1885. Surcharged with S. G. type 9.					
1d. rose ..	..	1/4			
3d. mauve ..	..	1/6			
6d. orange ..	..	1/6			
1/- olive ..	..	1/6			

On Postal Cards and Covers.

By a SPECIALIST.

THE discovery that a forgery of the "Jefferson" postal card has been in extensive circulation in the United States mails appears to have created much excited interest in New York. I imagine this is the first instance when a postal card has been forged for postal use, as distinct from the forgery of rare pieces for sale to collectors. It would not, of course, be a matter of great expense to reproduce with sufficient exactness the little card in question, and if it was possible to sell the article without the irregularity of such a transaction being commented upon, the forger could be reasonably certain that it would be some time before the postal clerks would put a stop to his game by discovering the card was bad. Now that the discovery has been made, however, it may be assumed that proper precautions will be made to prevent a recurrence of the affair, and postal cards will be as frequently examined as stamps are. I am at a loss to understand how the forgery could come into the market with-passing through the proper channels, but I rather believe that storekeepers who are not sub-postmasters retail stamps and cards in the United States. Anyway, we may feel glad that our system of distribution would make such work very unprofitable to the forger, as he would have some difficulty in selling his produce.

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Some remarks I made in a recent note, anent the plain and inartistic postal cards our unfeeling government compel us to use, has led one of my readers to remind me that there are others, Russia and Spain for instance. That is another way of reminding me that it might be worse, and this may be honestly admitted. Indeed our "Court" cards are very respectable on the whole, and, if plain, are at least good value for money. Still they are not exactly the sort of work the printers would be anxious to put their name upon, like the productions of the American Bank Note Company for Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador.

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But if our cards lack the artistic touch they certainly have a workmanlike finish that some of our more showy competitors lack. The very handsome series which Greece issued last year were marred entirely by the fact that the edges were roughly cut, or the card was slightly "smudged" on the face, owing to being insufficiently dry when packed. This latter fault was always to be found on the view side, when the card bore a view, and frequently on face. The cards issued by Turkey are open to similar complaint, and the card is flimsy and cheap looking. Compared with such stuff as this, our own cards are certainly very satisfactory. We can easily conjure up a vision of what would happen at Westminster if such a set of cards were to be placed on sale in England. No doubt Mr. "Tommy" Bowles would ask the Postmaster-General whether the pink slips on sale at St. Martin's-le-Grand were intended for curl papers or for shaving, and whether it was proposed to sell them by weight or by measure.

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Mention of Guatemala in the foregoing note makes me wonder whether many of my readers are aware that ten varieties of the ½ real first issue can be found. The differences are trivial of course, and are found in the inner frame tracings, the length of address lines and other details, the whole of which however are distinct enough to be quickly recognised when known. The credit of plating these ten varieties belongs to Mr. Warhurst, who had to search for some years before he found, in unevenly cut edges, etc., the key to the position on the plate. These cards were issued in 1875, and were in use continuously for fifteen years. In 1890 the 3 centavos card blue on white, for the Interior, appeared together with a 3 centavos carmine on white, and similar reply, for Postal Union service. These cards were a cheaper production than the early one, but because of the colours were more showy. Five years later the American Bank Note Company produced a still more elaborate card

of value 1 centavos, on which however an address would have to be very legibly written or it would have been lost. Possibly this disadvantage was soon discovered for in 1897 a new card was issued on which the design though still elaborate did not interfere with the legibility of the address. At the same time a 3 centavos card was issued which with its bright orange frame and inscriptions and black stamp is a very beautiful piece of work. The attendant reply card was exactly similar except that the colour was rose and black. These were for domestic use, and are still current. At the same time were issued the current 3 centavos Postal Union cards, single and reply, both strikingly handsome and artistic and like their predecessors, a credit to the American Bank Note Company. A layman looking through one's album, invariably pauses for a second to look at these issues, and if he be a stamp collector he is astonished to know that five shillings will cover the cost of Guatemala complete in cards, whilst twenty times that sum will not complete its adhesives.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Germany.—The new cards mentioned in my last article have the "Germania" type of stamp with *Deutsches Reich* instead of *Reichpost*. The 5pf. cards have the heading "Postkarte" removed further left than before, and the 10pf. cards have no frame. There are no date numerals of any description. The list is as follows:—

<i>Post Cards.</i>	2 pfennig, blue on bluish.
2 + 2	" " "
5	" green on cream.
5 + 5	" " "
10	" carmine "
10 + 10	" " "
<i>Letter Card.</i>	10 " " pale blue.
<i>Pneumatic Post Card.</i>	25 pfennig, orange-brown on rose.
25 + 25	" " "
<i>Pneumatic Envelope.</i>	30 " dark blue on rose. "

Great Britain.—Mr. Bentley Wood informs *E.W.S.N.* that he has the following private stationery stamped at Somerset House:—

Post Card: ½d. green, small arms, without instructions, both sizes.
News-bands: ½d. green, white paper.

India.—I appear to have overlooked the ¼a. and ½ + ¼a. card inscribed "India" instead of East India. The colour is as before.

New Zealand.—Mr. Rosenberg has kindly sent us a 3d. Registration Envelope of recent issue, which now no longer bears the figures of quantity and date that used to appear under the centre blue line. No other alteration appears to have been made.

Nyassa.—Messrs. Senf's journal has seen the 10 and 20 reis cards of Mozambique with the overprint NYASSA in black, and postmarked by the Nyassa Company 5.8.98.

Uruguay.—Some pretty cards were recently issued here, the work of Waterlow and Sons. A small view, of which there are twenty varieties, appears on the address side.

<i>Postcards.</i>	2c. blue on bluish. "Interior."
	2c. carmine on rose. (For Argentina).
	3c. brown on olive-brown. (Postal Union).

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The "Sherlock Holmes" Competition.

As promised we now give the correct solution of our "Sherlock Holmes" philatelic prize competition. The eighteen reversed stamps are as follows:—

1	Ceylon	No. 53	Gibbons.
2	Ceylon	No. 20	"
3	Victoria	No. 47	"
4	South Australia	No. 34	"
5	South Australia	No. 101	"
6	Grenada	No. 17	"
7	Ceylon	No. 56	"
8	Western Australia	No. 54	"
9	India	No. 96	"
10	Queensland	No. 42	"
11	Great Britain	No. 189	"
12	Ceylon	No. 93	"
13	Western Australia	No. 76	"
14	Falkland Isles	No. 9	"
15	British Bechuanaland	No. 16	"
16	New South Wales	No. 135	"
17	New South Wales	No. 161	"
18	Cook Islands	No. 14 ^a	"

We shall endeavour to publish the full list of awards in our next issue (June 7th), but if, as we hope, will be the case, a very large number of attempts are sent in, we may not be able to adhere to this arrangement. It is always our policy to adjudicate a competition promptly, but justice to all competitors is a consideration of primary importance. If, then, there is a delay of a fortnight in announcing the awards, competitors will understand that it is because we wish to spare no effort to award the prizes justly.

Fiscalists who read the "Fortnightly" will be glad to know that the first of a series of articles by Mr. A. Preston Pearce will appear in our next issue. This is in pursuance of our pledge to continue those features which commended "Stamps" to so many philatelists at home and abroad. A corner is also to be found for the beginner, and this will be conducted by "The Veteran," the originator of "Stamps, Junior," as a feature of Mr. Heygate's journal.

Away back in the last century a Jersey philatelist's stamps were destroyed by fire. They were fully insured; but to insure one's property against fire is one thing, and to recover the money when that property "goes up in smoke" is sometimes a more difficult matter. Without at present offering any comment on this particular case, we commend the article in an adjoining column, "A Philatelic Fire Risk," to the careful perusal of every philatelist.

A Philatelic Fire Risk.

THE LA CLOCHE PHILATELIC INSURANCE CASE DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

READERS of the *Fortnightly* will remember that we gave lengthy reports of the La Cloche Philatelic Insurance case as tried in the Law Courts of Jersey in December, 1900. The sequel to that protracted action is now available in the form of a judgment by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

The Judicial Committee, we gather from the "Times" Law Report of May 14th, was represented by the following members:—Lord Macnaghten, Lord Robertson, Lord Lindley, Sir Ford North, Sir Andrew Scoble and Sir Arthur Wilson.

The case was styled *Spurrier and Another (Agents for the Sun Fire Office) v. La Cloche*, an appeal from Judgments of the "Superior Number" of the Royal Court of the Island of Jersey of December 3rd and 4th, 1900.

Mr. Arthur Cohen, K.C., and Mr. Wood Hill appeared for the appellants; Mr. R. Storry Deans for the respondent.

The arguments were recently heard before a board composed of Lord Macnaghten, Lord Davey, Lord Robertson, Lord Lindley and Sir Ford North, when judgment was reserved.

Lord Lindley now pronounced judgment, and we are indebted to the "Times" Law Report for the terms of his lordship's pronouncement, which embodies a complete history of this most important case.

The question raised in the appeal, said Lord Lindley, in delivering their Lordships' judgment, was whether the Royal Court of Jersey had given due effect to an arbitration clause contained in a policy of assurance against loss by fire. The policy was dated January 4, 1897. It was a fire policy for £1,000 issued by the Sun Fire Office in favour of a Jersey gentleman named La Cloche on a collection of foreign stamps. The policy was in the English language, but executed in Jersey by the company's agents. The conditions endorsed on the policy were 14 in number and were in English. The 12th condition, which was the only material one, was as follows:—"If any difference shall at any time arise between the company or the insured, or any claimant under this policy, as to the liability or the amount or extent of the liability of the company in respect of any claim for loss or damage by fire or as to any question, matter, or thing, concerning or arising out of any claim for loss or damage under this policy, every such difference as and when the same arises, shall be referred to the arbitration of some person to be appointed in writing by both parties, or two indifferent persons, one to be appointed in writing by the party claiming and the other by the company, within one calendar month after either party has been required so to do by the other party, and in case of disagreement between the arbitrators then to the decision of an umpire, who shall have been appointed in writing by the arbitrators before entering on the reference, and who shall sit with the arbitrators, and preside at their meeting during the reference, unless the arbitrators shall otherwise agree in writing, and the death of any of the parties shall not revoke or affect the authority or powers of any arbitrator or umpire, and each party shall bear or pay his own costs of the reference and a moiety of the costs of the award, and in all other respects the submission to arbitrators shall be subject to the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889, or any statutory modification thereof, and may be made a rule of her Majesty's High Court of Justice in any Division, upon the application of either of the parties. And it is hereby expressly declared to be a condition precedent to the liability of the company in respect of any claim under this policy that the claim shall if not admitted, be referred to and determined by such arbitrator, arbitrators, or umpire as aforesaid, and the claimant shall have no right of action against the company except for the amount of the claim if admitted, or the amount, if any, awarded by the award of such arbitrator, arbitrators, or umpire." The first question which arose was whether that was to be regarded as an English contract or as a Jersey contract. Their Lordships were of opinion that, although that policy was made in Jersey, and any money payable under it would have to be paid to the assured in Jersey, the nature of the transaction, the language in which the policy was expressed, and the terms of the agreement and of the conditions, all showed that the contract between the parties was an English contract, and that wherever sued upon, its interpretation and effect ought, as a matter of law, to be governed by English, and not by Jersey law. The intention of the parties was too plain to be

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.

Abyssinia.—The issue with diagonal surcharge "Ethiopia" is now withdrawn, and new stamps overprinted "Posta" in native characters are stated to be now in use, though these latter we have not yet seen.

Benadir.—An illustration is now given of the besa stamp of Benadir, omitted from the last *Fortnightly*.



Brazil.—Mr. A. C. Merser writes as follows to the "Weekly Philatelic Era":—

I have received a letter dated March 1st, 1902, from Dr. F. F. Braga, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, wherein he states that a new issue will soon be put into circulation, as follows: Postage stamps, 10 reis to 2000 reis; Newspaper stamps, 10 reis to 1000 reis; "Official" stamps, etc., etc., and Unpaid stamps, 10 reis to 2000 reis. By his letter they must be in use by this time, and it is quite a collection in itself—about 38 stamps!

Later information, in "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," is to the effect that the new set will not be placed on sale until September or October next.

The "American Journal of Philately" mentions the 50 reis dark blue and blue of the 1894-97 set perforated 9.

British Guiana.—We are indebted to Messrs. G. Hamilton-Smith & Co. for the new 6 cents stamp of the "Ship" type.

Adhesive: 6 cents grey and blue.

Colombia.—Stamps of old types demonetised in 1892 are to be re-issued, owing to "the difficulty, occasioned by the war, in obtaining the prompt manufacture of a new supply of postage stamps." So says an Official Decree dated February 28th. As a safeguard against fraud the re-impressions are to be in new colours.



Above are given the illustrations of new provisionals omitted from our last number.

Greece.—We now give an illustration of the new series of



THE WATERMARK.

unpaid stamps. The "E.T. and Crown" watermark of Greece is also illustrated.

France.—From Messrs. Alfred Smith and Son's "Monthly Circular" we reproduce these illustrations of current French



stamps as printed by the double and single-printing process respectively. In the case of the 10 centimes stamp it will be noted that in the single-printing the numeral "1" has a curved foot, but Mr. B. T. K. Smith can give no infallible test for distinguishing the double and single printing of the 25 centimes, except that the double printing, he thinks, must in every case show the double-lined frame intact.

Great Britain.—Another flaw has been discovered in the current stamp. There has been a mistake, it appears, in the number of pearls in the Imperial Crown. Terrible, isn't it? The following paragraph appears in the "Daily Express" of May 16th:—

The question has arisen whether the Imperial Crown above the King's head on the new postage stamps should show the same number of pearls on the arches as the actual Crown possesses.

Each arch in the real Crown contains nine pearls, as against seven on the adhesive and five on the embossed penny stamp; but the discrepancy does not affect the value of the postage stamps, they will still frank letters.

The Postmaster-General, when his attention was drawn to the inaccuracy, stated to a correspondent that "it is not considered necessary to alter the design so as to make the number of stones coincide" with the number in the King's Crown."

Orange River.—Mr. A. Rosenberg, in a recent letter, informs us that he has a copy of Gibbons' No. 77, ½ penny on 3d. with bar at top across "Vrij," instead of at bottom across the original value.

Various statements have been made in the newspapers regarding the preparation of a complete new set for the Orange River Colony. Some time ago a correspondent of Messrs. Bright and Son stated that he had seen the proof of a new 2½d. stamp. This he described as follows:—"It bears the King's Head in a very small oval, value at top 2½d., and a picture below of a springbok and a wildebeest, with typical veldt scenery in the background. The whole is in blue, quite neat, though full of inaccuracies of drawing. It will probably not be issued for some time."

Pahang.—Mr. Rosenberg describes a variety of the Pahang stamp, four cents on 8c. Perak (Gibbons No. 23) in which the "t" of cents is of a different fount of type from the ordinary surcharge, "being longer and narrower, and more like the 't' of Type 13, Straits Settlements (7c. on 32c.), Gibbons' Catalogue."

Samoa.—"I have a curious variety of a Samoan stamp, No. 38 in Gibbons' catalogue, 5d. on 4d. blue," writes Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, New Zealand. The surcharge of this stamp, as sketched in Mr. Rosenberg's letter, shows a very curiously formed "5" with an abnormal width to the lower portion of the numeral. Furthermore the original value FOUR PENCE at the bottom of the stamp is roughly marked through with red pencil. "It is a used specimen," our correspondent adds, "which I bought off a sheet sent to me by Mr. W. Sellschopp, of San Francisco."



Transvaal.—Rather late in the day we illustrate the type of the new Transvaal set. This cut, with many others, was prepared for our last issue, but was not delivered to our printers in time for press.

Postals versus Fiscals.

FROM THE "PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF INDIA.

THE earlier albums, Oppen's Lallier's and others, while giving spaces for postage stamps, made no mention of fiscals,—the collector of those days frequently became possessed of a dozen or so of these stamps, and not knowing what to do with them, stuck them (with marine glue or giant cement, which were the popular adhesive materials of the time) round the edge of the page, thereby spoiling the appearance of the postage stamps,—these fiscals were transferred from book to book, usually leaving 10 per cent. of each stamp in the old book. The result was that these stamps, faded, dirty, torn and ill-matched with the stamps around them, were considered anything but desirable acquisitions by brother philatelists. Result—detestation of fiscals. In some of the older Continental albums spaces were provided for certain fiscals, and as these were kept separate from the postals, there was no mutual interference, and that may account for the fact that adhesive fiscals have never been ignored on the Continent.

The second point to be considered is the comparative ease with which postage or fiscal stamps may be acquired. Until recent years very few dealers took fiscals at all, and as most collectors bought their stamps directly from dealers they seldom came across fiscals, and the few they happened to see were those described above—dirty and torn.

During the last decade, and particularly within the last three or four years, several prominent dealers have taken up fiscals as an integral part of their business, and fiscal collecting then commenced in good earnest, and is now almost as firmly established a branch of Philately in England as it always has been in other countries.

Our third point is the absence of a good catalogue at a fair price. M. Moen's work is outside the pocket of many of the smaller collectors, and so far we have no good reliable low priced list in the English language. There are few beginners who care to go in for a hobby without any form of guide, and this is another reason for the unpopularity of fiscals until recent years.

Lastly, we are by nature conservative in most things, and in Philately especially so; consequently having grown up with the idea that fiscals are waste paper, we continue to believe it.

To show the strides which fiscaldom has made, note the

list of prices for U.S. revenues in "Scott," the notes on fiscals in "Stamps" (Rushden), the supplements to Morley's Journal, and the advance to postal catalogues of certain telegraph stamps once so much despised but now almost universally collected.

REASONS WHY FISCALS SHOULD BE POPULAR.

Now I would like to say a few words on the obvious advantages of revenue collecting.

- (1) It is comparatively easy to obtain immense supplies of many revenue stamps for a very moderate outlay.
- (2) Fiscals are nearly always in fine condition when received first hand.
- (3) They open out a grand field for research.
- (4) The designs are, in nearly all cases, greatly superior to those of contemporaneous postals.
- (5) The numbers, although very great, are not so appalling as one would at first suppose; it is true that Mexico, Argentine, Great Britain, Austria and India possess a great number of varieties (there are 465 different Austrian fiscals compared with 221 postals), but these countries are exceptional.
- (6) There are no commemorative or speculative stamps or unnecessary values.
- (7) There are (practically) no reprints or forgeries.
- (8) States and countries which are unrepresented in our postal album, issue fiscal stamps, e.g., Croatia, Mysore, Ireland, Nevada, Isle of Man.

There are probably very few collectors who would care to go directly in for general revenue collecting, but I think it is necessary for the specialist of the stamps of any one country to collect the fiscals as well as the postals, and that intermediate group the telegraph stamps. Personally I take all adhesive Government postage stamps (except commemorative and speculative stamps and Seebeck's), but I collect the revenue stamps of only those countries which I have specialized to some extent, viz., Austria-Hungary, Bosnia, U.S., Great Britain and India, and I cannot too emphatically advise other collectors to include the fiscals of the countries in which they specialize.

I propose during the next few months to contribute an occasional article on revenue stamps, in the hope of bringing this fascinating branch of our study before collectors in India, and with the hope of obtaining some additional information, so sorely needed, with regard to the fiscals of India; our knowledge of which Mr. Preston Pearce so truly describes as being in a chaotic condition.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

"STAMPS" EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE May Packets were despatched on the 7th inst. Value as follows:—

Colonial European Packet	£344	3	4
General Packet	..	461	5 5½

December Packets are now returned and show sales as follows:—

Colonial Packet	..	£71	11 8½
European Packet	..	13	11 7½
General Packet	..	28	17 2½

November credits have all been paid out and sheets returned to owners. All debits are not yet received however for that month as well as several for October.

There are vacancies for a few advanced members. Rules on application from the Secretary:—TH. HEYGATE, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE February and March Packets have been returned from circulation, and accounts for the January-March quarter rendered. From the former packet the sales were £43 3s., and from the latter over £33.

The May Packet, amounting to £272 13s., has been sent on its rounds.

Prince Nissolle, of Paris, has joined the Club since last report.

From June 14th, please note address of Hon. Sec. as A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE following is a rough draft of next season's programme, more details of which will be published shortly:—

- Oct. 2nd, 1902—Annual meeting.
- „ 14—Display. Mr. W. B. Avery.
- Nov. 6—N.S.W. Sydneys and Laureated. Messrs. R. Hollick, W. Pimm, and others.
- Nov. 20—Nth. American Cols. Messrs. W. Pimm and C. A. Stephenson.
- Dec. 4—Auction.
- Jan. 15th, 1903—N.S.W., 1854-1883.
- Feb. 5—Lantern display. Mr. J. A. Margoschis.
- Feb. 26, 27—Auction.
- March 5—Paper.
- „ 19—N.S.W., 1884-1903.
- April 2—Paper.
- May 7—

The Stamps of New South Wales will be the special work for the Session, and we shall welcome any assistance from our members who cannot attend the meetings.

G. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary, 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING of this Society was held on the 2nd inst., at the Restaurant Oriental, Manchester, Mr. W. Clitherow presiding. The members turned up in full force and a very pleasant hour was passed. It was decided that during the summer months meetings should only take place on the first Wednesday in each month; thus the next will be held on the 4th June, and it is expected that there will be a full gathering. Local gentlemen desirous of joining this Society can obtain full particulars from the Hon. Sec., W. S. HUGHES, 10, Victoria Road, Sale.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AT the meeting held on May 1st, 1902, MESSRS. J. W. Slack and German Helmrch (of Mexico) were duly elected members.

The fiscals of the Canadian provinces and Cape of Good Hope were discussed and catalogued.

It is intended to commence the Exchange Section in September next, and if suitable arrangements can be made, packets will be made up for circulation on the Continent and in America. Further particulars will be given later.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5th, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., when the Colonial Revenues from Ceylon to Griqualand will be taken in hand.

Members are expected to send notes of the stamps of these countries, or, if attending the meeting, to bring their collections.

Rules and any other information respecting the Society can be had from the Hon. Sec., A. B. KAY, 35, Bessborough Street, London, S.W.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

MEMBERS of the I.P.U. foregathered at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, for the annual general meeting, on Thursday, May 8. After having re-elected for another year the principal officers, including Judge Philbrick, K.C., as honorary president, Mr. H. R. Oldfield as president, and Mr. T. H. Hinton as honorary secretary, the members enjoyed an opportunity of inspecting Mr. Herbert R. Oldfield's collection of Bolivian stamps.

Mr. Oldfield has spent between £600 and £700 on his Bolivians; but he is convinced that an interesting and practically complete collection of specimens could be formed for less than one-tenth of that sum, while a really fine collection, according to present-day conceptions, of Swiss stamps, would cost upwards of £2,000, and perhaps nearly double that sum, a satisfactory album could be formed on the lines of limited specialism for from £200 to £300.

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LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

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PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

AN OPEN COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION. NOTICE is given that the Pacific Philatelic Society, of San Francisco, intend to hold a general competitive exhibition of stamps open to all the world, and to take place in this city in the Assembly Hall of the Mechanics Institute, San Francisco, in the month of September next, at a date to be fixed upon later.

To promote this enterprise a committee of general supervision has been appointed, consisting of H. B. Phillips, A. H. Greenebaum and J. H. Makins.

This committee is prepared to give notice that it is the intention to limit the duration of the exhibition to one day and the ensuing evening; that there will be no direct sunlight in the hall, ample wall space will be provided for all who wish to exhibit in frames. Tables for those who wish to display on loose sheets with plate glass to cover, and individual tables for those who wish to exhibit in bound albums or specialities in charge of attendants.

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Donors of medals and intending exhibitors should address the Committee of the Exhibition, care of J. H. Makins, 506, Market Street, San Francisco, California.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION, 1902.

THE Exhibition will take place in the rooms of The Philatelic Society, Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 7th, 1902, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. A large number of exhibits have been received or promised and the success of the Exhibition is assured.

Messrs. E. D. Bacon, M. P. Castle, Gordon Smith, and Lieut. Napier have consented to act as Judges.

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. All persons interested in stamp collecting will be cordially welcomed, and ladies are specially invited.

H. A. SLADE, Hon. Sec., Ingleside, St. Alban's.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXCHANGE.

MARCH General Packet returned; result—530 stamps sold, value £19 1s. 1d., out of £136 10s. sent in.

May General Packet sent off on the 10th, with 26 sheets, value £137 14s. 4d.

"UNUSED" STAMP EXCHANGE.

(ADDITION TO FORMER REPORT.)

March Packet: Sales £8 2s. 4d.; sent in £55 16s. 9d.

May Packet consisting of 12 sheets, value £103 7s. 5d., sent off on the 15th.

BLACKPOOL STAMP EXCHANGE.

MARCH Packet returned and settled up. This, the third packet, was the best so far, comprising 14 sheets of the value of £22 6s. 9d.; 325 stamps valued at 86s. 11d. changed hands. Three new members have joined, but four or five more required to make up the limited number of 21, the chief idea with a limited number being to have settlements monthly or as near so as workable. Good medium members required.

Rules, etc., from the Secretary, W. WARBURTON, 53, Waterloo Road, Blackpool.

"CALEDONIA" STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE February Packet has now returned from circuit, and all sheets and cash balances will be sent on to members in a few days. The May Packet, which is now sent off, contains many good medium stamps, both used and unused, and is much better every way than many of the Packets we have had lately, value of the Packet between £200 and £300 gross. Since last report the following gentlemen have joined the Exchange:—Messrs. J. Collman, A. Dent, J. H. Kellet, E. Parry and T. E. Remfry.

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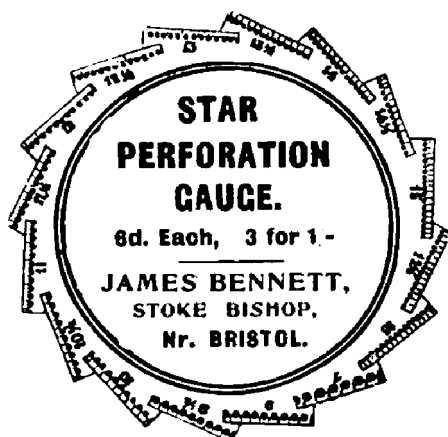
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mistaken; the contract to pay out of the funds of the company was, of itself, very significant, and the reference to the English Arbitration Acts showed that the arbitration proceedings were to be conducted according to English law, and no other. That the intention of the parties to a contract was the true criterion by which to determine by what law it was to be governed was too clear for controversy. (See "Hamlyn and Co. v. Talisker Distillery Co.," 1894, A.C., 202). And the intention there was unmistakable. It did not follow that the agents who signed the policy in Jersey were not liable to be sued in Jersey upon it, as their principals were in this country; but whatever would be a defence by the law of England for the company on the merits to an action against the company on the policy, would be a defence for the agents if sued in Jersey for the non-payment of money payable under the policy by the company. It followed from these observations that no action could be sustained in Jersey, any more than in this country, for any money payable under the policy unless and until the amount so payable had been settled by arbitration pursuant to the 12th condition. (See "Scott v. Avery," 5 H. L., 811, and "Caledonian Insurance Company v. Gilmour," 1893, A.C., 85). The contract was one on which no cause of action could accrue until the amount to be paid had been determined by arbitration, and by arbitration as provided by the contract. Mr. Deans contended that the arbitration clause was invalid by the law of Jersey, because not only the amount payable, but also the liability to pay, was to be decided by arbitration; and that was an illegal attempt to oust the jurisdiction of the Court and went further than "Scott v. Avery." But if a contract was so framed as to give no cause of action unless a certain condition was performed, no question arose as to ousting the jurisdiction of any Court. It was by not observing the difference between no cause of action and a defence which assumed a cause of action, but is based on the incompetence of a particular Court to enforce it, that the Court of Exchequer went wrong in "Scott v. Avery." The oversight was pointed out and corrected in the Exchequer Chamber (8 Ex., 487), and again in the House of Lords. Mr. Justice Maule put the matter in the true light in the Exchequer Chamber. He there said:—"There is no decision which prevents two persons from agreeing that a sum of money shall be payable on a contingency; but they cannot legally agree that when it is payable no action shall be maintained for it." (8 Ex., 499). Mr. Deans cited no authority to show that by the law of Jersey such a condition as that which had to be considered in this case was invalid and could be rejected even in a contract governed by the law of Jersey. Judging from the decision it would seem that the law as laid down in "Scott v. Avery" prevailed in Jersey. But in those cases the question of liability was not left to the arbitrator. However, even if the law of Jersey had been shown to be what Mr. Deans contended it was, the answer to his argument would still be that that policy was governed by the law of this country and not by the law of Jersey; and that the distinction he drew between arbitrations in which liability was left to arbitrators and those in which the amount payable only was so left was immaterial where an award settling the amount was a condition precedent to the right to payment of anything. The foregoing observations really disposed of the appeal. What happened was as follows:—In December, 1898, a fire occurred in the house of the assured and his collection of stamps was damaged or destroyed. He gave notice of his loss and claimed £1,000. He appointed a Jersey gentleman (Guiton) his arbitrator. The Sun Fire Office appointed an English gentleman (Thwaites) their arbitrator. The arbitrators could not agree upon an umpire. Thwaites wanted an English barrister, Guiton wanted some gentleman resident in Jersey, which would save expense. Neither could be blamed for not giving way to the other. No application was made under the English Arbitration Acts to the Courts of this country to appoint an umpire. The company could not proceed adversely to the assured, who was beyond the jurisdiction of the English Courts, and the assured preferred to apply to the Courts in Jersey. Failure to agree upon an umpire brought the arbitrators proceeding to a deadlock. On September 30th, 1899, the assured brought an action in the Royal Court in Jersey on the policy against the agents who signed it and he claimed £1,000. The defendants relied on the 12th condition and the absence of any award as a defence to the action. On October 9th, 1899, the Royal Court ordered that the arbitrators should be summoned to appear. On November 9th, they did appear. Thwaites appeared by counsel, and objected to the jurisdiction of the Court over him. The Court then ordered the defendants to appoint another arbitrator in his place. The defendants declined to do that, and the arbitrators were then dismissed from the action, which was remitted to the Greffier to assess the amount payable to the plaintiff. On November 6th, 1900, the plaintiff recovered judgment for £1,000, and on December 4th, 1900, the Appeal Court confirmed the preceding orders and judgment. The present appeal was from that judgment of the Appeal Court and from the orders and judgment thereby confirmed. On the merits of

the case their Lordships did not think it necessary to add to what had already been said. No reasons were given for the judgment appealed from, and their Lordships could not make any observations upon them. The judgment appeared to them erroneous in principle. The order of November 6th, 1899, requiring the defendants to appoint another arbitrator in the place of Mr. Thwaites, appeared to their Lordships to be erroneous for two reasons—viz. (1), because Mr. Thwaites had done nothing to justify his removal; and (2), because if he had the Court in Jersey was not the proper tribunal to remove him. The English Arbitration Act conferred no such power on any foreign Court. Their Lordships would, therefore, humbly advise his Majesty that the appeal ought to be allowed, and that the judgment of the Royal Court of Jersey, of December 4th, 1900, and the orders and judgment thereby affirmed, ought to be reversed, and that judgment ought to be given for the defendants, with costs. The respondent having obtained leave to defend the appeal *in forma pauperis*, no order can be made as to the costs of the appeal.

Our Review of Reviews.

Getting Ahead of a Stamp Dealer.

It appears that one good way of getting good value from a stamp dealer is to specialise in the stamps of Japan. Harken to these worldly words from the pen of Mr. J. W. Scott, Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist":—

We do not know of any more interesting country to study than the various issues of Japan. Undoubtedly many of the stamps are very rare, but the difficulties are such that no dealer has his stock properly arranged; hence, as one of the prize winners in the Japan Exhibition of the New York Collectors' Club remarked, "He had not paid any advance over quotations of commonest variety for any specimen in his collection."

Some Tips for Philatelic "Bulls."

Mr. E. J. Nankivell gives us now and then, in his London letters to the "American Journal of Philately," a tip what to buy for a rise. Here are a few of his latest:—

Niger Coast, 5d., C.A.

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Trinidad, 5d., current set.

He also recommends the Cook Islands as a "cheap line" likely to show improved values in the near future.

Mr. Crawford Capen's Philatelic Philosophy.

We have read with much interest an article in the "American Journal of Philately," headed "Facts and Fancies," and contributed by Mr. Crawford Capen, head of the great stamp-dealing "combine" in the American metropolis. A few of the gems may be extracted and allowed to speak for themselves:—

It is sometimes hard to tell what are facts and what are fancies in connection with stamp collecting.

There has never been a time in the history of dealing in stamps, when prices realized for desirable specimens were better than they are now. What can be a better evidence of the feeling of collectors, as a whole, than strength in prices?

Collecting pure and simple for the love of the stamps themselves, does not seem to accord with the American idea.

The dealer is only the servant of the collector. It is impossible for him to do anything but buy and sell. He cannot speculate to any great extent.

The desire for fine specimens has come, and it has come to stay. Fine specimens, particularly of old stamps, will increase constantly in value and poor specimens will fall to a lower and lower level. The real value of the very fine stamp is not appreciated at present.

It is not easy to say just whether one should collect with the American idea of getting what will increase most in price or not, but, in a general way, the getting together of the British Colonial stamps required for a collection is sure to result in profit.

"Perhaps," writes Mr. Capen, in conclusion, "some of the above statements are facts, mayhap all are fancies."

Perhaps! But they strike one as being mighty shrewd fancies, do they not?

From the Auction Rooms.



A very regrettable error occurred in the setting of Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co.'s advertisement in our last issue. The next sale by this firm, which had already been correctly announced as for May 26, was for some mysterious reason altered to Thursday, May 29, by an autocratic compositor.

Many *Fortnightly* readers will have seen that it was a mistake, because Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co.'s auctions have invariably been held on Monday's, but for the guidance of others we wish it to be known

that the sale in question will be held on Monday next, May 26.

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, March 25th and 26th.

	£	s.	d.
British Bechuanaland, ½d. black, surcharged in red and in black (Gibbons' No. 4)*	1	6	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red, fine	2	12	6
Do. do. another	2	8	0
Do. do. 4d. blue	1	14	0
Gt. Britain, wmk. anchor, £1 brown-lilac, perf. missing	2	0	0
Newfoundland, 6d. orange vermilion	1	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, thinned but fine	1	14	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 2	1	6	0
Do. do. 1d. on bluish	1	5	0
New Zealand, wmk. N.Z., rouletted 2d.	1	6	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown	1	3	0
Queensland, first issue, 6d. green	2	2	0
St. Helena, wmk. star, rough perfs., 6d. deep blue, a pair*	1	10	0
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 12½, long bar, 4d. carmine, a block of 4*	3	3	0
Do. do. do. short bar, 1/- deep yellow-green, a horizontal strip of 3*	3	3	0
Do. do. perf. 14, 6d. milky blue, a horizontal pair*	2	12	6
St. Vincent, 1890, 2½d. on 4d. lake-brown, showing varieties of fraction bar*	3	3	0
Tobago, 1880, 1d. on half 6d., used on piece	3	0	0
United States, State, 2 dollars, part gum	2	2	0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, 1/- rose-carmine, double-lined frame*	1	14	0
Zululand, 5/- rose*	2	10	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

April 3rd and 4th.

EUROPE.

Gt. Britain, 1d. black, a block of 20, creased*	14	15	0
Do. 1847-54, octagonal, 6d. violet*	2	8	0
Do. wmk. Anchor, £1 brown-lilac on blued paper	3	7	6
Hanover, 1850, 10gr. black on grey-blue*	1	16	0
Do. 1856, 10gr. olive-green*	1	14	0
Levant, 12 piastres on 2/6 on bluish paper*	1	10	0
Naples, 50gr., thinned	1	7	0
Obock, 50 francs*	1	12	0
Spain, 1853, 2 reales, vermilion, slightly torn	2	8	0
Switzerland, Winterthur, 2½r. black and red	1	16	0
Wurtemberg, 1858-60, imperf., 18kr. blue*	1	18	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1/9 green	2	7	6
Do. 2/- blue, imperf.	6	5	0
Do. wmk., Star perf., 8d. yellow-brown, torn	2	10	0
Do. 1885 Provl., 5c. on 4c. rose with inverted surcharge*	1	4	0
India, 1856-64, no wmk., 2a. yellow-green*	2	0	0

AFRICA.

British East Africa, Provl., MS surcharge, ½ anna A.D. on 2a. vermilion	6	0	0
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Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red	6	0	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue	4	8	0
Natal, 1869, Postage, 12½mm. long, 1/- green	4	8	0

NORTH AMERICA.

Canada, 10d. blue on thick paper	2	2	0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow	2	2	0
Newfoundland, 6½d. scarlet-vermilion, cut rather close	4	2	6
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown*	2	8	0
United States, 1855, 90c. blue*	1	18	0
Do. "State," 20 dollars black and green	7	0	0

WEST INDIES.

Bahamas, wmk. C. and CA., perf. 14, 4d. rose*, thinned	2	0	0
Grenada, 1875-81, 1/- deep mauve, error "Shlling"	8	10	0
Nevis, 1st issue, 4d. rose*	3	0	0
Do. do. 6d. grey-lilac*	1	18	0
Do. do. 1/- green on blued paper*	3	10	0
Do. 1867, 1/- blue-green*	3	0	0
Do. Litho. 6d. grey*, slightly thinned	3	7	0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, 1/- rose-carmine*	1	12	6

SOUTH AMERICA.

Brazil, 1844, slanting figures, 180 reis black	1	15	0
Do. do. 300 reis black* on greyish paper	2	12	0
Do. do. 600 reis black* do.	4	17	6

OCEANIA.

Hawaiian Islands, Inter-island Postage, 1c. black on thin bluish paper*	1	14	0
Do. do. 2c. black do. do.*	1	16	0
Do. do. 1c. black on white wove*	1	12	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 2, on laid	2	2	0
Do. do. another copy without clouds, on laid, but cut rather close	2	8	0
Do. do. 2d. dark blue, plate 2	2	6	0
Do. 1852, 6d. brown, error "Walls"	3	5	0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange on entire	3	0	0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown-black on red* fine	10	0	0

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE, April 8th and 9th, 1902.

EUROPE.

Gt. Britain, 1847-54, Octagonal, 10d. brown, die 4, cracked*	2	5	0
Do. do. 1/- bright green, die 2,* cut into	2	5	0
Do. 1854-57, 2d. blue, plate 6, a block of 6*	3	12	6
Do. 1865-80, 3d. carmine, plate 4, wmk. spray*	1	13	0
Do. 1867-82, 5/- rose, plate 1*	1	12	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1861, wmk. star, 4d. rose,* no gum	1	6	0
Do. do. 8d. brown	2	5	0
Do. 1863-67, wmk. C.C., 2d. emerald* creased	1	5	0
Labuan, 1880, 8 on 12c. carmine*	2	10	0
Do. 1883, M.S. Provisional, 1 dollar in red on 16c.* no gum	7	15	0
Do. 1885, do. 2c. on 16c. blue*	6	10	0
Do. 1893, Two Cents on 40c. amber, inverted surcharge	1	10	0
Straits Settlements, 1867, 12c. red and green, double surcharge*	2	10	0
Do. 1879-82, 10 cents on 30c. claret, type b.	1	10	0
Do. 1883, 3 cents on 5c. purple-brown*	1	8	0
Do. Pahang, 1890, 8c. orange	1	12	0
Do. Selangor, 1878-82, 10 dollars green and purple*	2	10	0
Do. Sungei Ujong, 1878, wmk. C.C., 2c. brown, black surcharge, Crescent. Star and S.U. in oval*, no gum	1	18	0

AFRICA.

British Bechuanaland, 1886, wmk. Anchor, ½d. black, error "ritish"*	5	0	0
Do. 1888, One Half Penny on 3d. lilac*	1	1	0
British East Africa, 1890, ½d. lilac, the error "HALF"*	2	0	0
Do. 1895, 2 rupees red*	2	10	0
Do. do. 5 rupees green*	2	2	0
Gold Coast, 1891-94, wmk. CA., 20/- green and red*	6	10	0
Lagos, 1882, wmk. C.A., 2/6 olive-black*	3	5	0
Do. do. 5/- blue*	4	15	0
Do. do. 10/- purple-brown*	11	5	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange, early impression	4	10	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, early impression*	5	0	0
Do. do. do. late medium impression	3	7	6

	£	s.	d.
Mauritius, 1859, Large Fillet, 2d. dark blue	7	5	0
Do. 1876, ½ do., Halfpenny, in red on 9d. violet*	3	3	0
Do. do. Halfpenny in black on 9d. violet with inverted surcharge*	4	4	0
Niger Coast, 1893, ½d. in red on half of 1d. blue ..	1	16	0
St. Helena, 1884-95, wmk. C.A. ½d. emerald, double surcharge*	4	15	0
Sierra Leone, 1862, no wmk., 6d. violet	3	0	0
Do. 1872-73, 3d. saffron-yellow*	1	9	0
Do. 1894, wmk. C.C. Halfpenny on 1½d. lilac*	4	0	0
Do. 1897, 2½d. on 2/- lilac, type a pair, one showing the thick d.*	8	0	0
Do. do. do. type C. a single*	8	0	0
Do. do. do. another type D.*	6	15	0
Swaziland, 1889-90, ½d. grey, double surcharge in red ..	1	6	0
Do. do. 5/- slate error "Zwazielan"	3	7	6
Transvaal, 1875-76, 6d. blue	1	17	0
Do. 1877, V.R. Transvaal, 3d. mauve, pelure paper	3	15	0
Do. do. 6d. blue, inverted surch.	6	5	0
Do. do. 1/- green do.	4	12	6
Do. do. 6d. dark blue	2	10	0
Do. 1878, V.R. Transvaal, 6d. blue on blue, inverted surcharge, thinned	7	10	0
Do. do. 6d. blue on green, inverted surcharge, thinned	11	11	0
Do. do. 3d. mauve on buff	2	0	0
Do. 1879, V.R. Transvaal, 3d. mauve on blue showing small T* thinned	3	3	0
Do. 1878-79, Queen's Head, red surcharge, 1 Penny on 6d. black, type 10	3	15	0
Do. do. do. do. type 15	1	12	0
Do. 1882, E.R. Penny on 4d. sage-green, inverted surcharge*	3	0	0
Zululand, 1889-92, ½d. green, double surcharge*	1	14	0
Do. 1894-96, £1 purple on red*	1	16	0
Do. do. £5 black and purple on red	4	10	0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.s Sale, April 15th and 16th.

British Central Africa, 1891-93, £10 brown*	6	15	0
Do. 1897, £1 black and blue*	2	10	0
Canada, 7½d. green, fine, used on piece	1	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, Triangular, 1d. rose-red, a block of 8* fine	4	7	6
Do. do. 4d. blue, a block of 18*	6	10	0
Do. do. 1/- dark green, a block of 8 showing corner margins*	14	10	0
Do. do. De la Rue print, 1d. blood red, a ditto block*	5	5	0
Do. do. 4d. slate-blue, a ditto block*	8	12	6
Do. do. 6d. bright mauve, a ditto block showing corner margins*	10	0	0
Do. do. 1/- emerald, deep shade, a ditto block*	26	0	0
Do. Mafeking, 1d. on Bech. Protectorate, ½d. vermilion, inverted surcharge, used on piece	9	10	0
Ceylon, wmk. Star, perf., 1/- lilac, a block of 6*	3	10	0
Do. 1863-7, wmk. C.C., 2d. emerald-green, a block of 4*	6	10	0
Do. do. do. 2/- dark blue, showing metallic lustre, a block of 4*	3	5	0
Dominica, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 1/- red-lilac*	2	5	0
Gt. Britain, 1d. black, a block of 18*	50	0	0
Do. 2d. deep blue, no lines, a block of 35, with marginal inscription at right*, no gum, 4 stamps cut into, and some are creased	50	0	0
Do. 2d. deep blue, a block of 14* with marginal inscription to left, 2 stamps damaged and a few creased	22	0	0
Do. 1857, large crown, perf. 16, 1d. rose-red on white paper, a block of 8*	20	0	0
Do. 1870, 1½d. lilac-rose, a block of 6 showing marg*	5	0	0
Do. do. do. a block of 12*	8	10	0
Do. 1881, 1d. lilac, 14 dots, a block of 24 from corner of sheet showing earliest printing*	2	10	0
Nova Scotia, 1/- cold violet used with a 3d. blue on entire, fine	14	0	0
Do. 6d. deep gr., a horizontal pr., used on entire, fine	6	10	0
Victoria, no wmk., roul. 4d. rose on vertically laid paper, a horizontal pair*	4	5	0
Zululand, 5/-*	2	17	6

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

An Editor's lot is not invariably a happy one. The following letter (which we have slightly altered in order to

avoid personal references) will give an idea of the way in which the conductor of a periodical is sometimes approached. Never mind the service of the letter or the date. It runs as follows:—

DEAR SIR,— A Mr. ———, of ———, talks of writing a letter to your paper anent some correspondence between him and myself. The subject of correspondence is a stamp he took from my sheet in the ——— packet. If you wish I am willing to give you full particulars, but meanwhile please understand that neither my name nor any clue thereto may be published in your paper. Yours faithfully, ———, etc., etc.

Now here's a pretty philatelic storm in a tea cup! Evidently the threat of a letter to the *Fortnightly* is something to conjure with, for it has moved this gentleman, the writer of the above letter, to warn us, post haste, that if we dare to mention him by name we do so at our peril. He does not say all that in so many words, but obviously it is what his letter is intended to imply. There has been no occasion, so far, to mention him by name, because up to the present time Mr. Somebody, of Somewhere, has not sent the threatened letter. If he does, and when he does, we shall deal with it on its merits and quite without regard to the "warning" quoted above.

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We have mentioned this matter thus prominently because experience has taught us that there is a popular superstition to the effect that the affairs of a private individual are sacred and may not be commented upon in a public print—and such is actually the case, up to a certain point. But we doubt whether a member of a Stamp Exchange Club, a person who is offering to sell his duplicate stamps to all and sundry, can be regarded as strictly a private individual; and in any case it is more than ridiculous to send to the Press such a veiled threat as is contained in the letter we have mentioned—to say to an Editor, in effect, "Don't you dare to mention my name in your paper!" Such a course is calculated to provoke prejudice, since it is not, as a rule, the innocent party that fears publicity.

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A correspondent in New Zealand complains of inattention to his letters on the part of various people in various countries with whom he has been exchanging stamps. "For some unknown reason," he writes, "I have not heard from them for some time. I have written them a second letter, and in some cases a third letter, and still no reply. Is there any way of reaching them or of warning others not to correspond with them?" Yes, there is a way, and it costs only a guinea a year. Become a member of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, notify the names of your unsatisfactory correspondents to the Secretary and let him try his persuasive efforts upon them, backed up as those efforts will be by the fear of the Black List.

A smart business man—not a philatelist—once wrote, "The best thing is to make no bad debts at all, but the second best thing is to warn your fellow traders against all persons who victimise you, for you may be quite sure of this—that some day, sooner or later, the good you do to others in that

way will be repaid perhaps a hundred-fold. There is no sounder rule of business than for the honest workers and honest traders in any business or profession to band themselves together for mutual protection against those who are not acting, and do not wish or intend to act, in an honorable and straightforward manner."

These words were written by a hard-headed man of business who probably never gave a thought to Philately; yet we do not think it would be possible to point to a stronger argument in favor of philatelists supporting the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

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"There are many stamps the value of which it is exceedingly difficult to get at," said a recent correspondent of the *Fortnightly* in the course of a letter on the subject of our "Collectors' Guide to Values"; and the remark must have struck many readers as being singularly true. Mr. Ernest Heginbottom favors us with a most interesting letter, based on this observation.

Speaking from my own experience, he writes, I have often wished to get a sort of rough idea as to the catalogue value of my collection of stamps—from which of course could be deduced a general value should I ever wish to dispose of same—but I have been considerably hampered by the fact that there are a number of rare and commoner stamps not priced at all, either unused or used. Of course in the commoner stamps priced for unused copies only, one can gauge pretty well the value of these same stamps *used*, but it is an entirely different matter where a rare stamp is either not priced at all or is *only* priced unused, to get at a fair value for a *used* copy, and, in writing thus, please bear in mind I only now allude to postally used stamps, as I don't collect unused at all.

It seems to me the reason why certain stamps are not priced used is not only because of their scarcity thus, but because the owners of the catalogue do not possess these stamps at the time of printing. I think therefore there is a great want of a catalogue of stamps published entirely independent of any form of dealers whatsoever—a catalogue which would contain a fair value for all stamps known to exist.

For your perusal I enclose you a list of a few stamps not priced in "Gibbons" or "Bright," which may be taken as two of the leading catalogues in this country. I divide this list into commoner and rare stamps.

The list Mr. Heginbottom sends is a most interesting document, and one that we should have liked to publish did space permit. The question as our correspondent goes on to say, is a most important one for all philatelists possessing any number of rare stamps, "the only guide being the occasional sales of single stamps by auction or by private treaty." Two striking instances of unpriced British Colonial stamps are mentioned by Mr. Heginbottom, as follows:—

British Honduras, CC 12½, 3c. on 3d.
Turks Islands, 1s. prune.

Neither stamp is priced either used or unused in "Gibbons" or "Bright"—somewhat remarkable state of affairs. In Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s catalogue, which does not profess to go into varieties of shade, perf., watermark, etc., we find the 1s. prune Turks Islands marked at £30 unused, and £16 used, and in the 1902 "Scott" the same stamp is priced at £25 unused, without a "used" quotation. Nor is the British Honduras stamp priced in "Scott" either used or unused. Surely an extraordinary thing, this! Is it impossible to form any estimate as to the value of the British Honduras, C.C., 12½, 3c. on 3d.? In the case of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, the position may be easy of explanation, for this is a firm that burrows its head in its own stock and refuses to recognise the rest of the world as influencing its catalogue quotations. But what can be said of the cataloguers who do not pursue the same ostrich-like tactics?

And that eternal "Collectors' Catalogue" question! See how it crops up in Mr. Heginbottom's letter on this subject! To every writer who tackles the subject of philatelic catalogue prices the "Collectors' Catalogue" seems to be the one satisfactory solution of the difficulty. But whether the idea will ever become an accomplished fact is doubtful in

the extreme. The *Fortnightly* is doing the best it can in the shape of the "Collectors' Guide to Values."

"I have found the 'Collectors' Guide to Values' exceedingly useful," writes another correspondent on this subject—Mr. W. T. Mark, of Cardiff—"and have made my philatelic valuations accordingly. I would suggest you go on *Sans Changer* to the end of the catalogue. If you do as suggested by one of your correspondents, 'revise prices already written up,' I think it would rather tend to confuse matters, and 'we shouldn't know where we is'! Most Stamp Collectors know the stamps that have appreciated in value."

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We have to thank a *Fortnightly* subscriber, Mr. W. Heath, of Wellington, Salop, for a most cordial letter apropos to the purchase of "Stamps." Mr. Heath suggests that we seize this opportunity to change the present arrangement of the *Fortnightly* volumes. It is urged that we should close the present volume with the last issue dated in 1902, and thereafter make each volume of the journal contain the twenty-six issues of the year. Hints and suggestions are always welcome but we are not at all sure that the advantages in this case would be a sufficient set-off against what we regard as one serious drawback. At the present time one has only to work out a very simple sum in mental arithmetic to decide in which volume any particular number of the *S.C.F.* falls, each volume consisting of 26 numbers, whereas to complete our present volume with a smaller number of issues would complicate all future calculations. Anyone in the habit of making frequent references to his philatelic library will at once appreciate the force of this consideration. Nevertheless we thank Mr. Heath for the idea, and shall be glad to have the views of other readers on the subject.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

The Next London Exhibition.

It is pleasant to learn that at a recent meeting of the Philatelic Society, a suggestion for another London Stamp Exhibition was brought forward in the shape of a resolution authorising the Council of the Society to make the necessary arrangements. From the "Record" we learn that the Exhibition is likely to be held in November next, and will be a sort of national sequel to the very successful show of South African stamps held at Effingham House in November, 1901, for it will embody the African Colonies other than those in South Africa—that is to say, Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, Sierra Leone, St. Helena, Seychelles, Mauritius, Niger Coast and two Nigerias, British East Africa, Zanzibar, etc., etc.

A Postmark in Latin.

SOME of the Austrian stamps during the years 1850-1860 (remarks the "Philatelic Record") bear the obliteration "Alba." Such a name, however, cannot be discovered amongst the towns of Austria or Hungary. It appears that stamps with this obliteration emanated from the Hungarian town of Stuhlweissenburg. The Latin name of this town was "Alba Regia," and for short the obliterating die reads "Alba." No doubt this is the only town in the world which, in the middle of the nineteenth century, has made use of her late Latin name to obliterate stamps. A link indeed with the past!

"Bobs" and the Philatelists.

It has been brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief, it appears, that the "Army Official" stamps issued for use in the offices of the several military districts are in some cases sold to stamp dealers at a profit by those in charge of

them, who, it is presumed, then substitute for these stamps the ordinary postage labels.

Earl Roberts, it is announced, regards the practice as wholly irregular and most objectionable, and has instructed the general officers commanding to take such steps as may appear most advisable for its prevention.

We are indebted to Mrs. Bedingfield and other readers for newspaper clippings relating to this matter.

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A Find of George-the-Fourth Stamps!

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Compiled by a

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	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
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1856. Watermark Star, Imperf.				
6d. blue	20/	12/6	12/	9/
1862. Star, Perforated.				
6d. blue	25/	17/6	14/	10/
1863. Wmk. CC. and Crown, Imperf.				
1d. lake (bar 16mm.) ..	12/6	7/6	15/	7/6
1d. lake (bar 18½mm.) ..	20/	12/6	20/	10/
4d. carmine	40/	25/	30/	15/
1864-74. Thin bar, nearly same length as words. Perf. 12½.				
1d. lake	5/	4/	6/	4/6
3d. purple	20/	15/	13/	10/
4d. carmine	25/	20/	8/	6/
1/- deep yellow-green ..	22/	17/	4/	3/
Thick short bar. Perf. 12½.				
1d. lake	25/	20/	10/	7/
2d. yellow	12/6	10/	12/6	10/
3d. purple	7/	5/	6/	4/6
4d. carmine (words 18mm.) ..	12/6	10/	8/	6/
4d. carmine (words 19mm.) ..	50/	40/	17/6	12/6
1/- green	45/	35/	12/6	10/
5/- yellow	12/6	10/	10/	7/
5/- orange	6/6	6/	7/	5/
Thick short bar. Perf. 14 × 12½.				
1d. lake	4/	3/	4/	3/
2d. yellow	9/	7/	8/	6/
3d. purple	30/	25/	17/6	13/
4d. carmine	20/	15/	9/	7/
Thick short bar. Perf. 14.				
1d. lake	3/	2/6	2/6	2/
2d. yellow	3/	2/6	2/6	2/
1/- green	2/	1/9	3/	2/6
Surcharge in thin tall type. Perf. 12½.				
1d. lake	4/	3/	4/	3/
2d. yellow	30/	25/	12/6	10/
1/- deep green	40/	30/	3/	2/6
Perf. 14 × 12½.				
1/- deep green	50/	40/	10/	7/6
1864-74. Wmk. CC. and Crown. Perf. 12½.				
6d. ultramarine	50/	35/	13/	10/
6d. dull blue.. .. .	65/	50/	20/	15/
Perf. 14 × 12½.				
6d. milky blue	30/	22/6	10/	7/
Perf. 14.				
6d. milky blue	40/	30/	14/	10/
1884-95. Wmk. CA. and Crown.				
½ green (words 17mm.) ..	1/4	1/3	1/3	1/2
½ emerald-green, ditto ..	2/6	2/	1/	1/9
½ dark green (words 14½mm.) ..	1/	1/	1/	1/
1d. red	1/	9/	1/9	1/6
1d. pale red	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
2d. yellow	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
2½d. ultramarine	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4

ST. HELENA—Continued.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
3d. mauve	2/6	2/6	2/6	2/6
3d. deep violet	1/5	1/5	1/4	1/4
4d. sepia	6/	6/	1/4	1/4
6d. grey	1/8	1/8	1/4	1/4
1/- yellow-green	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
1896-97.				
½ green	1/	1/	1/	1/
1d. carmine	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
1½ red-brown and green ..	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
2d. yellow	3/	3/	1/3	1/3
2½d. ultramarine	1/4	1/4	1/3	1/3
5d. violet	1/7	1/7	1/6	1/6
10d. brown	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1

A New Variety of Alsace-Lorraine.

Mr. B. T. K. Smith, in Messrs. Alfred Smith and Son's "Monthly Circular," tells us of the newly discovered variety of Alsace-Lorraine:—

Mr. S. Farges, of Lyons [he writes], has seen a curiosity, of which he gives the following account:—“Everybody knows that the stamps of Alsace are printed on paper with a network of which the curves are downwards in the ordinary type and upwards in the scarcer type known as ‘inverted net.’ The newly discovered variety consists of a 20 centimes with a double network (i) BLUE net inverted, (ii) PALE YELLOW net in normal position. The superposition of the two networks gives the whole stamp a greenish tint which strikes the eye at once. I look on it as a printing of the 20 centimes made by mistake on paper prepared for the 10 centime stamp, having already received the network of that value; or it may, perhaps, be a printing on paper that had been used for printer's trial-impressions of the 10 centime network. There can be no possible doubt as to the authenticity of the variety in question. The two specimens that have passed through my hands come from the correspondence of a Lyons house of business (then in the Cours de Brosses and now in the Cours Gambetta). Both are on original letters. One is postmarked “Saar-Union 29.9.1871” and the other “Buckenheim 1.8.1871.”

The New Transvaal Stamps.

A Pretoria correspondent, writing by the last mail, says that the new Transvaal stamps have attracted a good deal of interest in that country. Not only do they show the change in the British throne and the change in the ownership of the Transvaal but they show a vast improvement in their sticking quality, and for this reason they are specially welcomed. The stamps issued by the late government became so lacking in the quality of adhesiveness that a gum pot was an indispensable part of the equipment of a letter writer. The new Post Office people said that the defect was due to the climate, but the older hands remembered that the stamps would not stick before the war, and they argued after the fashion of those accustomed to the old regime, that the fortunate firm in Holland who had had the lucrative contract of supplying the stamps had perhaps forgotten to put on sufficient gum.

In connection with the old stamps there has been a good deal of local speculation, but seeing that it has taken two years for the authorities to use up the surplus left by the late Government, there does not appear any prospect of much being made out of them. Halfpenny stamps ran out early last year, and the usual resort to surcharging was made. It so happened that the King's Accession coincided with the scarcity of another denomination, which were surcharged with the halfpenny. The public got to know of this, with the result that the whole issue of E.R.I. halfpennies—about £900 worth—were sold out in a couple of days, and specimens were soon exhibited and are still to be seen in the local shops with the legend “sixpence each” over them. Sales do not appear to be very numerous however.

The postage stamp with the shortest inscription on it appears to be the Swiss 1c. postage due stamps, which bears the solitary figure 1. The Bosnian 1 kreuzer and 1 heller stamps bear two figures only, the value “1” being shown twice.

On the occasion of his marriage, Mr. G. Fred H. Gibson, the popular hon. secretary of the Manchester Philatelic Society, has been presented with four signed artist's-proof engravings by his fellow-members.

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

It is not yet four and a half years ago—though it seems more like ten—that I approached the Proprietor of "Stamps" with the proposal that a Revenue Stamp Department should be started in his Journal. If I remember aright I had to produce all the evidence I could lay my hands upon to show that there was a probability of such a feature being appreciated, and it was not sufficient that my first article commenced with an apology, for it was introduced by another—and more abject one—penned by the Editor. Now that I have been asked to continue in these columns the series which ran unbroken from the early part of 1898 until the passing of the Journal referred to, it is only natural to look back over the interval and to mark the course of events. The record is one of rapid and unbroken progress, and this to such an extent that it is only by an effort that the condition of affairs during the dark period of 1894-97 can be realized. At that time the Fiscal Stamp Exchange Club was the only bond that held together a few scattered collectors in these Isles, and linked them to an ever-increasing body of collectors in other countries, and it was the urgent need of a more public service that prompted me to invoke the aid of "Stamps." Fortunately for the credit of my representations the tide soon turned, and since then there has been no going backward. The solid foundation laid by the Boston Society's work in the United States, the generous recognition of our position by the Committee of the great Philatelic Exhibition held at Paris, the successful starting of "Morley's Philatelic Journal" with its present extended sphere of usefulness and activity, and the enthusiastic formation of a Fiscal Philatelic Society which has now settled down to solid work, are the chief events presenting themselves for congratulatory recognition. The one great clog on our expansion is the ever pressing need of a cheap general catalogue, but dealers' handbooks, monographs and price lists are being multiplied, at least one important work is in the press, and we are promised much greater things in the future. It is, therefore, with the most promising prospect before us that I renew my connection with the old subscribers of "Stamps," and address my jottings to the wider circle of *Fortnightly* readers.

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It will be remembered by the former that my last three contributions consisted chiefly of additions to Morley's Catalogue of British and Irish Revenues. It was in the March number that I asked those who had varieties not yet listed to send particulars for inclusion in the next, but, as that same issue announced that there was not going to be any next, my correspondents had but little encouragement to comply with the request. I have a number of additions noted for this supplement, and should now be glad to receive news of others in order to render it as complete as possible.

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I might have been under the painful necessity of having to set forth again the many advantages of fiscal stamp collecting, but for the opportune publication in the last number of the *Fortnightly* of the opinions on this subject expressed by the Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of India." It is true that he does not by any means exhaust the list, but I only wish now to emphasize his fourth statement, which draws attention to the fact that there is here a grand field for research. It is just this feature that ought to attract hundreds of keen philatelists capable of doing pioneer work and not afraid of venturing into little trodden paths. Here one can live over again the early days of stamp collecting, with the constant stimulus and excitement of fresh discoveries, and with the additional pleasant assurance that one's collection is growing in value at a rate out of all proportion to the amount expended upon it.

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I believe that more than one philatelic romance has appeared, but for out and out romancing commend me to the following advertisement of a Continental dealer to be found in the current number of his house organ. It is

embellished by photo reproductions of two handsome (and well-known) stamps, one showing a lion and sun with value above in a circle, the other the same Arms beneath a framed portrait of the Shah. A free translation of the announcement, without display, runs thus:—

A beautiful effect is produced by the fiscal stamps of Persia, two types of which are reproduced herewith. Thanks to the resource and boldness of an Armenian smuggler, who managed to pass the Persian frontier by an almost inaccessible footpath (the Persian law forbidding the exportation of unused revenue stamps as public documents), there is offered a remarkable opportunity to all adherents of this branch of philately to obtain some rare and beautiful varieties. Only a very small number in stock:

1 complete set of 6 fr.0.60; 10 sets fr.5.50; 100 sets fr.50.

This is one of the funniest things I have come across for a long time, and to pursue the jest, it may be remarked that as the face value of the set is 14/- the logical inference is that the Armenian smuggler stole the stamps in the first instance, and even granting this I fear that his heroic enterprise has been but ill rewarded by his fraction of the 5d. per set. As a matter of fact, thanks to the importations of M.M. Moens and Roussin, unused Persian fiscals have hitherto been rather more common than used ones, and for the last two or three years there has been a plentiful supply of remainders.

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Bulgaria has always been a popular country with general collectors, and the descriptive reference list that appeared in the December, 1900, number of "Morley's Journal" showed that it had strong claims upon the attention of the most advanced. The very distinctive method of perforation of the first issue—alternately 9½ and 12 H by 12½ V—will be well remembered, and I would recall the fact that hitherto only the lowest value of the second issue, the 10st., has been found thus treated. I have just discovered another, a cancelled copy of the 15st., perf. 12 × 12½ × 9½ × 12½, and it further differs from all other recorded copies of this value by being on *horizontally* laid paper.

I should not have penned this note merely to call attention to the above, as minor varieties of perforation are refinements that should not receive undue attention from pioneers—I was merely reminded of the discovery as I turned over my pages of this country on the way to the current issue, instigated thereto by a cutting from a recent number of the "Monthly Journal." This paper reproduces a statement to the effect that gigantic stamp frauds have taken place in this principality, the revenue from the sale of stamps having fallen from 700,000 francs in 1900 to 250,000 francs in 1901, owing to the circulation of some 10,000,000 forged stamps. Major Evans thinks it is safe to assume that it was not postage stamps that were forged, and suggests that collectors of fiscals should look into the matter.

It is rather too soon for revenue stamps of the year 1901 to reach our hands, and none of my copies excite suspicion, but if the statement be correct it is not possible to acquit the responsible authorities of great contributory negligence. Two years ago I wrote:—

The current set which is supposed to have been issued about 1894 is the plainest and simplest of all. The design is somewhat coarsely printed on a fairly thick white wove unwatermarked paper, and all specimens seen are perforated 11½. Unfortunately, but little effort seems to be made in the direction of securing uniformity of colouring.

So great are the differences that each printing of the commoner values seems to have been done in a different colour, and it is evident that we must look for variations in the design and perforation when endeavouring to spot the illegitimate specimens.

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My introductory Note has left no room this month for the Chronicle, but I wish to point out how desirable it is that we should obtain early information respecting new issues, and I shall be greatly obliged if readers in other countries will send me copies of proclamations of new fiscal issues.

Communications in respect of this department should be sent direct to Mr. A. Preston Pearce, 12, Edgcombe Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

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The Press and Philately.

For the amusement of our readers the following clippings supplied by our good friends the Press Cutters may be reprinted in full. They permit us in some wise to see ourselves as others see us:—

From the "Financial News" of June 2nd:—

Transvaal stamps with King Edward's head on them are still rarities so far as the general public is concerned. Consequently there may be a slump in proxies for meetings of Rand companies for some time. Proxy forms sent out with the new Transvaal penny stamps on them will not be returned by those who would rather have a new stamp than be represented at a more or less formal meeting.

From the "Pall Mall Gazette" of May 21st:—

The philatelists in London are doing fairly well. On January 1st there was a rush at St. Martin's-le-Grand, Ludgate Circus, Charing Cross and other important post offices to secure first impressions of the Edward VII. penny postage stamps. Victorians were held in reserve, and only supplied when specially asked for. Now, a Victorian penny stamp cannot be purchased except at the philatelists' for some consideration, and the only old ones on sale are the 2½d. and 10d. ones for international service over the half-ounce regulation weight.

From the "Tattler" of May 21st:—

Some idea of the extent to which the "trade" in postage stamps is carried by some of the smaller governments may be derived from the following story: One of the free negro states wished to send a representative to some great cosmopolitan gathering, but the difficulty was that the treasury was in such an impoverished state that there was no possibility of paying him a salary, and of course he would not go without. The difficulty was got over by bringing out an entire new issue of stamps of most artistic design printed in London at no great cost—and giving them to the representative to dispose of to dealers and collectors. The stamps were so exceedingly beautiful that though they were strictly speaking "bogus" they were bought up eagerly, and the representative did well.

This last story of the Negro Ambassador we may accept as an ingenious and therefore not unwelcome addition to the apocrypha of Philately, and as to the stupid mis-statements of fact in the "Pall Mall Gazette's" paragraph we may safely leave each individual reader of the *Fortnightly* to supply his own comment.

A Sprat to Catch a Mackerel?

What is aptly described as having a "fishy" appearance is a post card from America recently received by a reader of the *Fortnightly* resident in Norfolk. The reader in question sends us his full name and address as evidence of good faith,

but in the circumstances there appears to be no necessity to publish the same. The post card is the thing. Omitting names, this curious communication runs as follows:—

Dear Sir,—Please be so kindly (*sic*) and take from Mr. —, —, the following stamps: 600 unused Cuba postage stamps, and 6 sets unused Costa Rica Revenue from 1c. to \$25.00 of the two previous issues. Each set has 10 and 12 different values. Please remit for entire lot at your own price.

Yours very truly, —, etc.

If the offer be made in good faith then it is unpleasantly suggestive of the Cheap Jack's artful "Any price you Like!" but it seems more likely that the whole thing is a bait for some unwary fish—"a sprat to catch a mackerel," or to come to hard facts, a post card to catch a postal order! Amateur philatelists, who are not always the best of business men, may safely be warned against any invitation to remit for goods at their own price.

Another London Philatelic Exhibition may be looked for in the Autumn. Elsewhere in this number we publish particulars.

Cuba is a Republic now, but if we may attach any serious meaning to recent clever cartoons in the American newspapers, Uncle Samuel is only biding his time to take the youngster into "the firm" and give him a star all to himself on the American banner. Meanwhile it is interesting to learn from the Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" that "the present postal relations with Cuba will continue until a Convention shall be called to determine as to future policy."

It has been a great surprise to many philatelists to learn at this late hour that the stamps of China have only recently become valid for international postage. "Until now," declares the "Ost-Asiatische Lloyd," "these stamps have not been recognised by the countries of the Postal Union, except Hong Kong, Macao, and Formosa, and there only for local reasons. If anyone posted a letter with Chinese stamps, either in Shanghai or any other treaty port, for Europe, the Chinese post office stuck the necessary Hong Kong stamps also on, for which they did not charge. From the 1st January Chinese mail matter, with Chinese stamps only, (no Hong Kong stamps being necessary), will be forwarded by the French post office of any treaty port to countries of the Postal Union. The French authorities have arranged with the Chinese post office to forward their mails for a lump sum. The sum is said to be rather large, but China now actually belongs to the Postal Union, even if as yet only partly. The first Chinese mail bags were dispatched to Europe by the French post office on the 13th January. We understand the German authorities are also negotiating with the Chinese Maritime Customs on the forwarding of Chinese mail matter to foreign countries."

Recently Mr. John N. Luff, in one of the articles on the Description and Illustration of Forgeries (fully reprinted in the *Fortnightly* at the time) made a statement to the effect that a Government, when it discovers a forgery in one of its securities, does not print notices in the public press, saying, "the forger of such and such a bank note will kindly observe that his work differs from the official production in such and such a way." The truth of Mr. Luff's observation seemed incontrovertible, but the wide-awake Editor of the "Montreal Philatelist" now shows that the contingency was not quite so absurd as Mr. Luff imagined. The Government of the United States, our contemporary remarks, does not exactly address the forger in the manner described, but in the event of the discovery of a counterfeit note, it does circulate by the hand of Mr. John E. Wilkie, Chief of the Secret Service of the U.S. Treasury, a *minute description of the forgery!* This description, moreover, is published in the Press, and notably in "Dickerman's United States Treasury Counterfeit Detector," a publication probably read by every banker in Canada and the States. As we showed in the *S.C.F.* at the time, Mr. Luff's argument had no bearing on the question of stamps. It now appears that his contention had no foundation in fact!

Our "Sherlock Holmes" Competition.

THE AWARD OF PRIZES.

WE now announce the result of what has proved to be a most interesting contest. The prizes are awarded as follows:—

Ladies' prize (£1): Miss H. Muller, 83, Regent Street, London, W.

First prize (£5): Divided between Mr. E. D. Batten, 141, Fort Road, Bermondsey, London, S.E., and Mr. C. C. Starling, 21, Branshill Gardens, London, N.W.

Consolation prizes (each consisting of unused Colonial stamps of the face value of 5/-): Mr. F. J. Cochran, Craighleigh, Cults, Aberdeenshire, N.B.; Mr. A. J. Ecclestone, 81, York Road, Great Yarmouth; Mr. J. N. Luff, 18, East 23rd Street, New York; M. A. de Reuterskiold, Brillancourt, Onchy, Switzerland; Mr. F. M. Sexton, Hollydale, Hampton Wick; and Mr. F. Strickland, 288, Old Street, London, E.C.

The task of judging the solutions has been no light one, as we were determined to spare no trouble in order to award the prizes justly. Space does not permit us to go through all the solutions in detail and point out exactly what alternatives we allowed, and what we disallowed; but we think it well to let our readers know what our views were on some of the more important points we had to determine.

The winners of the first prize sent in practically identical lists. They only differed as regards No. 12 which are set down as Ceylon 93 and the other as Bermuda 10. Both these we regard as correct solutions and we have also allowed Malta 8. The only fault we can find with the solutions of these gentlemen is as regards No. 8. They agreed in making it Western Australia 52 1d. bistre, whereas it was the 2d. yellow. The 1d. stamps of Western Australia invariably have the watermark the long way of the stamp. The 2d. perf. 12½, may be found with it either way, but the great majority of copies have it across the stamps. The 4d., 6d., and 1/- of the issue always have it transversely. Only one or two of our competitors appear to have been aware of this peculiarity, and we are not sure that attention has ever been called to it in print before.

When we selected the stamps for the competition we had not intended to allow Ceylon 54, ½d. lilac, as a correct solution to No. 7, believing that it differed in size from the other stamps of the issue. Before judging the solutions sent in, however, we tested the correctness of our opinion by actual experiment. We found, on measuring a number of copies, that they varied in size and that one or two were of precisely the same size as the illustration. We made similar experiments with regard to No. 5 which was, as a matter of fact a sixpenny stamp. We borrowed some thirty copies of the 4d. from a dealer's stock and we found that, while nearly all of them were shorter and broader than the stamp photographed, one was of exactly the same size and shape and two or three others were very nearly so. We have therefore, in this case, allowed South Australia 100 and 101 as being equally correct.

About two-thirds of our competitors are of opinion, apparently, that half an anna is of less value than 3 pies. In view of the fact that the rule that the lowest value was to be taken, was omitted when the competition was first published, we have not enforced it with absolute strictness. If we had, it would have made no difference to the award, though it would have affected the relative positions of those receiving the consolation prizes, and would have brought the best of them half-a-point nearer to the winners of cash prizes. If we had insisted on "the letter of the law" we should have been in a difficulty about No. 13. On the one hand, Western Australia 89 is of lower value than 76, on the other hand, it is probable that, if we had photographed a copy of 89, some traces of the surcharge would have appeared in our illustration. Not one of the prize winners gave 89 as the solution, in fact, only one competitor gave it, and a different decision would have brought him nearer, but not quite into, the prize-list.

If at any time in the future we organize a competition on similar lines, we shall have to devise some rules to render the

task of judging somewhat simpler. We have no doubt our readers will give us credit for doing our best to decide every question to the best of our ability, but we think that it is desirable in prize competitions, that the result should depend as little as possible on the personal opinions of the judges.

We should be glad to hear from our readers what their views are concerning competitions, and particularly whether they would prefer occasional competitions for substantial prizes or more frequent competitions for smaller prizes.

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.

Danish West Indies.—For the benefit of "Minor Variety Specialists" the following variations in the recent 2c. and 3c. provisional are noted in "Ewen's Weekly."

- (a) Straight foot "2" in "1902," Nos. 6, 33, 47, 58, 74, 94, 95, 98.
- (b) Small N (broken?) in "Cents," No. 88.
- (c) Broken figure "2" in "1902," No. 81.
- (d) Wide and narrow "9" in "1902."

Gambia.—Continental contemporaries now list the full set of King Edward stamps as follows:

- Adhesives:*
- ½d. green.
 - 1d. carmine.
 - 2d. orange and lilac.
 - 2½d. ultramarine.
 - 3d. mauve and blue.
 - 4d. brown and blue.
 - 6d. green and carmine.
 - 1/- violet and green.
 - 4/- grey and buff.

Gold Coast.—The King Edward stamps are thus listed in Messrs. Alfred Smith's "Monthly Circular":—

- Adhesives:*—
- ½ penny, lilac and green.
 - 1 " " " " carmine.
 - 2 pence, " " " " vermilion.
 - 2½ " " " " blue.
 - 3 " " " " orange.
 - 6 " " " " mauve.
 - 1 shilling, green, " " black.
 - 2 shillings, " " " " carmine.
 - 5 " " " " violet.
 - 10 " " " " brown.
 - 20 " " " " lilac " " black (on red).

The 2d. 3d. and 6d. stamps have the value on uncoloured ground.

Grenada.—From a "Specimen" set "Ewen's Weekly" is enabled to describe the King Edward stamps for this island. Wmk. C.A.; perf. 14.

- Adhesives:*—
- ½d. lilac and green (plain shield).
 - 1d. " " " " carmine (lined shield).
 - 2d. " " " " brown (value in white on lined ground).
 - 2½d. " " " " blue (value in white on blue ground).
 - 3d. " " " " ochre (plain shield).
 - 6d. " " " " green (value in white on lined ground).
 - 1/- green and ochre (plain shield).
 - 2/- " " " " blue (" ").
 - 5/- " " " " carmine (value white on carmine ground).
 - 10/- " " " " mauve (plain shield).

Iceland.—Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Pemberton send us a specimen of the 10 öre ultramarine Official stamp perforated 12½ all round and in a much brighter shade than hitherto.

Official Stamp: 10 öre, perf. 12½, bright ultramarine.

Straits Settlements.—The "Philatelic Record" reports the receipt of a new 8c. value with King's Head, perforation and watermarks being as usual.

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B.C. Africa	1891-3	1, 2, 4, 6 pence ultra. & 1/-	...	5	4/11	"	" " O.S. 1, 2, 5, and 6 pence	...	4 1/9
"	1897 CA	1, 2, 6 pence and 1/-	...	4	5/-	N Zealand	1898 pf 11 2½, 3, 5, 8 pence, 1/- & 5/-	...	7 12/6
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"	"	3c on 4c, 3c on 28c, 5c on 15c, and 6c on 15c	...	4	1/3	"	" " ½, 1 & 2 pence; thin paper, wmk faintly impressed	...	3 2/-
Costa Rica	1863-4	½, 1, 2, 4 R, and 1 peso	...	5	4/-	"	" " ½d & 1d., no wmk., Burele band at back	...	2 4d.
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Cuba	1899	1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cents	...	5	1/4	"	1895-6 ½, 1, 2½ and 5 pence	...	4 2/3
Cyprus	1894-6	30p and ½, 1, 2 & 4 piastres	...	5	1/4	San. Marino	1894 25c, 50c and 1 lira	...	3 1/5
"	1894-6	6, 9, 12, 18 and 45 piastres	...	5	14/-	S. Christopher	1882-90 ½, 1 and 2½ pence	...	3 10d.
Finland	1891	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10 & 14 kopecs	...	7	1/9	S. Helena	1884-1895 ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6 pence & 1-	...	8 3/6
"	1891	20, 35, 50 kr. 1r and 3½r	...	5	28/6	S. Vincent	1885-91 ½, 1, 2½, 4, 6 pence and 1/-	...	6 3/3
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"	1900	1, 2, 3 and 5 mks	...	4	13/6	Sierra Leone	1884-95 ½, 1, 1½, 2½, 3, 4, 6 pence & 1/-	...	8 5/6
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"	1901	40, 45, 50c, 1 and 5 lira	...	5	7/-				
Labuan	1896	Jubilee set complete	...	6	1/3				
Malta	1899-1900	½, 1, 2, 4 and 5 pence	...	3	1-				
Monaco	1891-1901	1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 40 and 75 centimes	...	7	1/9				
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Perak	...	1c on 2c, 2c orange, 3c on 5c, and 5c	4	9d.	"	...	1877-8	Rould. 8, 16, 20 & 24 cents	...	4	1-	
"	...	1900	3c on 50c, 3c on 8c, and 3c on 1 dollar	...	3	1/3	Austria	...	1892-5	10, 12, 16, 24 and 50 cents	...	5	7d
Selangor	...	1891-5	1c, 2c rose, 2c orange, 3c on 5c	...	4	6d.	"	...	1850	3, 6 and 9 kr	...	3	3d
Sungei Ujong	1891-4	2c rose, 2c orange, 3c & 5c	...	4	2/-	Bavaria	...	1867	2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 & 50 kr	...	7	1/-	
F.M. States	1900	1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 20 cents	...	7	1/6	Belgium	...	1881	10, 20 & 50 pf. ; 1 & 2 mks	...	5	3d	
Surinam	...	1898	10c on 20c, 10c on 25c, 10c on 30c, 25c on 40c, and 25c on 50c...	...	5	2/9	"	...	1884-91	50c. 1 fc and 2 fcs	...	3	9d
Tasmania	...	1900	½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5 and 6 pence	...	8	2/8	Brazil	...	1850	30, 60 and 90 reis	...	3	5d
Tonga	...	1887-92	1d & 6d blue ; 1895, 2½, 5 & 7d	...	5	3/9	"	...	1898	1,000r on 300r, 2,000 on 1,000r and 2,000r on 1,000r	...	3	3d
Trinidad	...	1896	½, 1, 2½, 4, 5, 6 pence and 1/-	...	7	5/9	"	...	1899	1,000r on 700r, 1,000r on 700r and 2,000 on 1,000r	...	3	2/-
Turks Islands	1887-95	½, 1, 6 pence and 1/-	...	4	2/9	B.S. Africa	...	1896-7	1, 2, 3, 4, 6 pence and 1/-	...	6	1/9	
Turks & Caicos Isles	...	1887-95	½, 1, 2½ and 4 pence	...	4	1/-	Cape	...	...	4d. triangular, very fine	...	1	1/3
United States	1887	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30 and 90 cents	...	11	10/-	Gt. Britain	...	1888-97	Govt parcels 1, 2 & 6 pence	...	3	6d	
"	...	1893	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15 & 30 c.	...	10	4/9	Hawaii	...	1871	18c ; 1883-5, 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents ; 1891, 2c violet	...	6	2-
"	...	1901	1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 cents	...	8	1/8	"	...	1893	Provl. Govt 1c green and 2c violet	...	2	3d
Uruguay	...	1900-1	1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 25 & 50 cents	...	7	5/9	United States	...	1861-6	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24 & 30 c.	...	9	3/9
Victoria	...	1901	Without " Postage "	...	9	3/3	"	...	1869	1, 2, 3, 6, 10 and 12 cents	...	6	3-
"	...	1901	Without " Postage " 1/-, 2/- and 5/-	...	3	18/-	"	...	1870-5	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15 & 30 c.	...	9	2/-

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THE Annual General Meeting was held at Clapham Hall, on Saturday, 17th May. The Secretary's report and the report of the Exchange Superintendent were read and adopted.

The resignations of Messrs. E. C. C. Tidman, Chas. Purdom and W. G. Parker were accepted with extreme regret.

The following officers were elected for next season, 1902-3.

President :

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Several new rules and alterations to existing rules were made at the meeting.

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LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE above Society's meetings for the session are now drawing to a close and at one of the last a very interesting paper entitled "The Origin and Progress of the Liverpool Philatelic Society," was given by Mr. Samuel, who, being one of the original members, was able to give many reminiscences of the Society's doings since its establishment in 1888. The average attendance at the meetings has been very good.

Hon. Secretary : W. HALFPENNY, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 80th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday evening, May 12th, 1902.

Present, Messrs. Andreini, Jones, Scott and Perrin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Moved, seconded and carried that the "New Century Philatelic Association" be allowed use of the assembly room for their annual meeting to be held on Saturday, August 23rd.

The resignation of Mr. Edw. C. Hartshorne was accepted with regret.

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Trinidad, 1857, 1d. blue (cat. 12/-), mint	...	6 0
" " 1d. grey-brown (cat. 15/-), mint	...	7 6
" " 1896, 5d., (cat. 4/6), mint	...	2 3
United States, 1 dollar black	...	0 9
" " 50 cent Omaha	...	0 6
Selangor, 50 cent lilac and black	...	2 0
" " 1c. on 5c.	...	1 6
" " 1c. on 50c.	...	0 4
Selangor, set of 7 obsolete	...	1 0
Perak, 1895, set of 6 obsolete	...	0 9
Abyssinia, complete set of 14, used	...	2 3
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Issue of the Cook Islands.

SOME FACTS ABOUT QUEEN MAKEA, WHO IS NOT REALLY A QUEEN AT ALL.

By VIVIAN C. GOSSETT, IN THE "MONTREAL PHILATELIST."

NUMEROUS enquiries both by letter and verbally, from philatelic customers reach the Cook Island postmaster as to "what bird is depicted on the stamps?" also "whose effigy is it that the stamps bear?" The following are a few notes on these stamps in general.

FIRST ISSUE.

The first issue of the Cook Island stamps of which there were four values, viz:—1d. black, 1½d. lilac, 2½d. blue and the 10d. red, appeared in 1892 and were printed at the "Star" office in Auckland, New Zealand. They were type-set, as can be easily seen by looking closely, and were considerably larger than the current series. The words "Postage," "Cook Islands," "Federation," "1½d. pence," or whatever value the stamp was, appeared in four straight lines across the stamp. The centre of the stamp was occupied by a circle of six stars surrounding a larger one in the centre. These stars, most people are led to believe are simply put there for ornamentation, but such is not the case. They represent the seven islands comprising the Cook group, the large star standing for the principal island of the group, Rarotonga; the six small stars are for Aitutaki, Mangaia, Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke, and Manuae, these seven islands comprise the whole of the Cook group, although there is a very small coral atoll situate to the north-west of Atiu, distant 12 miles, its name is Takutea and it is only one mile long by a half broad. The natives of Atiu plant "pia" and cocoanuts on Takutea from which they make arrowroot and copra, otherwise the island is uninhabited. When this first issue went out of date the remainders were burnt before a committee appointed by the British resident, Mr. F. Moss, for that purpose. Ever since the burning of these stamps various rumors have been afloat as to whether or not they were all destroyed; but I think it only goes as far as rumor as, in my opinion, they were all burnt.

"MAKEA SERIES."

After the unsightly labels comprising the first issue were done away with, a new lot appeared, of 1d. brown (afterwards changed to blue) 1½d. lilac, 2½d. rose, 5d. olive and 10d. green, all bearing the effigy of a native "Lady of the Royal Blood" who is known as Makeo-Takau Ariki, but is generally mis-called "Queen" Makea. She is not queen of the Cook Islands, but is only Ariki or chief of her district, Avarua in Rarotonga, although at present she holds office as chief of the Cook Islands Federal Government. She is a very portly old lady about 65 years of age and I believe she has held the Arikiship of Avarua for about 45 years; although she cannot speak a word of English she is a very intelligent, common-sense woman for a Maori. The elderly married native women at Rarotonga have a custom of plaiting their hair into two long tails which they sometimes carry over either shoulder, one of these "tails" can be seen over the right shoulder of Makea on the stamp. She has, like all Maori women, a fine head of hair. Around her neck is seen a large white silken scarf, as all the Maoris are very fond of finery and bright colors. Makea belongs to the old predominating Makea-Karika clan who emigrated from Hawaiki many, many generations back, they discovered Rarotonga where they settled. Makea is married to Ngamarn-Ariki the hereditary chief of the Islands of Atiu, Mitiaro and Mauke, she has no direct descendant, but the title will go to her cousin, Rangimakea.

BIRD SERIES.

When the parcels post convention was signed between the Cook Islands and New Zealand it was found that some denominations would be necessary that were not included in the stamps then in use; so a new set was prepared having as its complement the ½d. blue, 2d. brown, 6d. deep lilac and the 1s. rose. They were of an oblong shape having the value in

each of the four corners. All values were printed from the same plates the figures of value being printed in afterwards. The middle of the stamp is occupied by a flying bird called by the natives Torea—with a view of Rarotonga in the background. The Torea is one of the Plover species and its scientific name is *Totanus Cancellatus*. It is mentioned in numerous Maori songs, laments and traditions, hence the suitability of placing it on the stamp. The Torea are not now so plentiful at the Cook Islands as they were in former times, having suffered much by the depredations of the natives for the purposes of food. They are of a light color with bright red beak and legs and frequent the lowly sandy flats on the seashore and also the tide levels. Rarotonga which appears in the background is viewed from the north, looking south. Along the seashore is the settlement of Avarua on the northern side. The two peaks seen are Mount Ikurangi, the eastern peak, 2,100 feet in height, and Mount Te Atu Kura, the western peak, 3,000 feet elevation. The latter is a well-known landmark to mariners around the group, as it can be seen on clear days for a distance of 60 miles. The foregoing notes are on the issues of C. I. stamps to date, and I trust will be of interest, I shall now discuss philatelic prospects since the federation with New Zealand.

WILL THE COOK ISLANDS ADOPT NEW ZEALAND STAMPS?

This is a question that should interest all Philatelists. The Federation of the Cook Islands is now under the New Zealand Government, having been recently annexed by Lord Ranfurly, Governor of that colony. The question is, will the stamps be changed? New Zealand laws have been adopted as also have the rates of tariff; and various other changes have or will soon take place, which all go to show that the Cook Islands are essentially adopting New Zealand rule and government. Another item of interest is, a chief postmaster of the group has been appointed who was selected from the N. Z. Civil Service. Included in the annexation policy of New Zealand (besides the Cook Islands), are the tropical islands of Palmerston, Niue, Penrhyn, Manihiki, Rakahanga, Suwarrow and Pukapuka, and these places will adopt the same stamps as the C. I. group, as the Government officials who have been appointed there to control the revenue, etc., are at present paid by the Cook Islands Government.

The stamps at present in use are of two types, one bearing the effigy of Makea Ariki (on the 1d., 1½d., 2½d., 5d. and 10d. values), the other type having a picture of one of the C.I. birds—the Torea (on the ½d., 2d., 6d. and 1/- labels). Now Makea Ariki is, or was, the chief at the Cook Islands Federal Government, but this will most probably be abolished, if so, Makea will naturally lose her office; but she will, of course, retain her title and position as chief of the Avarua district, the principal one of the most important island of the group—Rarotonga. It was on account of the "mana" or power she had that she was elected to the former office. Whether or not, representatives from the C.I. will be elected to the N.Z. Parliament remains to be seen. If her head is retained on the stamps it will be a very strange proceeding, as the islands are now formally a colony of the British Crown, and if the authorities follow the proper course, the King's head will be substituted. Formerly the group was only under the protection of the British flag, but since annexation, matters have altered.

As the island will still collect and expend their own revenues as they have done in the past, the New Zealand stamps possible might not be adopted, so as to prevent any confusion of stamp revenues of the two colonies.

The New Zealand Government Printing Department print all the stamps of the C.I. group, and, in my opinion, that office will, in view of the foregoing facts, probably soon receive orders relative to the reproduction of a different stamp.

A change must be noted in the hon. secretaryship of the Junior London Philatelic Society. All communications should be addressed to Mr. Herbert F. Johnson, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

The hideous catastrophe in Martinique robbed France of a good philatelist in Lieut.-Colonel Gerbault. Another victim was Mons. Paul Merwart, the artist responsible for many of the designs of French Colonial stamps.

From the Auction Rooms.

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April 8th and 9th, 1902.

(Continued from page 47).

NORTH AMERICA.		£	s.	d.
British Columbia, 1867/69, perf. 12½, 5c. red*	..	1	9	0
Do. do. 10c. lake*	..	1	10	0
Do. do. perf. 14, do.*	..	2	0	0
Canada, 1899, zin. violet on ¾ of 3c. carmine on entire	..	1	18	0
New Brunswick, 1851, Half of 3d. red used with half of 1/- mauve	..	6	15	0
Do. do. 1/- mauve, thinned	..	9	15	0
Nova Scotia, 1851/57, 1/- purple	..	11	0	0
Do. do. 1/- cold violet, cut into	..	7	7	0
United States, Justice, 1873, 90c. purple, a block of 4*	..	21	0	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1878, 1d. on half of 5/- rose, a pair, reading downwards, numeral 6mm. high	..	10	5	0
Dominica, 1882, ½ in red on half of 1d. lilac inverted surcharge*	..	2	10	0
St. Christopher, 1882-90, 4d. blue*	..	2	2	0
St. Vincent, 1866, no wmk. 1/- slate, compound pay*	..	1	14	0
Do. 1871-72, wmk. star 1/- rose-red*	..	4	4	0
Do. 1880 do. 5/- do.*	..	8	10	0
Do. 1881, Provis. 4d. on 1/- vermilion	..	7	5	0
Turks Islands, 1873-79 wmk. star, 1/- lilac perfs clipped..	..	8	10	0
Do. 1881, Provl. 2½ on 1/- lilac type 10*	..	6	0	0

SOUTH AMERICA.

British Guinea, 1850, 4c. yellow, cut octagonally cut into	22	0	0
Do. do. 8c. green, cut round, torn and creased on entire	9	0	0
Do. do. 12c. pale blue, cut square, creased, on entire	18	0	0
Do. do. 12c. blue, cut octagonally, on entire	9	0	0
Do. do. 12c. indigo, cut round	9	10	0
Do. 1852, 1c. magenta	2	8	0
Do. do. 4c. blue, rubbed	3	0	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, thinned	10	0	0
Do. 1862, Provl. 1c. rose (No. 16)	6	10	0
Do. do. do. another (No. 23) no roulettes	12	15	0
Do. do. do. 2c. yellow (No. 12) do.	2	15	0
Do. do. do. 4c. blue (No. 6), rouletted, torn and creased	5	0	0
British Honduras, 1888, perf. 14, 2 cents on 1d. rose, with double surcharge*	3	18	0
Do. 50 cents on 1/- grey*	2	6	0

AUSTRALASIA.

New Zealand, 1871-72, wmk. star, 2d. blue, perf. 10+12½	7	10	0
Tasmania, 1855, wmk. star, 1d. carmine, a block of 4* one stamp cut into and the rest creased, but with full O.G. and fine colour	45	0	0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange	2	4	0

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Do. do. I.R. Official, £1 green	1	14	0
Oldenburg, 3rd issue, ¼gr. green*	1	0	0
Spain, 1851, 2 reales red	11	0	0
Do. 1852, 2 reales pale red, used on piece with a horizontal pair of 6 reales blue	6	17	6
Switzerland, Basle, 2½rp.*	2	7	6
Tuscany, 60 crazie brick-red, damaged	2	12	0
Do. 1853, 9 crazie lilac-grey	1	9	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, 1st issue, 4d. imperf., rose, fair	7	0	0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown, stained	2	6	0
Do. wmk. C. and C.C., 2d. emerald-green*	1	1	0
Do. 1885, Provl., 5c. on 8c. orange-yellow, inverted sur.	1	6	0
Scinde, ½ anna red	1	2	0

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		£	s.	d.
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Cape of Good Hope, 1855-58, 1/- dark green, a pair*	..	7	15	0
Do. do. 1882, wmk. C. and C.C., ½d. on 3d. claret	..	1	12	0
Madagascar, Gibbons' No. 26, postmarked	..	1	7	0
Madeira, 1876, 240r. mauve*	..	1	10	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion, early state	..	2	16	0
Do. Large Fillet, 2d. blue, sl. torn	..	6	6	0
Do. Britannia issue, 1854, 4d. black and green	..	1	16	0
Seychelles, 1893, Provl., 15c. on 16c.*; inverted surch.	..	2	10	0
Sierra Leone, first issue, 6d. purple on blue paper, imperf.*	..	3	0	0
Do. 1897, Provl., 2½d. on 2/- dull lilac	..	1	10	0
Transvaal, Queen's Head, 2/- blue*	..	1	19	0
Do. Provis., 1 penny on 6d. black, the set of 7 types, some are damaged	..	5	0	0
Uganda, 1st issue, 20 cowries violet	..	1	8	0
Do. 1896, 5 rupees black on yellowish*	..	1	6	0
Zululand, 1st issue, 5/- carmine*	..	3	5	0

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British Columbia, perf. 14, 10c. lake and blue*	..	1	15	0
Do. do. 1 dollar green*	..	2	2	0
Canada, 10d. blue on thin paper	..	2	16	6
Newfoundland, 6d. orange	..	2	4	0
United States, New York, 5c. black	..	1	0	0
Do. Executive, set of 5, 1c. perfs. mission*	..	5	5	0
Do. State, 2 dollars, black and green..	..	2	6	0

WEST INDIES.

British Guiana, 1860, 1c. brown-red	..	1	4	0
British Honduras, 1885, 6d. yellow*	..	2	2	0
St. Vincent, 1869, 4d. yellow*	..	1	4	0
Do. do. 1/- indigo-blue*	..	1	10	0
Do. do. 1/- brown*	..	2	2	0
Do. 1881, 4d. ultramarine*	..	1	14	0
Do. do. 1d. drab*	..	1	10	0
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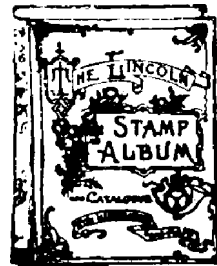
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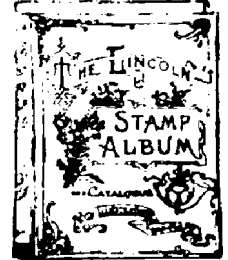
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Philately at Home and Abroad

The Pictorial Post Card Fad.

The Collection of pictorial post cards has grown apace, as a result of the improvement, artistically and otherwise, in those dainty scraps of stationery. And with this increase in card collecting the official organ of the cult, our live contemporary, the "Pictorial Post Card," is growing also. In fact, with its July issue, the "P.P." will add to its title the words, "And Collectors' Chronicle," and will launch out into a discussion of philately proper. Which is just as it should be! Pictorial Card Collecting should prove an excellent preparatory to the more serious and at the same time more fascinating study of adhesive stamps. We wish Mr. E. W. Richardson's journal all success in its widened sphere.

Mr. Jones's Second Burglary.

For the second time Mr. J. W. Jones has been burgled. His first adventure of this kind we fully described under the heading "What happened to Mr. J. W. Jones." Since then a real professional burglar has broken into the well-known dealer's offices in Cheapside. He was interrupted, however, before he had located the fourpenny Ceylons, and we are glad to hear that Mr. Jones's loss will not exceed £30.

A "Find" of Old Queenslands.

"JOHN FRESHWATER," a genial space-filler on the staff of

the "Australian Philatelist" tells the story of a find of old Queensland stamps. He calls the story "absolute fact." Well, it's a good story, anyhow!

Mr. Zoandso was spending a holiday in Brisbane, and became acquainted with one of the heads of a very old established jewellery firm there.

He bothered this gentleman *re* old letters, until he was tired of declaring that they had all been burnt, however he took Mr. Z. down to the vaults and showed him their emptiness, but not quite empty, for in one corner was an iron safe. It seemed that the safe was locked and the key lost, and as it was believed the safe contained nothing, no efforts had been made to have it opened, and the safe had simply been sent down to the vaults where it had lain for over 30 years.

Mr. Z., still unsatisfied, prevailed upon the firm to have the safe blown open, and in a cash drawer over £10 worth in face value of unused Queenslands were discovered. Mr. Z. immediately offered 10 per cent. over face for the stamps, and his offer was taken, the delighted firm saying that but for him, they would have made nothing.

If they only knew what Mr. Zoandso made they would not feel quite so happy.

Concerning the "Laureated" Reprints.

MR. A. F. BASSET HULL, in his "Chatty Notes on Australia" in the "Monthly Journal"—dated this time from London—writes as follows on the subject of the notorious reprints of the laureated issue of New South Wales:—

When conducting an independent inquiry into this matter in 1889, I found in the Government Printing Office defaced plates of the 2d. "View," and of the three steel plates of the laureated 1d., 2d. and 3d., but there was no trace of the copper plates of the 1d. and 3d. Views, or the three copper plates of the 2d., 6d. and 8d. Laureated.

Perhaps Mr. Van Dyck, whose charming candour has at last been allowed expression, will now explain (1) how the 8d. plate "found" at the Colonial Secretary's office got out of that office; (2) whether the 2d. and 6d. plates were found at the same place and time; (3) whether the 1d. and 3d. View plates were not also "found"; (4) who performed the reprinting, and (5) by whose authority the property of the Government was consigned to the melting pot.

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Another Philatelic Fire.

It is not so long since Messrs. Bright & Son were heavy losers by a fire at their premises in the Strand, and now Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have suffered severely by a serious conflagration at Messrs. Brendon's printing works at Plymouth. For nearly forty years the Stanley Gibbons' albums and other publications have been printed by Messrs. Brendon & Sons, the association of the two firms dating back to the time when Mr. E. Stanley Gibbons was laying the modest foundations of the now enormous business that bears his name. Mr. C. J. Phillips, describing the fire and its consequences, writes as follows:—

During the past ten years the demand for albums, &c., has increased enormously, and in order to produce cheaply it has been necessary to print *very large* editions, and as space in London at our offices and at our binders is quite limited, it has only been feasible to keep comparatively small stocks in London; and arrangements were made by which Brendon & Sons stored large quantities of our publications on their two top floors, which were of great magnitude.

This stock was unusually heavy just now, as we have recently printed an enormous edition of the Imperial Album, calculated to last three years, and of this we have only drawn out some six months' supply.

From our stock books we find that we have absolutely lost as under:—

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1,400	" " Improved "
3,200	" " Catalogues.
1,450	" " Postcard Albums.
1,420	" " "The Stamp King."
400	" Stamps of the British Empire.
850	" Book on Mulready Envelopes.

In addition to these books we have lost a new stock of fine paper which was only delivered last week, and which was to be used to print an edition of 25,000 of a new book we were just about to publish, entitled "Stamp Collecting as a Pastime," by E. J. Nankivell. Our nett loss (after deducting the insurance we have on paper and printed books) will be some £2,500 to £3,000.

Messrs. Brendon and Sons' loss is also very great, and to both firms the sympathy of philatelists throughout the country will be extended.

Since the above was in type we have received the much-delayed May issue of the "London Philatelist," which is also a product of the Brendon press. Readers of the Society's organ are informed that the June issue will also be delayed.

A Lady on the King's Postage Stamps.

It is startling to learn that a lady may be found on the current British postage stamps!

"Most people"—we read in a recent number of "Tit Bits"—"are acquainted with the form of picture-puzzle in which the hidden outlines of some familiar face or object are to be looked for. But perhaps it is not generally known that the ordinary English postage stamp of recent issue presenting the King's profile affords an interesting puzzle-picture in miniature; though the fact, of course, was never contemplated by the eminent designer.

"The puzzle in this instance is—find the lady; and she has only to be looked for to be easily brought to light. Examination of any of the stamps of the current issue will show that the high lights on the engraved head towards the left represent a well defined female figure, with flowing skirt or drapery represented by a portion of the King's beard.

The attitude of the figure, with upraised arms, may suggest something classic, like Fame offering a wreath, or a lady trying on a new hat or doing up her back hair, according to fancy."

A P.M.G.'s New Century Envelope.

MR. FRANK COLEMAN writes from Eastnor, Ledbury, under date June 10th:—

I do not remember to have seen an account in any philatelic journal of the envelope which was posted at midnight, January 1st, 1901, by the Right Hon. J. G. Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, to various officials and others in N.Z., to commemorate the inauguration of the Universal Penny Postage.

I believe very few of the envelopes were issued, so that they must be rare, and, no doubt, a considerable amount of curious interest will be attached to them.

The inscription which runs along nearly the full length of the front of the upper part of the envelope is in a dull red colour, and contains the words: 1st January, 1901, New Zealand Universal Penny Postage.

On the left side of this inscription we find the royal arms, and on the right there is a blank frame for the 1d. stamp.

The postmark on the stamp is:—"Wellington, 00 A.M., 1st Jan., 01—N.Z."

It occurs to me that these remarks may interest some of your readers, for I think that the existence of the envelope is not generally known.

The Story of Wolmaranstad.

REGARDING the provisionals of Wolmaranstad, Mr. Bertram Poole contributes to the "Monthly Journal" certain facts which he has gleaned from "reliable sources."

In June, 1900, a small British force took possession of Wolmaranstad, and the Commissioner accompanying it immediately took over the administration of Civil affairs, which, among other things, meant that he had temporarily, to act as postmaster. When the post office was opened it was found that the Boer postmaster had taken all the stamps away with him, notwithstanding the fact that his flight had been somewhat hurried. The Commissioner did not want the trouble of franking every letter posted with his signature, so he appealed to the representatives of the firm of Messrs. Thos. Leask and Co., and found that they had a supply of stamps totalling about £10 on hand, which were requisitioned. This supply included some 1d. Commemoratives, all values from ½d. to 1/-, and possibly one or two of the 2/6 and 10/- stamps. From what I have been able to find out, Mr. Leask himself was not in Wolmaranstad at the time, but the store was in charge of a Mr. Cloustan. I met this gentleman in Kimberley later, and as we became very good friends, I was able to get him to tell me the full history of the stamps.

The Commissioner did not like to use the stamps as they were, so again approached Mr. Cloustan with a view to getting them surcharged. A quantity of rubber type used for marking goods, etc., was found in the store, and with this the necessary over-printing was accomplished. The word "CANCELLED" was struck over the inscription "S. Afr. REPUBLIC," and the letters "V.R.I." added below. At the end of a fortnight, during which time many of the stamps were used, the Boers re-occupied the town, and the British Commissioner, Mr. Cloustan, and several other English residents, made tracks for Kimberley. While in the Diamond City I became personally acquainted with the Commissioner, and he corroborated all Mr. Cloustan told me concerning these stamps. He had a few specimens of the ½d. and 1d. values with him, but the remainder of the stock not used was left behind.

To these facts an editorial footnote is appended:—

We have further ascertained from Mr. Poole that the Commissioner in this case purchased the stamps from Messrs. Leask's agent at face value, and sold them at the same price, so that the British authorities actually carried the letters for nothing, and the stamps only served the purpose of saving the Commissioner the trouble of franking the letters with his signature. This system also caused the senders of letters to purchase stamps which did not in reality denote any payment of postage. It seems to have been a queer muddle; the Commissioner might have made up a little hand stamp with rubber type and sold impressions from it, thus really collecting postage, instead of only pretending to do so.

A queer muddle indeed!

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

NEW issues of Postal Cards and Envelopes may be expected soon from the Transvaal, and the Orange River Colony, bearing of course the King Edward stamps. Then, and not till then will collectors feel that peace and sovereignty have been fully established! Next week, too, will see the issue of stamps, cards and envelopes for India with the King in his golden crown, and no doubt several others of our Colonial issues will be superseded by the King's head types during the next month or two. Card collectors will not grumble, I am sure, for we have not yet begun to regard new issues as a tiresome feature.

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The new German card with *Deutsches Reich* looks rather queer with the inscriptions all at left side compressed as if it were desired to equalise the weight of the stately Germania at right. The object of this I understand is to leave a good space for the postal obliteration, which is not now to be necessarily over the stamp. But what are the precise objections to the old and time honoured method, I cannot readily gather. I hesitate to believe that at last officialdom has heard the wail of collectors with spoiled rarities, due to the ancient attempts to cover the whole of the stamp with ink. Perhaps it is out of deep respect for the fair Germania that the thudsome dab is to be gravitated unto empty space! I understand the McKinley card which Uncle Sam was to have issued last December (but didn't) will have the same peculiarity, when it appears.

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I can foresee that if this method is generally adopted, and postal cards come to us through the post with the stamp clean and a nice and well behaved postmark standing attentively at the left, with its details clear and right side up, we shall immediately see a great increase in the number of collectors who take only used cards. At present such collectors are very few, for it needs much patience and enterprise to get together a decent lot of clean used cards, even of current issues, while of obsolete issues the task is almost hopeless. Used cards if they could only be obtained decently clean, and without postmark on the stamps would make a much more interesting collection altogether than is afforded by a dazzling array of virgin white and sober buff cards.

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The "Australian Philatelist" writes thus of the collecting of stationery:—It will have been noticed from perusal of the late philatelic literature that the lack of interest in the collecting of post cards, letter cards, envelope wrappers, and letter sheets which set in when a firm of dealers announced their intention to cease printing catalogues of them, has undergone a change, and the old-time attention in the collecting of "Stationery" is being revived. Considering that the great bulk of them were official issues we fail to see why they should not rank in the same category as the adhesive stamps. They certainly deserve greater attention than local stamps, most of which were unofficial emanations. Yet dealers give them prominence in their catalogues which they do not deserve. The objection to collecting stationery is, of course, the great space they occupy in an album if collected as they were printed. The objection is a difficult one to overcome, for up to the present there has not been invented a method of collecting that will obviate the necessity and great cost of a number of albums. A correspondent has suggested the mode adopted by cloth sellers when submitting samples to customers, such as the narrow zig-zag albums or cards. But there is also the objection to bulk against the suggestion. However we hold to our contention that there is no justification for the abrogation of interest in the official issues of what has, facetiously, been termed "stationery."

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The man who so successfully counterfeited the 1c. Jefferson Post Card, has been arrested in Chicago. His name is Louis

Smith, and he admits he has been engaged in the enterprise for two years. Over 100,000 cards have been confiscated, together with printing presses, cardboard and plates. His method was to have a quantity of card stock enamelled by one firm, a Jefferson medallion engraved by another, and a "United States of America" label by another, the remainder of the work being done at his own workshop. I am still puzzled to know how he managed to sell his wares but I gather the cards bore trade advertisements and were therefore possibly bought by advertisers. I still hold the opinion that our postal system would render a similar fraud impossible, on account of the difficulty of disposing of the goods.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Barbados.—The "M.C." tells us that a new Registration Envelope has been issued, (size F seen) on which the 2d. stamp is the same type as that on the 1892 cards, viz.: Britannia in the act of ruling (and riding) the waves. It is in blue with red inscription but we are not informed whether embossed or not.

British Guiana like Barbados has abandoned the Queen's Head Registration envelope, in favour of one with ship in circle. Size G seen. 4 cents blue.

Canton (French Office).—"Le C. de T.P." chronicles 3 new envelopes with new stamp, overprinted in red. The values are 5c., 15c. and 25c.

Chili—New 1c. green and 2c. carmine cards are reported, but I have seen no description of them yet.

France.—A new 10c. card is now in use with new type of stamp, and with an inscription giving spaces for name and address of sender placed diagonally in upper left corner. What this idea has to recommend it, more than mere novelty, I am unable to imagine. Otherwise the card is as before, red on pale green.

Grenada.—New ½d. and 1d. cards with Head of King Edward are on sale here. The inscription and colours are as before.

Malay States.—"Le Tim. Belge" has been shown a printed post card with adhesive Malay States stamp of 1c. which was put into provisional use when cards of Perak, Pahang, etc., had become exhausted. It was inscribed "FEDERATED MALAY STATES" (77mm.) "Address only to be written on this side" (70mm.) The card was 127 × 76mm. I should much like to hear more about this interesting issue.

Nyassa.—The "I.B.J." chronicle the discovery of a 10 reis and a 20 reis, 1885, Mozambique card with NYASSA printed across stamp, in black. They are surcharged 20 reis and 30 reis respectively, and have the Nyassa Coy's postmark 5 ago 98.

Roumania.—The 5 bani green card is reported with script "D" as well as roman "D" and the current Letter Card 10b. which had the roman "D" now has the script "D" before the address lines.

The 15 bani Letter Card, says the "M.C.," are now in lilac-grey instead of black.

Spain.—The 10 centimos card is again altered. The inscription is now in five lines, the words 'Carte Postale' having been added. First it was three lines, then four, and now five, all within twelve months!

"Le Tim. Belge" states there is a variety to be found in current lot (five lines) in which the letters A, PO are larger than the others, viz.:—

TARJETA POSTAL

Uganda.—The "M.C." has seen cards of British East Africa overprinted "UGANDA" on stamp, value 1 × 1 anna.

Mr. A. F. Basset Hull explains that the letters G.F.B. on the Tongan Official stamps are the initials of "Gauē faka buleaga," signifying "official postage." The "g" in Tongan has the sound of "ng" thus Tonga is spelt Toga on the stamps.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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Everything is "Coronation" now, and we have had to put aside much of our philatelic work in order to find desirable seats on the route of the procession for "our uncles, our cousins, and our aunts," and others. Readers, therefore, must grant us their indulgence if the present number of the *Fortnightly* be not quite up to the usual standard.

At the time of writing London is the most cosmopolitan city in the world. On every hand one meets foreign princes and dignitaries of all sorts, and turban-clad Mahomedans confront one at every turn. It is to be hoped these gentlemen will not wander into the auction rooms or other philatelic resorts and note the prices realized for old postage stamps. If they do we shall have to prepare ourselves for a further inundation of "Gumpaps" from various corners of the Empire.

The Excellent Stamp Albums published by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, never went off so quickly as they did in the great fire at Messrs. Brendon's Printing Works, to which allusion is made elsewhere in this issue. One cannot help thinking what a fire at Messrs. Gibbons' own premises in the Strand would mean to Philately! It might lose us almost the whole available stock of certain postal issues at one fell swoop! For instance, the stamps of the "British Inland Mail" of Madagascar, which strode so boldly into the pages of the current "Gibbons," might then have to make an inglorious exit from "our leading catalogue." Other lamentable possibilities rise up before us, and, all things considered, we are heartily glad that the fire was as far away as Plymouth. There is a great deal of philatelic rubbish about, but at the same time there are many things the loss of which would be nothing short of a calamity.

The Herts Philatelic Society is to be congratulated most heartily on the successful competitive exhibition held in the rooms of the London Philatelic Society a fortnight ago to-day. We report the results elsewhere, and hope that many more shows of the same class may be held by the Society, which owes so much of its success to the organising ability of Mr. H. A. Slade, the very energetic Hon. Secretary. It seems only yesterday that the Herts Society was in its infancy, and now it is not too much to say that in its influence on philatelists, and in the excellence of its work this Society ranks second to "the Philatelic Society, London."

The 50% Discount Farce.

BY A READER OF THE "FORTNIGHTLY."

WHEN will Secretaries of Stamp Exchange Clubs allow their members to mark their stamps at nett prices?

Is it that they find the 50% discount such an excellent means of enforcing payment from members within ten days of the receipt of their account?

Not at all!

The member who does not pay punctually is very often a good buyer in the Club, and as the Secretary does not wish to lose so useful a member by not allowing him the discount of 50% or in other words by enforcing the absurd penalty of charging him *cent per cent* upon the price of his purchases he is allowed extra time, and the sheets are delayed in being returned because the money has not been got in, and so the farce goes on.

The rule when applied to the reduction of interest upon a mortgage from 5% to 4% for example—if the interest is paid punctually—is reasonable enough, but to charge double the price for stamps because they are not paid for by a specified time is *not* reasonable and that is why the rule is not carried out and is consequently a failure.

If on the other hand a fine of a shilling a day were imposed upon the member who did not pay his account within ten days of its receipt—the fine to commence on the 11th day from such receipt and to continue till the amount was paid—then payments would be prompt and in a very different state.

It is better to have a mild law which is enforced than a harsh one which is disregarded. Nowadays we do not hang a man for stealing a sheep. The law endeavours to make "the punishment fit the crime."

A sledge hammer is not the handiest instrument for killing flies.

Philatelic Events

For the Fortnight, from June 21st to July 5th, 1902

JUNE 23RD.—Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 5 o'clock precisely.

JULY 1ST & 2ND.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, at 4.30 p.m. each day precisely.

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To Mr. W. HADLOW, from whom we have already had a selection of dangerous Colonial forgeries, we must express our thanks for the loan of the counterfeit stamps illustrated above. The Turkish stamps are remarkably dangerous forgeries, although the rarity of the 25 piastres, especially in unsevered pairs, should be sufficient to give pause to any intending purchaser. In an early issue we shall give a reproduction of a forged Italian envelope that well illustrates the cunning and cleverness of the Continental imitator.

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.

Guatemala.—Mr. D. Field informs us that there is to be a complete new issue for this Republic. In fact, he has already seen the designs, which are very artistic and picturesque. The set will range from 1 centavo to 1 peso, and the new stamps will be issued to the public on August 1st.

New Zealand.—Messrs. Wilcox Smith & Co., of Dunedin, write us as follows:—

We are in receipt of the following information re recent New Zealand ½d. and 1d. issues. The following are the varieties so far as we know.

"Universal" Penny.

1. London Print on unwatermarked paper. Perf. about 14.
2. Local Print on double line star N.Z. paper. Perf. 11.
3. " " " " " " " " 14.
4. " " " " " " " " 11.
- No. 4 perf. occasioned by 14 machine working badly.
5. Local Print on unwatermarked paper. Perf. 14.
6. " " " " " " " " 11.
7. " " " on permanent single line star N.Z. paper. " 14.

The unwatermarked will be rare as only done, to tide over till arrival of permanent paper. We only possess half dozen sheets.

Halfpenny Green.

1. Local Prints on double line star N.Z. paper. Perf. 11. 4 distinct shades.
2. " " " " " " " " 14.
3. " " " " " " " " 11.

4. Local Prints on no watermark paper " 14.
5. " " " " " " " " 11.
6. " " " on "permanent" single line star N.Z. " 14.

Same remarks apply to halfpenny as to penny.

You must distinctly understand that the Government is not to blame in the least *re* so many varieties. Their trouble has been to get the proper paper, and they have been badly humbugged by mills. The unwatermarked Local universals, perf. 14, are perfectly distinct from London prints, in shade, perf., and fineness of printing.

We have also received an interesting letter on the same subject from Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, New Zealand. Messrs. Wilcox, Smith and Co., under date May 2nd, kindly send us specimens of the permanent ½d. and 1d. stamps of the local printing, on single-lined "Star N.Z." paper, perforated 14. The other values, we are informed, will be issued at once on the same paper and with the same perforation.

Persia.—Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. write us under date June 5th:—

"A singular looking set of stamps has been provisionally issued in Teheran, Persia, evidently a local production, the colours and values are as follows:—1 shahi drab, 2 shahi brown, 3 shahi green, 5 shahi red, 10 shahi yellow, and 12 shahi blue. The colours given are those of the borders and inscriptions, but in addition each stamp has a back-ground consisting of a kind of network design printed in yellow, and is further overprinted in red with a design consisting of a lion in a sort of rosette."

Transvaal.—In the May issue of the "Record"—an excellent number all round—appears an article of great interest, by Mr. Emil Tamsen, describing the Transvaal issue "that-was-to-be," with head of Paul Kruger. The stamps would have shown a very fine portrait of "Oom Paul," with "Post en Staatszegel" above and "Z. Afr. Republiek" below.

Herts Philatelic Society's Exhibition.

GOOD ENTRIES FOR A MOST SUCCESSFUL SHOW.

THE Competitive Exhibition held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society at the rooms of our premier Society at Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand, on Saturday, June 7th, must be pronounced a great success.

The entries were distinctly good both in quality and number. Thirty-five entered for Class I., 41 for Class II., 23 for Class III., and 26 for Class IV.

In certain essential details the Exhibition differed from most philatelic shows. One distinctive feature was the strict limitation of each exhibit to 50 stamps, the rule on this subject reading as follows:—

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.

The rule has been somewhat severely criticised in certain quarters, but one finds among amateur philatelists generally a cordial endorsement of the restriction as calculated to secure a select and interesting exhibition.

The award in the several classes were distributed as follows:—

- Class I.—Gold Medal.—L. L. R. Hansburg (Victoria 1850).
 " " Baron A deWorms (Ceylon 1857-62).
 Silver Medal.—J. E. Heginbottom (Ceylon, Pence Issues, used).
 Bronze Medal.—Rev. G. H. Raynor (Gt. Britain).
- Class II.—Gold Medal.—T. W. Hall (Fiji, "Times Express," &c.)
 Silver Medal.—L. L. R. Hansburg (India, 1854-56).
 Bronze Medal.—Rev. Dr. Atkinson (Gibraltar).
 " " L. E. Bradbury (Nevis).
 " " R. Meyer (Lagos).
 " " Vernon Roberts (St. Lucia).
 " " W. Simpson (Gambia).

- Class III.—Gold Medal:—R. Ehrenbach (Portugal, 1870-87).
 Silver Medal:—John Cooper (Spain, 1850-53).
 " " H. R. Oldfield (Servia, 1866-8 and 1869).
 Bronze Medal:—F. Reichenheim (France, Paris Issues, 1870-75).

- Class IV.—Gold Medal:—T. W. Hall (Chile, 1853-65).
 Silver Medal:—R. Ehrenbach (Dominican Republic, 1865).
 " " H. R. Oldfield (Bolivia, 1866-67).
 Bronze Medal:—R. Frenzel (Mexico, 1866-67).

The Silver Medals presented by Mr. Franz Reichenheim for the best exhibits shown by Lady Members were awarded to:—

- Mrs. Field (Cape of Good Hope, Triangulars).
 Mrs. Hugh Rose (Queensland, 1860-74).

Great praise for a highly successful exhibition is due to the organising committee, Messrs. R. Frenzel (chairman), W. A. Boyes, L. E. Bradbury, L. L. R. Hausburg, R. Meyer, W. Simpson, C. R. Sutherland, F. Reichenheim (hon. treasurer), and H. A. Slade (hon. secretary).

The judges of the Exhibition were Mr. M. Castle, J.P., Mr. E. D. Bacon, Mr. Gordon Smith, M.A., and Lieut. F. H. Napier, R.N.

Many of those who visited the Herts Society's Exhibition are hoping that this is only the first of a series.

All stamps to be expertised by the London Philatelic Society's Expert Committee should be sent in to Effingham House before July 8th, as from that date the Committee adjourns until October 7th.

Stamp albums and used postage stamps are charged an *ad valorem* import duty of 9 per cent. on importation into the Transvaal. The Johannesburg Philatelic Society (the "London Philatelist" informs us) will agitate for a withdrawal of the tariff.

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 Hawaii, 1853, 13 cents on medium toned paper, mint.
 Lagos, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- unused mint.
 Russia, 1875, 10 kop (straight inscript), inverted Eagle,
The Rarest Stamp of Russia.
 St. Helena, 3d. purple, *Double Surcharge.*

- Sweden, Error 20 ore vermilion, inscription "Tretio" for "Tjugo" unused mint.
 " Official stamp, 10 on 24 yellow, *surcharge inverted.*
 Transvaal, 1d. red on blue, variety "Transvaal" at top, "V.R." below.
 " 1/- green, *surcharge inverted*, unused.
 Trinidad, 1896, 10/- green and ultramarine, unused, mint.
 " the same, block of 4, mint.
 Tuscany, 9 cr. (crossed lines) unused mint.
 Victoria, 1854, 2d. (Queen on Throne), uncatalogued variety, broken pillar.

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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE June packet, amounting to £240 has been sent on its rounds. For the April-June quarter the value of sheets circulated was £760 which shows a good increase on the £484 of the corresponding quarter last year.

From the April packet just returned the sales do not amount to much over £30, but possibly this is due to many members being away from home.

During the Summer months, packets will be circulated as usual, but members must notify any absence or change of address so that the sheets may not be delayed.

The Club offers excellent facilities to those who have fiscals and wish to dispose of them advantageously, arranging and valuation will be done if desired.

Please note change of address of *Hon. Sec.*: A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on June 5th, 1902, Messrs. S. A. Klagsbrun (of Johannesburg), E. Wetherell (of India) and A. Wülbern (of Hamburg) were duly elected members.

Mr. B. Köhler, of Cologne, was present as a visitor.

A letter was read signifying M. J. B. Moen's acceptance of the Honorary Membership of the Society.

Rousell's catalogue of Canadian fiscals has been presented to the library by the publisher.

The rules for the Home Exchange Section have been approved and will shortly be published. The first packet will be sent out in September.

The fiscals of Ceylon, Cyprus, Dominica and Fiji were discussed and catalogued.

The next meeting (the last of the season) will be held on Thursday, July 3rd, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate St. Without, E.C., when the list of Canadian revenues will be revised and those of Griqualand, catalogued.

Rules and any other information respecting the Society can be had from the *Hon. Secretary*, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

(Please note change of address).

ONE AND ALL EXCHANGE CLUB.

I HAVE this day (June 14th) dispatched the June Packets. There are twenty sheets in the A Section, value £152 7s. 7d., and twenty-one sheets in the B Section, value £58 6s. 0d. Both sections are seen by thirty-five members.

Five new members joined this month, viz.: Messrs. Hicks, Pilgrim, Pratt, Maunder and Cuddy.

March A Packet returned, result:—402 stamps sold, nett value £18 5s. 9d., out of £207 sent in.

Secretary: J. G. J. STEVENS, Redruth.

BRITISH EMPIRE STAMP EXCHANGE.

APRIL Colonial Packet: Sales £9 11s. 9d. nett. April General Packet: £10 17s. 7d. out of £80 1s. 7d. sent in. June General Packet sent off on the 10th, with thirty sheets, value £189 9s. 7d. July and August Colonial and General Packets sent out in one parcel unless sufficient sheets sent in for separate packets.

H. BEAN, *Secretary* (see advert.)

UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE.

MAY Packet returned: Sales £11 16s. 4½d. June packet sent off on the 16th, with fifteen sheets, £115 12s. 0d. gross value.

Messrs. Cronin, Stark and Bignold have joined the Exchange. Room for a few more.

H. BEAN, *Secretary* (see advert.)

THE LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

MARCH PACKET.

OWING to the removal of the Hon. Sec. (Miss L. HAYNES) to 1, Westwood House, Wood Lane, W., the settlement of this packet has been a little delayed.

The total value of the packet was just over £90 of which nearly £13 was sold. Amongst the better stamps were pairs of 5d. Newfoundland in various shades, imperf., Jamaica, ½d. CC., first issue Schleswig Holstein in mint condition, 1d. and 2d.; there was also a good show of old Colonials and unused Europeans.

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Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, April 22nd and 23rd.

	£	s.	d.
EUROPE.			
Great Britain, O.W. Official 1896, ½d. vermilion*	..	1	0
Holland, 1867-68, perf. 10 x 10½, 15c. chestnut, right corner defective ..	..	3	7
Russian Levant, 1866-67, 20 kopecs blue and rose, with vertical network ..	..	1	8
Switzerland Neuchâtel, 5c. red and black ..	..	1	10
Tuscany, 1860, 3 lire yellow, damaged ..	..	10	5
ASIA.			
Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., 4d. rose ..	..	3	12
Do. 1861, perf. wmk. star, 8d. yellow-brown ..	..	3	7
India, 1854, ½ anna red, error* no gum ..	..	5	7
AFRICA.			
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock, 4d. blue ..	..	2	0
Do. 1899, Vryburg, surcharged "Z.A.R." ½d., 1d., 2½d. and 6d. on entire ..	..	4	7
Do. Mafeking Besieged, on Bech. Protec. sans serif surcharge, 1/- on 6d. lilac on red*	..	2	2
Do. do. 1/- on 4d. brown and green*	..	1	12
Do. do. 2/- on 1/- green* ..	..	3	0
Guinea, 1881, 40 reis blue, the error "Mozambique" ..	..	10	0
Orange River Colony, 1900, 6d. blue, a pair* ..	..	3	0
Do. do. do. a single* ..	..	1	10
Do. do. V.R.I. 2½d. blue, 2nd. printing, a strip of 3* ..	..	10	5
Transvaal, 1887-90, 2½ pence on 1 - green the error 2½ se tenant with normal type* ..	..	4	12
Zululand, 1888-92, 5/- carmine* ..	..	3	7
BRITISH WEST INDIES.			
Barbados, wmk. small star, 1d. on left half of 5/- rose, reading downwards, figure 7mm. high ..	..	4	10
Turk's Islands, wmk. star, 1/- lilac, clipped ..	..	5	17
Virgin Islands, perf. 15, 1 single-lined border*, perf. gum. ..	..	1	8
AUSTRALASIA.			
New South Wales, 1859-51, Sydney, 1d. lake on laid, heavy postmarked ..	..	1	18
Do. do. 2d. deep blue, plate 2, without pick or shovel, early impression ..	..	4	12
Do. do. 3d. green on yellowish ..	..	3	3
Do. 1852-53, Laureated, no wmk., 6d. brown, error, "Walls" ..	..	3	10
New Zealand, 1856, blue paper, 1d.* cut close ..	..	3	4
Do. do. no wmk., 2d. blue, a strip of 3 ..	..	5	5
Do. 1862/63, pelure paper, imperf., 1d. vermilion ..	..	1	18
Do. Do. perf. 2d. lilac-blue ..	..	3	7
Do. 1863/66, rouletted, 1d. orange ..	..	2	4
Do. do. serrated perf. 6d. black-brown ..	..	1	17

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS & Co's. Sale, April 24th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Brazil, 1844, 300r. on greyish, fair ..	..	1	3
British Central Africa, 1891, £5 green ..	..	3	12
Do. do. £10 brown ..	..	5	10
Do. 1895, £25, postmarked and pen-marked ..	..	6	10
British Guiana, 1850, circular, 12c. blue ..	..	5	0
Do. 1862, type set, border of crossed ovals, 2c. black on yellow, no roulettes ..	..	2	10
Ceylon, imperf., wmk. Star, 8d. brown, cut rather close ..	..	3	17
Do. do. do. 2/- blue*, cut close ..	..	1	18
Gt. Britain, 1862, 3d. rose, plate 3 (white dots), an imperf. pair* ..	..	4	2
Do. 1888, £1 brown-lilac, wmk. Orbs*, part gum and some perfs. missing ..	..	5	0
Do. 1855-57, 5/- rose, plate rose plate 2* ..	..	1	1
Hawaii, 1853, thick paper, 13c. red* ..	..	1	0
Naples, Cross, ¼t. blue, thinned ..	..	1	10
New South Wales, 1850, Sydney View, 2d., plate 1*, defective ..	..	1	5
New Zealand, blue paper, no wmk., imperf., 1d. vermilion ..	..	2	10
Niger Coast, wmk. CA., 10/- deep violet* ..	..	1	0
Spain, 1865, imperf. 12atos. rose and blue inverted frame ..	..	2	6
Switzerland, Basle, 2½rp. on entire ..	..	3	7
Do. Zurich, 4 rappen, vertical lines, cut into ..	..	3	3
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. black on red ..	..	2	8
Do. 1865, perf. 12½, 2d. mauve error ..	..	7	10
Zanzibar, on India, ½a. blue, surcharge error inverted "9" ..	..	1	18

Messrs. PLUMBIDGE & Co's. Sale, April 29th and 30th.

	£	s.	d.
Bahamas, 1859, imperf., 1d. lake ..	..	1	18
Do. no wmk. perf. 13, 1d. brown-lake* ..	..	2	8
Barbados, 1858, 1/- black, a horizontal pair* ..	..	2	2
British Central Africa, 1898, wmk. CC., perf. 14, £10 black and yellow, postmarked and penmarked*	..	2	12
Ceylon, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 5d. purple-brown* ..	..	2	19
Fiji, 1874-75, 2d. in red on 3d. green (S.G. No. 36)* ..	..	3	5
Gibraltar, 1889, the carmine stamp without value* ..	..	12	15
Gt. Britain, fiscal postal embossed, imperf., Inland Revenue in green on 1/- pink, a vertical tetè bechè pair* ..	..	5	0
Hong Kong, 1863-71, 66c. grey, a horizontal pair* ..	..	2	6
Labuan, 1880, Provl. 6 in red on 16c. blue (S.G. No. 12) ..	..	4	10
New South Wales, 1850, Sidney View, 1d. red, plate 1 ..	..	1	18
Do. do. do. plate 2, on bluish paper, cut into on right* ..	..	5	10
Do. 1855, diadem, imperf., 8d. orange, showing date and good margins ..	..	5	5
New Zealand, 1862-3, pelure paper, 2d. lilac-blue* ..	..	5	5
Do. 1863, wmk. star, serrated perfs., 2d. blue, perfs. cut at bottom ..	..	3	12
Orange River Colony, Level Stops, 2½d. on 3d., a pane of 60, one stamp showing error no stop after V* ..	..	16	0
Queensland, 1860, imperf., a horizontal pair ..	..	3	7
St. Christopher, 1882-90, 6d. olive-brown*, a sheet of 20 with margins and control number ..	..	17	0
St. Vincent, 1892, 5d. on 4d. red-brown, a sheet of 30 with margins* ..	..	5	15
Sierra Leone, 1883, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 4d. blue* ..	..	5	0
Western Australia, 1860, imperf., 6d. sage-green* ..	..	4	7
Do. 1861-62, clean cut perfs. 14 to 16, 1d. rose, 2d. blue, 6d. purple-brown and 1/- yell-grn.* ..	..	4	2

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, May 1st and 2nd, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
EUROPE.			
France, 1877-97, 1 cent black on Prussian blue* ..	..	1	2
Lubeck, the error, 2½sch. brown, a pair ..	..	2	4
Modena, 1852, 5c. black and green, error, "CNET. 5" ..	..	1	1
Do. do. another error, "CENI. 5" ..	..	1	1
Do. 10c. black on rose, error, "CEZT. 10" ..	..	1	0
Do. do. another error, "CEBT. 10" ..	..	1	0
Do. do. do. "EENT. 10" ..	..	1	0
Russia, 3k. black and green, error with background of V's* ..	..	1	1
Do. 7k. without thunderbolts* ..	..	1	11
Sicily, 1g. olive-green, a pair vertical*, double print ..	..	6	6
Sweden, 1866, 17 ore purple-greecy*	1	8
Switzerland, Basle, 2½ rappen*	4	0
Do. Winterthur, 2½ rappen	2	18

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Ceylon, 1st issue, gd. lilac-brown, imperf.	..	2	10 0
Do. Provl., "Ten Cents" on 36c. blue*	..	2	12 0
Hong Kong, 1891, Provl., 7 cents on 10c. green, a pair, double surcharge	..	2	4 0

AFRICA.

Lagos, perf. 12½, 1/- orange, value 15½mm.*	..	1	11 0
Do. wmk. C. & CC. 1/- orange*	..	8	0 0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion, early state..	..	5	0 0
Niger Coast, 1893/94 Provl. ½d. in violet-caps on 2d.	..	1	2 0
Do. do. ½d. in green fancy caps, on 2½	..	1	3 0
Do. 1894, provl. ½d. on 2½d. blue	..	1	12 0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I. ½d. orange, a block of 6* the ½ omitted on one stamp	..	4	15 0
Do. do. 2½d. blue an entire pane of 60, showing variety Antiqua, 2 etc.*	..	19	0 0
Do. do. 6d. carmine, a strip of 6*	..	3	5 6
Do. do. 2nd printing, 2½d. blue*	..	3	7 0

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Dominica, wmk. C & CA. 1/- lilac rose*	..	1	9 0
Grenada, wmk. large star, 6d. vermilion* oxidised	..	2	0 6
St. Vincent, wmk. star, perf. 11 to 12½, 1/- vermilion*	..	10	0 0
Do. 1880, provl., 1d. on half, 6d. blue-green, a pair	..	13	15 0
Do. 1881, Provl., "one penny" on 6d. yellow-green*	..	4	4 0
Do. do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion*	..	16	0 0
Turks Islands, 1893, provisional ½d. on 4d. grey*	..	1	10 0

OCEANIA.

New South Wales, Sydney View, Proof of 1d. red	..	2	8 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 2	..	2	0 0
Do. do. 3d. emerald green	..	2	5 0
New Zealand, wmk. N.Z. 2d. blue*	..	1	6 0
Victoria, 1st issue, 1d. rose*	..	1	10 0

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British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta, damaged and repaired*	..	1	4 0
Do. a other creased (used)	..	1	11 0
Cape of Good Hope (Vryburg), 2d. on 6d., wide-spaced surcharge	..	1	5 0
Great Britain, 1862, 3rd plate (white dots)*, no gum	..	3	3 0
New Brunswick, the "Connell" Stamp, 5c. brown, imperf.*	..	1	6 0
New Zealand, perf., 1/- green, no wmk., on pelure paper..	..	1	12 0
St. Lucia, 1885, 1/- red-brown*, no gum	..	1	2 0
Transvaal, 1877, 6d. blue on rose, imperf., a pair with inverted surcharge	..	2	0 0
Wurtemberg, 1873, 70kr. purple	..	1	10 0
Zanzibar on B.E.A., 1a. carmine with double surcharge, a horizontal pair*	..	7	0 0
Do. on India, ½a. with blue surcharge	..	1	10 0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co's Sale May 7th and 8th.

British Honduras, 1888, 50c. (small type)*	..	2	6 0
Ceylon, imperf., gd.	..	2	10 0
Do. do. 1/9	..	2	5 0
Do. do. do.* thinned	..	2	10 0
Do. do. 2/- blue	..	4	4 0
Do. do. do.	..	4	0 0
Do. Clean cut perfs., wmk. Star, 4d.	..	1	12 0
Do. 4d. rose-carmine*	..	1	12 0
Do. 8d. brown, clean cut perfs., thinned	..	2	10 0
Do. 8d. yellow-brown*, badly centred and perfs. clipped	..	5	15 0
Do. 1/9*	..	2	16 0
Do. 1d., perf. 11½	..	0	19 0
Do. wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 2d. yellow-green	..	2	12 0
Do. do. do. 2d. emerald green, a pair*	..	2	17 0
Do. do. do. do. 1 specimen	..	1	10 0
Do. do. do. 5d. red-brown	..	1	8 6
Gambia, wmk. CC., perf. 14, 1/- green*	..	1	14 0
India, Service, 2a. long type	..	2	2 0
Mauritius, 1848, post paid 1d. vermilion, early state of plate, cut close and cracked in two places*	..	6	10 0
Do. another specimen, early state, showing all lines, used with margins	..	6	5 0
Do. 2d. deep blue, intermediate state of plate, showing diagonal lines, cut close	..	3	17 6
Do. another copy, pale blue, cut a little close	..	2	8 0
Nevis, 1867, engraved 4d. deep orange*	..	1	14 0
Do. another specimen*	..	1	14 0
Newfoundland, 6d. orange-vermilion	..	1	12 0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I. raised stops, 4d. red on 6d. blue, a pane of 60*	..	6	2 0

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Porto Rico, 1877, 5c. carmine, the error slightly dimmed..	..	1	10 0
Do. 1878, 10c. brown, badly centred	..	1	12 0
Do. 1890, 80c. green*	..	1	2 0
St. Lucia, 1860, 6d. green	..	1	13 0
St. Vincent, 1869, 1/- indigo blue*	..	2	6 0
Do. do. 1/- brown*	..	3	0 0
Western Australia, wmk. C.A., perf. 12, 6d. lilac*	..	1	12 0

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Afghanistan, 1298, 1 rupee purple	..	2	0 0
Do. 1294, printed in black, strip of the rupee, abasi and sunar*	..	4	4 0
New Brunswick, half of the 6d. yellow, used as 3d. on piece	..	1	4 0
Queensland, fiscal postal 1/-, used in July 1892, on entire	..	1	14 0
Sierra Leone, 2½d. on 2/-, type 1.	..	2	2 0
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"The stamp is printed in blue and is perforated with a sort of rouletter, and evidently by hand. Besides these two stamps, and to the left of the Natal stamp, which was placed in the right hand corner of the envelope is the word 'PAID' reading upwards, which looks from all appearance to have been impressed with a rubber stamp, also in blue ink."

A Tale of a Tongue.

OUR good contemporary, "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," adjures the *Fortnightly* to refute a libel on British womanhood. "What," asks "Mekeel," "will the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, the champion of all that is good and the scourge of all that is evil, say to the following monstrous charge?"

And then follows this paragraph:

The following anecdote appears in a Naples paper: "At the post office yesterday, amid the large crowd gathered around the window, was a young English lady, handsome, well dressed and accompanied by her maid. The young lady had just purchased some stamps and was about to affix them to a number of letters which she held in her hand. Delicately tearing off a stamp she said to her maid: 'Put out your tongue.' And the maid, with English impassivity, thrust forth her tongue, while the mistress passed over it a postage stamp, which she subsequently stuck on a letter. She went through the entire package of letters and for each one the obedient waiting-maid thrust out her tongue for the mistress to moisten the stamp. Curious manners these English people have."

Well, we have much pleasure in formally refuting this libel on British womanhood. It isn't so much that no English lady would employ her maid's tongue in the manner described or that no English maid would submit to such a service. Every Englishwoman, rich or poor, fair or "homely," dairymaid or Duchess, knows just what purpose her tongue is intended to serve, in the great and omnipotent Scheme of Things, and to that noble end she devotes it, bless her dear heart! morning, noon, and night, so long as there is a man, or failing a man, a woman, within tongue-range of her.

The story comes from Naples, too! "Go to Naples to die! say the scenic enthusiasts, but one will begin to go to Naples to be rejuvenated if humour good as this is distilled into the sober columns of the local journals!"

But once again we seem to hear the voice of Flossie at our shoulder, whispering warningly: "It isn't Philately!"

Canada's First Postage Stamps.

SOME VALUABLE STATISTICS AS TO THE NUMBERS ISSUED—
AND THE NUMBERS DESTROYED.

FROM official sources the "Metropolitan Philatelist" of New York has obtained the following valuable summary of the first issue of Canadian postage stamps:—

CANADA "TWELVE PENCE" POSTAGE STAMP.

Total number recd. from Contractors	...	51,000
Total number issued to postmasters	...	1,510
Balance (destroyed)	...	49,490

NOTE.—On May 4, 1851, the first and only consignment of the Canada 1 shilling postage stamp, to the number of 51,000 (value £2,550), was received by the Post Office Department, Canada, from the Contractors, Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York.

The issue of this stamp began on June 14th, 1851, and concluded on December 4th, 1874, when the stamp was discontinued. During its issue 1,510 stamps of that denomination were sent out to postmasters, leaving a balance on hand of 49,490, which, on May 1, 1857, were in accordance with the practice of the Department in cases of the discontinuance of stamps, destroyed. As has already been observed, there was only the one lot of this stamp received from the contractors.

DETAILS OF ISSUE.

DATE OF ISSUE.	NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF P.M.	No.
June 14, 1852	Hamilton	E. Ritchie	300
Oct. 17, 1851	Chippawa	W. Hepburn	100
Nov. 13, 1851	Thorold	J. Keefer	20
Nov. 25, 1851	Toronto	C. Berchy	200
Mar. 8, 1852	Montreal	J. Porteous	200
Sept. 14, 1852	Ingersoll	D. Phelan	100
April 5, 1852	Bytown	G. W. Baker	100
Oct. 20, 1853	Sherbrooke	Wm. Brooks	15
Jan. 13, 1854	Smith's Falls	Jas. Shaw	50
Jan. 20, 1854	Bytown	G. W. Baker	100
Feb. 8, 1854	L'Islet	Ballantyne	15
Feb. 27, 1854	Ingersoll	Chadwick	20
Mar. 22, 1854	Sault S. Marie	Jos. Wilson	25
May 15, 1854	Port. du Fort	McLaren	15
Oct. 21, 1854	Rowan Mills	de Blaquiere	50
Oct. 26, 1854	Melbourne	Thos. Tait	50
Oct. 27, 1854	Montreal	A. LaRocque	100
Dec. 4, 1854	Smith's Falls	Jas. Shaw	50

Total number issued...1,510

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF 3, 6 AND 10 PENCE POSTAGE STAMPS RECEIVED FROM THE MANUFACTURERS, MESSRS. RAWDON, WRIGHT, HATCH & EDSON, NEW YORK, AND THE NUMBER ISSUED TO POSTMASTERS:

RECEIVED FROM MANUFACTURERS.

DATE.	3 PENCE. NO. STAMPS.	6 PENCE. NO. STAMPS.	10 PENCE. NO. STAMPS.
April 5, 1851	100,000		
April 20, 1851	150,200		
May 2, 1851		100,400	
1852	250,000		
October, 1853	250,000		
July 7, 1854	250,000		
Jan. 2, 1855			100,080
Mar. 21, 1855		50,000	
April 21, 1855	300,000		
1855	300,300		
1856		50,000	
Sept., 1856	300,000		
March, 1857	300,000	50,000	
	2,200,500	250,400	100,080

* Now Ottawa, Capital of the Dominion of Canada.

ISSUED TO POSTMASTERS.

DATE	3 PENCE. NO. STAMPS.	6 PENCE. NO. STAMPS.	10 PENCE. NO. STAMPS.
Mar. 31, 1854	621,000	76,800	
June 30, 1854	100,400	6,400	
Sept. 30, 1854	65,400	7,420	
Dec. 31, 1854	84,466	4,280	
Mar. 31, 1855	104,734	7,700	16,200
June 30, 1855	62,100	8,600	1,380
Sept. 30, 1855	94,900	10,850	3,560
Dec. 31, 1855	108,000	8,950	1,530
Mar. 31, 1856	103,700	10,019	5,490
June 30, 1856	77,000	11,350	3,600
Sept. 30, 1856	109,200	13,431	2,940
Dec. 31, 1856	163,100	14,300	3,990
Mar. 31, 1856	95,600	12,650	5,520
June 30, 1857	153,700	13,700	4,860
Total Issue	1,943,300	206,450	49,170
On Hand	257,200	43,950	50,910
	2,200,500	250,400	100,080

The stamps on hand at the time of the withdrawal of each from circulation as well as those returned by postmasters to the Department for credit as a result of withdrawal, were, at the time, destroyed, in accordance with the invariable practice of the Department in such cases.

Death of Sir Daniel Cooper.

ALL philatelists, and especially those of the older school, will have read with sincere regret of the death of Sir Daniel Cooper, some time President of the Philatelic Society, London.

Sir Daniel was a New South Welshman, born in 1821. In 1849 he became a member of the Legislative Assembly of his native Colony, and on the creation of two Houses of Legislature in 1856 he was elected first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The following year brought him his knighthood, and in 1863 he became a baronet. It was in 1861 that Sir Daniel Cooper came to London for the benefit of his health, and it is from that year that the interest of philatelists in the deceased gentleman dates, for Major Evans, in an interesting and sympathetic obituary notice, tells us that it was in 1861 or thereabouts that Sir Daniel "commenced the study of postage stamps, and laid the foundation of the great collection—which was sold in 1878 for £3,000, at that time considered a fabulous sum to be paid for an accumulation of Stamps!"

The Philatelic Society's First President.

As to the formation of the Philatelic Society, London, and Sir Daniel Cooper's connection therewith, Major Evans writes as follows:—

"The collectors, who for some months previously had been endeavouring to form a Philatelic Society, for conjoined study and mutual assistance, and whose efforts were crowned with success in April, 1869, found in Sir Daniel Cooper one both able and willing to place himself at their head, and to promote the objects which they had in view. He took the chair at the meeting at which the Philatelic Society of London was formed, was elected its first President, and held that office for nearly ten years. It would have indeed been difficult to find a more suitable president for the young society. Highly distinguished already in far more important fields, he lent distinction to a humble hobby that was almost in danger of being laughed out of existence. Among the most interesting philatelic problems of that day, were those connected with some of the early issues of the Australian Colonies, and no one was in a better position than the President of the newly-formed Society to obtain official information upon such subjects. Early students of these matters, the late Mr. E. L. Pemberton and others, owed much to the researches made by Sir Daniel Cooper in 1870."

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

MY first and most pressing duty is to present the small supplementary list of British revenues seen since the publication in the January—March numbers of "Stamps" of the Addenda to Morley's Catalogue. To this I have to add the uncatalogued Special Duties Deed Stamps in my collection (which should have followed the additions to the unappropriated series), and the Irish General and Special Duties.

ADDITIONS TO LIST IN "STAMPS."

BANKRUPTCY.

1881. £2 with light and dark overprint. Nearly all the values of this issue have been seen on more or less blued paper, the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- on deeply blued paper.

189 . I have now seen the 6d., 5/-, 10/- and £2 with overprint of value in brown, so that the only values not yet known in this condition are the 3d., 2/6 and £20.

COMPANIES WINDING UP.

189 . 2d. lilac, overprint carmine.
2/- green, " " "

CONTRACT NOTE.

A few copies of the 1/- and 4/- are stated to have been issued without overprint—presumably without overprint of value in figures only.

DISTRICT AUDIT.

1882. 5/- green, overprint brown (error).
£2 and £5 with light and dark overprints.
189 . 10/- green, overprint blue.

LAND REGISTRY.

189 . 3d. lilac, overprint violet-brown.
2/- green, " " "

The 1/- value already listed has the same colours as the 2/-.

LIFE POLICY.

23.2.71. Provisional 6d. unappropriated die, embossed on blue paper and attached in the usual manner, die P. (See Note below).

PROBATE COURT.

6d. violet, regular issue, on blue paper.

PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL STAMPS.

LANCASHIRE.

CHANCERY OF LANCASHIRE FEE RECEIPT.

4d. black on pale green, perf. 12.
2/- " " "
3/- " " "

EMBOSSSED DEED STAMPS.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

GEORGE III.

COMPT. DUTY: 15 . lilac, die C.
POLICY: £7 10s. blue, die A.
£10 " " "

GEORGE IV.

FOR RECEIPTS: 3d. blue, die E.
1/- " " A.
1/6 " " D.

VICTORIA.

BANKRUPTCY.

15/- blue, die A.
30/- " "
40/- " "
£30 " no die.

My copy of the £20 has no die letter, but all lower values seen are die A.

CHANCERY FEE FUND.

8/- blue, die A.

The four values listed are die A.

COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND REVENUE—ADJUDGED DUTY STAMPED.

No value. Chocolate and white. (5.4.51.)

COMMON LAW COURTS.

5 . blue, die A. (15.3.73.)

JUDICATURE FEES.

2.6 blue, die A. (8.11.76.)

5 . " " (Head.)
£5 " " (Head.)

PATENT.

All values listed are die A except the 1/- which has no die letter.

IRELAND.

Unlike the British dies, a considerable portion of the designs of this country show either the head or the name of the King in whose reign they were first issued, but the catalogue classification is not made into reigns, so that in many cases I cannot say whether my copies are listed or not. The following additions consist solely of varieties that are certainly not recorded. As in the case of the first item, where a variety is given which differs only from the catalogue in having Geo. III. or Geo. IV. added it will be understood that I have another specimen without the King's name which conforms to the original list.

1/- blue.	die B, Geo. III.
1.3 "	my copy is die A.
1.6 vermilion.	die A.
2.6 "	" "
5/- grey.	die CC.
5/- blue.	" A, modern type.
6.3 "	" "
10/- "	die B, Geo. III.; die BB.
20/- "	" BB., " IV.
22.6 "	" A.
£2 "	" Geo. III.
£5 "	" BB., " IV.
£75 "	die A.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

AFFIDAVIT: 2/- blue, die A, Geo. III. head.

CHANCERY FEE FUND: 1/- blue, no die.

PENALTY PAID: blue, no die. (12. 5. 60.)

WRIT: 4/- blue, my copy is die A.

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So many varieties of British and Irish revenues have been listed in various places during the past five years that there has been ample excuse for the hesitancy of those who possessed uncatalogued varieties which they thought might be well known and which may nevertheless be still unrecorded. Now that the catalogue, with the exception of the Marine Policies, has been brought up to date it will no longer be difficult to decide this point, and I shall be glad to receive for inspection any specimens not yet listed.

One little trouble in connection with the changes in style and colour of the various overprints now being made is that it is often very difficult to decide on the shade of the second colour from the inspection of a single copy, or of copies of the same value only. An overprint on the lilac pence issues sometimes looks very different when applied to the green shillings, and a further element of difficulty is introduced where the colour of the overprint is not uniform throughout the set. At present the only known example of this latter condition is furnished by the Companies Winding Up issue.

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With reference to the provisional Life Policy stamp included in the foregoing list, it may be of interest if I place on record the fact that two lapsed Policies for £50 each in the Provident Life Office have recently come into my hands, each bearing a 6d. embossed deed stamp with the familiar circular date mark—LONDON 23.2.71. R. The date shows that these stamps were affixed during the period when the adhesive labels were in use, but it would also seem to show that Policies could even then be sent to be stamped with the now familiar unappropriated dies. This is sufficiently curious seeing that a regular special series of stamps was in use, from the sales of which would naturally be deduced the yield of that particular duty. I have a note that the adhesives were withdrawn from sale in June, 1881.

Communications in respect of this department should be sent direct to Mr. A. PRESTON PEARCE, 12, Edgumbe Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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...GOD SAVE THE KING!

The Coronation Fiasco will have affected philatelists probably as much as any section of the community, just as the lamentable cause of the postponement will have occasioned genuine grief and anxiety among stamp collectors throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. We Britons love and respect our King in a way that must puzzle many of our good friends in France, in America, and in other lands where a Republic is deemed the ideal form of government. As a sportsman and as a generous, tactful, kindly-hearted gentleman, the seventh Edward has endeared himself to all sections of his people. During the anxious days of the past fortnight there has been real fervour in the words, "God save the King!" And now, so well has His Majesty progressed, we may fairly hope that the danger is over and that our British postage stamps will continue to bear King Edward's head for many years to come. Long live the King!

Although disappointed in sight-seeing, the many philatelists who have visited London will not have regretted their trip to the "Hub of the Philatelic Universe." They, perhaps more than any other class among the crowds that have thronged Londonwards, can make their visit to the capital a matter of pleasure and profit combined. In London are stored many of the grandest collections, many of the finest dealers' stocks in the whole world. No other city has such a large stake in Philately, and we make bold to say that in no other city can so many scarce stamps be seen.

The Philatelic Literature Boom is a noticeable sign of the times. Philatelists who once threw away their stamp journals directly after their contents had been noted, now keep them and treasure them; and everywhere is heard the cry of the collector who has blanks to fill in his file of this or that publication. And a very difficult matter it is to fill some of these same gaps. Certain of the older issues of our better class English journals are practically non-existent, so far as the open market is concerned. In America, the literature of our hobby is collected even more keenly than here. The Tiffany library, recently purchased on the Earl of Crawford's behalf, is a monument of patient, persevering collecting. Yet to our certain knowledge the late John K. Tiffany for nearly five years tried in vain to secure a certain issue of an English publication dated as recently as 1886. To secure an absolutely complete collection of periodical philatelic literature in the English language alone, would now be a great achievement. We seriously doubt whether it falls within the range of possibility!

Our Review of Reviews.

A Pool to maintain Stamp Prices!

In the outspoken editorials of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" one is generally sure of finding some more or less startling proposal for philatelic reform. In one of the latest issues to hand Mr. J. W. Scott's journal girds at the condition of affairs that permits stamps to be offered at "one quarter catalogue":—

"Noblesse Oblige!" says our contemporary. "The publication of a complete standard catalogue carries duties as well as profit, and the fact that stamps in mint condition are offered in quantities at one-quarter the price which is claimed to be the standard, indicates either that the publishers are unable or unwilling to sustain prices. The large dealers should form a pool to maintain prices or acknowledge that there is nothing standard in the price attached to a postage stamp, and offer such stamps as they may be possessed of at a fair profit over actual cost and the expense of doing business."

MARTINIQUE AT THE BARGAIN COUNTER.

Your true son of the almighty Stars and Stripes is nothing if not businesslike. In the "Metropolitan Philatelist" for May 31st—on top of the ghastly news of the Martinique disaster—"The Optimist," in his "Notes from Washington," suggests a possibility of Congress thinking twice before it votes four million dollars for the Danish West Indies—the obvious suggestion being that Denmark should be asked to accept a reduction on account of earthquake risks. "The Optimist" concludes his elegant paragraph with this sentence:—"It is quite certain that France could be prevailed upon to part with Martinique at a bargain counter price at this juncture." A little cold-blooded, eh?

A Specialist in "Penny Blacks."

Mr. G. Mackey, of Birmingham, is the subject of the "Stamp Collectors'" latest interview. Penny blacks and twopenny blues without lines constitute the ruling passion of Mr. Mackey's philatelic life. Says the "Stamp Collector":—

Mr. Mackey resolved to attempt to get together black stamps on original covers bearing dated Postmark for every day of the first year of issue, i.e., from May 6th, 1840, to May 5th, 1841.

After three years, during which he purchased many thousands of envelopes and letter sheets bearing black stamps, he still found that the date of May 10th, 1840, was wanting (the first Sunday after postage stamps were issued). In fact, it was not until he had pursued his quest for six years that he succeeded in completing his year of black stamps, and except in his own collection he has never seen or heard of another example of May 10th, 1840.

During this time he was gathering together all the loose black stamps he could obtain, and studied all the errors in the printing, such as hairlines, double letters, secret marks, even now little known, inverted watermarks, and all varieties of obliteration, and he can show a collection of upwards of 120 varieties in the black stamp, either in printing or obliteration.

After examining upwards of 50,000 blacks, Mr. Mackey has come to the conclusion that the inverted watermark is the rarest type of error, averaging less than 1 in 2000. The Black Maltese Cross obliteration is fifteen times rarer than the Red Cross.

Mr. T. H. Hinton is contributing a series of articles headed "The Young Stamp Collector" to a journal known as "The Children's Friend."

Mr. Fred Hagen, of Sydney, has just purchased a specialised collection of Victorian stamps, which is regarded as one of the finest collections ever made in Victoria. It includes the 5/- blue on yellow paper, unused mint, the 1d., 2d. and 3d. half length, unused, numerous varieties of shades, all roulettes and perforations, complete plates of the 2d. Queen on Throne engraved, and several plates of the lithographed 2d., all the emblems and beaded ovals, and later issues in singles, pairs and strips in every shade of colour and all in magnificent condition.

✂ A Cunningly Faked Envelope. ✂



"For ways that are dark," etc., the philatelist faker is peculiar. One of his favourite dodges is to place a forged stamp on an obviously genuine envelope, cunningly patching the watermarks—also genuine—in such a way as to give the whole cover such an air of authenticity that only the old

birds of Philately, who are not to be caught with such chaff as this, would dream of suspecting it. The envelope shown above (for the kind loan of which we are indebted to Mr. W. Hadlow) is a fine example of this kind of skilled philatelic patchery.

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.

Cape of Good Hope.—The new 3d. stamp of the Figure-of-Hope-standing type, coloured magenta, is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King and Co.

Adhesive. 3d. magenta.

Chili.—We have not yet chronicled a new 2c. stamp showing the smaller head of Columbus as portrayed on the current 5c. blue.

Adhesive. 2c. carmine.

New Zealand.—The "Monthly Journal" has information from a correspondent to the effect that the stamps surcharged "O.P.S.O." are perfectly genuine, and that they are used at the G.P.O. on official correspondence between that department and places abroad. The correspondent has seen the ½d., 1d. and 2½d. thus surcharged in sheets. Readers of the *Fortnightly* will remember that we mentioned the "O.P.S.O." stamps some time ago, since when their authenticity has been questioned in many quarters.

Niue and Penrhyn Islands.—We have to thank Messrs. Wilcox Smith and Co., of Dunedin, New Zealand, for specimens of the first stamps of "Mr. Seddon's Empire." These are the ½d. green and 1d. rose of New Zealand surcharged for use in Niue Island and in Penrhyn Island

respectively. They are interesting, historically as well as philatellically, for they mark the realization of New Zealand's long-cherished scheme of gathering under her friendly wing many of the islands and groups of islands in her immediate vicinity. We list the four stamps sent by Messrs. Wilcox Smith and Co. as follows:—

- Surcharged "Niue ½ peni" in red: ½d. green.
- " " "Niue Taha Peni" in blue: 1d. rose.
- " " "Penrhyn Island ½ peni" in red: ½d. green.
- " " "Penrhyn Island Tai Peni" in brown: 1d. rose.

Patiala.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. kindly send us the ½ anna and 1 anna Indian stamps in the new colours (pale-green and carmine respectively) bearing the usual black surcharge, "Patiala State," in two lines of type.

Persia.—Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. send us a specimen of the provisional issue, 5 kraus on 50 kraus brown—violet surcharge. Also a set of five fearful and wonderful type-set provisionals, as follows:—

- Adhesives:* 1 Chahi grey.
- 2 chahis orange.
- 3 " "dark green.
- 5 " "vermilion.
- 12 " "blue.

All bear an oblong black overprint bearing the word "Provisoire," the date (old style) and a native inscription. Our correspondent informs us that the issue was locally printed at Tauris, but is a full official issue eligible for international use.

German newspapers circulate a rumour that the Russian authorities will issue a special series of postage stamps during the present year to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of St. Petersburg by Peter the Great.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.**"STAMPS" EXCHANGE SOCIETY.**

THE June packets were despatched on the 10th June, value as follows:—

Colonial and European Packet £483 1 7½
General Packet .. £206 5 11½

December credits have all been paid out and all sheets returned to their respective owners. The January and February packets are now returned, and accounts have been sent out. Sales are as follows.

January:—

Colonial Packet .. £70 5 5½
European Packet .. £15 0 10½
General Packet .. £14 16 1

February:—

Colonial Packet .. £42 15 6½
European Packet .. £6 17 0½
General Packet .. £28 3 9½

There are vacancies for a few more members.

Rules on application to the *Hon. Secretary*, F. L. HEYGATE, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S OUTING.

THE long spell of unpleasant weather came to an end in good time for the Second Annual Outing of the Junior London Philatelic Society, on Saturday, June 21st. This year there were two parties—a train party and a cycling one—each meeting at Brixton Church. The cyclists had a pleasant run to Godstone, a picturesque village in Surrey, where they were met by the members of the train party and took tea together at the Clayton Arms. After tea there was a display of vocal and instrumental talent in the music room, followed by lightsome revels on the village green. About nine o'clock the train passengers gave the cyclists a hearty send-off and then adjourned to Godstone after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The cycling party was conducted by Mr. Sidney Westbury, and the train party by Mr. Fred. J. Melville.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on the 21st May, Mr. Clitherow presiding, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. It was decided to hold the next gathering on the 9th inst., when all members are particularly requested to put in an appearance.

Hon. Sec., W. S. HUGHES, 10, Victoria Road, Sale.

CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE.

SINCE last report the March and April Packets have returned from circuit, and all cash balances due to members have been paid and all sheets returned.

The following gentlemen have joined the Club:—Messrs. H. Bean, W. H. Maunder, and H. G. Hanson.

Would the members kindly forward sheets to the coming packets, as I do not intend having a break in the Caledonia, although several members will not be able to see packets until the holiday season is over.

Rules and any other information can be had on application to the *Secretary*, John Johnson, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, June 10.

The date of meetings was altered to the second Tuesday in each month, from October to May inclusive.

Reports were read by the *Hon. Secretary* and the *Hon. Treasurer*, showing a very successful season as regards the working of the society, the financial position, and the

increase in membership. The balance in hand amounted to upwards of £12, and the number of members to 136.

The election of officers for the season of 1902-1903 resulted as follows:

Hon. President: H. Jennings-White.

Hon. Vice-President: Herbert R. Oldfield.

Vice-Presidents: W. B. Avery, M. P. Castle, J.P., Robert Ehrenbach, Gordon Smith, M.A.

Committee: L. E. Bradbury, W. G. Cool, R. Frenzels, F. Reichenheim, J. C. Sidebotham, W. Simpson, C. R. Sutherland, A. G. Wane

Countersfeit Expert: Rev. R. B. Earle.

Librarian: George Haynes.

Hon. Auditors: W. A. Boyes, George Gaffe.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: H. A. Slade.

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1c. vermilion	1	1/0	0/4	2c. on 3c.	31	0/6	0/2
*2c. purple	2	1/3	0/8	1893.			
3c. bistre	3	2/6	0/10	1c.	34	0/2	0/1
5c. green	4	7/6	2/6	2c.	36	0/2	0/1
7c. blue	5	2/6	0/10	3c.	37	1/3	0/3
20c. brown	6	20/0	8/0	5c.	38	0/3	0/1
1882.				7c.	39	0/5	0/2
1c. vermilion	7	1/6	6/0	20c.	40	1/0	0/4
2c. purple	8	4/0	1/3	1896-8.			
3c. brown	9	2/6	1/0	1c.	43	0/1	0/½
5c. green	10	0/6	0/2	2c.	44	0/1	0/½
7c. blue	11	1/0	0/4	3c.	45	0/3	0/1
7c. pale blue	12	1/0	0/4	5c.	46	0/4	0/1½
20c. (* 2/0)	13	0/9	0/3	7c.	47	0/5	0/2
1883.				20c.	48	0/6	0/2
2 per 13½ white paper	14	3/6	1/2	2c. on 20 brn.	49	0/9	0/3
1886.				2c. on 20 or. (10/- 100)	50	0/4	0/1½
1c. scarlet	15	0/9	0/4	1898.			
2c. purple	16	1/3	0/8	2c. on 3c.	51-2	0/2	0/½
5c. green	17	0/9	0/3	1c., 2c., 3c.	53-5	0/2	0/1
1887.				All unused.			
1c. lake	18	0/8	0/3	*4c., 5c.	56-7	0/3	0/1½
2c. violet	19	0/8	0/3	*7c.	58	0/4	0/3
3c. blue	20	0/8	0/3	*8c.	59	0/5	0/4
5c. green	21	0/3	0/1	*10c.	60	0/5	0/4
1890.				*15c.	61	0/8	0/6
2c. on 3c.	22	0/6	0/2	*20c.	62	0/10	0/8
1891.				*50c.	63	2/6	1/6
1c. purple	24	0/5	0/2	*81	64	4/0	3/0
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The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

The Exchange Club question, like the poor, we have always with us. Taking as his text a short article published in the last *Fortnightly*, Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt, Secretary of the Otterdale Stamp Exchange Club, writes us as follows:—

I was surprised to note in the last number of the *S.C.F.*, your erroneous and somewhat misleading statement to the effect that Exchange Club Secretaries *MAKE* their members adhere to the gross price system, which you seek to change, and on behalf of the Secretarial fraternity, I venture to protest vigorously against your unhappy interpretation concerning the almost universal adherence to the time-honoured rule of 50% discount, which I contend exists, and always will exist, because it has become hall marked with the emphatic approval of an overwhelming majority of club members.

Facts are, however, more convincing than mere theory, which coming from myself might with some fairness be counted prejudice. In the last report of "The Otterdale" (which may fairly be considered a representative club), I stated that if one-third of the members wished the adoption of nett pricing and would apprise me of their wishes, I would poll the votes of every member in the Club, and then abide by the verdict of the majority. In reply to this sportive offer, *not a single member* expressed the slightest desire for nett prices, and on the contrary, several wrote to testify their loyalty to the much-abused gross price system.

In my judgment, the nett price idea is the fond offspring of a very small but noisy minority of philatelists, who wish to dispose of certain stamps at substantially more than half catalogue and who vainly imagine that they would be enabled to do so through the medium of the leading Exchange Clubs, if only nett prices were the rule and not the exception. As it stands at present, the same stamps are often to be seen in club packets marked at the convenient catalogue prices and subject to the usual 50% discount.

In conclusion, I submit that no Secretary of any Club of standing and good repute would be so foolishly pig-headed as to disregard the wishes of his members on so important a question as this, and to state otherwise simply shows an "invincible ignorance" of the good relations which exist and the constant interchange of opinions which take place between the Secretary and Members of most Clubs.

I trust that with your customary fairness you will find space for this very necessary protest.

We have only to add, as our comment on Mr. Dannatt's letter, that what he appears to regard as a statement made editorially by the *Fortnightly* was simply the opinion of one of the *Fortnightly's* readers. "Hear all sides" has always been our motto, and anything that a reader of the *S.C.F.* sends us—provided it be of public interest and quite devoid of malice—is either summarised or given in extenso in our columns. We don't all think alike in this best of all possible worlds, and though we personally favour the nett pricing system as the outcome of our own personal experience it is quite evident from Mr. Dannatt's letter that there are plenty of level headed philatelists who see greater virtue in the 50% system.

Another correspondent, "B.W.W.," expresses views diametrically opposed to those of the Secretary of the Otterdale Club. "B.W.W." writes:—

Notwithstanding the favour extended to it by the leading Exchange Clubs, and the fact that members having signed an agreement to pay the full amount in certain circumstances are occasionally compelled by the stern hand of the law to do as they have agreed, it [the 50% system] is absurd and wasteful. Every price ought to be nett, as all members possessing a catalogue and an atom of judgment should know now-a-days what is a fair price to pay. Doubling the real prices on the sheets has a distracting effect on those who are members of other clubs with nett prices, as they may not remember at the time whether the stamps they are taking

totalling 16/- are really costing them that, and they may be calculating on 8/- only, until they receive account a month later to their surprise and annoyance; or their own sheets may have been priced nett and are nearly cleared because it is a 50% discount club.

The one advantage claimed for the doubled price is that it enables a manager to enforce a payment that will cover his costs, but a much fairer plan would be a signed clause in rules by which a member not paying within a week is fined one penny for first day, 2d. the second, 3d. the third, and so on. Or for large sums it could be put as 5% first day, 10% the next, increasing 5% daily until the doubled amount is attained at the end of a month from first statement of account.

In many respects the most sensible plan would be—that every member who takes stamps shall deduct the amount he sees has already been taken from his own sheets from the value he has taken and remit the balance (or nearest postal order below it) at once to the manager. There would be no more cost or trouble, as in most cases now, the members have to advise manager of the receipt, despatch and purchases, and the honest man will have the delightful consciousness of being out of debt. On the other side, the manager will have in hand sufficient cash to pay everybody within three days of return of packet from circuit, and all will feel safer and better pleased with themselves and the world at large, because they have only to receive back cash instead of paying it. *Arcades ambo*, etc., etc.!

In my own exchange sales have doubled since prices were nett, and (with one or two exceptions) everybody is paid within a week of returned packet, and yet we have no fines or power of recovery. Honest men, all!

We do not think—nor, we feel sure, does "B.W.W." wish to suggest—that the members of the Fifty-per-Cent Exchanges are *not* honest men. Probably there are black sheep in almost every flock; but that is not the question. The question is as to the greater workability of the 50% or the nett system. Since first the subject was mooted in our columns a number of Exchanges have "verted" to the nett pricing system, and it is a significant fact that in every case increased sales have been reported as a result of the change.

The suggestion made by "B.W.W." as to a daily increasing penalty for deferred payment of "differences" is one that will not appeal to everybody. Far happier is the plea for spot cash settlements, every purchaser from a packet remitting the amount of his purchase at the time that he notifies the Secretary of the forwarding the packet to the next member on the list. This is a system which we, personally, worked with great success in connection with an Exchange for Beginners, known as the Stamp Collectors' League, some years ago, and we have never been able to understand why the system was not more generally adopted.

News-Notes from all Quarters.

Says a Transatlantic writer, summing up the position of the stamp market, "There is a noticeable scarcity of the rarer lines in all departments." Lor!

No information seems to be obtainable relative to the plans and purposes of the Cuban Government upon the stamp question. The Post Office Department and Bureau have no knowledge of what is to be done. Evidently the Cubans have not taken the matter up.—"Mekeel's Weekly."

New philatelic papers are announced for early publication in all quarters of the world. Just when we wanted to be quiet, too! In Durban, Natal, there is going to be an "Imperial Philatelist," and in America Mr. A. K. Graves is going to launch the "Fortnightly Philatelist"—"the only semi-monthly stamp paper in America." Nearer home there is the same activity in matters journalistic. The Collectors' Press Agency of 84, Bury Park Road, Luton, Beds., promises the first number of the "I.P.R." for September next. The "I.P.R."—which, by the way, stands for "I.P.R."—is going to be a philatelic journal on 20th century lines, and will consist of 32 large pages monthly. Yet another new venture is to be known as the "Philatelic Monthly Advertiser"—a title which we thought had been snapped up already. The pathetic part about it is that no body in this country appears to want "Philatelic Monthly Advertisers."

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THE "FORTNIGHTLY'S" AUCTION REPORTS.



DESPITE the welcome change to real summer weather there was an excellent attendance for Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's big auction, referred to in our last number. The summer break, however, is fast approaching, and for a brief time the auctioneer will cease from troubling and his hammer be at rest.

That the *Fortnightly* Auction Reports during the season 1901-1902 have been a welcome and popular feature of the paper we are assured; but we should be glad to learn of any

means by which we could make our Auction Chronicle of still greater value. A recent correspondent suggests the total elimination of "mixed lots," arguing that if more than one distinct stamp is included in an auctioneer's lot the realised price cannot possibly be of any value as a guide to a person who was unable to inspect the lot before the sale. This is not to be gainsaid, and it will be noticed that we very rarely report mixed lots except where there is some special reason for doing so. On the other hand, a reader in Ireland asks us "to give full reports of every auction from start to finish." How we are to do that without enlarging the *Fortnightly* he does not explain. Amid such conflicting opinions it is sometimes difficult to steer a course that will be acceptable to all. At the same time we like to hear the views of all and are never tired of reading our subscribers' letters. At the present time, when we are naturally beginning to look forward to our arrangements for next season, such letters will be especially welcome.

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Messrs. PUTTIK & SIMPSON'S SALE, May 13th and 14th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
EUROPE.			
Gt. Britain, 1855/57, wmk. medium garter, 4d. carmine on blue, a block of 6*, mint	71	0	0
Ionian Islands, 1859, 1d. blue on entire, original	1	6	0
Naples, 1858, 50 grana pale lake*, fair	2	8	0
Do. 1860, ½ tornese, blue, Arms, cracked right across*	3	7	6
Do. do. do. "Cross," repaired*	2	2	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 2 soldi, brick-red on blue, cut close	3	0	0
Do. 1853, 9 crazie, lilac on white	2	17	6
ASIA.			
Ceylon, 1857-59, 1/9 green, torn	1	16	0
Do. do. 2/- blue, cut close and thinned	2	10	0
Do. 1861, 8d. brown	2	12	0
Do. do. 8d. yellow-brown, badly centred	1	18	0
Do. 1872-80, wmk. C.C., 2 rupees 50c., lilac-rose	2	18	0
AFRICA.			
British Bechuanaland, 1889, ½d. black with double green surcharge, one inverted, a block of 4*	6	0	0
Do. Fourpence on ½d. vermilion with inverted surcharge	3	0	0
Do. 2/6 green*	4	7	6
Do. 5/- green*	6	6	0
Do. 10/- green*	8	0	0
British Central Africa, 1897, £1 blue*	2	10	0
British East Africa, 1890, 1 anna*	1	18	0
Do. do. 1891, M.S. surcharge, "½ anna A.B." on 2a. red, a pair	5	0	0
Do. do. a fine single copy	4	15	0
Do. do. similar surcharge, on 3a. brown on red	5	0	0
Do. do. "1 anna A.B." on 4a. brown	3	0	0
Do. do. hand stamped and initialled, "½ anna A.D." on 2a. red	5	5	0
Do. do. "1 anna A.B." on 4a. brown	6	0	0
Do. 1895, 5a. black on blue*	3	0	0
Do. do. another specimen used	2	2	0
Do. do. 2 rupees, red	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
British South Africa, 1890, £10 brown* but gum, is not original	7	0	0
Do. 1896-97, Buluwayo Provisionals, One Penny on 3d. grey,* gum not original	2	12	0
Do. another copy used	2	10	0
Do. One Penny on 4/- grey, a pair,* part gum	3	10	0
Cape of Good Hope. 1853-58, Triangular, 1/- dark green, a pair*			
Do. another pair* different shade	6	10	0
Do. 1861, "Woodblock" 1d. red, very fine	6	6	0
Do. do. another, fine	4	12	6
Do. do. do. do.	4	10	0
Do. do. 4d. blue, variety with retouched corner, creased	6	5	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue	6	15	0
Do. do. 4d. red, error, a fair copy, but repaired	26	0	0
Do. 1863-64, Triangular 1 - emerald, a pair*	8	17	6
Do. 1894-80, wmk. C.C., Three Pence in red on 4d. blue, error "The. ce"	2	2	0
Gold Coast, 1891, wmk. C.A., 20/- green and red*	6	10	0
Mauritius, 1848, 2d. blue, early impression*, cut rather close	3	3	0
Do. do. do. medium impression	5	5	0
Do. 1854, Britannia. imperf., Four Pence black and green	1	14	0
Niger Coast, 1893, ½ in red on half of 1d. blue	1	12	0
Orange River Colony, 1900, 2d. blue, the variety with Antique "2" in fraction	2	7	6
Seychelles, 1893, 3 cents on 4 cents, 12 cents an 16 cents and 15 cents an 16c. All inverted surcharges and * mint	5	0	0
Transvaal. 1878, V.R. Transvaal, 1d. red on blue, with inverted surcharge, slightly cut into	5	5	0
Do. 1876-79, 1 Penny in black on 6d. black, type 14	3	12	6
Zululand, 1888-92, 5/- carmine*	3	3	0
Do. do. another copy used	3	3	0
Do. 1891-94, Natal Revenue stamp, surcharged 1/-, lilac and red	3	0	0
Do. 1894-96, £5 black and purple on red	3	12	6

NORTH AMERICA.

New Brunswick, 1851, 6d. yellow, defective	3	0	0
Do. do. 1/- mauve, do.	7	0	0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1/- violet, creased but otherwise fine	12	0	0

AUSTRALASIA.

New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 1d. red, without shading on hill	3	5	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. gold-bronze	6	6	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, May 22nd and 23rd.

EUROPE.

Gt. Britain, 10/- blue I.R. Official	2	2	0
Norway, 1st issue, 4sk. blue*	1	10	0
Switzerland, Basle, 2½ rappen blue, black and carmine	2	12	6

AFRICA.

British Central Africa, 1st issue, £1 deep blue*	3	0	0
Do. do. £2 rose-red*	4	10	0
British East Africa. Provisionals, M.S. surcharge, "½ anna A.B." on 2a. vermilion, torn*	6	17	6
Do. a similar copy, used	4	15	0
Do. another with "½ anna" in different M.S.	4	12	6
Do. do. 1 anna A.B. on 4a. brown*	5	5	0
Do. do. another	6	0	0
Do. 1894, Provs. on Company's Stamps, 1 anna green*	3	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 4d. blue	2	0	0
Lagos, 1885-87, 5/- blue*	4	4	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 2d. blue, error Penoe, medium state	7	7	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, do.	2	0	0

WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1873, 5/- dull rose,* oxidised	2	14	0
British Honduras, wmk. C. & C.C., perf. 14, 6d. rose*	1	12	0
Do. 1887, 1/- grey*	2	0	0
Montserrat, wmk. C. & C.A., 4d. blue	1	10	0
Tobago, 1st issue 1/- green and 5/- slate*	2	12	6
Do. wmk. C. & C.A., 6d. stone,* one perf. gone	3	0	0
Do. another copy used	4	0	0
Do. do.	4	0	0
Trinidad, Official Stamp, 1894, 5/- dull lake*	2	7	0

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OCEANIA.			
Hawaiian Islands, Inter-Island Postage, 1864, 2c. black on pale azure, wove paper, 2 copies, both defective..	4	12	6
New South Wales, Laureated 8d. orange	2	2	0
Do. 1855, 5d. green imperf	3	0	0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange, badly centred	1	12	0
Do. The Registered, on letter uncanceled	6	17	6
Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, May 29th, 30th, and June 3rd and 4th.			
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose*	2	10	0
Bavaria, 1874, 1 mark mauve, large type*	1	6	0
British Central Africa, 1892, 3/- on 4/.. ..	1	0	0
British Colombia, 1865, perf. 14, 1 dollar green*	2	4	0
British East Africa, 1895, surcharged on Company's stamps, 1a. green*	2	2	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855-58, 1/- yellow-green, a pair ..	1	18	0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, 6d. on 3d. lilac-rose ..	1	8	0
Do. do. 1/- on 4d. olive	1	6	0
Do. do. on Protectorate, 6d. on 3d. 1/ green ..	1	14	0
Do. do. 2/- on B. Bechuanaland,	2	6	0
Colombia, 1861, 2½c. black*	1	12	0
Gt. Britain, £1 green, I.R. official	1	18	0
India, 1866, Service 2 annas, black on lilac*	1	16	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 2d. blue, worn plate, but torn ..	1	14	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- lilac, rather off colour ..	5	5	0
Do. 1860, 6d. orange	1	14	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, plate 2, on bluish, 1d. lake, a pair, one showing the variety with hill unshaded, cut rather close	4	17	6
Niger Coast, 1898, 10/- violet*	1	0	0
Queensland, imperf. 1d. carmine	1	10	0
Tobago, 1880, 1d. on half of 6d.	2	2	0
Trinidad, 1882, wmk. CA., perf. 14, 4d. grey*	1	0	0
Do. "Official" set from ½d. to 5/-* mint	5	0	0
Turks Island, 1893, ½d. on 4d. grey	1	12	0
United States, Navy, 7c.* part gum	1	6	0
Victoria, 1853, 4d. rose rouletted, two specimens on piece ..	7	0	0
Do. 1868-81, 5/- blue on orange	3	5	0
Virgin Islands, 1867, perf. 15, 6d. pale rose*	2	8	0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown on red	2	12	0
Zululand, 5/- carmine	3	3	0

Messrs. PUTTIOK & SIMPSON'S SALE,
June 10th and 11th.

	£	s.	d.
EUROPE.			
Gibraltar, 1886, 1/- brown*	2	2	0
Spain, 1865, imperf., 12 cuartos blue and rose, slightly defective in corner	3	12	6
Switzerland, "Winterthur," 1850, 2½ rappen, black and red, thinned	1	4	0
Tuscany, 1851-52, 2 soldi, red on blue, heavy postmark ..	3	15	0
Do. do. 60 crazie red on blue, right corner defective	3	5	0

AFRICA.

British East Africa, 1895, 5 annas black on blue ..	2	15	0
Do. do. 2 rupees, red	2	6	0
Mauritius, 1848, 2d. dark blue, early impression, but repaired ..	2	12	6

NORTH AMERICA.

Canada, 1851-57, 12d. black on wove, surcharged "Specimen"	2	6	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve, used with 3d. red on piece, creased	7	12	6
Newfoundland, 1857, 6½d. scarlet, creased down centre ..	5	15	0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 6d. dark green*	1	17	0

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Barbados, 1870, wmk. large star, rough perfs., 4d. dull rose * no gum	3	0	0
Do. 1872-93, small star, 5/- rose,* part gum	2	17	6
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow green	2	8	0
Trinidad, 1859, imperf., 6d. green	1	10	0
Turks Islands, 1881, 2½d. on 1d. red, type 10,* no gum ..	9	0	0

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

British Guiana, 1850, 12c. blue, cut round and torn ..	7	5	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, corners cut and mended ..	4	0	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Tres Pesos green	2	0	0
Do. do. Cuato do. red, defective	4	4	0
Do. do. Cinco do. yellow, corners defective	3	17	6

	£	s.	d.
AUSTRALASIA.			
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 2d. blue, plate 2 ..	2	4	0
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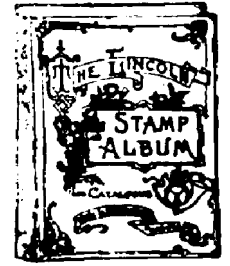
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Philatelic Entrances and Exits.

The publishers of the "Monthly Philatelic Referee," Messrs. R. T. Morgan & Co., owing to the growth of other departments of their business, have no longer the necessary time to conduct their highly promising monthly journal. We understand that the copyright has been sold to Mr. J. T. Bolton.

From Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham, we have received an interesting "Partnership Notice," dated July 1st:—

I have pleasure in notifying you that I have this day taken into partnership my son, Frank E. Wilson, who has been actively engaged with me in the business for the past 8 years, and it will be our endeavour to carry on the business exactly as heretofore, but without change of name.

We greatly regret to learn that the June issue of that excellent Canadian journal, the "Montreal Philatelist," is the last that will appear.

Who has met this Robinson?

THE "New York Philatelist" is curious as to the movements of a man by the homely name of Robinson, who at one time lived at Huns Valley, Manitoba. This Robinson liked stamps. He collected stamps, he solicited stamps on approval, he wanted to exchange stamps, he claimed to be able to give very fine Canadian stamps in exchange, and several collectors were foolish enough to send him good selections for exchange and on approval. Robinson disappeared, but was afterward located at Winnipeg, but still no settlement could be secured. Robinson claimed he had returned all stamps from Huns Valley and meantime secured more selections and received cash for stamps advertised at bargain prices, but shortly afterwards he left for England, suddenly—so suddenly that he did not have time to fill orders or return stamps.

"We are now after Robinson's record in England," remarks our contemporary, "but whatever it was it must have been short, as we learn Robinson soon came back and settled in the United States again."

The Bargains we Miss.

To any ardent collector of philatelic literature—and their number is daily growing—it seems incomprehensible that at a recent auction sale in London the ten volumes of the "London Philatelist," unbound, were knocked down for twelve shillings. "What does it mean?" asks the "Philatelic Record" in an editorial article on the subject. In our view it simply means that nobody who cared about philatelic literature was present in the auction room, and the auctioneer failing any instructions as to a reserve, was bound to knock the books down to the highest bidder. As a general thing it may be assumed that the dealers and speculators who form the majority of the average stamp auctioneer's audience, do not set great store by philatelic literature.

At the same sale the Philatelic Society's works on Oceania and the West Indies sold for twenty shillings and eighteen shillings respectively. The "Philatelic Record" is astonished.

A few years ago (remarks our contemporary) the monographs of the Society were scarcely to be had for love or money. West Indies fetched from £4 to £5, and Oceania, though rather out of date, was, nevertheless, regarded as a valuable work and realised a correspondingly good price. Does it mean that latter-day specialists are less keen on providing themselves with good Philatelic libraries than the older generation of collectors? It is admitted that there are very few noted Philatelic libraries. Some say they can be counted on the fingers on one hand, even in this country. Surely it is not so bad as that! But when we hear how sadly even the premier society neglects its library, how can we wonder that individual collectors fail to realise the necessity, or even the desirability, of acquiring a Philatelic library?

Possibly the real aim and object of the "Record's" remarks is to be found in the last sentence of the excerpt we have given, which may conceivably be intended as an endorsement of Mr. M. P. Castle's recent eloquent appeal to the society to set its library in order. Be this as it may no one, surely, can doubt that the literature of stamps is being far more ardently collected to-day than at any previous period in the history of the hobby. The recent request of the Earl of Crawford, now Vice-President of the Philatelic Society, to be supplied regularly with all philatelic periodicals published throughout the world is only one of many signs of the times.

But a complete file of the "London Philatelist" for twelve shillings! It is certainly extraordinary. It may simply mean, however, that the auction room is not the most fitting medium for the disposal of philatelic literature.

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The New "Vice."

Although there has been a marked diminution in the membership—many having been "dropped for non-payment of dues," to use a handy but blunt Americanism—the Annual Report of the Philatelic Society, London, makes pleasant and encouraging reading. Mr. M. P. Castle, having retired from the Vice-Presidency after a long and honorable service in that capacity, has now been appointed Honorary Vice-President by general desire. The new "Vice," who it may be hoped will often preside at the Society's meetings, is that earnest and popular philatelist, the Earl of Crawford.

A Clever Advertisement.

Stamp dealers in the United Kingdom, though they are quite alive to the value of an advertisement, do not appear to attach any special importance to a "smart" and "taking" announcement. How different in America! Yankee dealers are sly, and their advertisements reflect it. Take the back page of a recent issue of "Mekeel's Weekly" as an instance. The whole page had been engaged by the New England Stamp Company, who, however, left it entirely blank except for a tiny announcement in small type in the centre. The collector, looking eagerly to this small island of type for some explanation of such an unwonted ocean of white emptiness on the back page of his Mekeel, read as follows: "**Blank Spaces:** For those in your album send a Want List to the New England Stamp Company, Boston." That in our opinion was a well-thought-out and cleverly executed advertising scheme. Only a development of a very old idea, perhaps; but then what are all new ideas but old ones skilfully modernised?

The Boom that never Comes.

For years a great boom in European stamps has been predicted, but in this case the philatelic seers have prophesied falsely. In certain individual countries there has been some sort of increased interest taken, but the oft-promised boom, with the usual accompaniment of an all-round appreciation in prices, has never materialised. The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" is now making a strenuous effort to assist its arrival by the publication, in instalments, of a priced catalogue of all European stamps. The list has reached Baden in the current number of our contemporary, and the fascinating old stamps of the Grand Duchy are ably handled by the compilers of the list. Whether the boom will, as the Yankees say, "eventuate" as the result of all this journalistic enterprise it is difficult to say, but the readers of "P.J.G.B." will certainly not be the losers by the innovation, for a carefully compiled, descriptive, alphabetical catalogue of all European issues is a thing not to be sneezed at.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

A LONG and interesting letter which I have received from Mr. Edgar Nelson, of New York, throws considerable light upon the recent successful forging of the 1c. Jefferson Postal Cards. It will be remembered that in commenting upon this great fraud on the United States Postal Department, I expressed astonishment that a man should be able to dispose of such quantities of postal cards at face value, or less, without at once exciting suspicion and attention. It seemed to me that although the imitation of so simple a piece of work as the card in question, was quite an easy matter, the sale of the forgery would be attended with so many difficulties and dangers, that the game would scarcely be worth playing. If the conditions in the States were the same as obtain in this country, the feat would have been well nigh impossible. My correspondent shows me, however, that to Louis Smith the matter was not even difficult.

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"The American people," says Mr. Nelson, "are notoriously improvident." Please note, it is Mr. Nelson not I who make this charge. With the large number of American visitors at present in London, and their known proficiency in the use of six shooters I certainly should have hesitated to deliver myself in this manner. However this improvidence, which I would rather term lack of foresight leads the Secretaries of Clubs and Societies, Banks, Publishing and other Mercantile Houses frequently to have more postal cards printed with various formal advices, acknowledgments, offers, notices, etc., etc., than needed. Other causes also, such as the amalgamation of banks or firms, the alteration of names, or the failure of businesses contribute to frequently render large stocks of printed official postal cards useless. Large businesses, banks, or societies will frequently have from 100 to 50,000 cards printed with some notice or another, and quite often some change which has not been foreseen renders them quite useless for their original purpose. Now Uncle Sam will not redeem these cards (like John Bull does) at any price. He will be no party to such improvidence, and for anything he cares these thousands upon thousands of cards may be wasted, to the gain of the P.O. Department. But Yankee ingenuity was quickly to the rescue and it was found that it was possible to coat over these printed cards with an enamel so as to restore a clean face and make it available for use for other purposes. This enamel was a clever mixture of white zinc, china clay, glue and other ingredients applied by hand when warm, allowed to dry and then pressed between steel rollers to smooth and harden the surface.

Quite an industry was set up in this business, my correspondent says, some 45 or 50 people making a livelihood by these means.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Barbados.—The "M.C." chronicles a new ½d. news-band with stamp of the Arins type, brown on buff.

Danish West Indies.—The 3c. and 3+3c. cards which were formerly reduced by a surcharge '1 cent 1901' are now found surcharged 1 cent 1902, and the 2c. single card also has the same adornment.

France.—"E.W.S.N." chronicles a new reply letter card with stamp of the new (Mouchon) type, 15c. orange on chamois.

Gambia.—The "P.J.G.B." quotes a new 2c. blue registration envelope, with head of King Edward.

Monaco.—"Le T.B." announces that the 15 centimes rose letter card is now printed in red-brown on pale grey.

Persia.—In addition to the 12 shahi envelope, the 10 shahi envelope and the 5 and 5+5 shahi cards have received the overprint "Provisiore—1319" in a frame.

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.

Bosnia.—We find we have not yet chronicled the new 20 heller label, a specimen of which was sent us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. The figures of values in the lower angles of the stamp are in black; the rest of the stamp is in pale rose. The perforation is 12½.

Adhesive: 20 heller, rose and black.

British Somaliland.—The issue of postage stamps for this territory, foreshadowed by "Morley's Philatelic Journal" some months ago, is now an accomplished fact. Fiscals were provided last year by overprinting the set of Indian fiscals, and now a similar surcharge is being applied to the ordinary Indian postage stamps. In "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" the following description is given:—

Adhesives. Overprinted "BRITISH SOMALILAND" in two lines (1½mm. apart) in black, in sans-serif capitals, on current "Queen's Head" postage adhesives of India.

- ½ anna pale green.
- 1 " carmine.
- 2 annas violet.
- 2½ " blue.
- 3 " brown-orange.
- 4 " slate-green.
- 6 " pale brown.
- 8 " dull mauve.
- 12 " brown on red.
- 1 rupee carmine and green.
- 2 rupees yellow-brown and carmine.
- 3 " green and brown.
- 5 " violet and ultramarine.

Official Adhesives. Similar overprint, wider apart, on Indian adhesives already surcharged "On H.M.S."

- ½ anna pale green.
- 1 " carmine.
- 2 annas violet.
- 8 " lilac.
- 1 rupee carmine and green.

Hitherto (adds our contemporary) ordinary Indian stamps have been in use and such may be distinguished by the postmark, a "B" surrounded by horizontal lines. Berbera, the chief town, is on the coast directly opposite to Aden. The Foreign Office has now taken over the Somali Coast from Indian control, hence the necessity for a distinct set of stamps. The case is so far parallel with that of Cyprus in 1878, and will not unlikely continue so, as no doubt the present surcharged set will be superseded in due course by one in the ordinary Colonial design.

France.—From Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. we have received a specimen of the 10 centimes of the new type—i.e., with modified tablet for numeral of value, and with the word "Postes" transferred to the top border of the stamp as already described and illustrated in the *Fortnightly*. Three stamps now exist in this revised type:—

- Adhesives.*—10c. carmine.
20c. brown purple.
30c. lilac.

Gambia.—To Mr. Bertram Poole, of Stamford, and to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, we are indebted for specimens of the new King Edward Stamps, which may now be chronicled as follows:

- ½d. green.
- 1d. carmine.
- 2d. orange and violet.
- 2½d. ultramarine.
- 3d. purple and blue.
- 4d. brown and blue.
- 6d. sage-green and rose.
- 1s. violet and green.
- 2s. dark green and orange.

Hong Kong.—Mention has not yet been made in the *Fortnightly* of the new 12c. blue, with C.A. watermark.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. sent us a specimen under date May 29th.

Adhesives: 12 cents blue.

Malta.—Mr. Frederick R. Ginn has shown us a surcharged stamp just to hand from Malta—the 2½d. blue, Queen's Head, with black surcharge "One Penny" in two lines.

Adhesive: "One Penny" on 2½d. blue.

New Zealand.—A specimen of the halfpenny green, printed on yellowish paper is sent us by Mr. Fredk. R. Ginn. Not only is there this peculiarity of paper, but the watermark is now properly centred, instead of being half on one stamp and half on the next as formerly.

Adhesive: ½d. green, yellowish paper.

Niue and Penrhyn Islands.—Mr. Bertram Poole writes:—"In addition to the ½d. and 1d. New Zealand stamps chronicled in the last number of the *S.C.F.*, the 2½d. blue has also been surcharged for use in these Islands, viz.:—

'NIUE. 2½ PENI' in red on 2½d. blue.

'PENRHYN ISLAND. 2½ PENI' in red on 2½d. blue.

"In a consignment of these stamps just received I find the following errors occur in the Niue issue:—

- (1) Wide space between 'U' and 'E' of Niue.
½d. green. 1d. rose.
- (2) Ditto and no stop after 'PENI.' 1d. rose.
- (3) No stop after 'PENI.' 1d. rose."

Orange River Colony.—The 1d. Cape of Good Hope (figure of Hope standing), has now been overprinted "Orange River Colony" in three lines of type, the overprint being identical with that already applied to the ½d. and 2½d. values of the same set. We gather from "Ewen's Weekly" that the variety "without stop after Colony" occurs on the 6th stamp of the 2nd row of S.E. pane.

Seychelles.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., we have received specimens of the following five provisionals:—

- Adhesives:* 2c. on 4c. rose and green.
30c. on 75c. yellow and violet.
30c. on 1 rupee, mauve and rose.
45c. on " " " "
45c. on 2r. 25c., mauve and green.

"The following," write Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., "are the exact numbers of these provisionals printed:—2c. on 4c., 18,000; 30c. on 75c., 18,000; 30c. on 1 rupee, 9,000; 45c. on 1 rupee, 9,000; 45c. on rs. 2.25, 6,000.

Bluish-Green and Greenish Blue.

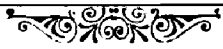
LETTERS have appeared in the Press on the subject of the similarity between the halfpenny and twopence-halfpenny British stamps when viewed under artificial light. The fact is not to be gainsaid, and a curious official endorsement of the difficulty is given in the London "Evening News" of July 12:

A correspondent writes: "I have noticed your paragraphs in the "Evening News" concerning the new postage stamps. It may interest you to learn that last Saturday night I paid sixpence at a Government Post Office in this district (Lee) for twelve halfpenny stamps, and to my surprise the following day I found that I had been handed twelve twopence-halfpenny stamps by mistake. In returning them to the office the officials, in thanking me, intimated that the mistake was due to the likeness of the two issues by artificial light."

In other quarters, however, the complaint has been pooh-pooled. The difference in the expression of value, one newspaper writer contends, is quite sufficient to enable one to distinguish between the two stamps, the "One Halfpenny" of the green stamp being set out in words whereas on the blue stamp the value "2½d." appears in numerals—that being the value most commonly used for international postage.

This is all very true, but it should not be necessary to look for the value expressed on these stamps; one should be able to identify them at a glance by the colour alone. It was to this end that the Washington Postal Congress of 1897 formulated its now historical recommendation that green, red and blue should be universally adopted as the recognised colours of the ½d., 1d., and 2½d. stamps respectively. And it seems that the green of our ½d. and the blue of our 2½d. stamp stand badly in need of alteration.

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7c. blue ..	11	1/0	0/4	3c. ..	45	0/3	0/1
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1c. purple ..	24	0/5	0/2	*\$1 ..	64	4/0	3/0
2c. blue ..	25	0/4	0/1 1/2	*Unpaid set, 2 to			
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Varieties of the ½d. British Stamp.

By R. F. CHANCE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., IN THE
"PHILATELIC RECORD"

COMPARATIVELY recently there was a good deal of correspondence in some of the Philatelic Journals about the discovery of varieties of this stamp.

As far as I have been able to discover, only four varieties have been mentioned. These varieties are:—

- (a) 20th Stamp in lower left pane of a sheet. There is a small red dot between the 1 of ½ and the 4, in upper right "½."
- (b) 20th Stamp in lower left pane of a sheet. There is a white hair line across the 1 of ½ in the upper right "½."
- (c) 17th Stamp in upper left pane of a sheet. The upper right 4 appears broken.
- (d) 20th Stamp in upper left pane of a sheet. There is a small white dot below the eye on a level with the point of the nose.

Varieties "c" and "d" occur on the same sheet. Thus "a" "b" and "c" are in the print of the duty plate, and "d" in that of the "head" plate. I have seen no sheet where "c" exists without "d," or *vice versa*, nor where "d" exists with "a" or "b."

With a view of endeavouring to trace these minor varieties to particular plates I turned to Messrs. Wright & Creeke's work on the Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles and found mention of three pairs of plates being used for this value, and rather jumped to the conclusion that "a" would be found with one pair, "b" with another, and "c" and "d" with the third. This calculation was, however, soon upset by sheets being mentioned in the journals showing no variety at all, which pointed either to these varieties being the results of injury or wear to previously perfect plates, or to the existence of a fourth duty plate. I am now able to give authentic details concerning the setting up and printing of these stamps, which I feel sure will be welcomed by

Philatelists, more especially as they go far to prevent these varieties creeping into the ever-growing list of errors.

For the manufacture of these stamps only two "head" plates were constructed, and these have been used throughout the whole issue. They are each of 160 set, i.e., eight panes of 20.

There have been three complete "duty" plates constructed, each in 8 sections of 20. Of these sections, Nos. 1 to 16, i.e., 2 complete plates, were put to press with the above-mentioned head plates on August 12th, 1892.

As these sections became worn they were replaced by new ones which were brought into use on the following dates:—

Section 17 ...	July 6th, 1894.
.. 18 ...	March 7th, 1895.
.. 19 ...	March 13th, 1895.
.. 20 ...	January 30th, 1896.
.. 21 ...	December 15th, 1896.
.. 22 ...	" "
.. 23 ...	" "
.. 24 ...	Was never used.

As far as can be ascertained, none of the sections and neither of the head plates show any sign of the varieties above noted.

If, as I am assured, these varieties are incidental to the printing, it does seem surprising that no other varieties have been recorded in this or any other value in the "Jubilee Issue," and not even in this value till it has been in issue over nine years! And further, that a speck of dust or hair on the plate, or a small lump of pigment in the ink should remain on the plate until at least six impressions have been taken, for I have seen six sheets showing varieties "c" and "d," and I don't doubt that others have seen as many, if not more, showing "a" or "b."

Were my information derived from a source which I could in any way doubt, I should still hold to the opinion that the varieties were due to some slight defects in the plates, but I am bound in the face of it to regard the varieties as incidental to the printing, and therefore of no true Philatelic interest.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC EXCHANGE.

This Exchange continues to improve in the amount of business transacted

The packets for the quarter ended March last averaged £125 each gross and the sales were close on 10 per cent. of the totals, which may be considered fairly good now-a-days.

The April packet has returned from circuit, and the Secretary has returned the sheets to the members.

The packets are circulated through the summer months in order to prevent the activity of the members from dropping below collecting point.

Collectors are admitted on the usual references and rules may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. W. A. JUTSUM, 371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

SINCE the last report appeared the April packet has been returned to Secretary, and probably all accounts will be settled by the time this appears in print. The June packet was a very good one, containing 38 sheets, nett value £132 5s. 8d. This month, July, the coming holidays and warm weather, evidently account for the fact that the 26 sheets are only worth £65 3s. 8d. Packets will start in August and September if sufficient sheets are sent, but the Secretary hopes all members, whether sending sheets or not, will give her at least four days notice of any change of address. There are a few vacancies for reliable members.

Rules for Ad. stamp from MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, "Winfrith," The Crescent, Bedford.

BEGINNERS STAMP EXCHANGE.

SINCE the last report appeared, both April and May packets have returned to Secretary, who at once made up the accounts—those for April being all settled. The sales are not quite so good as usual, but probably that may be accounted for by the fact that for the next month or two out-door pursuits will claim our time. As usual, no packet will start in August or September.

The June packet should return about August 15th, and that for July, which contained only 23 sheets, value £38 12s. 7d. nett, will be back about August 27th, a great number of members being away for holidays, &c. No report will appear till after the July packet has returned.

Rules for 3d. stamp from the Secretary, MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, S.E.P.S., Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford

THE LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

APRIL PACKET.

THE accounts for April are all settled and sheets all returned

Among the better stamps were some nice Provisional Sierra Leones, Grenada (d., no watermark; Turks 1d., star comp., perf. This packet also contained a fine lot of triangular Capes. There were 31 sheets, the total value of them £83 4s.

The sales amounted to £14 4s. 9d.

Still a few vacancies for ladies or gentlemen.

Application for rules and all particulars should be made to the Hon. Sec., MISS LOUISE HAYNES, 1, Westwood House, Wood Lane, London, W.

JOHANNESBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING for the purpose of reorganising the Johannesburg Philatelic Society took place lately at the old Club Room, Reliance Buildings, Kerk Street, and was a great success,

considering the circumstances. Mr. Thompson presided. Reference was made to the death of Mr. Turner, the late Secretary, and Mr. Clements, whose loss was deeply deplored, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to their respective families. Office-bearers were elected for the current year. It was resolved that the exchange and auction department be resumed as soon as convenient. A discussion took place as to the recognition of the Pietersburg issue as postage stamps, and the further consideration of the question was deferred for a fortnight. Some rare stamps were exhibited by Messrs. W. P. Cohen and Nieuberger, including a sheet of Transvaal sixpenny Queen's Head of the 1878-79 issue and a complete set of Mafeking Besieged stamps belonging to the latter. Communications from intending members should be addressed to the Secretary, Box 4043.

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THERE has been scant response to our request that readers of the *Fortnightly* give us their views as to our reports of auction realisations. In the most interesting of the letters we have received there is a suggestion that we inaugurate a separate periodical devoted exclusively to the reporting of philatelic auctions. But with the fate of the last publication of this class still fresh in our memory, we scarcely think the idea a feasible one. That we should have the ardent support of a few philatelists we feel

assured, but we have serious doubts as to the possibility of appealing successfully to the philatelic public by such an enterprise. Perhaps other readers will let us know their views on the subject?

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, June 16th.

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Do. 1895, 1d. on 2d., double surch.*	7	0	0
Do. do. no wmk., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6, 3/- and 5/-, the set*	2	10	0
Do. 1897, wmkd., £1 blue*, fine	3	0	0
British South Africa, 1891, ½d., 2d., 4d. and 8d., the set surcharged*	4	7	6
Ceylon, 1857, 8d. brown, fine	10	5	0
Do. 9d. claret, fine	3	12	6
Do. 10d. orange-vermilion*	2	16	0
Do. 1/- lilac, fine	1	10	0
Do. 1/9 yellow-green	2	12	0
Do. 1/9 deep green, fine	3	12	6
Do. 2/- blue, cut close at bottom and cleaned, otherwise fine	5	10	0
Do. 1861, wmk. star, clean cut perf., 8d. brown	4	0	0
Do. rough perf., 4d. rose-red*	2	4	0
Do. 8d. yellow-brown, badly centred*	3	7	6
Do. 1863, wmk. C.C., 2d. emerald-green, a horizontal pair*	2	16	0
Do. 5d. purple-brown*	3	0	0
Gambia, 1880, wmk. C.C., perf. 14, 1/- green, a block of 8*	14	5	0
Do. 1886-87, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 6d. bronze-green, a sheet of 15 with margins*	3	3	0
Montserrat, 1883, wmk. C.C., perf. 14, 4d. blue, a horizontal pair*	1	5	0
St. Lucia, 1883-86, 1/- red-brown*	3	10	0
Tobago, 1879, wmk. C.C., perf. 14, 5/- slate*	2	8	0
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TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnighly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Our original correspondent on the subject of the 50% discount system in connection with Philatelic Exchange Clubs, now returns to the charge by way of answering those gentlemen who have criticised his contribution. Writing now, over the pseudonym of "Rats," our correspondent pleads that the subject is of vital interest and importance to philatelists as a whole, because, he urges, if once the 50% discount system were abolished, the idea of "half catalogue" which secretly prevails among all members of Exchange Clubs, would disappear, and the class of stamps circulated through club sheets would be higher. For the rest, let "Rats" speak for himself:—

In my letter to the *S.C.F.* of June 21st, I wrote, "When will Secretaries of Stamp Exchange Clubs allow their members to mark their stamps at nett prices?"

Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt, in his reply to this letter, seems to be more engaged—and enraged—with the idea of its being insinuated that Club Secretaries MAKE their members adhere to the gross price system of marking their stamps, than in replying to the charge of the absurdity and uselessness of the system which I brought against it. Whether it be on account of the Secretary, or on account of the members, or the combination of the majority, is quite immaterial.

The plain and simple question is, "Why is this hokey-pokey and inane system persevered with?"

Is it because members enjoy the fun and fascination of doubling the prices of their own stamps and halving the prices of other people's? I cannot think so, though it is no doubt a charming amusement!

No! They believe the discount system enables the Secretary to collect the money owing to the Club, quickly, and to pay balances due to members without delay. If this is not the reason, then what is the reason?

I said in my letter that this result was *not* obtained by the clumsy and vexatious 50% discount, and Mr. Dannatt has danced all round the point and slain numerous enemies, with the exception of this one who wanted to fight him.

Here is a specimen of his argument: "The nett price idea is the 'fond off-spring of a very small but noisy minority of philatelists, who wish to dispose of certain stamps at substantially more than 'half catalogue and who vainly imagine that they would be enabled 'to do so through the medium of the leading Exchange Clubs, if only 'nett prices were the rule and not the exception."

Let us look at the other side of the question and formulate a reply: "The gross price system is the favourite chimera of the enthusiastic 'but all informed philatelist, who fondly imagines he can obtain any 'stamp he is in want of, through Club sheets, at half catalogue price." No flies on that!

But "half catalogue," "less than half catalogue," or "more than half catalogue," has nothing to do with the question.

There are stamps which are not worth a fifth of catalogue price and others which are worth full catalogue price, and others again which are worth *ten times* catalogue price!

If a man prices his stamps in accordance with their real value, he will sell, and if he prices them above their value, he will not. *Voilà tout!*

Mr. Dannatt's prophecy that the 50% discount system will continue to exist because it has always existed, is no argument. Had he lived about seventy-five years ago, he might have made the same remark about many things, such as coaches, sailing ships, &c., &c.

In all innovations and improvements, it has always been "the small but noisy minority" which has had to contend with the apparently "invincible ignorance" of the majority, but fortunately for humanity at large, the small minority, fighting for truth, has finally and inevitably gained the day.

I think it would be a great benefit to Stamp Clubs in general if all those Secretaries who have tried the two systems—the gross and nett—would write to the *S.C.F.*, giving their experiences.

The Secretaries, I know, who have tried the nett system, speak of it as a great improvement, and I think that an ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory.

THE philatelic silly season stares us in the face; the philatelic editor is grateful for any big-gooseberry item that comes his way. At a busier season we should not perhaps look so kindly upon the following letter from a Yorkshire correspondent and the flippant comment with which it concludes:—

"I read the following," writes A.E.J., "in the American papers just to hand:

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"The idea wasn't very original," adds A.E.J., "I think this is about the ninety-ninth prize philatelic fancy costume I have read about. But what alarmed me when I first read the par was the statement that the young lady had drawn on all the countries of the world for the material for her fearful and wonderful frock. I do sincerely hope she exercised a wise discrimination in the distribution of some of those treacherous old issues. It wouldn't be nice to get a dig from a 'Large Star' in the middle of an entrancing waltz, and just imagine the yell that young lady would have given out if she had sat down on a 'saw-tooth perforation!'"

There is more of this, but enough! In the words of little Flossie (whose delightful inconsequentialities are again figuring in the "P.J.G.B.") "it isn't Philately!"

Much interesting matter, including a chatty article on "The Philatelic Peerage," etc., etc., is unavoidably held over, but will appear in the next issue of the *S.C.F.*

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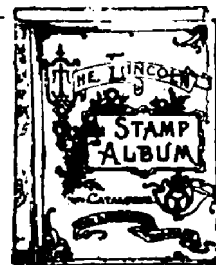
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Philately in 'Frisco.

Is the *Fortnightly*, recently, we published the preliminary announcement of a stamp exhibition to be held under the auspices of the Pacific Philatelic Society. Exact details are now available in the form of a full prospectus signed by the Committee, Messrs. H. B. Phillips, A. H. Greenbaum, and J. H. Makins. This "General Competitive Exhibition of Stamps" is to be held at the Mechanics' Institute Hall, Post Street, San Francisco, on September 26th, 27th, and 28th, as its name implies the exhibition is one open absolutely free to the philatelists of the whole world, and we think great credit is due to the projectors and promoters for their generous and broad-minded scheme. There are gold and silver medals and cups offered by Mr. William H. Crocker, Mr. Sellschopp, Messrs. Mackins & Co., Herr Carl Willadt, Mr. Greenbaum, Mr. H. B. Phillips, etc., etc., and in reading down the list of 28 "Classes" we find that many ingenious innovations have been made. The following may be cited as instances:—

- Best collection of postally cancelled "Seebecks."
- Best collection of extra-territorial cancellations
- Best collection of named portraits on stamps.
- Best exhibit of type-set stamps.
- Best display of reconstructed plates.

And there are others. But these will suffice to show that a great deal of thought has been put into this Pacific Coast Exhibition. But we must confess that No. 20 in the list of "Classes" gives us pause—gave us considerable pause. Look at it:—

Best collection of stamps, the product or manufacture of one firm or company.

Reading that suggestive line carried us back to the time when philately had not yet got itself properly recognised in the Law Courts and other high places, and the private manufacture of stamps was carried on with something like impunity. And there was then at least one "firm or company" within sound of Bow Bells, a complete collection of whose "products" would most certainly have earned off the diploma of the Pacific Philatelic Society. But we must not read these things too literally. The prospectus refers, of course, to such firms as Perkins, Bacon & Co., Waterlow, Bradbury Wilkinson, &c., &c. These people make stamps for collectors, too, but before they reach the collector's hands the stamps go through a Government department, after which many of them become respectable members of the "Gumpap" family. "Its the same thing, but very different," as the Irishman observed.

Philatelists desiring to enter stamps for the Pacific Philatelic Society's Exhibition should write the Committee at 506, Market Street, San Francisco, at once, as the time is now short. We earnestly hope that a goodly sprinkling of British philatelists will contribute to the success of the Exhibition, for the enterprise is admirably fair and sportsmanlike in its conception and in its conditions. From many so-called "universal" exhibitions foreigners and outsiders are excluded by means of a ring fence, but our friends in San Francisco have opened the door wide to all the world. And over that open door, if we have caught the true spirit of the prospectus under notice, the words "Welcome to All" are writ very large indeed. All of which is good!

A Huddersfield Miracle!

ONE of our subscribers sends us, for our own and our readers' amusement, the following clipping from a Colonial newspaper:

A while ago a wealthy stamp collector bequeathed to the city of Huddersfield, England, his very fine collection worth several thousand pounds; also the wherewithal to provide a suitable resting place for his treasures. The city *forefathers* have just accepted a tender for a fine building to house the stamps, showing they appreciate the generous bequest in the spirit in which it was made.

Note, if you please, the word we have italicised. We are wondering—like the subscriber who sends us the clipping—to what address that tender was directed, and by what supernatural agency it was delivered! "The rude forefathers of the hamlet" accepting tenders for municipal museums is a picture calculated to make the poet Gray turn in his grave.

More "Limited" Specialism.

MR. HERBERT L'ESTRANGE EWEN is like Mr. Herbert R. Oldfield in one thing—he believes in limited Specialism, but he puts the accent on the "Limited." Mr. Ewen, as we all know, is a great specialist in unused Colonials, and has built up a big business in them under the title of the Colonial Stamp Market. To this he now adds the word "Limited," and incorporates the whole concern under the Companies' Acts, 1862 to 1900, and so forth and so on. The total capital is £30,000, of which the debentures, amounting to £10,000, and carrying interest at 6% are offered for public subscription in multiples of £10.

Too Free with their "Franks."

NEWSPAPER despatches tell us that astonishing discoveries are being made by the Postmaster-General of the Australian Commonwealth, notably in regard to the freedom and laxity with which "franked" stamps have been used.

All the State Parliaments and departments have been permitted to use rubber stamps, which frank all their members' correspondence from end to end of Australia.

The understanding was that only official correspondence should be so franked, but the interpretation of "official" has been elastic. It has covered letters canvassing for church bazaars, and convening meetings of cricket, football, and rifle clubs.

Danish Stamps on Show.

FROM Copenhagen, dated July 24th, comes news that the Danish postal administrators intend, in collaboration with the Copenhagen Philatelic Club, to arrange a special exhibition of Danish stamps and postal institutions between 31st Aug. and 7th Sept., at Copenhagen.

The exhibition promises to be of special interest, among the attractions being a unique official collection of Danish stamps in the proof stage. The printing will also be shown of a specially prepared issue of new stamps.

Many private collectors, it is added, will take part in the exhibition and show their philatelic treasures.

A Correspondence Club for Cartophiles.

IN the first place we accept no responsibility as regards the word "Cartophiles." We got it out of some Continental post-card journal and we dump it down here merely in the interests of alliteration. A "Cartophile," as we understand the term, is a person who sends pictorial post-cards to his friends in the hope that they will send him others in return; and pursuing the same line of argument, we assume that the patient worm who at length turns against his friend the card-maniac, and "refuses" all that the postman tenders him, may be termed a Cartophobe. (We are a bit of a Cartophobe ourself!—Ed. S.C.F.) But we are digressing. Mr. T. C. Shaw, of 9, Southampton Street, Holborn, desires us to draw attention to the "Universelle Correspondence Club," of which an English branch has just been established, with Mr. Shaw as Secretary. As a means of perfecting one's French and swapping one's picture post-cards, it seems to us that the U.C.C. should fill a long-felt want.

Collecting Stamps too Hurriedly.

HERE is an odd newspaper despatch, dated Lisbon, July 4th:—

The police were informed to-day of a daring swindle committed by a Russian calling himself Prince Alexio de Cutchet, and who was accepted as such in diplomatic circles.

He has absconded with a collection of stamps worth £1,000.

The newspapers head the paragraph, "Theft by a Sham Prince." Whether the prince is sham or real doesn't seem to matter much—the important thing is that he has the stamps. But apart from this we think there has been a serious telegraphic mistake—the Prince's name, surely, is wrongly reported! A man who makes off with £1000 collections in this impetuous manner is worthy a better name than Alexio de Cutchet. Probably it should read Annexio de Clutchet!

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
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	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
ST. LUCIA.				
1860. Small Star. Perf. 14 to 16.				
(1d.) rose-red .. .. .	.. 20/	12/	20/	15/
(4d.) blue .. .. .	.. 85/	65/	65/	35/
6d. green .. .. .	.. 110/	70/	60/	30/
1863. CC. 12½.				
(1d.) lake .. .. .	.. 12/6	10/	30/	20/
(1d.) brownish lake .. .. .	.. 15/	12/6	30/	20/
(4d.) indigo .. .. .	.. 15/	10/	35/	25/
(6d.) emerald .. .. .	.. 15/	10/	25/	20/
1864. Same Watermark and Perf.				
1d. black .. .. .	.. 3/	2/	4/6	3/6
1d. intense black .. .. .	.. 3/6	2/6	4/6	3/6
4d. yellow .. .. .	.. 16/6	12/	7/	5/
6d. violet .. .. .	.. 17/6	12/6	6/6	5/
6d. mauve .. .. .	.. 22 6	15/	6/6	5/
1/- orange .. .. .	.. 42/6	30/	5/6	4/6
1/- pale orange .. .. .	.. 45/	30/	5/6	4/6
Same Wmk. Perf. 14.				
1d. black .. .. .	.. 1/9	1/6	2/6	2/
4d. yellow .. .. .	.. 9/	6/6	6/	5/
6d. bright lilac .. .. .	.. 15/	12/	5/	4/
6d. pale lilac .. .. .	.. 16/6	14/	5/	4/
1/- orange .. .. .	.. 22/6	17/6	6/6	5/
1/- deep orange .. .. .	.. 25/	17/6	6/6	5/
1880-2. CC. 14. Surcharged in black.				
½d. green .. .. .	.. 6/6	5/	6/	5/
2½d. red .. .. .	.. 5/	4/	5/	4/
1883-4. CA. 14. Surcharged.				
½d. green .. .. .	.. 2/	1/6	2/0	1/3
1d. black .. .. .	.. 1/6	1/3	2/6	2/
4d. yellow .. .. .	.. 20/	15/	10/	7/
6d. violet .. .. .	.. 4/6	4/	10/	7/
1/- orange .. .. .	.. 60/	55/	45/	40/
The same. Perf. 12.				
4d. yellow .. .. .	.. 75/	60/	12/	10/
1883-86. CA. 14. Die I.				
½d. green .. .. .	.. 1/3	1/2	1/2	1/1
1d. rose .. .. .	.. 4/	3/6	4/	1/3
2½d. ultramarine .. .. .	.. 10/	8/	15/	14/
4d. brown .. .. .	.. 7/	5/6	16/	15/
6d. lilac .. .. .	.. 50/	40/	40/	30/
1/- red-brown .. .. .	.. 80/	60/	45/	35/
1886-7. CA. 14. Die I.				
1d. lilac .. .. .	.. 1/	1/9	1/6	1/4
3d. lilac and green .. .. .	.. 1/6	1/	1/9	1/6
6d. .. blue .. .. .	.. 1/	1/10	1/	1/9
1/- .. red .. .. .	.. 15/	12/	7/6	5/
1891-8. Die II.				
½d. green .. .. .	.. 1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1
1d. lake .. .. .	.. 1/2	1/1	1/1	1/1
2d. ultramarine and orange .. .. .	.. 1/3	1/3	1/2	1/1
2½d. ultramarine .. .. .	.. 1/4	1/4	1/2	1/1
3d. lilac and green .. .. .	.. 1/4	1/4	1/4	1/3
4d. brown .. .. .	.. 1/6	1/4	1/4	1/3
6d. lilac and blue .. .. .	.. 1/8	1/8	1/8	1/6
1/- .. red .. .. .	.. 1/3	1/3	1/3	1/1
5/- .. orange .. .. .	.. 6/	6/	6/	5/
10/- .. black .. .. .	.. 12/	12/	12/	10/6
1892. Die I.				
One halfpenny on 3d. lilac and green			12/	10/
½d. on half of 6d. lilac and blue .. .. .	.. 8/6	7/	4/	3/3
1d. on 4d. brown .. .. .	.. 1/	1/9	1/10	1/8
Die II.				
½d. on 3d. lilac and green .. .. .	.. 8/6	7/6	7/	6/

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

THE event of the month of most interest to collectors in these Isles has been the appearance of the vanguard of King Edward's fiscal army. I have no official information as to what series and values have been issued bearing His Majesty's head, nor do I know which stamp actually appeared first, but the first I saw was the £2 Bankruptcy, then I heard of the 4d. Judicature Fees, and on the day of writing copies of the 1/- and 2/- of the former set have come to hand.

The first thing one notices is that the more or less disfiguring overprint of value has been done away with, and that in place thereof we have the value in plain figures in the centre of the stamp. I do not know what the design or designs for the pence values are like, but the three denominations of the Bankruptcy series above mentioned agree in showing a small head to the left at the top (the head of the 3d. Postage stamp), with value in words on both sides of it, the name of the duty overprinted in sans-serif capitals across an oblong panel at the bottom, and in the centre a boldly engraved figure of value. The frame around the King's head and the general ornamentation are different for each value. The size of the 1/- and 2/- stamps is the same as before, though the small head at the top causes them to appear larger. My impression on seeing the £2 stamp was that it is a good deal larger than the one it replaces, and I wrote to a correspondent to that effect, but this may be a mistake occasioned by the same disposition. The watermark of the high value stamp is as before, but the shilling ones show a change to what is doubtless E.R. in monogram form, though I do not find it easy to trace the outline of the first letter on my copies. The perforation is unchanged, and the colour of the shilling values remains the same, but the £2 stamp is a more pronounced violet. The colour of the Bankruptcy overprint is similar to that on the displaced issue, though not so dark.

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There were a few fiscal lots included in Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper's Sale, of June 20th, and it will doubtless be of service if I place on record the prices realized, though I have not heard anything about the attendance, nor do I know to whom the lots were knocked down.

A set of 35 Specimen stamps imperf., and unappropriated; and 20 sundry Specimen varieties	...	...	...	34/-
Set of 8 Hat Tax	...	...	...	95/-
Proposed Sleeve-link Tax (1804)	...	...	...	25/-
Set of 11 American Tea Tax	...	...	...	70/-
25 old Almanac Stamps, some blocks and pairs	...	...	...	55/-
36 old Patent Medicine Stamps; and 20 Deeds	...	...	...	88/-
20 Horse Tax Stamps (about 1790-1827)	...	...	...	80/-
Ceylon. First issue Foreign Bill, 6d. + 1/4 and 1/4 + 5/8. in imperf. pairs; second issue, block of three 3/4, and (presumably) Warehouse Warrant 1/-, all mint	87/6
Zululand. On 1/- Natal, mint	60/-

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I had a lengthy Note in the Dec., 1901 number of "Stamps" in which attention was called to the fact that the first Bankruptcy issue was printed on the old Foreign Bill paper, as evidenced by the production of copies showing the marginal watermark of "Foreign Bill Stamp" in script characters. This raised the questions as to whether the double-lined VR paper, used for the first issues of so many series, was in any other or in all other cases the same Foreign Bill paper, and collectors were asked to look out for and to report any indications that would help to elucidate these points. We can now advance one step for I have acquired a pair of the 4d. Patent, dated 5/11/67, showing a marginal inscription which proves that it was on Foreign Bill paper that these stamps were printed.

I should be glad if collectors would look up the watermarks on their copies of the first issues of Civil Service, Copyhold, In Chancery, Land Registry, Matrimonial Cause Fee, Naturalization, Police Court, Public Records, and Sea Policies, with a view to obtaining more light on this matter.

Having had occasion to turn up, for the previous Note, the number of "Stamps" for last December, I am reminded by other Notes therein that several matters were then brought forward for consideration, to which occasional reference may be helpful. One such which asks for information on a subject that is constantly mentioned by correspondents may well be re-stated here, in the hope that some reader of the *Fortnightly* may be able to definitely settle it. The enquiry is: What is the meaning of the overprint Ord. found on several values

of the last issue of the Orange Free State, and why was it applied? It is not difficult to form a reasonable conjecture, but something more reliable is desired.

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Probably no modern issues have excited more general interest than those emitted in the Philippines since our American Cousins 'arrived.' Those issued during the period 1898-1900 have been somewhat fully dealt with in freely illustrated articles published in the first two volumes of "Morley's Journal," and, until lately, no further development has occurred calling for special consideration. The Sello and Giro issues have remained pretty much as before, with the total elimination of the date, but there has been an issue for Customs, preceded by a string of provisionals, which will furnish more work for students, and I have gathered one or two items of information that are worth preserving.

In the first place, it appears that the sensible policy of using up the whole stock of each stamp before issuing a similar one has been pretty consistently followed—in itself a radical departure from the previous custom of the country. It follows from this that the second and some of the subsequent sets of the Sello and Giro series are more or less incomplete. I learn, for instance, that of the 1899 Sello set no values above 5 pesos were issued perforated, and that the 10, 15 and 20 pesos of the 1900 issue are still in use. With further reference to this series, it appears that in 1901 the 25c. de p. was issued in a deep bluish purple, and that subsequently other colour changes took place, the 25c. de p. becoming deep violet, the 50c. de p. pale olive, the 1p. carmine and the 2p. green.

Some of the 1899 and 1900 Giro high values are still in use, the highest thus far issued without date being the 4 pesos. Some of the lower values of the current issue have been printed in slate as well as in blue. I was told a couple of years ago that the dark red Giro set in use at the time of the invasion was made valid by being stamped U.S.—INTERNAL—REVENUE in three lines, but it is only quite recently that I have been shown a specimen by Mr. D. Thomson, and have been able to identify the overprint (in blue) as that already known on the small 10c. de p. used for receipts.

The Customs provisionals have been formed by impressing that word either in red, in blue, or in green on the four small receipt stamps, and on the four lowest values of the current Sello set. Furthermore the 2c. de p. and 25c. de p. have been cut diagonally and used as 1c. de p. and 12½c. de p. The overprint has been applied by hand, and in some cases the word is set in a double-lined square frame. I have received about a dozen varieties, but in all probability there are several others, so I postpone a more detailed description. These stamps are said to have been in use for ten weeks, and I am told that all were used up before the permanent issue was put on sale.

The stamps of the regular issue are noteworthy as being the first to be issued in American (gold) currency. They are large upright rectangular stamps, having as the central feature the starred and striped shield, from which issue rays (? for the healing of the nations) in all directions. The inscriptions above, across the shield, and below it read PHILIPPINE—CUSTOMS—SERVICE; at the top is the word STAMP and at the bottom the value. Lithographed on plain white paper roughly perforated 12:—

20c. blue; 50c. pale green; \$2 red.

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Are Auction Prices Bottom Prices?

Our good contemporary the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" is at some pains to discredit philatelic auctions and the published reports of the prices realised thereat. In an article headed, "The Value of Auctions and Values at Auctions," we find these passages:

An important point in connection with auctions is embodied in a question which we often hear, viz.,—Do auction prices reflect the actual values of stamps? The answer appears to be that *average* auction prices are bottom prices. When a stamp is sold by auction the sale is a forced one, and as a rule it is bought by a dealer because it is cheap. The dealer buys it to sell again at a higher price—that is to say, at its proper value. Exceptionally fine copies of rare stamps frequently fetch full catalogue price or more, but we fear that such very seldom find their way into auctions, and scarcely affect the average. Readers sometimes urge us to give a list of the principal prices realized at auction, but we think that by so doing we should only mislead our readers, and have therefore always refrained from doing so.

In conclusion we can only say that the auction is a most necessary and useful component of the large machinery of Philately; but that it would be unwise to draw any conclusions from the prices obtained for any particular lot as reported in some of our contemporaries.

"In some of our contemporaries!" That is obviously intended to refer specially to the *Fortnightly*, which is the only British philatelic journal that attempts to report the London auctions in a full, regular and systematic manner. The "P.J.G.B.'s" view, then, is that our Auction Reports are for all practical purposes without value. While we do not admit, or believe, that that is so, we welcome the expression of opinion as a contribution to the discussion now in progress among our readers.

But it is on the broad question of the value of Auction Sales that the "P.J.G.B.'s" article is of special interest. "average auction prices," asserts our contemporary, "are bottom prices." On what ground is that extraordinary statement based?—on the ground that certain dealers occasionally buy stamps at auction and retail them to their customers at higher figures? A little thought will show that the argument is fallacious. If auction prices were, on the average, *bottom* prices, surely all the dealers in London would flock to the auction rooms to replenish their stock-book? They do not do so; many of them never attend a sale of stamps; and an open-minded enquirer is forced to one of two conclusions: either the London dealers do not replenish their stock-books at all, or they find sources of supply where from they can purchase stamps at lower figures than they would have to pay at a public auction.

Would the conductors of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" like to put the question to the test? It could easily be done, and we make bold to say that the answer would be convincingly against their assertion that "average auction prices are bottom prices."

We look at this matter from the collectors' standpoint, but it is possible that the "P.J.G.B." regards it from the point of view of the professional dealer in stamps. If that be so they have truth on their side, for unquestionably the average of auction prices would be lower than the average of dealers' prices; but if this be the moral our contemporary desires to drive home it is surely not a wise "line" to be adopted by the "house organ" of a stamp-dealing firm!

"Do auction prices reflect the actual values of stamps?" In our judgment they do. Money talks, and in all languages; and when Smith sees that Brown has realised 30s. for this or that stamp in mint condition, then Smith has a far more certain knowledge of the market value of that particular stamp than any dealers' catalogue can give him. And even if auction prices were bottom prices—which they are not—they would still be of very considerable value to the private collector in arriving at an approximate valuation, not only of the stamps he has, but also of those others that he dreams about.

New Zealand's Ad Nauseam.

A MAZE OF PERFS AND PAPERS.

ONE sees no reason to doubt the excuse put forward on behalf of the New Zealand Government that the bewildering varieties of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps recently created are due to a difficulty in procuring the right paper; but the lover of Colonial stamps will be heartily glad when the stamps of the Island Colony assume some settled standard of perforation and watermark. The existing state of affairs is likely to bring the grey hairs of the tired New Issue Chronicler in sorrow to the grave!

Note, if you please, this latest list of fearsome combinations just to hand from Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., of Dunedin, New Zealand:—

- I.—Waterlow's, thick, soft paper, wmk. double-lined N.Z. and Star.
- | | |
|--|--|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., perf. 11, in four shades—green, yellow-green, bronze-green and dark green. | |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., .. 14. | |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., .. 14 x 11. | |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., .. 11 x 14. | |
| 1d., .. 11—in two shades, light and dark. | |
| 1d., .. 14. | |
- II.—Basted Mills thin hard paper, wmk. double-lined star and N.Z.
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| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., perf. 14. | 1d., perf. 14. |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., .. 14 x 11. | 1d., .. 14 x 11. |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., .. 11 x 14. | 1d., .. 11 x 14. |
- III.—Cowan's no-watermark paper.
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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., perf. 14. | 1d., perf. 14 x 11, very rare. |
| 1d., .. 14. | |
- IV.—Cowan's Permanent paper, thin, wmk. single lined star N.Z.
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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d., perf. 14. | 1d., perf. 11 x 14, very rare. |
| 1d., .. 14. | |

It appears that Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co. have just finished sorting 140,000 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps, and find the following the scarcest varieties:—

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d., no watermark, perf. 14 (especially the $\frac{1}{2}$ d.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d., perf. 14 x 11, *all*.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ d., perf. 14, *all*.

"The whole trouble," our correspondents add, "has been caused by the extraordinary demand for $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps consequent on Universal Penny Postage. Of the values above 1d. not a tenth part of the quantity formerly used is now required. Indeed the 2d. is seldom seen!"

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.

Antioquia.—We have to thank Messrs. Winch Brothers, Colchester, and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, for submitting full sets of the 1902 set from this Columbian province. The stamps are poor lithographed things of the following values, colours and designs:—

1 centavo,	rose, large numeral of value.
2 centavos,	blue " "
3 " "	green " "
4 " "	lilac " "
5 " "	red, Columbian Arms.
10 " "	lilac-red, Portrait of Girardot.
20 " "	green " "
30 " "	carmine " "
40 " "	blue " "
50 " "	brn. on yel. " "
1 peso,	violet and grey, Portrait of Dr. de Restrepo.
2 pesos,	rose and black " "
5 " "	blue and black " "

Colombia.—Specimens of the provisionals already described—the 5 centavos violet and the 10 centavos brown; both with the five-rayed Star control mark—are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, and from Messrs. Winch Brothers, Colchester. As usual in these roughly manufactured provisionals there is much variation of shade, especially in the 10 centavos brown.

Finland.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the 10 penni in a new shade of carmine. In addition to this the tinted ground work of the paper is noticeably paler.

France.—Another value is to be added to the list of those brought out in the modified type as to value and top inscription, already fully described in the *Fortnightly*:—

Adhesive in new type: 25 centimes blue.

A specimen is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Madagascar.—A trio of new provisionals from the land of the Hovas! Specimens kindly sent by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:—

<i>Adhesives:</i>	5c. on 50c. carmine,	black surcharge.
	10c. on 5 francs lilac	" "
	15c. on 1 franc bronze-green	" "

Northern Nigeria.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. notify us of the issue of the complete set of King's Head stamps as under. The colours and values are identical with the now obsolete Victorian series:—

<i>Adhesives:</i>	½d. lilac and green.
	1d. " red.
	2d. " yellow.
	2½d. " blue.
	5d. " brown.
	6d. " violet.
	1s. green and black.
	2s. 6d. " blue.
	10s. " brown.

Persia.—"Service" labels have been created by surcharging the red 1 kran stamps. There is a black overprint of the word "Service" in large italic type at the head of the stamp, and at foot the new value in both occidental and oriental characters. We are indebted to our indefatigable correspondents, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for specimens as follows:—

"Service" Adhesives:	5 chahis on 1 kran red.
	10 " " "
	12 " " "

Peru.—It appears that a provisional Unpaid Letter Stamp of 5 cents is being created by surcharging the 10 soles stamp. Some 50,000 of the 10 soles are to be thus overprinted.

"The 'cent' from these 'soles' will be somewhat odious" is the "Stamp Collector's" facetious comment.

Straits Settlements.—We hear of various issues of the King's Head series, which are evidently being brought out one by one as the existing stocks become exhausted. The "Stamp Collector" chronicles the 3c and 8c., and from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have received a specimen of the 30c.

St. Vincent.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s correspondent informs them that the King's Head stamps of the values ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1s. appeared on June 25th, and that the 2d., 2s. and 5s. were expected to follow at an early date.

Trinidad.—The 5s. stamp of the "Britannia" type is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesives. 5s., lilac and mauve.

Tunis.—News regarding a recently-issued provisional stamp, 25 centimes on 15c., the surcharge being in red, is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. It appears that only 30,000 specimens were issued, and the whole quantity was sold in one day. A very curious circumstance, is it not?

The following translation of a paragraph in "La Dépêche Tunisienne" of July 17th, also kindly forwarded by our friends at Ipswich, will be read with interest:

A few days since, the principal Post Offices in Tunis were selling the old 15c. stamps surcharged 25c.

In consequence of the International Convention all the Offices belonging to the Universal Postal Union were to have one colour for their stamps of 5c., 10c., and 25c.—green for the first, red for the second, and blue for the third.

It was in order to avoid, on the one hand the confusion which resulted from having two sorts of blue stamps (15c. and 25c.), and on the other hand in order to exhaust the remaining stock of blue postage stamps of 15c. that this surcharge was decided upon.

Besides, the number of stamps in question is very limited.

Doubtless the paragraph is an inspired one—"semi-official," to use the correct shiboleth of the day—and intended to show the public the pure, single-minded and benevolent motives actuating the managers of the Tunisian postal service. Readers of the *Fortnightly* will not need to be told that the Government of Tunis is of the Crown Colony type, the strings being pulled from the "Downing Street" of Paris; but one may safely assume that this little matter of the 25c. on 15c. was planned and executed by the authorities on the spot.

Uganda.—Of the provisionals created by a surcharge on the stamps of British East Africa a variety is chronicled in the shape of the ½ anna with surcharge upside down.

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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
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1d. lilac, unused	0	3
1d. " used ..	0	3
2d. " unused	0	6
2d. " used ..	0	3
3d. " unused	0	5
3d. " used ..	0	6
4d. " unused	2	0
4d. " used ..	0	9
6d. " unused	5	0
6d. " used ..	0	6
1/- green, unused	2	6
2/- " "	2	6
2/6 specimen	1	6
5/- " "	2	6
10/- " "	5	0
20/- " "	12	6
100/- penmark	12	0

Black Surcharge, Protectorate, with value.

1d. lilac, unused	0	4
2d. " used ..	4	0
4d. " " "	25	0
6d. " " "	4	0
6d. " unused	4	0

Surcharge, Value in Red.

4d. lilac, used ..	12	6
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ZULULAND, 1888-92.

½d. to 1/-, mint	30	0
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Ten per cent. Discount over 20/-.

WANTED, Gt. Britain, 2/- brown, 5/- and 10/- I.R. Official.

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CANADA.—Postage and Revenues speciality. Wholesale—Retail Bargain Lists gratis.—**CRESCENT CO.**, Toronto, Canada. 5000 Canada, \$1.25.

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BREAKING UP Nice Collection Central Americans, Persians, Japans, Mexicans, Peruvians, all postally used, nice copies, reasonable prices. Reply with references.—**EDITOR, S.C.F.**

WANTED OFFERS.—Insertion Stamp, postal, on Aberdeen Journal, dated March, 1898; also Edinburgh Evening Courant, dated June, 1784.—**ROBERT ROBB**, 129, Renfrew Street, Glasgow.

ADVERTISER desires correspondence with Collectors of Government Locals, 5000 duplicates.—**ZEMSTVO**, Exchange or sell, Withy No. 1, Novotshetskaya, St. Petersburg (member Dresden Philatelic Society).

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FISCALS.—Those wishing to buy, sell or exchange Revenue Stamps, should communicate with **SECRETARY, Fiscal Club**, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London.

WANTED to purchase good old collections, stamps must be in good order, no restriction to price.—**CONNOR**, 55, Queen's Road, Finsbury Park, London, N.

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Association of the Company provide as follows:—

The said Herbert L'Estrange Ewen shall be the Governing Director of the Company until he resigns the office or dies or ceases to hold at least £1,000 of the shares to be allotted to him pursuant to the agreement in Clause 4 hereof, and whilst he retains the said office he shall have authority to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions by these presents expressed to be vested in the Directors generally, and all the other Directors, if any, for the time being of the Company shall be under his control, and shall be bound to conform to his directions in regard to the Company's business.

The said H. L'Estrange Ewen, whilst he holds the office of Governing Director, and after he shall cease to hold such office any other Director appointed in his place may from time to time at any time appoint any other persons to be Directors of the

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Debenture Capital.

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Share Capital £20,000

Issue of £10,000 6 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures

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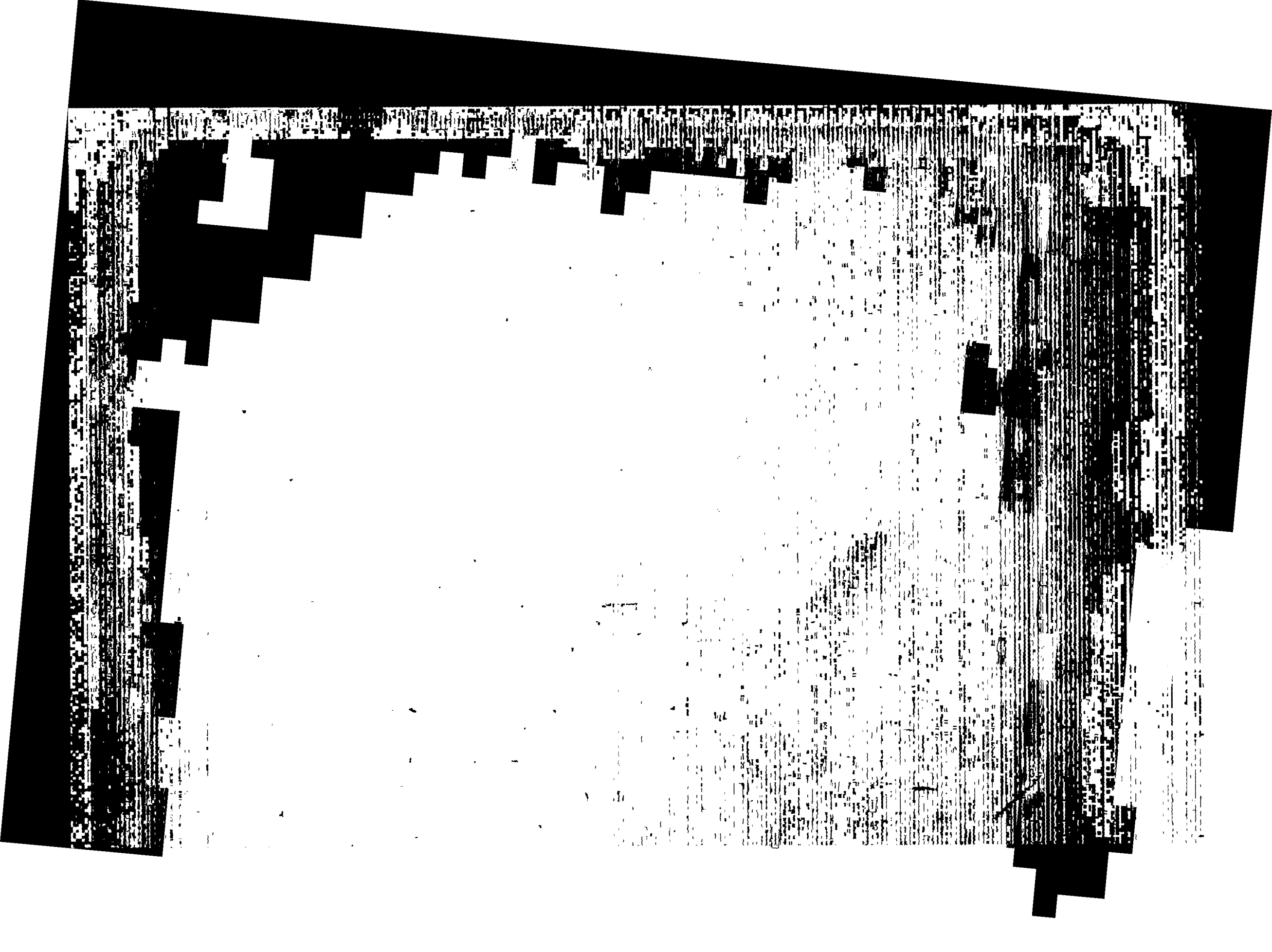
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On application	-	-	£3
On allotment	-	-	7
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The Debentures which are offered at par and issued to Bearer, will be redeemable at £11 each in ten years from date of allotment, or before at the option of the Company on giving six months' notice. The Debentures will bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, as from the date of issue and the interest will be paid half-yearly on the first day of January and the first day of July in each year. The Debentures will constitute a floating charge upon the whole of the present and future property undertaking and assets of the Company.

Directors:

HERBERT L'ESTRANGE EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E.
(Governing Director and Chairman).

Bankers:

WILTS AND DORSET BANKING COMPANY, LTD., Swanage and various Colonial Banks.

Solicitors:

GEORGE READER & Co., Basildon House, Moorgate Street, E.C.

Registered Offices: 32, Palace Square, Norwood, London, S.E.

Secretary:

OSWALD MARSH.

PROSPECTUS.

THE Company has been formed to acquire and extend the well-known business of Stamp Dealers and Philatelic Publishers heretofore carried on by Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen. The business was founded by him in May, 1890, and the extent of its operations was for a number of years limited to British Stamps. In the summer of 1899, the scope of the business was extended so as to include Foreign and Colonial Stamps and since then the development has been remarkable.

The two principal branches of the business are at present :

(1) **Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market**, which undertakes the importation of current postage stamps from all Colonies and foreign countries and retails them in this and other countries at a small premium, special attention being directed towards obtaining early supplies of all new stamps as they appear.

(2) **Ewen's Weekly Stamp News**, a Weekly Journal which affords a ready means of advertising arrivals from abroad and of making public the current stamp quotations. This Journal is at present the only weekly philatelic publication in Europe, and has a large and increasing circulation.

In the past an extensive business has been done in obsolete stamps, but as it is getting impossible to keep an adequate stock (30,000 or 40,000 different kinds of stamps would be required) and as market prices are liable to considerable fluctuation, preferential attention has been given for some time to the issues of postage stamps actually current and new issues as they appear.

The Company has acquired the business as from the 1st July, 1902, and is now carrying on the same.

Any Subscriber for Debentures will so long as his Debenture is outstanding have the special advantage in dealing with the Company of preference in the execution of orders, and Subscribers of £20 and upwards in Debentures will also be entitled to a bonus of 5 per cent. credited as cash to them in payment of purchases.

The sum required annually for interest on £10,000 Debentures amounts to £600, and the earnings are confidently anticipated to be sufficient to provide for this charge many times over. The Shareholders of course receive no Dividend until the Debenture Interest has been duly paid.

The Assets taken over by the Company on 1st July, 1902,	
amount to	£10,000 0 0
To which has to be added as additional security for the	
Debentures the proceeds of the present issue, say	£10,000 0 0
Uncalled Capital on 20,000 shares allotted, 10/- paid	£10,000 0 0
	£30,000 0 0

The purchase price on the sale to the Company has been fixed by the Vendor Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, who is the promoter of the Company and will remain the Governing Director thereof, at £10,000 which is to be paid as to £3 10s. 0d. in cash and as to the remainder satisfied by the allotment at par of 10,000 Preference Shares of £1 each, 10/- paid, and 9993 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, 10/- paid, and thus leaving a liability of £10,000. Of the purchase price £4,800 is paid in respect of good will which includes the copyrights.

The following Contracts have been entered into :—

- (1) Contract dated the 23rd June, 1902, between Herbert L'Estrange Ewen of the one part and James Batting on behalf of this Company of the other part.
- (2) Contract dated the 7th July, 1902, between Herbert L'Estrange Ewen of the first part, James Batting of the second part, and this Company of the third part.

The Articles of Association of the Company provide as follows :—

Art 86 (a). The said Herbert L'Estrange Ewen shall be the Governing Director of the Company until he resigns the office or dies or ceases to hold at least £1,000 of the shares to be allotted to him pursuant to the agreement in Clause 4 hereof, and whilst he retains the said office he shall have authority to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions by these presents expressed to be vested in the Directors generally, and all the other Directors, if any, for the time being of the Company shall be under his control, and shall be bound to conform to his directions in regard to the Company's business.

- (b) The said H. L'Estrange Ewen, whilst he holds the office of Governing Director, and after he shall cease to hold such office any Governing Director appointed in his place may from time to time and at any time appoint any other persons to be Directors of the

Company and may define, limit and restrict their powers, and may fix and determine their remuneration and duties, and may at any time remove any Director howsoever appointed, and may at any time convene a General Meeting of the Company. Every such appointment or removal must be in writing under the hand of the person making the same.

- (c) If the said Herbert L'Estrange Ewen shall resign the office of Governing Director or shall cease to hold at least 1,000 of the shares to be allotted to him as aforesaid he shall become an ordinary Director.

Art 88. The remuneration of the said H. L'Estrange Ewen whilst he holds the office of Governing Director shall be at the rate of £150 per annum, and when the dividend declared by the Company upon the Ordinary Shares of the Company shall be at or exceeding the rate of £10 per cent per annum, such additional sums as the Company in General Meeting may determine. The said remuneration shall be paid by such instalments as the Directors may determine

Art. 91. The Directors other than the Governing Director, shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services, for the first year from the incorporation of the Company a sum calculated at the rate of £ per annum for each Director, and thereafter such sum if any in addition to the before mentioned remuneration as the Company in General Meeting shall by resolution determine.

Art. 92. The Directors shall be paid all their travelling and other expenses properly and necessarily expended by them in and about the business of the Company other than their travelling and other expenses incurred in attending the Board Meetings of the Company, and if any Director shall be required to perform extra services or go or reside abroad, or shall otherwise be specially occupied about the Company's business he shall be entitled to receive a remuneration to be fixed by the Board, or at the option of such Director by the Company in General Meeting and such remuneration may be either in addition to or substitution for his remuneration provided in the last preceding Article.

Art. 93. If any Director being willing shall be called upon to perform extra services or to make any special exertion in residing or going abroad, or taking any journeys on behalf or in connection with the business of the Company or otherwise, for any of the purposes of the Company, the Company shall remunerate the Director so doing, either by way of a fixed sum or by a percentage of profits or otherwise as may be determined by the Directors, and such remuneration may be either in addition to or in substitution for his or their share in the remuneration above provided.

Art. 122. Subject to the provisions of any agreement with any Managing Director, the remuneration of a Managing Director shall from time to time be fixed by the Directors, and may be by way of salary or commission or participation in profits or by any or all of these modes.

The estimated amount of the preliminary expenses which are payable by the Company is the sum of £250.

A copy of the Memorandum of Association of the Company is printed on the fold of this Prospectus.

Application should be made, on the accompanying form, which should be forwarded with the application money to the Secretary of the Company.

Should no allotment be made the application money will be returned in full, and where a smaller amount is allotted than is applied for the surplus will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on allotment. Failure to pay any instalment when due will render the allotment liable to cancellation, and the previous payments to forfeiture.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated July 4th, 1902, and of the purchase Contracts dated June 23rd, 1902, and July 7th, 1902, under which the property has been acquired by the Company and also the form of Debenture can be seen at the offices of the Solicitors to the Company.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application can be obtained at the offices of the Company.

July 25th, 1902.

EWEN'S COLONIAL STAMP MARKET, Limited.

EWEN'S Colonial Stamp Market, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900).

Share Capital, £20,000.

Issue of £10,000 6 per cent.

First Mortgage Debentures.

PROSPECTUS.

Secretary and Registered Offices:

OSWALD MARSH,
32, Palace Square, Upper Norwood, S.E.

PARDY & SON, Printers, 8, The Triangle Bournemouth.

1.—The name of the Company is "EWEN'S COLONIAL STAMP MARKET, LIMITED."

2.—The Registered Office of the Company will be situate in England.

3.—The objects for which the Company is established are:—

- (a) To purchase, acquire and take over as a going concern, the business, goodwill, and connection of a Stamp Dealer and Importer and Philatelic Publisher, heretofore carried on at 32, Palace Square, Norwood, in the County of London, by Herbert L'Estrange Ewen, and all or any of the assets and liabilities of the said business, and all or any copyrights and premises belonging to the said Herbert L'Estrange Ewen and to carry on and extend the said business.
- (b) To adopt the agreement referred to in Article 4 of the Articles of Association filed herewith and to carry the same into effect with or without modification.
- (c) To carry on the business of Stamp Importers, Dealers, Merchants and Agents, Publishers of Philatelic Journals, Newspapers and Magazines, and books of all kinds, Bookbinders, Booksellers, Stationers, Paper Makers, Merchants and Dealers, Stereotypers, Electricitypers, Photographers, Photo Etchers, Lithographers, Engravers, Ink and Colour Manufacturers, Artists' Colourmen, Machinists, General and Mechanical Engineers, Proprietors of Studios, Picture and Stamp Galleries, Auctioneers, Appraisers, Valuers, Commission Agents, Warehousemen, and General Merchants, or any of them, and generally any other business or businesses, wholesale, retail, trading, or manufacturing, which it may be considered may conveniently be carried on or entered into with advantage to the Company.
- (d) To purchase, take on lease, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company, or capable of being profitably dealt with in connection with any of the Company's property.
- (e) To purchase, erect, build, construct, or otherwise acquire and alter any shops, offices, houses, buildings, factories, or any plant, machinery, or other works, which may for the time being be deemed necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Company.
- (f) To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, convert, let on hire, and deal in machinery, materials, and things of all kinds, capable of being used in the operations of the Company, or likely to be required by any of its customers.
- (g) To borrow or raise money, or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company may think fit, and in particular by the issue of Bonds, Debentures, or other obligations, or by mortgage or charge upon all or any of the Company's property, present or future, including its uncalled capital or otherwise.
- (h) To make, draw, accept, endorse and execute, discount and deal in cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, and other mercantile instruments.
- (i) To enter into partnership or any joint purse arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, or co-operation with others, or any agency for any company, firm, or person, whether carrying on business within the objects of the Company, or otherwise, and to establish any agencies for any of the purposes of the Company.
- (j) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business, which the Company is authorised to carry on, or possessed of property suitable or desirable for the purposes of the Company.
- (k) To amalgamate with any other company, whether the objects of such company are or include objects similar to those of the Company or otherwise, and whether by sale or otherwise (for shares or otherwise) of the undertaking of the Company, and subject (or not) to the liabilities of the Company, and whether with or without winding up, or by sale or purchase (for shares or otherwise) of all the shares or stock of the Company, or any such other Company as aforesaid, or by partnership, or any arrangement of the nature of partnership, or in any other manner.
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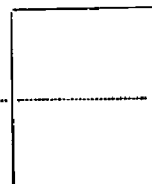
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BRITISH EMPIRE EXCHANGE.

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 July packets, Colonial, 16 sheets, nett value, £118 9s. 9d., and General packet, 26 sheets, £173 18s. 1½d., were sent out together on July 10th. Good packets for this time of year! (See private advt.)

THE UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE JUNE Packet has returned, sales being just over £10. Very fair for holiday times.
 The July packet was sent off on the 15th with 10 sheets, value £85 17s. 6½d.
 The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any interested in "Unused" Stamps.
 H. BEAN, 164, Loughborough Park, S.W.

BLACKPOOL STAMP EXCHANGE.

MAY Packet has returned and is settled up. It comprised 13 sheets valued £10: 439 stamps valued 45/- changed hands, having been seen by 18 members. The June packet has just come in, and I hope to make settlement in a few days. The July packet, in circulation, is about £30 value—the best yet sent out. Three new members have joined; there is room for two or three good medium collectors.
 Secretary: W. WARBURTON, 53, Waterlog Road, Blackpool.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE seventy-ninth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, on Monday, April 14th.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from Mr. J. B. Leavy, offering two medals, one of silver and one of bronze, to be awarded for the two best collections of the stamps of Hayti, said exhibit to be held under the auspices of the Club. Moved, seconded, and carried, that Mr. Leavy's offer be accepted, said exhibition to be held during the month of May.

Mr. A. Holland sent a communication offering one silver medal and one bronze medal, to be awarded in competitive exhibition, under the auspices of the Club, for the best and second best collections of the stamps of the Balkan States. Mr. Holland's offer was accepted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. R. S. Nelson for an interesting collection of Haytian postal cards, U.S. hand-stamped envelopes and documents. The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$433.54 exclusive of \$1,000 bond, was accepted as read.

The committee appointed as judges to award the medals donated by the American Collectors' Co. for the best general collections exhibited at the Club, reported that the gold medal was awarded to Mr. H. H. Scholle, and the silver one to Mr. Henry Morgenthau.

Moved by Mr. Calman, seconded by Mr. Luff, and carried unanimously, that the President be authorised to appoint a committee of twenty-one to arrange for an exhibition of stamps to be held in New York City at about the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales, and that \$100 be appropriated for preliminary expenses; also that the committee shall be authorised in its discretion to increase the number of its members and to appoint such sub-committees as it may deem proper.

The following committee was appointed:—
 J. M. Andreini, J. W. Scott, Albert Perrin, P. F. Bruner, G. E. Jones, Chas. Gregory, E. B. Power, F. H. Tows, Jos. B. Leavy, H. E.

Deats, I. A. Mekeel, H. L. Calman, John N. Luff, Wm. Thorne, J. C. Morgenthau, C. F. Bishop, Wm. A. Smith, jun., Alex. Holland, Jos. S. Rich, H. J. Duveen, Wm. H. Sussdorff. Messrs. Henry A. Ramsden and Hamlin Russell were declared to have been unanimously elected as subscribing members.

The eightieth meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House on Monday evening, May 12th, 1902. Present: Messrs. Andreini, Jones, Scott and Perrin. Moved, seconded, and carried, that the "New Century Philatelic Association" be allowed the use of the assembly room for their annual meeting to be held on Saturday, August 23rd. The resignation of Mr. Edw. C. Hartshorne was accepted with regrets. The Treasurer's report, showing a cash balance in bank of \$336.97 exclusive of \$1,000 bond, was accepted as read.

The eighty-second meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Monday, July 14th. The resignation of Mr. Hoeninghaus was read and accepted with regrets.

The report of the committee appointed as judges to pass on the competitive exhibitions of the stamps of Hayti and the Balkan States held at the Club House on June 24th, was received and read.

Mr. F. L. Stolz was unanimously elected a subscribing member of the Club.

ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE July packet was despatched on the 7th, containing thirteen sheets of the value of £40 8s. 8½d.

Mr. Murnaghan, having embarked on the stamp business, can no longer find time to manage the club. The secretaryship, therefore, has been transferred to Mr. W. H. C. Ryan, of 734, Lime street, Liverpool.

FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

FROM the May packet nearly £60 has been sold off sheets amounting to £272, the Club record in regard to the proportion of sales to value circulated.

The July packet only totals to £171, but this is the worst month of the year owing to most members being holiday-making. However, the value is considerably larger than last year's packet, and as all packets so far have shown a good increase, it is evident that considerably more attention is being given to Fiscals.

Those having any interest in revenues should write for Club rules and ask to see the packet, which will doubtless result in membership being taken up.

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
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The 50% Discount Question.

MR. DANNATT'S REPLY TO "RATS" — A CHALLENGE TO THE NETT-PRICERS.

MR. G. H. DANNATT, Secretary of the "Otterdale" Stamp Exchange, and one of the champions of the Fifty per cent. system in Exchange Clubs, returns to the charge in the following outspoken reply to "Rats," the correspondent whose views we published in the last *Fortnightly*.

Your correspondent, whose suggested *nom de plume* of "Rats" almost invites one to dismiss his arguments by making use of that expressive vulgarism, quite succeeds in his very obvious desire to drown the sense of my former letter in a torrent of verborum quibbling.

My argument, which, however, still stands, was simply that the 50% discount endures because an overwhelming majority of club members prefer to have it so. Verily there are none so blind as those who *won't* see, amongst whom I must number "Rats," who is evidently one of those curious persons who are for ever endeavouring to get somebody else to "penalize their pet aversions."

"Rats" makes bold to emphasize that "It has always been the small but noisy minority fighting for truth which has finally and inevitably gained the day." True, O "Rats"! but I have yet to learn that the pioneers of great reforms have been in the habit of skulking under an assumed name, and such masquerading only demonstrates the febleness of your cause.

My previous letter was chiefly to protest against the absolutely false assumption that club secretaries *make* their members adhere to gross prices, and I make mention of the fact that, in response to an offer from myself, not a single member of "The Otterdale" had expressed the slightest desire for the introduction of nett pricing—this is what "Rats" calls "dancing round" his point, which I candidly confess I was not concerned to discuss, inasmuch as it appeared to me so utterly frivolous, that even the compensating pleasure of the butchery would be but a scant reward for the trouble of its dissection. Here in its pristine nakedness is the "plain and simple question" which perplexes "Rats," "Why is this hokey-pokey and inane system persevered with?" But (wise in his generation) "Rats" answers his own query as follows:—"Because members *believe* the discount system enables the Secretary to collect the money owing to the club quickly and to pay balances due to members without delay."

And so "Rats" really and seriously believes that club members martyr themselves to a system which they dislike, only because it helps the secretary to collect his bad debts! What charming self sacrifice! if only it were true; but sad to relate the whole statement is the merest drivel. I can only add that if any club members labour under such a fantastic delusion, there must be more lunatics outside Bedlam than is usually supposed.

We all know that most club secretaries in self protection reserve the right to claim from defaulters the full gross value of their "takings," but although I have been and am connected with very many clubs, no case of this right having been exercised has ever come to my knowledge. It would have been a great deal to the advantage of everyone concerned if it had. But to pretend that this rule has even the remotest connection with the universal attachment of philatelists to the 50% rule of discount is really too absurd for serious discussion.

"Rats" appears to imagine that the latent wisdom of his remarks are developed by asserting that there are "no flies on that"—which expression of chase and elegant English conveys vulgarity and very little else, but as he also graciously admits that I have "slain my thousands" the compliment coming from one who must have slain his "tens of thousands,"—of flies, is most gratifying.

In conclusion, if "Rats" would favour me with a call I should be happy to discuss the matter with him more fully (as I think the interest of S.C.F. readers must be rapidly evaporating), and I have no doubt that we should be able to dispense with the usual "pistols for two and coffee for one"; indeed, I should quite expect "Rats" to end up by joining the "Otterdale," which club in common with nine-tenths of the others will continue to favour the present system of pricing just as long as its members wish, and no longer.

Possibly the membership of "Rats" would prove like unto the "little leaven which leaveneth the whole."

In thanking Mr. Dannatt for his letter there is one point to which we must venture to take exception. It is not exactly fair fighting to criticise "Rats" for "skulking under an assumed name." It is one of the accepted canons of journalism that any correspondent may use a *nom de plume* if he sees fit to do so provided he sends his name and address as a guarantee of good faith. This "Rats" did, and we certainly think that it was not from motives of cowardice that his contribution was given in an anonymous form. Possibly he will now see fit to reveal himself; but of course the option is his.

Mr. Leicester A. B. Paine, of Longsdon, near Stoke on Trent, is another Club Secretary who does not see eye-to-eye with the Nett Pricers.

As Hon. Sec. of "The Traveller's Exchange" (writes Mr. Paine) I feel I must write a few words in reply to the statement that Exchange Club Secretaries *make* their members adhere to the gross price system. Speaking from my experience, I am confident nett prices will never become popular and the good old rule of 50% discount will always exist. I think it is very unfair for anyone to say that Secretaries make their members favour the 50% system.

Sometime ago, I took the opinion of my members upon this subject, and like "The Otterdale," not one of them expressed a desire or wish to make a change, in fact, some of the replies I received were strongly against this new fashioned idea of nett prices about which we hear so much. Would the leading Exchanges in the country remain loyal to a rule if it was to their advantage to change? I do not wish to be unfair, but do not nett prices give certain people an opportunity of obtaining more than half catalogue, and hence the desire for Exchanges to adopt it?

We hear a lot about increased sales, but I think a large pinch of salt is required before swallowing this. Personally I have taken a very keen interest in and watched all the nett clubs of which I am a member, and I firmly believe some of them would if they had the courage return again to the good old system. My Exchange consists of 50 members many of them advanced philatelists and like "B.W.W.," have no fines or power of recovery and am also in the happy position of saying with this advocate of nett prices that he is not alone in having to deal with honest and honourable men. In my humble judgment it will indeed be a dark day for Exchange Clubs if nett prices become the order of the day.

"Unconfirmed" hurls a challenge at the Nett Pricers. "If it will not be too much trouble," he writes, "get a list of 'nett' clubs, with the values of their packets for the last twelve months, say, and the amount of their sales!—then see if the amounts and the percentages sold are not enough to make that 'noisy minority' give up the ghost!"

Another most interesting letter comes from a Streatham reader, whose attitude probably is that of very many other private philatelists:—

"I do not attach much importance to the whole question (he writes), except that I deplore the want of uniformity.

"I prefer the 50% system, as experience has shown me that the sales in these Clubs are larger than in Clubs pricing Nett."

Furthermore this gentleman contends that prices in the 50% clubs rule lower than in the Nett clubs. A stamp catalogued say at 40s. he finds priced at from 35s. to 40s. gross on the 50% sheets, while the same stamp on the nett sheets will be marked at never less than a guinea, and more often 22s. 6d. to 25s. "This," he declares, "is my experience. I do not at all wish to attempt to explain the peculiarity, but it exists, and this being so I prefer the 50% clubs, as I am

mostly more of a buyer than a contributor. I hope even 'Rats' will not thunder at me, as he says himself that 'an ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory.'"

Other letters are before us, but the space we are devoting to the subject is growing over long for one issue of the *Fortnightly*. We must mention, however, that one reader, 'H.H.', of Carmarthen, applauds the letter signed "Rats" and congratulates that correspondent on "the very masterly manner in which he has exploded the 50% bubble."

Mr. H. Bean, the well-known secretary of the "British Empire" and the "Unused" Exchanges, contends that the matter does not rest with the Secretary; and that, now, appears to be a point that is fairly well established.

"I commenced the 'British Empire' with nett prices," writes Mr. Bean, "but on being asked to run a general packet in connection therewith I was *advised*, by a majority of the members, to adopt the 50% discount system; and I did so."

In the 'Unused' Exchange, Mr. Bean points out, he has only one cause to regret that the prices are not nett, and that lies in the fact that it is impossible in all cases to price unused stamps at 50% off catalogue. If this were done an unused 1s. English stamp would be purchasable for about 7d.—which is absurd.

The matter is one for individual judgment, contends Mr. Bean in conclusion. "I, personally, prefer nett prices."

The champions of the nett pricing system are not conspicuously to the fore this time. In the next *Fortnightly* we shall deal with all letters received up to Saturday next, August 9th, and then the controversy must be drawn to its close.

News - Notes.

Among those affected by the demolition of the Lower Arcade is Mr. W. H. Peckitt, of 440, Strand, who announces his projected removal to No. 47, "almost opposite."

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It is announced that the Philatelic Society's rooms will be closed from to-day (August 2nd) to August 24th inclusive. Again, the Expert Committee will not meet again until October 7th.

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Philatelists of all grades will be interested in the announcement that arrangements have been made by the London Philatelic Society for the long-needed new edition of the work on the stamps of Oceania. The editorial work has been undertaken by Mr. A. F. Basset Hull, who will be assisted by a committee of the London Society.

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MR. CHARLES J. SMITH, of Kingston, well known as a dealer in stamps, notifies us, under date July 26th, of the issue of a warrant for the arrest of "E. Sotheby," of Betchworth, *alias* F. Jackson, Leatherhead, on a charge of obtaining goods by false pretences. Mr. Smith invites readers of the *S.C.F.* having any information as to this person's whereabouts to communicate with the Police Superintendent, Dorking, Surrey, who has the case in hand.

From the Auction Rooms.

THE "FORTNIGHTLY'S" AUCTION REPORTS.



SOME further interesting expressions of opinion are to hand regarding the reporting of philatelic auction sales.

H.H., of Carmarthen, comments upon the fact that certain stamps seldom if ever figure in these auction returns. "I have long followed your reports," he writes, "and have been very much struck by the fact that certain stamps are continually cropping up in the quotations, while others are conspicuous by their absence. May we take it that the missing ones are not often in the market? Among other stamps I have long looked for in your reports are the two Indians—4s. green (no wink.), unused, and the 8s. carmine (wink. type 7), unused, S.G.'s No. 38 and 55. I should also like to see quotations for his Nos. 39 and 40, unused."

Something pretty much to the same effect is contained in the letter of an Edinburgh reader, who writes:—

"Your reports of Auction Sales would in my opinion be more valuable to your readers were you to endeavour to give the prices realised for stamps which are as a rule unpriced in the usual catalogues. For instance, I have long watched for a price for the Ceylon 1855 imperf. 1d. blue on bleute, unused, which was given in your last issue, and there are other stamps such as Tobago, 6d. orange, C.C., 14, unused, the value of which a collector would like to know. It seems to me that you are in the habit of selecting those lots from the Catalogues which fetch the highest prices, whereas many of those sold at lower figures—from 15/- upwards—are of greater interest to most. I think your maxim should be to give the most valuable information for the greater number of your readers. One way to do this is to endeavour to avoid repetitions of the same stamp, and not to select a lot just because it fetched over £10."

Still another correspondent, who pays a high tribute to the *Fortnightly's* auction reports, advances the suggestion that a summary of the stamp auctions should be published annually in book form.

AUCTION SALE, OR CONVERSAZIONE ?

"H," in the following letter, touches upon another phase of a question already referred to in the *S.C.F.*:—

I am afraid your word of remonstrance in April 26th issue respecting sale goes turning a philatelic auction into a conversazione, has not met with the deserved success, but notwithstanding, I would like to draw attention in your columns to a real grievance which I think auctioneers have relative to the dealing which takes place during the sale by a few of those attending. The auctioneer, at considerable expense, collects together a large number of purchasers of stamps, and the little dealer seizes the opportunity of attending and unloading as much of his stock as possible. This, naturally, distracts attention and intending purchasers often find that the lot which drew them to the sale has been disposed of during the time spent in bargaining. Possibly it has not occurred to the offenders that their conduct is morally indefensible and a note in your columns may help them to see the matter in its true light.

MESSRS. MARTIN, RAY & Co.'s SALES.

We cannot close these notes on auctioneering matters without an expression of regret that Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co.'s advertisement was missing from its accustomed place in the last number of the *Fortnightly*. The advertisement should have appeared as usual, and its absence from the paper was due to a misunderstanding of managerial instructions on the part of the printers. Messrs. Martin, Ray & Co., have so long and so regularly occupied the "right-hand bottom quarter-page" on the last "white" page of the *Fortnightly*, that the omission made them feel quite "out of the movement." It is good to know, by the way, that our friends are well satisfied with the sales they have held, and that, as a firm of stamp auctioneers, they may be regarded as having "come to stay"!

* SIGNIFIES UNUSED.

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, May 26th.

British Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1888/89, 4d. lilac (S.G. 56)	£	s.	d.
Cape of Good Hope Woodblock, 4d. blue, poor copy	..	1	16 0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, 1/- bistre	..	2	5 0
Gt. Britain, 1867/82, Maltese Cross, £1 brown-lilac	..	1	9 0
Mauritius, 1854, 4d. black and green, fair	..	1	5 0
Newfoundland, 1862, imperf. 1/- lake, a pane of 20*	..	2	14 0
U.S.A., 1855, 90c. blue*	..	1	13 0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, June 9th.

Ceylon, 1885, 5c. on 4c. lilac-rose (S.G. 137)	..	1	12 0
Fernando Poo, 1885-93, 50c. on 5c. lilac-blue	..	1	1 0
New South Wales, 1888, wmk. 5/-, £1 blue* fair	..	1	9 0
Philippine Islands, 1855, first issue, imperf., 5c. red	..	1	13 0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S SALE,

July 1st and 2nd.

(continued).

Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 6d. yellow-green, margin repaired*	2	0	0
Do. do. 1/- purple*	..	21	0 0

WEST INDIES.

Dominica, 1888, wmk. C.A., 1/- mauve*	..	1	15 0
Grenada, 1882, 4d. blue*	..	2	17 6
Montserrat, 1884, wmk. C.A., 4d. blue*	..	3	15 0
Nevis, 1861, perf. 13, on bleuté, 4d. rose,* no gum	..	1	14 0
Do. do. do. 6d. grey-lilac, do.	..	1	10 0
Do. do. do. 1/- green,* no gum	..	1	18 0
Do. 1867, perf. 15, 1/- yellow-green* but cleaned	..	11	0 0
Do. 1878, do. 6d. grey, Litho. 4d. orange, badly centred*	..	3	5 0
Do. do. do. 6d. grey*	..	4	0 0
Do. 1883, wmk. C.A., 6d. green*	..	4	0 0
St. Lucia, 1883/4, One Shilling black and orange*	..	3	5 0
St. Vincent, 1866/69, no wmk. 4d. yellow*	..	2	2 0
Do. 1881, wmk. star, ½d. in red on half of 6d. yellow-green, a pair*	..	3	7 6
Do. One Penny in black on 6d. yellow-green*	..	3	12 6
Do. 1883/84, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 4d. bright-blue*	..	3	10 0
Do. do. perf. 12, 4d. ultramarine*	..	3	0 0
Tobago, 1879, wmk. C.C., 5/- slate,* no gum	..	1	18 0
Do. 1880, do. 6d. stone,* thinned	..	1	18 0
Do. 1882/84, wmk. C.A., 6d. stone*	..	4	5 0
Trinidad, O.S., 1894, 5/- lake*	..	2	7 0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, perf. 15, 6d. rose on toned* no gum	..	2	16 0

AUSTRALASIA.

Fiji, 1874-75, Fancy V.R., 2d. in black on 6c. on 3d. green*	3	7	6
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney View, 1d. red, plate 2, thinned	..	3	15 0
Do. another on laid paper	..	4	4 0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 2, error "Crevit" omitted, damaged	..	4	0 0
Do. 1854, Laureated, 3d. green*	..	2	2 0
Do. 1854-56, diadem, 8d. orange, repaired*	..	2	17 6
Do. do. do. 8d. orange-yellow on large piece of original	..	7	5 0
New Zealand, 1872, wmk. star, 2d. orange, imperf., damaged	..	3	15 0
Queensland, 1860, imperf., 1d. carmine, fine but slightly torn	..	8	5 0
South Australia, 1855, London Print, 1d. deep green, a pair,* one stamp shows mark on face	..	9	0 0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown on red, rouletted one side*	..	7	0 0

Messrs. PLUMBIDGE & Co.'s Sale, July 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th.

Barbados, 1878, Provl. 1d. on half of 5/-	..	4	4 0
British Central Africa, 1891, £1 blue used postally	..	2	8 0
Do. do. £5 green, postmarked, "Blantyre"	..	4	0 0
Do. do. £10 brown do.	..	7	0 0
British East Africa, 1895, surcharged on Company's stamps, 5a. black on blue*	..	3	12 6
Do. do. 2 rupees*	..	3	5 0
Do. do. 5 rupees*	..	3	12 6
British Guiana, 1850-51, 12 cents blue, cut round	..	8	5 0
Do. another, but impressions not so distinct	..	5	5 0
Do. another, cut into	..	4	0 0

British Guiana, 1852, 1 cent. black on magenta, creased	£	s.	d.
Do. do. 4c. blue	..	3	7 6
Do. 1853, 1c. red-brown	..	2	10 0
Do. do. 1c. vermilion	..	2	10 0
Do. 1856, 4c. black on magenta	..	10	10 0
Do. 1862, Provl., 4c. blue (S.G. No. 73)	..	5	5 0
Do. do. 4c. blue (S.G. No. 74) apparently*	..	7	7 0
Do. do. another copy used	..	5	5 0
Do. do. another, cut close (S.G. No. 75)	..	5	0 0
British Honduras, 6d. yellow, perfs., cut	..	2	8 0
Do. 1891, 6c. in red on 10c. surcharge inverted	..	3	10 0
Do. do. 6c. in black on 10c. ditto	..	4	15 0
British South Africa, 1st issue, £5 green, postally used	..	3	12 6
Do. do. £10 brown, do.	..	5	15 0
Do. do. another copy do.	..	4	4 0
Do. 1896, One Penny on 4/*	..	3	0 0
Canada, 1857, perf. 6d. grey-lilac	..	4	12 6
Cape of Good Hope, "Mafeking Besieged," 1d. on ½d. (S.G. No. 2) thinned,* part gum	..	1	12 0
Ceylon, 1855, 4d. rose	..	10	0 0
Do. do. 8d. brown, slightly rubbed	..	9	0 0
Do. 1872, C.C., 2r 50c.	..	2	15 0
Do. 1883/84, wmk. C.A., 16c. lilac	..	1	2 0
Do. do. 24c. purple-brown*	..	8	0 0
Do. 1885, 5c. on 32c., inverted surcharge	..	2	8 0
Do. "Service," 2/- blue, imperf.	..	3	12 6
Dominica, wmk. C.A., perf. 14, 1/- lilac-rose*	..	2	0 0
Do. do. another copy, used	..	2	2 0
Gt. Britain, 1d. black, "V.R." a horizontal pair* one stamp is stained	..	16	0 0
Do. 1867-69, 2/- pale blue*	..	2	2 0
Do. do. 2/- brown*	..	4	17 6
Do. do. another copy, used	..	2	6 0
Do. £5 orange	..	1	8 0
Do. 1883-84, £1 brown-lilac, Orbs, *but creased	..	3	12 6
India, 1856-64, no wmk., imperf. 2a. yellow-green*	..	2	12 0
Jamaica, 1890, 2½d. on 4d., double surcharge*	..	1	12 0
Labuan, 1879, wmk. C.A. sideways, 2c. blue-green	..	3	5 0
Do. do. 12c. red, torn	..	3	0 0
Do. 1880, wmk. C.C., 6c. in red on 12c., penmarked and thinned	..	3	3 0
Mauritius, 1847, Post Paid, 1d. vermilion, early state, fine	..	8	10 0
Do. another do. fine	..	8	10 0
Do. 2d. blue, early state, cut close	..	4	10 0
Do. another, medium state	..	5	0 0
Do. another, early state, slightly torn	..	4	8 0
Do. another, pale blue, stained	..	3	3 0
Do. 1858, large fillet, 2d. deep blue, torn and cut close	..	7	5 0
Do. 1863/72, 5/- reddish-purple, a horizontal pair*	..	2	4 0
Montserrat, 1884, 4d. blue	..	2	7 6
Natal, 1874-78, 5/- marone, perf. 15½ × 15*	..	2	4 0

Messrs. MARTIN RAY & Co.'s Sale, July 14th,

Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf, wmk. star, 8d. yellow-brown, and 2/- blue, margins defective and repaired	..	5	0 0
Crete, 1st issue, imperf. 20par. mauve*	..	1	1 0
Ionian Isles, 1859, ½d. orange, imperf. . .	..	1	0 0
Niger Coast, 1893-94, surcharged in violet half-penny, on 2d. green and carmine, perfs. defective. . .	..	1	4 0
Transvaal, 1879, surcharged in red, 1 penny on 6d. black (S.G. 166)	..	5	5 0
Trinidad, 1859-61, rough perf. 1/- purple blue	..	1	12 0
U.S.A. Executive, 1c., 2c., 3c., 6c. and 10c. fine	..	4	6 0
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Our Review of Reviews.

An Appreciation of the Earl of Crawford.

The "London Philatelist's" leading article is not unnaturally devoted to the subject of recent changes in the *personnel* of what we may perhaps describe as the "Front Bench" of the Philatelic Society, London, with, of course, particular reference to the new Vice-President, the Earl of Crawford.

The election of the Earl of Crawford, K.T., to the post of Vice-President (remarks the Society's organ) was unanimously and enthusiastically carried at the meeting, and we are confident that all the members not present will cordially approve of the selection. . . . To scientific attainments of a very high degree Lord Crawford unites a remarkable genius for making collections, a faculty that he has exercised in many very important directions, notably in his renowned libraries. He therefore steps into the philatelic arena fully armed at all points, and by virtue of his great opportunities and experience has every promise of attaining a very prominent place in the annals of Philately. Nor is the new Vice-President likely to be a *roi fainéant*: he is a most regular attendant at the meetings of the Council and the Society when not abroad, and his fine collections are always most ungrudgingly placed at the disposal of his fellow-members for the purposes of display or exhibition. Beyond all this, Lord Crawford possesses another great qualification for his new office in the fact that he is trustee of the British Museum. There is a peculiar fitness in the fact that both the President and the Vice-President of the London Philatelic Society are trustees of the great national museum wherein reposes—hitherto too peacefully—the splendid bequest of Mr. T. K. Tapling, a former Vice-President of the Society. The responsibilities and calls upon the trustees are naturally of a very onerous nature, in view of the marvellous accumulation of treasures at the museum, but it is not too much to hope that—despite other and far weightier matters—our esteemed President and Vice-President may lose no opportunity of carrying out, as far as possible, the intention of the testator—*i.e.* the permanent display of his stamps for the benefit of all sections of Philately.

It is no detriment to the retiring Vice-President to urge that this change of office is most satisfactory. In all classes of community where promotion is slow there is apt to be stagnation, and the infusion of new blood and fresh ideas into an old body is always of the greatest service. The ex-Vice-President feels more than repaid for any service he may have (most willingly) rendered by the great honour conferred upon him in his election as honorary Vice-President of the Society. The office thus created forms a precedent (as regards the Vice-Presidency), and Mr. Castle, deeply sensible of so signal a recognition of his long connection with the London Philatelic Society, tenders to all his fellow-members his deep sense of gratitude not only for this honour, but for their kindnesses to him in his long occupancy of the position of Vice-President.

In the same issue of the "London Philatelist" one finds a continuation of Mr. E. D. Bacon's exhaustive and scholarly paper on the stamps of Chili, to illustrate which a special plate is presented showing, among other things, reproductions of some curious "abnormal varieties" of the first 5 centavos stamp.

Some Facts from the Transvaal.

SAMPLE SHEETS FOR THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA.

Such an interesting, not to say eye-opening article is that headed "Some facts from the Transvaal" in the July issue of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" that we have taken leave to reproduce it *in extenso*.—

When Lord Roberts made his triumphal entry into Pretoria, June 9th, 1900, the post office was immediately put in charge of competent men who had been trained in the postal service. The stock of stamps was overhauled and put in order for overprinting with the initials "V.R.I." But before this was done an entire pane of every denomination of stamp in stock was sent over to England to the order of Her Majesty the late Queen Victoria. Similar sets of panes were also sent to Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener and to one or two other high officials. After the stamps had been overprinted "V.R.I." all these orders were repeated. It would be interesting to know what has become of these sheets, and what their ultimate fate will be.

The panes of high values, especially the 5*s.*, both surcharged and unsurcharged, will be of some value.

In the first printing occurred the error "V.I.R." once in each pane, on four values, but which these were we are unable to say. These were sent to Johannesburg, and only about 25 entire sheets of all values containing the error were sold before it was discovered; the remaining sheets were returned to Pretoria, where they were

destroyed. Therefore, the total number of these errors that were actually sold at the post office was only about 100.

We can vouch for these facts, as the gentleman from whom we got the information was employed in the post office at Pretoria, and was one of the four who examined every sheet of stamps before it was issued. This examination was so close that it was very difficult for errors or inverted overprints to pass unnoticed, and our informant declares positively that no inverted surcharges could possibly have been overlooked by the four examiners of sheets, who, it must be remembered, did their work separately.

He attributes these inverted surcharges to some men employed in the printing works *who were found to be in the habit of taking their own stamps in and making all sorts of fancy surcharges for themselves!* As the perpetrators of these unlawful acts could not be discovered, the whole of the staff in the printing works was dismissed and a new set of workmen installed.

It is obvious that varieties manufactured in this irregular way are indistinguishable from varieties issued in the ordinary manner, except where it is known that such varieties never could have occurred in a legitimate manner. We think it probable, in spite of our informant's decided negative, that a sheet or so *may* have been issued with inverted overprint, but it is certain that all the values could not have escaped the examiner's eyes, and that most of those that are known are *literally* printer's essays which were never issued.

Among other items of information which we gathered during our interesting interview, was, that of the £5 stamps overprinted V.R.I., a very large proportion were destroyed on account of the defective overprint. It appears also that a few odd stamps of old issues, including the first Republic, remained in stock, but seldom as much as an entire sheet of any one kind. One sheet of 6d. blue first Republic (? printing) was safely locked away in a safe. The second stamp on the second horizontal row, we are confidently assured, had the *Arms* inverted!!!

In war time, of course, irregularities will occur, but even so it is an extraordinary thing that men employed in the Government printing works should have been able to convert their type-setting "cases," for the nonce, into private post offices for their own personal profit. Imagine an employee of Messrs. De la Rue being permitted to pass in or out of the great printing works in Finsbury with postage stamps in his possession!

There is one thing that makes good reading in the above extract. It is evident that even the defective supervision that existed saved us from many additional "inverts," defective printings and "dotless" varieties.

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3 " South Africa, 1896, 1d., 2d., 4d.	8d.	9 " Postage Due, 2-24c.	1 6
4 " " " 1897, ½, 1, 2, 4	10d.	21 Borneo and Labuan, surcharged " 4c."	15/-
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4 Cape, C.C., 1d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	1/-	3 " " " V.R.I., 1st print, ½, 1d. 2d.	2/-
4 " C.A., ½, 1d., 2d., 3d.	7d.	8 " " " " " ½d.-1/-	17 6
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8 " " " ½d.-1/-	5 6	3 " " " " " thick " V," ½, 1d., 2d.	1 6
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Philately at Home and Abroad

The King and His Crown.

THE KING is crowned; long live the King! On all future "King's Head" stamps, it seems to us, the imperial crown might as well be dropped down on the imperial cranium instead of being suspended tantalisingly in mid-air!

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, P.M.G.

So Mr. J. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., is the new Postmaster-General. Well, perhaps it is quite as well that Mr. Henniker Heaton (whose choice for the position would have been acclaimed by all who favour postal reform, is left with hands free to continue his crusade against the anomalies and anachronisms of St. Martin's-le-Grand. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, at St. Stephen's, has chiefly distinguished himself by blandly staving off threatened or suggested postal reforms in his replies to Mr. Heaton and other members. What he will do at St. Martin's, remains to be seen. Being a comparatively young man, with most certainly a will of his own, our new Postmaster-General may have the admirable daring to bring about some such sweeping reforms as, say, the reduction to a sensible level of our rates for newspaper postage. In France the minimum newspaper postage is a twentieth of a penny, in England one halfpenny. There's a chance for the son of "Pushful Joe!"

"Uncle Sam" may Change his Printer.

It appears to be quite on the cards that the printing of the United States postage stamps may revert from the Government Bureau of Printing and Engraving into the hands of one or another of the private firms who have formerly manufactured them.

"Briefly told," says the Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist" "the Post Office Department

may have a new printer within a few weeks. The work of the Bureau is and has been satisfactory, but the latter claims it can no longer print the stamps at the rates heretofore quoted.

The Bureau has been printing the stamps for about six years. Prior to that time the American Bank Note Company, of New York, did the work. It is said the latter firm would be glad to get the contract again and that it has or will make a bid on the work."

"These disclosures," the correspondent adds, "make clear, now, why it has been impossible to secure any definite information relative to the new series of stamps ordered by the Post Office Department three or four months ago. Of course, if the work was to go the American Bank Note Company, it was not desirable that the series should proceed very far, as that would involve a transfer of unfinished work. It is now admitted that nothing has been done in the way of engraving plates for the series of 1902."

Fire at the French Stamp Factory.

THERE has been a bonfire of French stamps—not an official "incineration" of remainders, or anything of that kind, but a quite unpremeditated fire at the Paris stamp manufactory in the Boulevard Brune, on the evening of July 28th.

"Thanks to the prompt arrival of the firemen," writes a Paris correspondent, "the flames were soon mastered. It was at first believed that damage was done to a fabulously large amount; but a semi-official note issued to the press stated that it was in reality considerably less than might have been feared. This official note also points out that—as no philatelist will need to be told—though a large quantity of stamps had either been burned or spoiled by the water, the loss to the State was not the nominal value of those stamps, but simply a trifle over the value of the paper they were printed on."

The Revenue Stamps of Spain.

MR. L. W. FLETCHER has compiled, and Mr. Walter Morley has published, an admirable "Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Spain and Colonies," listing all varieties and pricing a good proportion of the same. The catalogue takes the form of a quarto, cloth-bound volume of 100 pages, and from every view-point both the compiler and the publisher are to be complimented on the completeness of their work. Not only the fiscals of the mother country, but also those, the erstwhile Colonies of Spain are included, and to make the whole thing absolutely complete the "American Occupation" and "Revolutionary" issues find a place in the volume. To all Fiscalists such a book will be of great value, while it should form an acceptable addition to every public library.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

ENAMELLED CARDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Continued.)

MR. NELTON and other speculators (Louis Smith among them) for the past 5½ years have systematically bought up all printed cards they could from public bodies or business houses, and after treating them in the manner described, re-sold them at 8 to 15 % below face, according to size and condition of card, or simply "restored" them for their owners at a charge. Mr. Nelton himself has bought over two millions of printed unused postal cards of all issues and restored them, and he very kindly sends me specimens of various issues, showing the various methods used. In most cases it is the reverse side only which has been printed, and in these cases the enamel is so cleverly done that it is scarcely noticeable, the cream and pale buff tones being very closely followed. In the case of two of my specimens, the address side has had printed matter, and in these cases the enamel only covers the lower portion, of course, and the difference is plainly noticeable. In another case, a card had borne a very heavy printing in strong copy ink, and instead of the ordinary enamel, a blue enamel was used, which made a pretty appearance. As this came to me by ordinary post, with extra 1c. stamp, our postal officials must have wondered to see a Jefferson card with tinted reverse. I have been more than surprised at the neatness of Mr. Nelton's work, and can quite understand how large users of the cards were quick to avail themselves of this method of redeeming what would otherwise have been merely so much waste paper. Now the forger, Louis Smith, appears to have first forged the cards, then, as a blind, printed some matter on reverse, after which he enamelled them as if they had been stock bought in the ordinary way of business. This is how it was he was able to print hundreds of thousands before being suspected.

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As a result of his conviction, however, the enamelling of cards has been forbidden. After August 1st none will have been allowed to pass through the mails. Whether the Government will afterwards make some arrangements to redeem printed unused cards remains to be seen, but we are sorry to hear that our correspondent will lose by having a stock of 150,000 (face value \$1,500) still unsold on hand. Mr. Nelton deprecates their system of appointing high officials in P.O. Dept. by political preferences for short terms, which results in an absence of knowledge of the detail and technique, such as is shown in the childish stopping of a useful and honest industry just because one who was engaged in it had found a method of working a villianly under its cover. It is just the same as stopping lithography by law, because a lithographer had forged a Bank-note. The restoration of cards as explained above and demonstrated by the specimens on my desk must have saved the American public many thousands of dollars, and (except in Louis Smith's case) all was fair and above board, and fully known to the authorities.

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By the way, before leaving this subject, it is remarkable that none of our friends have been able to show us an actual copy of the Louis Smith counterfeit, and Mr. Nelton says a hundred dollar bill could not buy one in New York at time of writing. The Government seized all in sight and others must have been scattered to obscure country towns by mail order houses.

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Senf's 1900 Catalogue quotes a Fiji card which none of us have ever yet seen. It is described as follows:—

"1899, same as 1895 issue, but with inscription, New Zealand and Fiji, on buff 1d. red-brown."

As the card also remained in the 1901 edition of the catalogue, Mr. Lohmeyer of the P.C.S. of A. wrote to the P.O. at Suva for a supply, and received instead the ordinary 1895 card. He thereupon wrote again and the colonial postmaster replied, "We have no 1d. postcards inscribed 'New Zealand and Fiji' printed in red-brown."

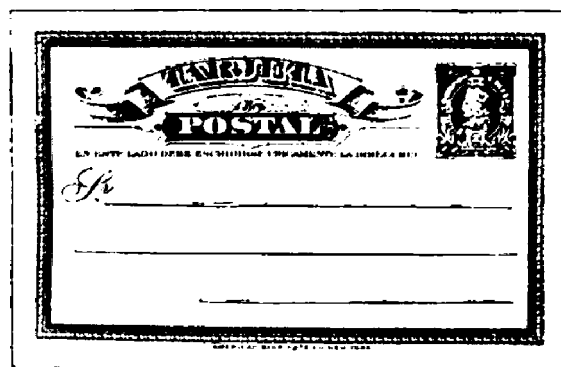
The San Francisco Philatelic Society are to hold a Philatelic Exhibition on Sept. 26th and 27th, when medals, diplomas, etc., are to be distributed under 61 classes. Amongst them I notice are Best Collection of Entire United States Envelopes, and Best Collection of Postal Cards.

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Some time ago I commenced to chronicle all articles, etc., on entres that I met with in the philatelic press, but recently nothing of the sort has come before my notice. I now note "E.W.S.N." contains a revision of its excellent list of Die numbers of Great Britain envelope stamps, showing the earliest and latest dates recorded of all dated numbers. The 'Notes' in the "Philatelic Journal of India" are in the form of chatty articles.

Die Numbers. Gt. Britain Envelopes. E.W.S.N. No. 145, July 5/02
Notes, Various. B.W.W. P.J.I., March, April, May, 1902

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.



Chili.—The above illustration shows the type of the cards recently issued. The correct colours are:—

1 centavo, green on greenish.
2 centavos, red on bluish.

Gambia.—The "D.B.Z." tells us of the following, with King's Head, doubtless like the Grenada issue:—

1d. carmine on buff. 140 × 88mm.
1d. × 1d. " " 140 × 89mm. Perf. 4½.

Grenada.—From the same source, we find two new King's Head wrappers are out, the stamp being same type as on cards.

W. ½d. green on buff. 125 × 300mm.
W. 1d. carmine " " "

Hungary.—Mr. Lohmeyer reports to the "Era" that he has seen the 5 filler single and double cards for Croatia with four lines of inscription in Hungarian and Croatian.

Malta.—A new King's Head wrapper. Five lines of instructions.

W. ½d. green on buff. 298 × 125mm.

Mexico.—I find in the "I.B.J." a description of a 4 centavos provisional postcard issued in May. Owing to a fall in the value of the Mexican dollar, the rate for postal cards was advanced from 3c. to 4c. The overprint was in dark brown.

"Cuatro Centavos" on 3c. brown.

New South Wales.—The "Australian Philatelist" mentions the issue, about May 20th, of a quantity of the 1d. vermilion on buff card of 1897, on white cardboard of poor quality, owing to the Government printing office running out of the ordinary buff card.

Norway.—The "Monthly Circular" states that the 10 öre card now appears with the following new heading:—

BREVKORT. CARTE POSTALE.
VERDENSPOSTFORENINGEN.
UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.

10 öre carmine on white.

Peru.—"Der Phil." chronicles a new envelope with stamp like the current heller card.

5 centavos, blue on white laid.

Sierra Leone.—A new Registration Envelope is announced. The stamp is circular, with King's Head in centre.

R. Env. 2d. blue on white, 133 × 84mm.

Sweden.—"E.W.S.N." says that the 5 öre postcard has been modified by the omission of the inscriptions on the address portion of the card ("Till," "Bostad," etc.) and the alteration of the instructions to "ADRESSEN ANBRINGAS A DENNA SIDA."

5 öre, green on white. Inscriptions altered.
5 + 5 öre " " " "

Transvaal.—In "E.W.S.N." I find the first mention of King's Head cards for the Transvaal. The inscriptions are, I gather, of the usual Colonial type, with stamps as for Grenada and Gambia. The latter cards have the instructions below perf. and on reverse exactly as on our own letter cards. Only "specimen" copies have so far been seen.

Post Cards. ½d. green on white. 140 × 89mm.
1d. carmine-rose on buff. "

Letter Card. 1d. carmine on pale blue.

In the same paper I read of a new setting of the E.R.I. on the 4d. olive Registration Envelope, in which the letters are closer together, measuring 11mm. instead of 12½mm.

United States.—The long expected McKinley cards have at last arrived. The head of the popular statesman in an oval of course is the feature of the card, and it is very clearly cut and looks well. Above is "Postage One Cent," below "1843. McKinley 1901." An equal oval at left bears the arms. POSTAL CARD across upper centre has a space above it, with the words: *The space above is reserved for postmark*; and below is the instruction, "The space below is for the address only."

1c. black on pale buff. 82 × 144mm.

I hear that Uncle Sam contemplates issuing a 4c. wrapper shortly.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE twelfth annual meeting was held on July 28th, Mr. H. Scott Tucker in the chair.

The reports of the hon. secretary and hon. exchange secretary were read and adopted. These showed an increase in the number of members, both ordinary and corresponding, and a substantial balance in hand. Fifteen meetings for the discussion of stamps were held during the past session, and several interesting papers were read.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follow:—President, Mr. R. T. Stevens; vice-president, Major Hailes, R.M.L.I.; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Dymond, 5, Cotehole-terrace, Stoke; hon. exchange secretary, Dr. C. Russel Rendle; committee, Messrs. H. Scott Tucker, W. A. Walker, and G. B. Phillips. Mr. Tucker was appointed to act as librarian.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 82nd Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, on Monday, July 14th.

The resignation of Mr. Hoeninghaus was read and accepted with regrets.

The report of the committee appointed as judges to pass on the competitive exhibitions of the stamps of Hayti and the Balkan States held at the Club House, on June 24th, was received and read.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$236.67 exclusive of \$1000 dollar bond was approved as read.

Mr. F. L. Stolz was elected a subscribing member of the Club.

Alfred Perrin, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXCHANGE.

JUNE Colonial packet just returned, results which appear fair will be announced later.

August packet despatched on its circuit on the 11th. The packet contained both sections and includes a very good number of scarce stamps.

Colonial section, 14 sheets, £92 18s. 1½d. nett value.

General section, 19 sheets, £190 17s. 0d. gross value.

September packets will go out separately again, holiday fever being abated. Several fresh members have joined. Particulars on application.

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Notes from the Dominion.

By "WALLABY."

Some interesting jottings are to hand from a constant reader and occasional contributor to the *Fortnightly*, Mr. F. F. Lamb, better known in our pages as "Wallaby." Mr. Lamb, on his travels in the Dominion does not appear to find quite such philatelic enthusiasm among the Canadians as he expected.—Ed., S.C.F.]

Since arriving in Canada I have had very little time for stamps. The city of St. John contains only one store—at least I could only discover one—at which they sell foreign stamps, and a very poor selection at that! The New Brunswickers' are in too much of a hustle to be able to spare time for our hobby.

I must say I was much surprised at the lack of interest shown when I talked stamps. One would think, that, during a long winter, when little or no work, except in the towns, can be done, philately would take a leading place. But no! I suppose it must be too slow a pursuit for the Eastern Canucks. Talk fishing to a New Brunswicker and he catches on at once, probably asks you what your fancy is, for a dark mornin; in early June—or have you tried the new local fly?—that kills at sight, and so on.

But to return to stamps—or, rather, the lack of things stampie in N.B. It is really remarkable. Go down to Maine, or Massachusetts, just over the Yankee border, and you find that things philatelic just fairly hum. Boston is the "hub" for the New England States, and stamp stores are quite plentiful there.

With my usual luck I managed to hear of an old settler who had a thirty years accumulation of letters and envelopes, and even my last bitter disappointment at Tunbridge Wells (which *Fortnightly* readers may remember) didn't damp my expectations. I paid an early visit to the farm house. Cabbages, corn, cows, carrots, cucumbers were exhausted as topics of conversation before I dared mention stamps, and when I did, I was told they (the envelopes) were all burnt last winter!

"Fancy you wanting to see them things!" said the settler.

Fancy! My usual luck!

Montreal, Canada, August 1, 1902.

I left St. John, the city of pretty girls, last week and arrived in Montreal the following day. The trip up, through some lovely scenery, was a specimen of what travelling should be, but then the C.P.R. is noted the world over.

One of my first calls was at the offices of the "Montreal Philatelist."

Alas! that journal has joined the great majority, Mr. Wurtele, its publisher, not finding the time devoted to philately sufficiently remunerative. Yet, surely, a city with a population of over 300,000, and many of them wealthy people at that, should be able to support a well got-up philatelic paper?

Quite a number of stores in Montreal devote a portion of their windows to the display of stamps, mostly of the common or European sort, with perhaps a few really good packets of Canadians marked at from 10¢. to a dollar each. If I may judge from so short a stay in Montreal I should emphatically say that philately requires a good deal of booming here. The small boy, usually to be seen outside a good stamp store, eagerly criticising a 10¢. Peru or a 1d. Cape is conspicuous by his absence.

With all the Canadian issues of the last few years, there are now only seven cent values on sale throughout Canada; ½c., 1c., 2c., 5c., 10c. and 20c., all of the numeral type, and the 50c. of the 1892 issue.

The really usefuls, 3c.-6c. stamps are obsolete, but will I think shortly be replaced with a King's Head issue. Only two embossed envelopes are on sale, the 1c. and 2c. of the same design.

Next month I expect to be in the States and may then have some Yankee Notes for the *Fortnightly*.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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Nett, or Fifty per Cent.

For some years past there have been frequent animated controversies as to the relative merits of the nett-price and fifty-per-cent systems in the pricing of stamps for Exchange Clubs, but never has the subject been so well debated as during the discussion which is brought to a close with this issue of the *Fortnightly*. Brought to a close, but alas! not to any very definite conclusion. We fear that the leading dispiritants in what we feel quite sure has been a thoroughly good-humoured battle of words, are "of the same opinion still." Yet we are hoping against hope that, if the Fifty per Centers cannot be converted to nett-pricing, or *vice versa*, at least some sensible means may be found of securing uniformity. If only uniformity were brought about, we fancy that the question of the system of pricing would become a matter of quite secondary importance.

It is difficult to gather up the threads of argument from among the diverse opinions expressed by *Fortnightly* readers. There has been so much confusion of the actual issue; so many red herrings have been dragged across the trail.

One fact, however, stands out bold and clear. No very logical excuse has been formulated for the 50% system. The original object of that system—*viz.*, to compel a collector whose account is overdue to pay the full marked price for his purchases—is now undoubtedly a dead letter. No court of law, surely, would ever accept the argument as binding? Many correspondents aver that the rule has never been enforced, and in this connection one cannot resist the thought that the person who would consent to be bullied into paying double price for his purchases just because his account happened to be a fortnight overdue would be too great a fool ever to become a good philatelist. No; the only point scored in favour of the Fifty-per-Centers is the evident popularity of that system among the persons chiefly concerned; and that point is a big one. A thing that is generally popular must be a good thing, and we are told by Club secretaries that a canvass of their members has resulted in an overwhelming vote for the 50% system.

That seems unanswerable, doesn't it? And yet every consideration of utility and practical common-sense inclines one towards the nett pricing system. We, who have neither bought nor sold through Exchange Clubs for some years past—and, therefore, can speak with absolute impartiality on this question—have found nothing in the present discussion to induce us to change our view that the nett price plan is the common sense plan. As to the "Spider and the Fly" theory

—the idea of the wily Collector-Dealer who, for his own ends, lures the unsophisticated amateur to sell his stamps at "half-catalogue"—that is a phase of the question which we leave our readers to think out for themselves. And we will add only this significant fact—that while the 50% arrangement is open to severe criticism on the score of clumsiness and inconvenience, no one has been able to formulate any direct objection to the nett pricing system!

"Official" and "Unpaid" Stamps.

The "Philatelic Record" argues that the time is fast approaching when philatelists must ignore the official and Unpaid letter stamps which at present bulk so large in our catalogues and albums.

Ordinary postal adhesives (our contemporary points out) are bulking up into immense lists as each year's issues are added to each successive catalogue, and it is not a rash thing to say that, in one way or another, the process of limitation must be carried to greater and yet greater lengths. We have relegated postcards, wrappers and envelopes to the limbo of a separate catalogue, and restricted ourselves to the collection of adhesives. Locals are similarly shunted from the general collector's path. Even stamps concerning which there was any doubt as to their having been issued to the public have been thinned out. And yet the cry is, still they come in battalions, in New Issues, in Officials, in Unpays.

Obviously the work of elimination must be continued even more ruthlessly than heretofore. Therefore, the question will arise, what can we next relegate to a separate catalogue? Who will deny that the next stamps to be attacked must be those of the Official and Unpaid class? They are not of the rank of adhesives sold to the public for ordinary public use. Officials are stamps for use of the inner circle of the official class. Unpays are, strictly speaking, not postage stamps: they are merely labels indicating that the postage has not been paid. Of the great numbers of Officials and Unpays that are now included in our catalogues, few, precious few, are honestly issued stamps for honest departmental requirements. The great bulk of both classes are issued for the sole and only purpose of milking stamp collectors. What earthly need can Crete have, for instance, of the long list of Unpays recently issued. Our own country manages its vast postal system, so far as Unpays are concerned, with a blue pencil, but a pettifogging, half civilised island needs a long array of Unpays of both high and low values. And the same absurdity marks the issues of other shady postal systems.

Ergo, Officials and Unpays are slowly, it may be, but nevertheless surely, ripening for exclusion from all respectable and recognised lists of adhesives. They may betake themselves to a separate catalogue, or to Hades. It matters little, so long as the ordinary catalogue is relieved of their incubus.

Our contemporary very light-heartedly disposes of stamps which must now represent an enormous amount of locked-up capital: but the fact is forgotten that these stamps are very closely allied to—in fact almost inseparable—the ordinary postal adhesives. Envelopes and post cards suffered from disabilities that in no way apply to official adhesives and unpaid letter stamps. We think that the "Record's" pronouncement, even if it be in some way "inspired," is not likely unduly to disturb those philatelists who have so far forgotten themselves as to collect stamps that have incurred our venerable contemporary's displeasure.

By order of the Federal Postmaster-General the sale of postmarked sets of the stamps of Victoria has been stopped. This is good news, indeed!

Writes the "Daily Chronicle" Paris correspondent: "The stamp collectors have asked M. Quentin Bauchard, the Municipal Councillor, to petition the Government for an authorisation to found a Philatelists' Exchange. The operations now take place in the open air at the corner of the Avenue de Marigny. The desired site is that formerly occupied by the Cirque d'Été, founded by Franconi.

An interesting philatelic work about to make its appearance is Mr. E. J. Nankivell's "Stamp Collecting as a Pastime." The book is intended, its author explains, "as an answer to the ordinary man who cannot see anything in stamp collecting to warrant even soft-looking people like ourselves wasting so much money and precious time on it."

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.

Antioquia.—To the new adhesives recently chronicled for this Colombian Province should be added the following supplementary "oddments":—

Too Late ("Retardo") Stamp: 2½c.

Return Receipt Stamp: 5c.

Registered Letter Stamp: 10c.

All are of conventional Colombian design, the one touch of originality being in the 5 centavo "A.R." stamp, which is of square shape, but is so designed as to be used diamond-wise, like the sixpenny New Brunswick.

Fiji.—In the new perforation, 11×11½, the following stamps are now available:—½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. and 1s. This leaves the 5d. and the 5s. stamps as the sole survivors in the old gauge, but doubtless these will be brought into line with the others at no distant date.

Great Britain.—The recent issue of the new 10d. stamp, in purple and carmine, completes the "King's Head" series. God save the King!

British Levant: Mr. W. S. Webb in his latest "Notes on British Stamps" in the "Philatelic Chronicle" writes

The hand-stamped surcharge of "40 PARAS" on the half-penny vermilion was chronicled as having been issued on three days only at the British post offices in Constantinople and Stamboul, those days being February 27th, 28th, and March 1st, 1893. . . . I have recently acquired a copy on original envelope, which bears all the necessary evidences of bona fide, and moreover is postmarked both on stamp and back of envelope, at Constantinople on February 26th, 1893, being duly received at Cardiff, on March 3rd. This adds another day to the term of currency; and I shall be glad to learn whether anyone possesses or knows of another specimen with this earlier date.

Hayti.—From Mr. W. O. Wylie "Ewen's Weekly" has received particulars of a new provisional issue. The current stamps have been surcharged "MAI—Gt Pre—1902," the letters in the centre standing for "Government Provisoire." The overprint is within an oblong frame (nearly square) with slightly rounded corners.

Adhesives.—Current stamps surcharge in black.

- 1c. yellow-green. Type 9 in Catalogue.
- 2c. carmine. " " "
- 3c. green. Type 8 in " "
- 4c. red. Type 9 " "
- 5c. light blue. " " "
- 7c. violet-grey. Type 8 " "
- 8c. carmine. Type 9 " "
- 10c. orange-red. " " "
- 15c. olive. Type 8 " "
- 20c. black. Type 9 " "

We have to thank (?) political troubles caused by the retirement of President Sam, for this issue.

Malta.—The provisional 1d. and 2½d. stamp is now obsolete. "Ewen's Weekly" expresses the opinion that the PNNEY error in the pale blue shade will prove to be a rarity.

From the International Stamp Exchange Company, of Nottingham, we have an interesting note on the subject of this stamp:

It might interest your readers to learn that we have this day (June 21st) received a letter from our Malta correspondent, re the 2½d. surcharged 1d. blue, wherein he states that a Maltese banker purchased these stamps to the face value of £1015 as a speculation, presumably intending to unload them later on and charge a big price for the PNNEY error. He adds that these stamps can no longer be purchased on the Island, and suggests that another Queen's Head issue will be surcharged before the new issue. As regards this last surmise we, personally, do not think it probable.

Montenegro.—The Austrian lead in changing from "kreuzers" to "heller" has been followed by Montenegro—which is another way of saying that Montenegro has indulged in a complete new issue of postage stamps. For the ordinary adhesives an up-to-date portrait of Prince Nicholas is used,

but the unpaid-letter stamps appear to be identical with the old issue—save, of course, for the change in the inscription of value.

- Adhesives.**—1 heller, blue.
 2 " mauve.
 5 " green.
 10 " rose.
 25 " dark blue.
 50 " blue-grey.
 1 krana, lilac-brown.
 2 " brown.
 5 " yellow-brown.

- Unpaid letter stamps.**—5 heller, orange.
 10 " olive.
 25 " lilac.
 50 " emerald.
 1 krana, greyish-green.

The postage stamps are variously perforated 12½ and in different compounds. The unpaid letter stamps are perforated 12½.

There is also, according to "Ewen's Weekly," a Return stamp of the value of 25 heller.

Niue and Penrhyn Islands.—Mr. Basset Hull launches a protest against the surcharging of the New Zealand stamps for use in these islands. "Mr. Basil Thomson informs me" (he writes in his "Chatty Notes" for the "Monthly Journal") "that about six months ago the New Zealand Government sent a resident to report on the postal arrangements, and he started a post office to take the place of the former haphazard method of entrusting letters to ship captains, to be stamped and posted at the port of arrival. Mr. Thomson does not think that the stamps were issued to raise revenue, as any revenue resulting from the sale of stamps would go to New Zealand in reduction of the cost of administration. Just so! and therefore if the islands' service is merely a branch of the New Zealand postal department, where is the necessity for surcharging the stamps at all? If New South Wales can administer the postal service of Norfolk Island (a service probably twenty times greater than that of Niue and Penrhyn combined) without overprinting the stamps used by the islanders, why cannot New Zealand do the same in the case of her 'annexes'?"

Queensland.—It was stated many months ago that the current 1d. stamp was known perf. 12×9½, but "Ewen's Weekly" has now been informed that the 9½ perforation is unofficial. The story goes that "the 9½ machine was sent to New Guinea for commercial purposes," and that someone who had access to it passed some of the 1d. stamps of 1882, perf. 12, through this machine. It is said that the original perforation can be traced along the edges perf. 9½. "But when did this happen?" asks the "Monthly Journal" in commenting on the matter. "Is there any confusion with the 1d. of 1882 perf. 9×12, or is that the variety the ingenious faker was trying to make?"

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AN EXPLANATION BY "RATS."—SOME FURTHER OPINIONS.

I DO not think Mr. Dannatt need be taken very seriously after his last letter (writes "RATS," our original correspondent on this subject).

What he is pleased to call his "Argument" is the re-iterated statement that "Members prefer the 50% discount system." Why "Members prefer it" Mr. Dannatt never deigns to explain, and—*De gustibus non est disputandum!*

Mr. Dannatt having rejected my suggested reason of the 50% discount system without, however, attempting to give any other, I will now repeat it as a plain statement of fact, which can easily be verified.

The 50% discount system was first introduced by the late Mr. Hollick, of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, to enable the Secretary to obtain prompt payment from the members for money owing for "takings," by giving him the power to sue defaulters for the gross amount if their accounts remaining unpaid ten days after delivery.

The idea is founded on the reduction of interest of a mortgage on punctual payment. Prideaux says:—

"It would seem the more direct plan to make the interest payable, in the first instance, at the stipulated rate, and to provide for an increased rate in default of punctual payment. But such a provision would not answer the purpose, as it would be regarded in the light of a penalty and relieved against."

That is the reason, the sole and only reason, why we have the 50% discount system in our Philatelic Exchange Clubs. If the law allowed the price to be doubled in default of punctual payment, we should have nett prices.

It is perfectly obvious to any thinking individual that the quicker the Secretary can collect money owing from members, the sooner he will be able to settle with members who have money to receive, and if the 50% system achieved that object, members would be right to vote for it. But it does not achieve the object.

Even Mr. Dannatt confesses that he has never known a Secretary to claim the full gross amount from a defaulting member. Then, I ask again, what is the use of all this clumsy nonsense?

Members who imagine that 50% discount means half catalogue, can quickly undeceive themselves by noting the fact that the rule is always "50% off marked prices," and not "off catalogue," and if they expect to buy, and insist upon buying, only stamps which are marked at half catalogue, or less (*i.e.*, nett), they will, as a natural consequence, circulate a very poor class of stamp in their Club—the dealers and the auctions offering to vendors a better market for cash.

I regret that I can see nothing to be gained by revealing my identity, beyond satisfying the Secretary of the Otterdale Club's idle curiosity, and shall therefore still subscribe myself,

RATS!

FIFTY-PER-CENT OFF—WHAT?

From a number of other interesting letters on this subject, we shall now publish a final selection. A contribution by Mr. A. H. Dingwall, of Weston-Super-Mare, is among the most logical and sensible we have received, because, like "Rats," Mr. Dingwall conscientiously tries to solve the real question at issue *viz.*: Which system is really the better for buyers and sellers alike? Furthermore, this correspondent accentuates the fact that the 50% discount does not necessarily imply "50% off catalogue"—a highly important consideration.

As the subject is an important one (writes Mr. Dingwall) I hope I may be permitted to write a few lines anent the 50% discounts in clubs even though I thereby incur the risk of being numbered amongst "the small and noisy section of philatelists who, &c., &c."

First I should like to point out what none of your correspondents seem to have noticed, that if it really be a fact that asking contributors of sheets to price at 50% in advance of actual sales, tends

to lower prices, then the system is an obviously unjust and unfair one as an "Exchange" Club ought surely not to handicap one class of collector to the advantage of the other, but ought to treat both buyer and seller on exactly the same terms. But as the whole subject must be a matter of personal experience I must confess that I do not myself think that I am at a disadvantage in comparison with the purchaser who of course has to take his wares at the artificially enhanced price.

So the simple question remains: Why all this trouble to artificially raise prices when results remain the same—in other words if equals be added to equals are not the results equal? But then, though theoretically they should be equal, the question remains as to whether, in practice, the results are the same as if nett prices obtained. And here I am at direct issue with Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt, as I firmly believe that artificially making stamps or anything else look dearer is not the way to encourage sales and from a purely business-like point of view I should be glad to know what other business in the Universe is run successfully on these extraordinary lines? It is quite true that on the Continent, to a small extent, the seller demands rather a higher price than he is prepared to accept, but this is no longer the custom with good substantial firms, where "Prix fixe" and "Feste Preise" are now the rule, and in Great Britain this method has long been in abeyance—never to be reinstated, I hope. I think I may fairly claim to have an experience of the average seller, as I find as a rule that I receive, on balance, from the clubs instead of paying, so that there can be no possible reason why I should be such a staunch advocate of nett prices if the other system were preferable and as I want more to sell than to buy I should surely support that principle which brought the best results.

The fact, however, I believe to be that adding an artificial premium to the stamp tends to make it look dear, and I am convinced that taking them all round the nett clubs secure me far better results than the "discounts," and this is the more satisfactory as they do not as a rule push their own interests either to gain many new adherents or to proclaim their satisfactory results to the philatelic public. Of course the 50% discount principal is only one out of a great many practised generally in "the trade," and I am sure that they are all wrong as they only give the public the idea that, with such liberal discounts allowed, the stamps can cost the buyer nothing and consequently may hesitate to invest anything under the impression they will lose the bulk of their money whenever the whirligig of time brings the collection to the market.

In the hot (?) weather in July I amused myself one day by going most carefully through all the sheets of one of our representative 50% clubs with an idea of discovering what part the catalogue played in the pricing, and I cannot say that I discovered any stamp which was not priced strictly in accordance with merit and with an entire disregard of the standard catalogue price. I saw Great Britain, 2d. blue, without lines, priced at 5/-, catalogued at 2/- and I have no doubt but that the seller was justified in marking the higher figure. But where does the idea of half catalogue come in?

Let the advocating secretaries of 50% clubs be consistent and insist that half catalogue prices are to be the rule and that stamps otherwise priced will not be accepted—then there will be *raison d'être* for their strenuous approval, but the present system though it may lead to a few mistakes of pricing of great advantage to the Secretary who sees the packet first (I have made such mistakes myself and have been told about them afterwards), is absolutely useless to the general member who would get the same advantage from nett prices and be saved an infinite amount of perfectly useless trouble. At the risk of redundancy I would ask every club member this question: If the principle of 50% premium on to the prices of one's stock-in-trade be a sound one why is it that not a single other business in the United Kingdom or out of it has adopted it?

May I add that I hope correspondents will save themselves the trouble of pointing out the real reasons for the 50% premium, the inflated catalogue prices, the facility of getting debts paid and accounts squared (Has any member at any time ever paid double for his purchases?) I have heard all this *ad nauseam* and, apart from the fact that most of the previous conditions have entirely changed, these so-called advantages would obtain equally in any other business. Which is why I ask a plain question to which a plain answer can be given.

WHY IS THE 50% DISCOUNT POPULAR?

Now, despite all the arguments advanced by the advocates of nett pricing, there remains the contention advanced by more than one correspondent that "better results" are obtained from the 50% clubs. On this all-important question, Mr. Johnston, the Secretary of the Caledonia Stamp Exchange, reports his experiences:—

Regarding the 50% discount question (Mr. Johnson remarks), it does seem, at first sight, rather absurd to ask, say 5s., for a stamp

which you are quite willing to sell for 2s. 6d. And yet stamps priced in that way are more popular with the majority of collectors, than if the price were marked at the exact figure one meant to sell for. Collectors, I think, must have a good reason for such preference, and I would say without any hesitation that your Streatham correspondent has given that reason. At least, my own experience is that, as a rule, I can buy stamps cheaper out of a 50% Exchange than out of a Nett priced one, and just as long as this holds good, will 50% Exchanges remain the most popular. For my own part I have given up all Nett Exchanges, and intend keeping by the 50% ones and for the above reason.

WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

Another correspondent, "H.H.," of Carmarthen, asks (as we fear many another *Fortnightly* reader must have wondered) what is the real question at issue. He goes on:—

Mr. Dannatt says the question is: "Why should the 50% discount system stand?" His answer is, because members won't be happy till they get it. I thought the question was: Why should the system stand any longer? From the correspondence on the subject I gather there was a time in the early days of Exchange Clubs, when the system was useful as offering a rough and ready means of striking a bargain, the Catalogues in vogue affording no true index of values. *Nous avons changé tout cela*, as any reader of "The Collectors' Guide to Values" can see for himself. Speaking out of book I should say that most of the stamps quoted therein are well over "half catalogue," and that very many are not so far off full price.

Why then keep up the fiction of "half catalogue?" In the interest of Secretaries, says "Rats." Certainly not, says Mr. Dannatt. As the system is now manifestly unfair to sellers, I cannot help feeling that it is kept up in the interest of the Fifty-per-Centers, who have virtually become "Bears" of the stamp market.

Amateur collectors are apt in time to become almost unconsciously quasi-dealers and speculators. I have a suspicion this is the position of the majority of Fifty-per-Centers. They have found their system very useful in enabling them to pick up stamps well under their real value, and naturally they are unwilling to give it up; but, as sellers get better posted and more alive to their own interests, they will take care to avoid such clubs, which are essentially buyers' clubs. The very fact that the Otterdale has lately been advertising for members would seem to indicate that the supply of green amateurs is becoming exhausted. In spite, therefore, of Mr. Dannatt's positiveness, I am inclined to think that Nett Price Clubs are going to be the clubs of the future.

In regard to the wider question, why Exchange Clubs are not so successful as their Secretaries could wish, I believe the main reasons are to be found not so much in the respective merits or demerits of the two systems, but in the facts—

1st: That the majority of members have limited purses. With what keen regret and how often is the monthly packet sent away carrying with it all those lovely missing links one would wish to retain.

2nd: That the members being collectors of about the same standing find that the duplicates each would get rid of are common to all the others and are consequently unsaleable even when marked at veritable bargain prices.

THE ABSURDITY OF IT ALL.

A good letter, pointing out the more obvious objections to the 50% system, comes from Mr. Coleman:—

Is it not obvious that the use of nett prices would save both time and trouble on the part of the seller, the club secretary, and the purchaser? Nett prices would remove the necessity for those troublesome and constantly securing mental calculations, and when sheets are returned the account could be shown in fewer figures.

If I wish to dispose of a stamp through a club, assuming for example that the catalogue value of the stamp is 20/-, what convenience or advantage would there be in any direction if I price the stamp at 16/-, when it is really my intention to accept 8/-? By doubling the price, am I not causing myself and all others who may be concerned unnecessary trouble?

In *acknowledged ready money transactions*, we are all well aware that it is a species of delusion to put on any per centage merely to be taken off again; it is very much the same in the case of a draper, who goes out of his way to trouble himself, his assistants and his customers by attaching, for instance, such an awkward and hideous price as 19/11½ to an article. Attractions held out to purchasers by these devices are simply visionary—and tend rather to cause us to ask ourselves: What is the meaning of this? May there not be more behind it than I am supposed to see?

The question of pricing where the purchaser is understood to have the option between receiving discount for cash, and taking credit does not pertain to the present discussion—since stamp clubs as far as I know, do not allow credit.

Fair nett prices appeal to us as bearing the hall mark of genuine business; but other devious methods of pricing, which are evidently in the nature of allotments, at once arouse thoughts which are imbued with a measure of mistrust.

HOW SHOULD PRICES BE ARRIVED AT?

Mr. R. Wedmore, writing from Berlin, raises an interesting point: How should Exchange Club Prices be arrived at?

Whether the 50% plan or the nett price system be considered the better, I think it would be interesting to have the views of philatelists as to the principles which should guide members of stamp exchanges in pricing their stamps. I do not mean whether they should be catalogue or half catalogue, etc., but whether they should be priced at the rate a dealer has to pay when replenishing stock, or at the price a dealer ought to ask, or on what basis? Let us consider whence an amateur obtains his supplies for club sheets. There are three main sources. First by purchasing a collection and dispersing the duplicates, secondly, stamps collected from current correspondence, and thirdly by obtaining small wholesale lots of current unused stamps from friends abroad or in some other way. I consider a fair way to price the latter is half way between face value and catalogue price, thus most current unused sixpenny stamps are catalogued at 8d., and could be sold on exchange sheets at 1s. 2d. gross or 7d. nett.

I think if we could arrive at members' views as to the proper basis for making prices, it would do much to settle whether the stamps should be marked on the club sheets at nett prices or subject to 50% discount.

My own plan is to mark the stamps at prices which I should be willing to pay for them if they were offered me. Stamps of countries I care little about are generally marked cheaper than those I fancy I know something about. I think the general fault is to mark stamps too dear.

I wish someone would explain *why he prefers the 50% system!* Thus far in the correspondence no one has done so. I have never been able to imagine the smallest reason in its favor, and it has always been one of the greatest mysteries to me why members should like it. I have a notion that there are a great many persons who haven't the slightest idea of the real value of the stamp they wish to purchase and only feel safe when they know that they are buying at half catalogue. It is generally a rule in the 50% clubs that if a stamp is marked at more than catalogue price (subject to discount) the catalogue price must be stated at the side. Stamps so marked are left severely alone by adherents of the 50% plan, and are only removed by those who take the stamps on their merits and on their own judgment. That at any rate is my theory. Perhaps one who favors the 50% system will tell me why he does so.

In shorter letters dealing with the question at issue, Mr. Ernest Heginbotham, B.A., Mr. J. T. Norman, "Alpha," and "A.B.T." endorse the views of our Streatham reader, who pronounced in favour of the 50% system on the ground that it produces "better results," and also put in a plea for "uniformity." On the other hand, votes for nett pricing are recorded by Mr. John Western, "Alex," Mr. Harold Giff, "A.B.J." and "W.T."

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Made Philatelists by the War Boom.

Undoubtedly many of those who have recently "taken up" Philately came in on the war wave; and for these Major Evans has words of salutary council in the "Monthly Journal":—

We would venture (he writes) to address a little warning to these enthusiastic recruits, lest they be led astray by the peculiar nature of the special phase of Philately which has attracted them to our ranks. The peculiarities of these war curios are formed for the most part by vagaries of surcharge, irregularities inseparable from more or less hasty or careless setting up of type, or from lack of sufficient supplies of certain letters or stops of the same font. Varieties of this nature are, and rightly so, not generally regarded by Philatelists as possessing exceptional interest; they are varieties that have sometimes (such in human nature) even been made on purpose, and, in more numerous cases still, have been at once recognised and removed from the sheets—not always to be destroyed. We do not say that either of things has happened in South Africa, but those who have, in their new-born zeal for Philately, gone wildly into dot and no dot, raised stops and dropped letters, should be warned that these things owe their interest rather to the circumstances under which they have come into being than to their intrinsic philatelic merits.

PAPERS ON TONGA AND ZANZIBAR.

One must pay tribute to the philatelic excellence of the issue of the "Monthly Journal" from which the above extract is taken. Mr. A. F. Basset Hull contributes a valuable paper on the Stamps of Tonga, embodying much new information obtained from official and other sources. Mr. Basil Thomson, the author of a fascinating South Sea volume, "Savage Island," has also helped the writer of the article with many particulars regarding the postal history of Tonga. And another valuable contribution to the "M.J." is Mr. Charles J. Phillips' "Zanzibar: A Reference List with Special Attention to the Minor Varieties."

A GREAT AUTHORITY ON U.S. STAMPS.

The death is recorded with great regret, of Mr. H. G. Mandel, "who (remarks Mr. Phillips in the "Monthly Journal") was very well known as one of the finest experts in the United States in all appertaining to U.S. stamps or the printings of the American Bank Note Co. Mr. Mandel held an important position in the American Bank Note Co., and had been sent by that Company to visit many countries on questions connected with paper, printing, etc., of a highly technical nature.

"When in New York on different occasions I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mandel, and seeing portions of his magnificent collection of U.S. proofs and essays, undoubtedly the finest and most complete that has ever been got together in this line. By the aid of this collection one has been able to trace the history of the U.S. postal and fiscal issues; every stage of manufacture is shown, from the first sketches to the finished product. The collection contains proofs in every stage of the work, trials of colour and paper, devices to prevent cleaning of stamps, etc., etc. Many of Mr. Mandel's specimens were absolutely unique. At the time of his death Mr. Mandel was engaged in making some researches for us in connection with articles it was hoped would appear in the columns of this paper later on. From his official position he was enabled to obtain much valuable information, very much of which has been employed in the monumental work on U.S. stamps recently published by Mr. J. N. Luff.

A GOVERNMENT STAMP SALE FOR CHARITY.

Here is an odd circular issued by the General Post Office of Alexandria on June 23rd last:

"The Post Office Administration offers for sale, on behalf of the Postal Mutual Help Society, 280,700 foreign and Egyptian obliterated stamps, which have been detached from undelivered correspondence and parcel despatch notes destroyed at the expiration of the regulation periods.

"Tenders may be made for the whole lot or for a portion thereof; but in the latter case the price offered per 1,000 stamps of each value should be mentioned.

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31st July, 1902, inclusive, and should be enclosed in double envelope, the inner one bearing the words 'Tender for purchase of old stamps.'

"The Postmaster-General reserves the right of accepting any offer or refusing all if considered unacceptable; he also declines all responsibility for stamps that may be torn or over-obiterated.

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This Government Stamp Sale on behalf of charity, however, is not likely to realise an enormous amount of money, for "the stamps referred to in the schedule enclosed," the "Monthly Journal" tells us, "represent about 200,000 Egyptian postal stamps of recent issues, 36,000 Unpaid Letter stamps of Egypt, 4,700 Sudan stamps, and a few thousand German, Austrian, Swiss, etc., etc.

Stolen on "Independence Day."

It appears from American newspaper paragraphs reprinted in "Mekeel's Weekly" that Frank Dallmeyer, of Jefferson City, Missouri, is mourning the loss of a valuable stamp collection which disappeared from his home on the Fourth of July. The collection, which consists of nearly 3,000 stamps, is the result of almost ten years collecting, and is valued at £40. Mr. Dallmeyer has many rare and valuable stamps in his collection, many of which were found in Germany on his last trip there, and he prized the collection very highly. There were two books of the stamps, one book containing about 200 and the other about 2,800, and it was the larger book which was taken.

"If the thief will come back," says Mr. Dallmeyer, "he can have the smaller book!" But this pathetic appeal seems to be quite wasted on the callous-hearted stamp thief.

Bosnian Issues as they Are Not!

We think we have never seen a contribution to philatelic literature so "carved up" by the pen of the critic as the "Notice Historique sur la Bosnie-Herzegovine et ses premiers Timbres-Poste" published in "L'Echo de la Timbrologie" and signed "J. B." It is Mr. B. T. K. Smith of Messrs Alfred Smith & Son's "Monthly Circular" who undertakes to show that history as recorded by "J. B." is not history at all, but mere moonshine. Mr. Smith opines that "J. B." is Jules Bourez, but if that surmise should prove inaccurate then the *amende honorable* must be made.

"J. B." begins (we quote Mr. B. T. K. Smith) by saying that the first issue appeared on December 1st, 1879, and that it did not include the 1 kr., which was issued on November 1st, 1886. The truth is that the set was chronicled in July, 1879, by Moens, and it included the 1 kr. which "J. B." thinks was unknown till seven years later. It may be objected that Moens chronicled from "advance copies," in which case I invite the objectors to explain why the dealers were selling these sets complete, months before December 1st, 1879.

And though the sets were perf 12½, and were so chronicled by every journal, "J. B." says that this perforation was unknown till 1881.

He affirms that the 2 kr. was not issued before 1886. How is it that the "Timbres-Poste" received it at the end of 1879, and the dealers were selling it with the other values very soon afterwards?

"About the end of 1901" the ½ kr. made its appearance, says "J. B." How is it that no one chronicled it before 1894, when it was described as perf 10½?

On the 15th day of September the 5 kr. changed from red to rose. "J. B." affirms the accuracy of the date, and yet I find that both shades had been chronicled months before "I.B.J., No. 90," together with two shades of the 2 kr.

I have another question to ask. "J. B." says that the 15 kr. was retouched about the end of 1891. How was it that Mr. S. C. Skipton (who, I think, was the discoverer of this variety), found a specimen dated 1889?

Lastly I cannot think that if the 20 kr. was issued on July 1st, 1892, it would have remained unrecorded until the following year, or that the red-lilac 25 kr. would be hailed as a novelty in 1899 if as "J. B." thinks, it appeared in 1892.

Perhaps my account of "J. B.'s" monograph may lead some collector to make a serious study of the stamps of Bosnia. I do not mean by this the production of a sickening array of 81 varieties of 9 stamps, as such a list has already appeared in Gibbons' Catalogue, where it stands a perfect example of misdirected ingenuity. Among other things we still have to find out the dates of issue, backed by official documents; the question of the BRIEFMARKEN or ZEITUNGS-MARKEN watermarks in the sheets, the history of the two types of the 5 and 10 kreuzer, described in Scott's Catalogue, and also a rational arrangement of the perforations.

From the Auction Rooms.

THE "FORTNIGHTLY'S" AUCTION REPORTS.

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	£	s.	d.
Nevis, 1883-90, 6d. green	4	12	6
Newfoundland, 1857, 2d. scarlet- vermilion, torn	3	10	0
Do. do. 4d. do. fine	4	8	0
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Do. do. 6d. do. do. and pin- holed	5	0	0
Do. 1860, 1/- orange-vermilion, cut close and thinned	7	10	0
New Zealand, blue paper, 1d. red	1	12	0
Do. 1872, wmk. N.Z., 1d. brown	13	10	0
Do. do. do. Lozenges, 2d. vermilion	3	12	0
Niger Coast, 1893/94, 1/- in red on 2d.*	3	0	0
Nova Scotia, 1/- purple, cut into at left	8	0	0
Orange River Colony, 6d. blue <i>without surcharge</i> , a horizontal pair*	3	0	0
Do. V.R.I., 4d. in red on 6d. blue, a mint pane of 60	1	9	0
Prince Edward Island, 1860-69, 2d. rose, imperf., a sheet of 30, some creased*	1	2	0
Do. do. 3d. blue, a sheet of*	1	4	0
Do. do. 4d. black do. do.*	0	16	0
Queensland, 1860, imperf. 2d. blue, fine	3	10	0
Do. 1882-83, perf. 9 x 12, 1d. red, big type*	4	15	0
Do. do. 1/- mauve on piece	1	10	0
St. Lucia, 1860, wmk. star, 4d. blue*	1	10	0
St. Vincent, 1871-72, compound perfs., 1d. black a block of 4, fine	1	18	0
Do. 1880, 1d. on half of 6d. blue-green	3	12	6
Seychelles, 1893, 3 on 4c. surcharge inverted	1	6	0
Sierra Leone, 1894, CC. perf. 14, Halfpenny on 1 1/2d. lilac*	3	15	0
South Australian, 1871, V and crown, 4d. purple, fine	2	16	0
Switzerland, Geneva, the double stamp, two halves rejoined, left half*, but torn right half, used	5	17	6
Do. Basle, 2 1/2r.	3	8	0
Do. another*	3	0	0
Do. Winterthur, 2 1/2a., with put gum	3	6	0
Tasmania, 1864-70, wmk. Star, 6d. bluish-grey, rouletted, on piece, roulettes showing on 2 sides	3	3	0
Do. serrated perfs., 2d. yellow-green	2	8	0
Do. 1870-71, 4d. blue	2	8	0
Do. 1880-91, 2 1/2d. blue, double surcharge, one inverted	1	12	0
Transvaal, 1877, V.R. Transvaal, in red, imperf. 3d. mauve	5	0	0
Do. do. small V.R. 1d. red on yellow, pin perf. defective	2	4	0
Do. 1883, 1 - pale green, a vertical tête-bêche pair	1	1	0
Do. 1885, 2 1/2d. on 1/- the error 2 1/2	1	12	0
Trinidad, 1860, litho, 1d. slate	1	14	0
Do. 1863, 4d. reddish-purple*	1	14	0
Do. The Lady McLeod local, on entire, defective	5	5	0
Turks Islands, 1873-79, 1/- lilac, some perfs. missing	10	10	0
Do. 1881, 4d. on 1/- lilac (S.G. No. 37)*	2	17	6
Do. 1893, 3/4d. on 4d. grey	1	5	0
Uganda, 1895, type written in violet, roc.	1	15	0
Victoria, 1850, 1d. rose, roulettes very clear	10	0	0
Do. 1862, 6d. orange	2	5	0
Do. 1863-81, 5/- blue on yellow	3	0	0
Virgin Islands, 1867-68, perf. 15, 6d. rose	4	7	6
Do. do. do. 1/- rose-carmine	2	8	0
Do. 1887, 4d. on 1/- crimson, a horizontal pair	2	10	0
Zululand, 1894-96, £5 black on red	4	15	0
Do. Natal Revenue surcharged Zululand, £20 green and black with registered postmark	6	10	0

How time flies! Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue for 1902-03 are already "in hand," and it is hoped that Part I. will be ready for delivery by the last week of the current month.

A Specialist in Postmarks.

WHERE will specialism stop? Mr. Solomon Stebbins, a contributor to the special "Springfield Convention" number of the "Weekly Philatelic Era," confesses that his "side line" consists of a collection of stamps showing different postmarks! These are mostly on U.S. stamps. "but anything in this line" adds Mr. Stebbins, "is fish for my net."

My collection (he writes) now numbers about 6,000, of which about 4,000 are on U.S. stamps. The collection is surprisingly varied as almost any design can be found, circles, dots, grills, stars, rings, letters, figures, crosses, shields, bees, clover leaves, Masonic emblems, towns, flags, dollar sign, lines, paid, squares, ovals, faces, etc. In the flag cancellations can be found the entire alphabet from Chicago alone, also the numerals from 1 to 34 with the exception of 31 which I have never seen, though I have been through some 400,000 stamps. The straight line cancellation in use some years ago is found with large numerals to 11.

A series which is especially numerous is that cancellation, the base of which is a circular daub to be found in one solid circle and divided from that into six parts in innumerable variations. I have 450 varieties of this design alone and still they are coming.

The dot cancellation is also a large family. I have about 250 of these.

The star cancellation while not so numerous, is very interesting. I have about 120 varieties of stars. Concentric rings are a large class, all sizes and conceivable variations, 200 varieties are in my collection.

Varieties of the line cancellation other than the machine cancellation number over 200 varieties. Large numerals in various forms are to be found. I have about 60 varieties of these.

Large letters are more numerous than the numerals. I have over 150 of these but am still looking for X, Y and Z.

One numerous class I can only describe as consisting of rays, from 4 to 15 on each cancellation. I have about 250 of these.

I have over 1100 different cancellations of such a nature that they cannot be separated into groups. Among those of especial interest can be found a honey bee, a U.S. shield, 2 sizes of clover leaves, 2 square and compass, 3 or 4 faces that resemble a jack o' lantern and the dollar sign. In foreign I have about 2500 varieties, mostly from European countries, French cancellations predominating. I have also 314 revenue stamps, proprietary and documentary, with different cancellations.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

Who will succeed Mr. Ad Sonn?

THE Stamp Trade Protection Association, Limited, is again in want of a Secretary, as Mr. Ad Sonn, who has so ably filled that post, is shortly returning to South Africa, and must therefore reluctantly resign.

A Good Record of Work Done.

By the way, the S.T.P.A. can boast of good progress and much steady, useful work unostentatiously performed. During the past eight months nearly 600 postcards, letters, &c., have gone out to members, including the monthly black Lists. Expenses have been high—necessarily so—but in the collection of debts the S.T.P.A. has done work of which it may well be proud. The membership, which last year stood at 38 is now 43, nine new members having joined and four of the old ones having dropped out.

Dissolving Views from Sydney.

THE members of that well known stamp dealing firm, Messrs. Smyth & Nicolle, of Sydney, N.S.W., have dissolved partnership, a notice to this effect in the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" of July 15th being signed by Thomas Henry Nicolle and James H. Smyth.

The last-named, Mr. J. H. Smyth, recommences business at new premises, 88 King Street, Sydney, under the name, "J. H. Smyth & Co."

Mr. T. H. Nicolle, on the other hand, issues a circular stating that he will continue the original business of Smyth & Nicolle, under the old name and at the old address, 14 Hunter Street, Sydney.

The New Zealander writes most Letters.

CLIPPINGS from the newspapers of Wellington, New Zealand, are kindly sent us by Mr. T. S. Payton, of Dunedin, showing the financial results of working of the New Zealand postal and telegraphic departments for the year ended March 31st last. Some of the facts and figures are astonishing. For instance:

Notwithstanding the introduction of penny postage, the gross revenue, which might have been expected to show a serious drop, is only less by £15,262 than for the previous year. The postal receipts, instead of being much below those of 1900, as might have been anticipated, reaches within £35,761 of the 1900 figures.

The loss on the penny post has been below anticipation. Instead of a loss of £80,000, as originally estimated, the actual loss may be set down at about £31,000.

The total postal revenue for the year amounted to £281,006, and the expenditure to £253,310.

During the year 48,340,816 letters were posted, equal to 62.15 letters to each head of the population, an increase of 12,185,771. The percentage of letters to each head of the population is believed to be the highest in the world. The total increase on all letters dealt with was 12,881,969.

The "Martha Washington" Stamp.

THERE is after all to be no change in the printing of United States postage stamps. The tender of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving is the lowest, after all, and the work will remain in their hands. Consequently there need be no further delay in the preparation of the new issue—including what every philatelist is curious to see, the "Martha Washington" stamp!

Inflated Values bad for Collectors.

IT is a mistake, as an American contemporary ably demonstrates, to look upon a general and continuous rise in philatelic values as a good and desirable thing. It is not the collector but the dealer who derives the lion's share of the "unearned increment" represented by any abnormal advance.

Why do we jubilate so in rise of prices? asks our contemporary. Because we have got a few hundred stamps that have increased in the quotations 100% in a year? Do not forget that there are still more we want to obtain and that they will cost so much more. Don't crow over inflated values. It is the dealer's advantage to inflate them, not yours. If your collection has increased in value, so have the stamps you haven't got, probably in a greater ratio, and it will cost you so much the more to get them!

A Fortune out of "Buffalo" Stamps!

SOMEBODY in America, it appears, has written and published a pamphlet entitled "How I made a Fortune on the Pan-American Stamps." Whether it's all fact, or all imaginative moonshine, we cannot say, as the pamphlet has not yet materialised in our neighbourhood. The edition, we read, is limited to 500 copies at 25 cents. There won't be any trouble about 25 cents—we have it ready—but we are wondering whether we shall be one of the fortunate five hundred to whom the author of this pamphlet is going to reveal the golden secret how a fortune may be made out of a commemorative issue of postage stamps.

The Coming Catalogues.

THE new catalogues are coming—"Gibbons" for Britishers and "Scott" for Americans. What will they bring us? In the case of the American book, at all events, there will be no radical changes, for Mr. W. D. Eldredge, representing the "Weekly Philatelic Era," has seen Mr. Crawford Capen on the subject, and Mr. Crawford Capen has said it. Furthermore, it is stated that, "as in the last edition, the prices will be for fine specimens, except where the stamp listed does not exist in that condition."

Now we do not all read "Prefaces" and "Introductory Notes," and probably it will come as a surprise to many philatelists to learn that Scott's prices are prices for fine specimens. For is it not generally understood that Gibbons' prices, on the other hand, are for average specimens? And we all know what sort of a thing the fertile imagination of the average dealer is capable of glorifying into an "average specimen." It seems desirable that some sort of uniformity should be arrived at in this matter of the general scheme of the world's philatelic catalogues.

A Serious Theft of Stamps.

AT the request of Lieut.-Colonel Schletter, lately serving in the Transvaal, but now on his way back to India, we are circulating with this number of the *Fortnightly* a leaflet giving particulars of a large quantity of stamps stolen from the officer mentioned.

"Most of the stamps," writes Col. Schletter, "were in small books such as one uses to hold duplicates, and also in two copy books—one with a limp cover, the other with a brown glazed cover. Again, a number of stamps were in a red calico-covered pocket book, fitted with pockets for stamps."

Many common stamps are purposely described in the leaflet, Col. Schletter being of opinion that these might possibly lead to the discovery of the rarer specimens. He will be glad of any information addressed to him at Bombay, c/o Messrs. Grindlay, Groom & Co.

We ask all our readers, collectors and dealers alike, to assist Col. Schletter by giving the leaflet as wide a circulation as possible.

"By Alleged False Pretences."

IN No. 193 of the *Fortnightly* appeared a paragraph stating that Mr. Charles J. Smith had caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of one "E. Sotheby" on charges of obtaining stamps by fraud. As a sequel to that paragraph, we present the following police report clipped from the "Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser," of Saturday last, August 23rd:—

The Dorking police arrested on Thursday morning, on a warrant issued by the Reigate magistrates, Elliott Sotheby, for obtaining, on 24th July last, by false pretences, stamps to the value of £76 17s. 9d. from Chas. Jas. Smith, of Hetchworth. Yesterday the prisoner was brought up before Major Kingsley Foster at the magistrates' offices, Reigate, where Mr. G. Scales, of Dorking, defended.

In the first place it was stated that the prisoner's proper name was Elliott Sotheby Armstrong.

Supt. Alexander said he proposed only offering sufficient evidence for a remand, as it would be necessary to make enquiries, as the prisoner had gone about the country under different names. The prisoner was brought into the police station the previous day by P.C. Hardy, and when charged he replied: "Of course I admit it. I will not give you any more trouble than I can help, and will assist you in any way." Upon that evidence Supt. Alexander asked for a remand.

Mr. Scales applied for bail, stating that the prisoner was well connected. He might say he had been an officer in the Royal Artillery, but had resigned and at the outbreak of the war joined the Imperial Yeomanry, taking up a commission. His father, Lieut.-Colonel Armstrong, had instructed him to make an endeavour to have him released on bail.

Supt. Alexander opposed the application, stating that he wished to make enquiries, as he believed prisoner had gone in the name of Jackson, of Beverley, and other names. He would later on be charged with obtaining money by false pretences, and the Stamp Trade Protection Association had other charges to prefer against him.

Prisoner was then remanded for a week in custody.

While the case is still *sub judice* it would be improper to comment upon it or upon the letters we have received from readers in response to the paragraph originally inserted. Ere our next issue makes its appearance the case may possibly have been disposed of. Meantime, our thanks are due to Mr. J. H. Preece, of Dorking, for kindly sending us a copy of the local paper containing the above report.

The Guileless Sailor Man.

A PERUSAL of "Wallaby's" story of his fruitless visit to the old settler has induced another reader of the *Fortnightly* to tell of an experience of his own in mid ocean.

"I came to England from Canada two years ago," he writes, "sailing from Halifax, N.S. On board the steamer were four tars who had been invalidated home from the China Station. With one of these I soon scraped acquaintance and heard many a tall yarn. One day I asked him whether he had brought any stamps home with him. He went below and soon re-appeared with about thirty stamps in a piece of newspaper. These he said I could have if they were any good to me. When I looked through them I found that all were old Japanese, and among them were the three 'birds' which I found were catalogued at 24s. Altogether the stamps catalogued up to between £7 and £8! Now I only collect British Empire myself, but I thought by selling the Japanese I could make one or two nice additions to my collection.

"Coming from such a source, I had no doubts as to their genuineness. So I asked a certain well-known firm what price they would pay for the three 'birds,' and I got a very fair offer and a selection of stamps to choose from. I accepted, and taking the equivalent in stamps, I returned the sheets and the three Japanese. Imagine my horror when I received a letter from the firm, saying they were forgeries! or imitations. I had to settle with them, of course; and I then sent the whole lot up to them, for their opinion. Alas! they were all forgeries!"

"There are one or two questions to which I am afraid I shall never get an answer," says our correspondent, in conclusion, "as I have lost touch with the sailor. One of them is: Where did he get the stamps?"

Well, the answer to that question is not far to seek. On our reader's own showing the guileless sailor man came from the China Station. Service there would take him to Yokohama and to other places where imitations of stamps would be openly and unblushingly sold by native hawkers and shopkeepers. In far eastern countries the forging of postage stamps is not regarded with any of the severity of accidental justice. And in Japan it is thought to be quite a respectable industry!

Miss Amy Swift, we observe, has recently been correcting a few of the grammatical mistakes and literary inelegancies in the philatelic journals. If Miss Swift should decide to take this up as a regular occupation we think it probable that she would not suffer from any conspicuous lack of work.

In a note under "Malta" ("New Issues and Varieties") in the last *Fortnightly* the International Stamp Exchange Company should be described as of Northampton, not Nottingham. Furthermore, the date of the information quoted should have been August 5th.

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

ONCE again Mr. Morley has placed collectors under real obligation to him by the publication of a work, which is not only of the greatest utility, but has been produced in such a manner as to reflect the highest credit on all concerned. The Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Spain and Colonies, which has been compiled and edited by Mr. L. W. Fulcher, B.Sc., is a thing of beauty, and should be a lasting joy to all interested possessors. Printed on stout highly-surfaced paper, with nearly 350 full-size illustrations in the text, the volume is the most attractive in appearance that has yet been produced in our department of philately, and *inter alia* will be found of excellent service for the confounding of the Philistine.

Writing a couple of years ago for a stamp journal in the States, I pointed out that the American Occupation issues for certain Spanish Colonies would bring collectors of U.S. Revenues into touch with the earlier fiscal issues of those countries, with a natural extension to the emissions of Spain, and thus introduce them to general collecting. The work under notice should greatly help to bring about this desirable result, and on that account I would especially commend it to our cousins over-sea.

I have not yet had time to go carefully through the catalogue, so any criticisms and suggestions that may present themselves must find expression on another occasion, but the most casual glance suffices to make it quite clear that we have here a work that no fiscal collector can afford to neglect, and one that would usefully adorn the library of every dealer and real philatelist.

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It is with very deep regret that we hear of the decease of M. Charles Roussin, the well-known French dealer whose fiscal philatelic work has been second only in value to that of M. Moens. It is on the achievements of these two men that all modern and subsequent revenue catalogue work is and will be founded, and it is impossible to speak too highly of the services rendered by them to our hobby.

The passing of M. Roussin may seriously affect our outlook for it will be remembered that he had announced his intention of discontinuing his old-established journal, "L'Ami des Timbres," at the end of this year, and of devoting himself to the compilation of a general catalogue of Fiscals. It remains to be seen whether his successor in the business will display a similar enterprise; should he be disposed to do so he may rely upon receiving far more assistance in many ways and from many more parts than has ever yet been given in such an undertaking.

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Fiscalists like other meaner mortals have to bear the penalties of success. Like the old maid who was married at last we have been long spared, but the blow has fallen, and we shall no longer be able to speak of our total exemption from the attentions of the *designing*.

Quite a little comedy has been enacted in these latter days commencing some three months ago, when a nice little lot of labels of the last type locally produced in Crete was sent to me by a Constantinople firm of stamp dealers of Hebrew extraction and truly Oriental accomplishments. At that time my collection contained but very few of these Cretan provisionals, and as they are so poorly executed and were printed apparently on any and every kind of white or grey paper that could be picked up, there is nothing humiliating in the confession that in the absence of any reason for suspicion I admitted these strangers to my fold and promptly sent for more, adding a particular request for specimens of the earlier varieties issued under the British and Russian administrations.

Fortunately for my pocket, there arrived in the meantime an intimation from another resident in the same place to the effect that my worthy correspondents were kindly remedying the regrettable insufficiency of Cretan Provisionals by manufacturing them *ad lib.*, on their own premises, and that I was therefore being invited to buy from the maker. This

piece of news naturally sent me in hot haste to my treasures, and, on careful comparison with copies known to be genuine, I was speedily able to verify the correctness of the information.

My first duty was to bring the matter to the knowledge of the respected President of the Fiscal Philatelic Society, and it was a relief to find that his fine collection of the stamps of this region was impeccable. We then waited with interest for the arrival of the second and larger batch, and it is only just to our entertainers to say that after (failing to obtain a cash advance of a couple of pounds) they provided us with a display that considerably exceeded all expectations. This time I got a hundred of the precious labels, a considerable proportion being of the British Occupation type, and the remainder what would be termed finely assorted as regards varieties of paper and perforation. A few also were unused! But the great artistic feature of the selection was the employment of a most clever forgery of the Canea Office hand-stamp of the Cuppa Lambros Steamship Compy., Ltd., which was applied in skilful fashion to the greater number of the Constantinople productions, thereby effecting truly dangerous fakes which would almost inevitably deceive every unprepared collector. From genuine specimens in my possession I was able to reconstruct the whole of this large cancellation and thereby pick out the discrepancies in the forgery, but I do not propose to publish them lest an improvement should be made which would be all the more dangerous in that the new productions would pass muster when tried by these tests.

Having reached this stage, I at once took energetic measures in the direction of an endeavour to extinguish this special enterprise by having the culprits seized with their stock and appliances, and my plans were fully approved by Mr. Schwabacher, though he was convinced that they would prove unavailing, as, unfortunately, proved to be the case.

In the letter accompanying the second lot the manufacturers hinted at the possibility of being able to obtain some of the Russian Occupation varieties for me, and as this betokened fresh activities on their part I endeavoured to secure samples without paying for the labels already received, under the pretence of making one remittance for all they could send that were approved of. This, however, did not work, and as I have now received a somewhat abusive demand for the cash owing, I have been obliged to inform them that their labours have not borne financial fruit in this direction.

As evidence of the industry displayed, I may say that I am keeping some fifty varieties of type, paper, perforation and cancellation, and have been able to deposit with the Fiscal Society a nice little range of undesirables, for purposes of reference and comparison. Unfortunately, Mr. Morley and at least one prominent collector on the Continent have been victimized by these dangerous fakes, and one result is that several of the varieties enumerated in the article on Crete Fiscals, in the June number of "Morley's Journal," will have to be deleted.

This fraud, the first of the kind to be perpetrated on revenue stamp collectors, might have been a most serious one had it not been for the friendly warning so promptly given, and I think I have said enough to show that no one should purchase the hand-struck stamps of Crete without the most careful enquiry as to their antecedents. Members of the Fiscal Society can have their stamps examined by the librarian, to whom I have given full details of the discrepancies noted.

With regard to the Steamship Company's cancellation I may say that I have genuine copies cancelled at the Candia, Canea and Rethymo Agencies, the hand-stamps of which differ somewhat from each other in the style of letters, &c., as well as in the names. The forgery, as already mentioned, is of the Canea office, but the cancellation of which so large a portion is shown in the first illustration on page 36 of "Morley's Journal," is that of the Candia Agency, and therefore differs more widely from the forgery than the latter does from its model.

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This question of the 50% discount in Exchange Clubs has got to be thrashed out to the end. We can see that. On the eve of going to Press we have received a most interesting article on the subject by Mr. F. A. Wickhart, who certainly knows the subject of Exchange Club dealings from A to Z. We shall publish the contribution in the next number of the *Fortnightly*, contenting ourselves for the nonce with the remark that Mr. Wickhart vigorously champions the 50% system.

The hammer of the auctioneer must be taken out and dusted. Well within a month from now we shall all be dragged into the vortex once again. Messrs. Martin Ray and Co.'s first sale—on Monday as usual—is fixed for eight days from now; Messrs. Plumridge & Co. begin operations on September 16th, and Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's first auction of the new season is arranged for September 23rd and 24th.

Reports of the Bankruptcy of Mr. T. A. Ferguson, Stamp Dealer of South Queensferry, reach us just as we are closing for press. In many respects this is a remarkable case, of which we shall publish fuller particulars in the next *Fortnightly*. For the present, suffice it to say, that Mr. Ferguson's liabilities are over £4000, and his assets (consisting entirely of stamps, post cards, &c.), are valued by the bankrupt himself at about £8000.

His Majesty Muzaffer-ed-Din, Shah-in-Shah, Well of Science, Shadow of God and Footpath of Heaven, to say nothing of half-a-hundred lesser titles, has been and gone and left us, after touching off a firework display, firing a maxim gun, and complaining of the maddening speed of our Southern railways. Unfortunately, the Shah does not appear to have spent much time in the society of the Prince of Wales, and thus there is little ground for hoping that our royal philatelist has been able to make the much jewelled potentate see the error of his ways in postal matters. We had fondly cherished the thought that a gentle hint from the President of the Philatelic Society—in quite a friendly way, over the nuts and wine—might have the effect of putting a stop to the operations of the surcharging machine which has of late been so terribly active at Teheran.

Pierpoint-Morganism in Philately is evidently a thing that wants time. You mustn't expect prosperity to come with a rush; it is better to sit down and wait patiently until the dividends come. They'll be all the more welcome for being waited for. That, in effect, is what the Directors of the American Collectors' Company (the big concern which gobbled up the Scott and Coin Company and other businessses) are now telling the stockholders, as an explanation why no

dividend is forthcoming on the common stock. "It is best," they say, for any Company to be extremely conservative in regard to dividends on its common stock. It is only in this way that thoroughly substantial results are secured, and the concern is able under all circumstances to meet its obligations." Meanwhile a curious advertisement appears in the "Metropolitan Philatelist," the organ of the other Scott Company. "For sale, a Thousand Shares, common stock, of the American Collectors' Company," runs this announcement. "Will be sold to the highest bidder—no reasonable offer refused!"

A Postal System for Two.

THE "PRIVATE LOCALS" OF FOX HILL, NATAL, DESCRIBED
BY THEIR ORIGINATOR AND MANUFACTURER.

IN the *Fortnightly* of July 5th last, our readers will remember, we commented upon a description of a local stamp of Fox Hill, Natal, as given in our contemporary, the "Philatelic Monthly Referee." We asked then whether this was yet another War Provisional or an elaborate hoax. As a reply we have received the following letter from a gentleman of Fox Hill, Natal, who, at his own request, shall be nameless:

"You may perhaps be pleased to know (writes this gentleman, under date August 1st) that the stamp described in the *Fortnightly* for July 5th is neither an 'elaborate hoax' nor a new 'War Provisional.'

"It was simply a private local manufactured by myself and used on letters which my native carried to a friend of mine some few miles off. This Kaffir was paid at the end of the month at the rate of one penny for each letter he had carried during that period. Not wishing to take the trouble of making a note of each letter or packet I sent, I printed a certain number (100) of this stamp and despatched half to my friend. At the end of the month it was of course plain to see how many letters had been carried each way by the number each of us had left. Thus each paid his own postage in a lump sum. Being dissatisfied with the first design I subsequently manufactured a second and finally a third type, printing 40 of the former and 50 of the latter.

"When my friend moved away a short time ago it was more convenient to write per Post and hence the Local Service was discontinued. When the Editor of the 'P.M.R.' asked for an explanation of the stamps, I, not dreaming that he had an eye to publication, inerealy gave him a short sketch of their character, not mentioning that they were used by myself alone. As your paper is published before the 'P.M.R.' I should be glad if you could give publicity to this letter or any part of it you may deem sufficient.

"The difference between my 'Locals' and the Natal stamps is that mine had no value until used (when they were worth 1d. to the Runner, while Government stamps are worth face value before use but are valueless afterwards!

"Kindly do not mention my name in any contradiction you may make as were you to do so I should be deluged with letters of enquiry, etc. It is still a mystery to me how the specimen came to be affixed to my letter to the 'P.M.R.', but at any rate the error cost me one penny and enriched the runner by that sum!"

Certainly a droll issue of postage stamps! And their originator, in his letter to the *Fortnightly*, kindly encloses specimens of the three types. The first of these is inscribed "Fox Hill, Natal, Local Postage" around the border, and in the centre, in large capitals "E.R." and the value "1d." In the second type of stamp a three-letter monogram takes the place of the "E.R. 1d." in the centre. The third type is a much more pretentious affair, bearing, as a central device a very amateurish looking profile portrait of an individual whose personal attractions are probably greater in the original than in the pictured face. Whether this gentleman is the originator of the Fox Hill post or the gentleman at the other end of the circuit we are unable to say.

All the stamps appear to have been produced by means of a home-made duplicator, and are in the thin blue and violet inks that one associates with rubber stamps.

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.

Belgium.—In various contemporaries we find chronicled the following new set of railway parcel stamps:—

- 10c. brown and dark blue.
- 15c. grey and violet.
- 20c. blue and sienna-brown.
- 25c. carmine and green.
- 30c. orange and blue.
- 40c. emerald and mauve.
- 50c. rose and mauve.
- 60c. violet and carmine.
- 70c. blue and red.
- 80c. yellow and mauve.
- 90c. carmine and green.
- 1fr. brown and orange.
- 2fr. bistre and greenish-blue.
- 3fr. grey-black and ultramarine.

These are very similar in design ("Ewen's Weekly" states) to the stamps of the previous issue, except the 1, 2 and 3 francs, for which there is an entirely new design.

Guatemala.—Three very-much-surcharged stamps are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. These are Fiscal stamps of the Republic surcharged for postal use.

The overprint (in red) on the 1c. Fiscal reads "Correos Nacionales, 1902," with the value, "1 ctv" in both words and figures. The 2 centavos overprint on the same 1c. Fiscal is practically the same. On the 25c. stamp the overprint is black and reads "Correos—1902—seis 6 cts.," in three lines of type.

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 2 " on 1c. " "
 6 " on 25c. " "

India.—Certain of the King's Head stamps appeared on August 9th—Coronation Day—and we are indebted to Mr. Wilmot Corfield for particulars of not only the adhesives, but also of the envelopes, &c., which our "Entires" Editor will describe in his next contribution. The three stamps listed below are practically identical, as regards general design, with the Queen Victoria series, save for the substitution of the head of King Edward VII. On the 3 pies stamp the crown is tucked away under the arched inscription "India Postage" in such a way that it is scarcely noticed, but on the ½ anna and 1 anna stamps this emblem of sovereignty occupies a more prominent place between the two words of the inscription of value.

Adhesives: 3 pies grey.
 ½ anna pea green.
 1 anna carmine.

Mauritius.—Quite a sheaf of novelties here! New 8c. and 12c. stamps of the "Arms" series; two stamps of the same set surcharged "Postage & Revenue," and three Queen's Heads bearing the same overprint, which, by the way, is arranged on the stamps in the manner shown in our illustration, but the type is heavier and has a blacker look than the rough idea we give of it

New Adhesives ("Arms" type).
 8c. green and black, on straw paper.
 12c. grey-black and red.

Stamps of the "Arms" type surcharged "Postage & Revenue" in black.

4c. brown and red on yellow.
 6c. green and red.

Queen's Head stamps surcharged "Postage & Revenue" in black.
 25c. bistre.
 50c. green.
 2r. 50c. brown-purple.

Postage & Revenue.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., write us on the subject of these surcharges:—"All the postage stamps now current in Mauritius are to be surcharged 'Postage and Revenue' with the exception of the 15c. blue Labourdonnate, and the 36c. Jubilee stamp. The former will remain on sale undefiled by any surcharge, whilst the 36c. Jubilee stamp is to be surcharged 12c.

"The 8c. and 12c. stamps which we send you are the latest additions to the set of the Arms type, and were issued unsurcharged, but we believe these two values also are to be almost immediately overprinted 'Postage and Revenue,' so they are likely to be somewhat scarce in an unsurcharged condition."

New Zealand.—Mr. R. Wedmore writes us as follows:

While looking through some New Zealand duplicates I was struck with an apparent difference in size of some specimens of the ½d. purple-slate (London print), and, on measuring, I found some copies measured 21¼ × 18¼mm., while others measured 22 × 18 bare. Is it likely that two dies were in use, or is it merely a shrinkage in the paper? I have copies both used and unused.

If a shrinkage it is surely rather a big one! Perhaps some reader of the *Fortnightly* can supply a solution of the mystery.

Burglary at Messrs. Bright & Son's.

A LIST OF STOLEN STAMPS.

GOOD fortune, they say, knocks once at every man's door, but bad fortune seems to have no limit imposed upon it. Hard luck has visited Messrs. Bright & Son, of 164, Strand, with quite remarkable frequency, and philatelists will agree that it is high time this enterprising firm struck a rich "find" of some sort to compensate them for the many hard knocks that fate has dealt them. Messrs. Bright's heavy loss by the disastrous fire on their premises will be well within our readers' memory. The firm have sustained two serious burglaries—the second occurring as recently as the 19th instant—and they were also heavy losers by the postponement of the Coronation and the consequent upsetting of their elaborate arrangements for disposing of Coronation seats and windows as premiums on purchases of stamps.

Under date, August 20—the day following their latest burglary—Messrs. Bright & Son forward the following list of "some of the stolen stamps," with the request that the items be published in the *Fortnightly*.

One to twelve each of 78 different sets of stamps, Foreign and Colonial, one rather noticeable set being the imperf. Borneo unused.

A quantity of New Issues and other attractive stamps from our counter book, including the very latest Colonials, such as "King's Head" Northern Nigeria, Mauritius surcharged "Postage and Revenue," &c.

A collection of Colonials, comprising Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bechuanaland, Bermudas, B.S.A., B. Central Africa, B. Honduras, B. Colombia, B. East Africa, B. Guiana. One of the most noticeable stamps in this collection was the 6d. green Antigua, watermarked Star, imperf., No. 4 in our catalogue, used. Also Barbados, 1d., pin perf., unused, and B.E.A., £10, fiscal cancellation, and several of the provisional surcharges of Bermudas with clipped perfs.

A number of loose stamps and New Issues taken from assistants' work tables, principally sets and dozens of unused Colonials issued during the last three months, including Malta error "One Pnney" on block of 9.

Used British India stamps as follows:—300 1a. rose, current, 78 2½a. green, 73 3a. orange, 76 12a. red, 193 8a. mauve.

A quantity of Austrian, Austrian Levant, and Bavarian stamps—commoner varieties in bulk.

Cape of Good Hope, ½d. on 3d., C.C.
 Bechuanaland, 2d. on Cape 1st issue, unused.

A selection of stamps from France of mixed countries, containing a considerable number of the 1st issue of Servia; also sets of Roumania unpaid, letter, and delivery stamps, these latter being loose. This lot was probably of the value of £16 or £17.

Quantity of Cape stamps in bulk, being the 4d., 6d and 1/-, CC., of 1865, ½d., 1d. and 4d. of 1871, and the 3d. of 1879, all used

It is almost needless to add that Messrs. Bright & Son will be glad to hear from anyone able to offer them any information regarding the stolen property.

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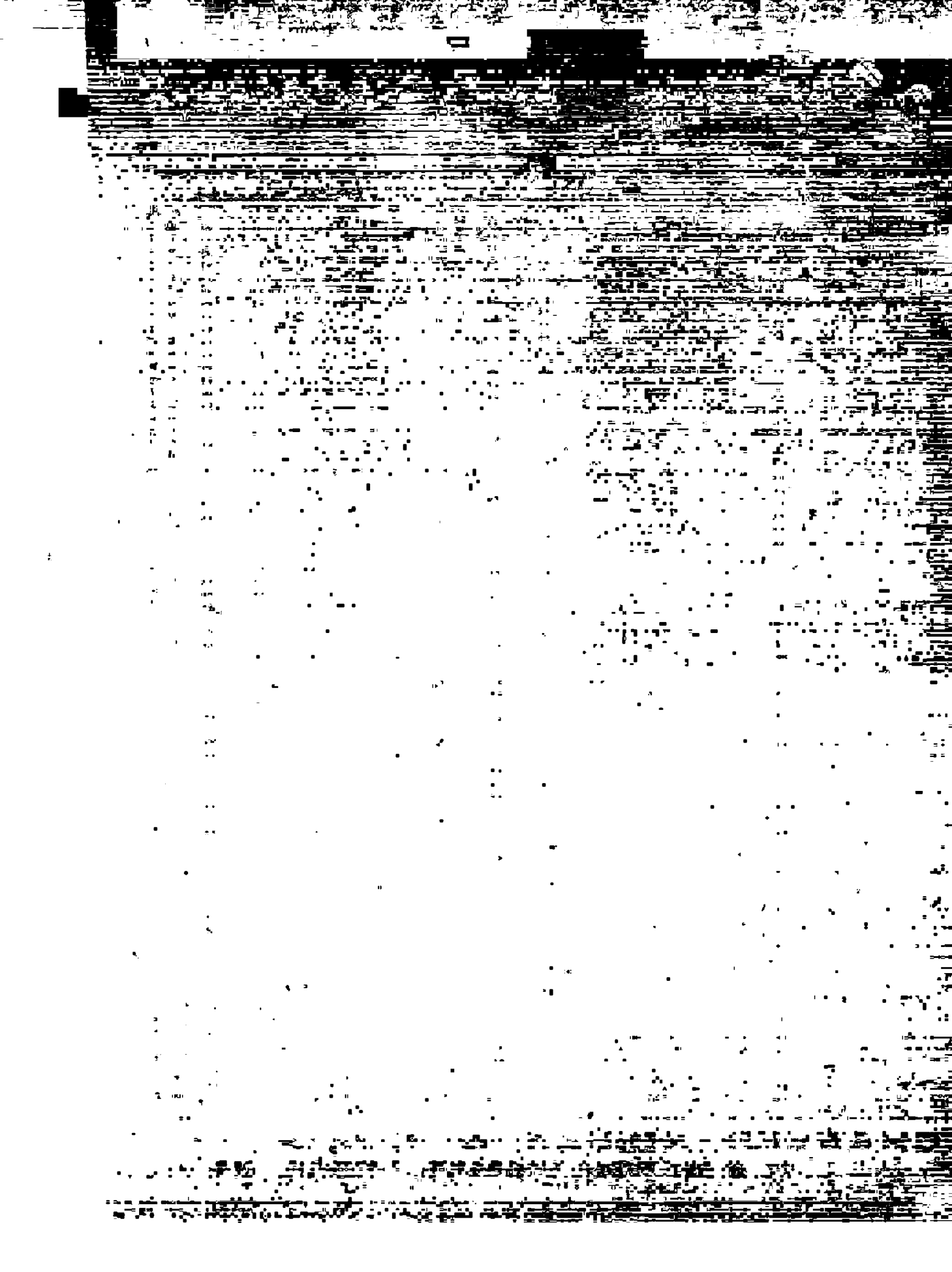
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USED STAMPS.

Cat. No. S. Gibb. 1902.	Number of stamps.	Remarks.
Great Britain.		
8, 9, 10, 11, 13	Several	Very fine copies; in small thin red book
17-21	Ditto	
62, 66, 72	Ditto	
86	One	Very fine copy
110, 111	Two	
112	A pair	Very fine
122-125	Several, very fine	Many bearing Kirkwall
131	One	Very fine [postmark
132	Fine copy	Cancellation with rectangular Registration postmark
134	A pair	Very fine; bluey tinge of paper
175	A pair	Very fine; lightly cancelled
118, 119	Several single copies	Very fine, ditto
151	Two or three	One very fine
162		Pale carmine sur., on piece of entire
P1 to P18	Many different	All fine copies
Barbados.		
112, 113, 114		Cancelled to order; with gum; in strips
B. Bechuanaland		
9		Fine
69	A pair	On piece of envelope; one slightly torn
67		
Br. Cent. Africa.		
24		On piece entire
23 or 34		Ditto
43, 44, 45, 47	Singles	
48, 50	Ditto	Lightly c'ncell'd, fine copies
53		
Br. East Africa.		
31, 42	Single copies of each	
72 to 86	All except 82 ir. ultra.	All fine copies
102	1 rupee, ultra.	Rather smudgy colour
Br. South Africa.		
8	10/- green	One
Canada.		
32, 33, 34	Two or three	Different shades (1 clipped)
40	Ditto	Ditto
36-38	Ditto	Ditto
47	One -	Fine
49-61a	Several	All fine copies (in note book)
Cape Colony.		
3		
5	One or two	Very fine
8 or 9	Ditto	
11	Ditto	One with slightly torn left-hand corner, but specimen superb in full margin; deep colour; lightly frayed edge, light cancellation
25	De la Rue	One
38	N'wap'per Tax (magenta, 6d.?)	One
Mafeking.		
17 and 18		On piece of entire; fine copies
Ceylon.		
20-77	Several	Magnificent specimens
112-143	Ditto	Ditto
Grenada.		
3-9 and 11	Ditto	Ditto
Natal.		
25, 65, 75, 77	Single copies, many others	Splendid condition In book with African Colonies, etc.
New South Wales.		
587	5/- O.S.	One
New Zealand.		
4, 15		Poor copies; No. 15 split, in book with others
83, 85, 86, 89	One or two of each	Fine copies
86	One	Poor copy
Nova Scotia.		
21	One	Torn
22		Pen cancelled

Cat. No. S. Gibb. 1902.	Number of stamps.	Remarks.
O.R. Colony.		
87, 110		Single copies
191 and 195		Two on piece of original
Queensland.		
20-49		A large selection of early perf.
?	Bill stamp	King's Head 6d. (1) Small perf., badly centred
St. Helena.		
1	imperf.d.	Very fine copy, stain or light perf. in centre
200		Heavy cancellation
St. Vincent.		
9a	irregular perforation	One Superb
38		One Ditto
S. Australia.		
80	(10 x 11½) & 104 (11½ x 10)	Many of this
Tasmania.		
59 or 70		One
9		One
Tasmania.		
6d. mauve-lilac	Many	Fine copies in book
Transvaal.		
109 and 110		On same piece of envelope; torn asunder & re-joined; light "circular" cancellation in centre; splendid copies
131		Fine copy
175, 178		178 rather heavily cancelled
194, 199, 222, 223		Fine
224		Splendid copy
245, 246, 248		
Pietersburg.		
10	4d. blue (type i.)	On upper corner of thick cream laid envelope
307	6d. V.R.I.	Without final dot (after I.)
?	3d. E.R.I. (violet)	
Victoria.		
15, 16 or 27		Two copies
121		One with inverted WM
60		Fine copy
W. Australia.		
61, 67, 85		And others in Note Book
Zanzibar.		
147, 149, 151, 152		Splendid condition, lightly cancelled
15, 155, 156, 157, 158		Ditto, most of them with top margins
Zululand.		
23, 25, 26, 27		
Tuscany.		
1	1 sol. on azure paper	One
Parma.		
32	20 blue	Top margin rather clipped; Long lower margin
Neapolitan Provinces.		
56	Inverted head	Fine
Lorenzo Marques.		
23a	50 on 309	Slightly and left lower perforation slightly damaged; otherwise fine
41	50 on 75	

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[P.T.O.]

UNUSED STAMPS.

Cat. No. S. Gibb. 1902.	Number of stamps.	Remarks.
Great Britain. Single, pairs, strips, blocks		
201	2½d.	Large block
197	½ verm.	Ditto
206	4½	Several blocks
211	1/- green	Several small blocks and strips
214	1/- gr. & scar.	Ditto 8 to 12
401	Receipt	WM inverted; no gum
172		One WM inverted; poor gum
O 25	½ verm.	Singles, prs. & strips
O 26	1d.	" " "
O 28	½	Several singles and 1 or 2
O 29	1d.	Singles
O 29	½	Strips
O 30	½ green	Singles, pairs, strips
O 31	6d.	Pairs, strips, small blocks
M 33	1d.	About 2 singles
M 34	2d.	1d. ?
M 41	½	Singles and strip
	King's Head 1d. carmine	Entire sheet
Barbados.		
98		Block
112, 113, 114		Several strips and small blocks
115		One and
Brit. Bechuanaland		
20, 60		One of each
39		One or two
British C. Africa		
43, 44, 56		Several singles and pairs
46	6d. sea-green	One
British S. Africa.		
27, 28, 30, 31, 32		Several odd ones
51, 57		Ditto
Canada.		
111, 112		Strips
119, 120		Ditto
128 to 130		Two or three
Cape of Good Hope		
61, 62		Strips and blocks of 6, 8 & 12
72		Strips and pairs
80, 80a		Entire sheet of each
Ceylon.		
213, 214		One of each
203		A pair
Gambia.		
25, 35, 29		One or two of each
Gibraltar.		
26, 27		Entire sheets of each and singles
28		Large block and singles
30, 31		Strips and blocks
33, 37, 88		Singles and pairs
39 to 45		Ditto
Morocco Agencies.		
1 & 2		Entire sheets
1 to 5, 7, 8, 17		Singles and pairs
India.		
69, 70, 86, 88, 84, 87, 90, 77, 89		1 or 2 of most of these
95, 96, 74		Strips and blocks
O.H.M.S		A mixed lot
Bhopal.		
?		1 pair, type 17
Cashmere.		
109		Three
100		Two
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A Study of the Postage Stamps of Hawaii.

BY FRANK E. YOUNG IN THE "NEW YORK PHILATELIST."

TO the close student of Philately as well as to the more casual collector, the stamps of no country exceed in historical and romantic interest nor better repay careful consideration than those of Hawaii.

Observe how faithfully the different issues have followed the periods of her history. First the rare and almost priceless "missionaries of 1851-2, type set and crudely printed, which show the lack of postal demands and facilities, but still indicate the leaven of sturdy pioneer Americans pushing forward the day of "the white man's burden" and the need of some means of showing the prepayment of postage.

The next issue, the engraved stamps of 1853, containing the portrait of the then reigning King, Kamehameha III, show us a still further enlightenment and a further influence of Americans, for they were engraved and printed in Boston, and were, in 1864, reissued for a purpose which will be mentioned later.

Next we have the Numerals, printed in the islands at many different times and on many different papers, evidently to fill demands for denominations, not included in the engraved stamps, and in some cases to make up for scarcity of the regular issues. Unfortunately, they are too easily forged, and it is far too hard for most of us to tell the counterfeit from the genuine.

This brings us to the 2 cent red lithographed stamps of 1861, and their engraved reissues, containing the portrait of Kamehameha IV., then King. The engraved varieties of these stamps have been a subject of much discussion among philatelic authorities, but I believe it is conceded that there were three printings, two from the original plate, both of which are recognized in Scott's catalogue, No. 29 in 1869, and No. 51 in 1899, and one intermediate printing from a different and specially engraved plate in 1885. To this has been attached such opprobrious names as "official reprint" and "government counterfeit," although it was most certainly available for and did pay postage.

In this connection it would be well to consider a curious custom of the Hawaiian post office department, the attempt for several years to keep on hand and for sale the obsolete issues of engraved stamps, which was discontinued by act of the legislature of the republic, December 31st, 1896.

How much it would simplify the completion of our collections if all countries did this, and yet how much of the charm and interest of collecting would be lost.

Thus hurriedly passing in review the imperforate issues of the islands, we come to the second stage, the perforated stamps, copies of which are or may be in every interested philatelist's collection. Justice to these interesting stamps cannot be done within the limits set, but if any are helped toward a further consideration of them, the writer will feel amply repaid.

Chronologically, the first issue was the 2 cent vermilion of 1864, containing also the portrait of Kamehameha IV., the same as the last 2 cent, but the resemblance between the two faces is not startling, to say the least. This stamp was never seen by the King whose face is pictured on it, as he died after it was ordered, but before it was even printed; so, evidently, the portrait had nothing to do with his death. The design and color were taken from the 10 cent Nova Scotia of '60.

The next ruler, Kamehameha V., a brother of the late King, is shown us on the next issue, the 5 cent dark blue of 1865, which may be distinguished by its dark greenish blue shade. The color was changed in 1881, to light blue, and to a very dark indigo blue about 1890. It was only the last two issues which were surcharged by the Provisional Government in 1893, as was also the case with a reissue of the 2 cent vermilion of about the same time.

The year 1870, brings us the 1 cent purple (Princess Victoria, sister of the King), the 6 cent green (another portrait of the King), and the 18 cent red, containing the portrait of M. Kekuanaoa, custodian of the King's spittoon, under Kamehameha I. The superstitious belief of the natives in the efficacy of the King's saliva in the working of witchcraft made this a most important office. The fact that he was the son-in-law of the King and the father of two others, Kamehameha IV. and V., does not appear to have counted at all in comparison with his high official station.

In 1875 we have a new stamp, the 2 cent brown, with the portrait of King David Kalakaua, who was elected to fill the vacant throne in San Francisco January 30, 1890, while on a trip to the United States, a visit well remembered by many of the older philatelists.

We meet this king again on the 2 cent lilac rose of 1882, 2 cent rose of 1886 and the three colors of 10 cent of 1882 & 86. We also get acquainted with his brother on the 12 cent stamp, his sister, Princess Kikelike, on the 1 cent blue and the 1 cent green and his wife, Queen Kapiolani, on the 15 cent red brown. Quite a family party.

King Kalakaua was very friendly to America and Americans, evidence of which we find on our stamps by the substitution of the good United States word "cents" for the native word "keneta" (sa na tah) on the 10, 15 and 25 cent issues.

The 25 cent violet contains a picture of the statue of Kamehameha I, the first great ruler of the islands and the founder of the monarchy; the 50 cent the portrait of king Wm. Kunalilo, and the \$1.00 presents Queen Emma, wife of Kamehameha IV, a most estimable lady fairly idolized by the natives.

Note the return to the native language on the \$1.00 stamp and the 2 cent violet, possibly due to the anti-American sentiments of Queen Liliuokalani, whom we first meet on the 2 cent violet, the last stamp issued under the monarchy.

For her anti-missionary and anti-American tendencies and for her plotting efforts to dispose of the Americans and place natives in all offices, Queen "Lil" was in 1893 deposed and the stock of stamps on hand, containing nearly every one of the perforated issues, was surcharged "Provisional Government, 1893."

Efforts were immediately made looking toward annexation to the United States and a new issue of stamps, of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cent values was prepared in February, 1894. Annexation failing at that time a republic was formed, and in October the 12 cent blue was ordered, containing the words "Republic of Hawaii," the only stamp mentioning the republic.

The 2 cent has a view of Honolulu, the 5 cent the same statue as the 25 cent of 1883 and the 25 cent the portrait of Sanford B. Dole, President of the Republic, and now Governor of the Territory of Hawaii. The colour was changed in 1899.

The islands were annexed to the United States August 12, 1898, but the Hawaiian stamps were used for postage until the islands were finally made a territory of the United States in 1900, when they were superseded by the regular United States stamps.

Having thus, by means of their stamps, followed these "islands of the sea" through more than half a century of strenuous history, let us leave them at last under

"The star spangled banner, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"People collect because they can't help it," writes the Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist." A good enough reason!

Because on his recent travels the King of Italy sent off a number of pictorial post cards "Modern Society" somewhat too rashly concludes that Victor Emmanuel is "a most enthusiastic stamp collector." So far as we are aware His Majesty is not interested in stamps at all.

An unwise endeavour to save three-half-pence has cost Henry Edward Egts, a fish merchant, £31 10s. Egts was charged at Grimsby with using three halfpenny stamps which had previously passed through the post. The Bench imposed a fine of £10 10s. in each of the three charges, and the alternative was three months' imprisonment.

Our Review of Reviews.

Split Provisionals of the British Empire.

HALF STAMPS THAT ARE BETTER THAN WHOLE ONES.

"Half a loaf," remarks the writer of a recent article in "Hobbies," "is proverbly better than no bread, but, as a philatelic philosopher recently said, 'half a stamp is not better than no stamp at all, unless it happens to be a split provisional.'" In the course of his article, which we reproduce in full, the writer under notice briefly reviews the more interesting bisected stamps of the British Empire:—

Now a "split provisional," as readers are aware, is a stamp that has been bi-sected—generally by a vertical or diagonal cut—in such a way as to make the one label serve as two distinct stamps. Each half of the bi-sected stamp will generally, but not always, bear an overprint indicating its new value. A well-known exception to this rule is the 10 centimes green Unpaid Letter Stamp of Belgium, halves of which were used, without surcharge, as 5 centimes stamps. These emergency, 5 centimes stamps, by the way, were current for twenty years or more—no proper 5 centime Unpaid Letter stamp being created until 1895—and thus it happens that this particular "split provisional" is quite a common stamp, and genuine used copies may be purchased for sixpence or less.

We speak of genuine used copies advisedly, since it would be impossible to prove the genuineness of an unused specimen of an uncharged "split." This Belgium half-stamp, for all practical philatelic purposes, can only exist in the used condition, and those collectors who take only unused stamps find that there is at least one Belgian variety of which they must have a used specimen before their collection can be considered complete. This, however, is by the way.

The Belgian stamp we have mentioned is one of the exceptions, for the great majority of "split provisionals" are overprinted with the new value they are intended to represent. Again, and still unlike the Belgian "split," the bulk of the bi-sected stamps from the British Colonies and elsewhere fall within the category of stamps difficult to get. This is only natural, these stamps being merely makeshifts, improvised to supply a temporary demand for some particular value.

The British Colonies have contributed to our albums many interesting stamps of this description, notably, Barbados, Dominica, the Falklands, Grenada, Jamaica, Nevis, Niger Coast, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Tobago. It is significant that in the majority of cases the subject of the temporary shortage has been the half-penny value. We say it is significant, because there is hardly any room for doubt that these "split provisionals" have sometimes been directly due to philatelic inspiration. One can purchase a great quantity of halfpenny postage stamps without a very heavy outlay of cash, and it is notorious that in at least one instance a provisional halfpenny issue was brought about by a syndicate of speculators buying up all the stock of the ordinary halfpenny value just at a time when fresh supplies had been ordered from the Colonial Authorities in London, and thus forcing the hands of the postal administrators in the colony. Many such coups have been attempted from time to time in our far-distant colonies, but the plotters have more than not severely burnt their fingers as the result of some clever expedient on the part of a resourceful postmaster. All this belongs to the history and romance of philately, which, if ever it were written, would make fascinating reading for all lovers of the hobby.

A brief reference may be made to the more interesting bisected stamps of the British Empire, and in this direction we must acknowledge the help we have received from a handy list of these curious varieties recently compiled by Mr. Bertram Poole, a well-known collector of British Colonial stamps. In Great Britain, by the way, there has never been a "split provisional" of any kind, although many business men and newspaper correspondents have suggested from time to time that it should be made permissible to cut any penny postage stamp in halves for use as two halfpenny labels. The Postmaster General, however, has never looked kindly upon this proposal, and it is probable that he never will.

BARBADOS, 1878.—The 5s. value was halved vertically, and each half was overprinted, "1d." in black. This was to meet a temporary lack of penny stamps. There are several type varieties in the overprint, and used specimens of the provisional fetch prices varying from £5 upwards.

DOMINICA, 1882.—The penny lilac stamps of the 1879 issue were

halved vertically, and each half surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ " in black, but the overprint being deemed too small, a larger type was afterwards used and red ink employed for the overprinting. Yet a third variety of the "split" was made by surcharging the halves of the stamp with the word "Halfpenny," reading downwards. This last, and the stamp with red surcharge, are comparatively common, but a good specimen of the "split" with small black surcharge " $\frac{1}{2}$ " is worth about a sovereign.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The first halfpenny stamp to be used here was a diagonal split of the 1d. claret, surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in black. This was in 1891, up to which date the Falkland islanders had managed to rub along with no lower valued stamp than the penny.

GRENADA, 1883.—A halfpenny stamp being urgently required in the year mentioned it was supplied by a diagonal split of the 1d. orange fiscal stamp. Here there was simply an overprint of the word "Postage," set diagonally, there being no inscription of value. Two very distinct sizes of type were used, and the large type variety—unpriced in the current catalogues—is described by Mr. Bertram Poole as "extremely rare."

JAMAICA.—A fact not generally known is, that prior to 1871 it was permissible to cut the 1d. blue stamp in halves and use the pieces for halfpenny postage. This was officially decreed in the Government "Gazette" in 1861. To prove beyond question the genuineness of a specimen of this halved stamp one should have it used on the entire original envelope.

NEVIS, 1883.—In this West Indian Island the 1d. lilac stamp was halved vertically, and each half overprinted "Nevis $\frac{1}{2}$ d." the inscription reading upwards. A black surcharge was used at first, and afterwards a purple.

NIGER COAST.—"For makeshift provisionals," writes Mr. Bertram Poole, "this colony would be hard to beat." And his description of the bi-sected provisional is of such interest that we quote it *in extenso*:—

In 1893, there was apparently a shortage of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps, so a number of the 1d. stamps of the 1892 issue were overprinted " $\frac{1}{2}$ d. $\frac{1}{2}$ d." with a diagonal line between, and the stamps were divided along this line. For the majority red ink was used, though a few received the surcharge in violet. The next value to run short was the 1d., and this was, perhaps, partly caused by using so many for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. provisionals. A few of the 2d. value were surcharged with a large "1d." on each half, and the several portions were then used as 1d. stamps. Late in 1893, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps again ran short. A number of the 1d. blue stamps of the 1893 issue were divided in half vertically, and each division was surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ " in red, and thus temporary needs were met. A few years later the luckless authorities again ran out of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps. This time several of the 1d. vermilion stamps of the 1894 issue were requisitioned. Some were divided in two diagonally and others vertically, and each portion was overprinted with $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in black. Thus once again the famine of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps was appeased, and since then the authorities have been able to keep a sufficient stock of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps on hand to meet all demands.

ST. CHRISTOPHER, 1885.—The 1d. rose stamp was bisected diagonally, and on each half a crosswise inscription, "Half-penny" was placed. This is only a moderately scarce variety.

ST. LUCIA, 1892.—Vertical halves of the 6d. lilac and blue stamp of 1891 were overprinted " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." in black.

ST. VINCENT, 1880-81.—Here a shortage of penny stamps in 1880 necessitated the bi-secting of the 6d. blue-green, each half of the stamp being very boldly overprinted "1." Messrs. Bright price these split provisionals at £8 unused, £7 used. In the following year, 1881, half-penny stamps became a necessity, and pending the arrival of supplies, the 6d. yellow-green stamp was bi-sected, and each of the halves overprinted " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." in bold red type.

TOBAGO, 1880.—There being no stock of penny stamps the authorities resorted to the plan then so much in vogue and bi-sected the 6d. orange stamps. In this case the surcharge is in manuscript, each specimen of the "split" being inscribed "1d." in pen and ink by the officials in the Post Office. A rare and very interesting variety this, priced by Messrs. Bright & Son, in their "A.B.C." Catalogue, at £6, used.

How Jimmie figured it out.

Among the "Garnered Sheaves" in a lively transatlantic journal, "The Adhesive" appears the story how a certain Jimmie came to abandon Philately. It will bear re-telling.

They were two small urchins of the "Street Arab" class, and they stood before the show case of a philatelic dealer, viewing the display with the critical air of collectors who know the stamp subject from Aberdeen to Zurich. One, who might possibly have reached his eighth birthday, was evidently a man of business, as he carried a bundle of papers under one arm, but either he wasn't very prosperous

or he wasn't much of a dude, the most charitable thing one could say about his garments being that they were too thoroughly ventilated to be comfortably warm for their wearer. The other boy, younger, seemed to be a gentleman of leisure; he was puffing vigorously at one of those abominations known as cigarettes, regardless of the distaste evinced by his bit of a nose which was doing its best to get away from the vicinity of its up-tilted neighbour. He stood with his feet wide apart, his hands in the places where his pockets ought to have been, and his head thrown back.

"Got yer stamp book full yit, Jimmie?" said he, between puffs.

"Nope," replied the other, succinctly, "gin it up."

"What fer?" The hero of the cigarette was plainly surprised.

"Well, yer see, explained Jimmie, when I went in here last week an' bought er hundred fer ten cents I asked the feller how many kinds there wuz, an' he said, 'Oh erbout forty t'ousand a'ready and two er three hundred more new comin' every month'; 'Honest?' says I, an' he grinned an' says, 'Honest true.' So after I come out I figgered it up and found it was going to take forty dolars to get 'em all, an' about twenty cents er so fer the new ones every month right along, an' I couldn't stand it, so I ain't kerlecting any more now."

"For-ty dollers!" exclaimed the other in astonishment. "Gee whiz!" Then after a pause, "What's the use er havin' so many, anyway!"

"Dunno," responded Jimmie, les it's fer the dealers ter git rich off the folks buying 'em."

Stamp Collecting Forty Years Ago.

Gallons of ink, reams of paper, stacks of pens, have been used up in the attempt to fix the date of the very beginning of Philately; and yeoman service has been done in this direction by that veteran journal, "Notes and Queries." In the issue of "N. & Q." dated August 2nd, one finds a further interesting article, running to nearly three pages, from the pen of Mr. P. J. Anderson, of Aberdeen. This gentleman reminds us that "the mania for amassing vast numbers of used stamps," as distinct from the hobby or science of Philately, dates back almost to the very birth of the adhesive postage stamp.

So long ago as 1841 the following advertisement made its appearance in the "Times" newspaper:—

A young lady, being desirous of covering her dressing room with cancelled postage stamps, has been so far encouraged in her wish by private friends as to have succeeded in collecting 16,000. These, however, being insufficient, she will be greatly obliged if any good-natured person who may have these (otherwise useless) little articles at their disposal would assist her in her whimsical project. Address to E. D., Mr. Butt's, Glover, Leadenhall Street; or Mr. Marshall's, Jeweller, Hackney.

Upon that "whimsical project," by the way, a scathing skit was published in "Punch" in 1842, the full text of which has more than once been reproduced in the *Fortnightly*.

"It yet remains," continues Mr. Anderson, "for 'N. & Q.' to fix with something like accuracy, the date when stamp collecting in the true sense (*i.e.*, the collecting of different varieties of stamps), first began to attract general attention in Britain. Judge Suppantchitsch, of Vienna, claims to have unearthed a reference to collecting in the 'Family Herald' for 22nd March, 1851. The 'Philatelic Journal of America,' for March, 1885, asserts that advertisements from English dealers appeared as far back as 1857. I have been unable to obtain confirmation of this assertion, but probably the advertisement pages of the early volumes of the first series of Beeton's 'Boy's Own Magazine,' 1855-62, if any were accessible, might yield some result." "In the 'Museum' (Edinburgh, James Gordon), for July, 1861, appeared an article on 'Education through the Senses,' by the author of 'Rab and his Friends.' Dr. Brown urges the propriety of interesting children in occupations requiring the use of their own hands and eyes, and remarks incidentally:—

Even the immense activity in the Post Office stamp line of business among our youngsters has been of immense use in many ways, besides being a diversion and an interest. I myself came to the knowledge of Queensland, and a great deal more, through its blue twopenny.

The earliest printed matter devoted exclusively to collecting appears to have been:—

1. A list of stamps (12 pp., no title) issued privately in September, 1861, by M. Oscar Berger-Levrault, Strassburg (second edition in December).

2. 'Catalogue des Timbres Poste créés dans les divers Etats du Globe,' issued in December of the same year by M. Alfred Potiquet, Paris (43 pp.; second edition in March, 1862).

3. 'Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres Poste et Nomenclature générale de tous les Timbres adoptés dans les divers Pays de l'Univers,' published in January, 1862, by M. J. B. Moens, Brussels (72 pp.; second edition in same year).

"In 1862 English philatelic literature made a fair start. In April there appeared 'Aids to Stamp Collectors: being a List of English and Foreign Stamps in Circulation since 1840' by a Stamp Collector, Brighton, H. & C. Treacher. This volume was little more than a translation from the works of Potiquet and Moens. Second and third editions of the 'Aids' rapidly followed within the same year, the title page bearing the name of the author, Frederick Booty. Mr. Booty also brought out a 'Stamp Collector's Guide.'"

The Hunt for a German Variety.

"A quiet hunt," Mr. E. J. Nankivell tells us in the "American Journal of Philately," "is now being made for copies of a variety in German stamps of the first issue of the head of Germania series, that is said to be a great rarity. Mr. Franz Reichenheim, a well-known specialist in the issues of his fatherland, thus describes it in a paper read before the Philatelic Society of London: Of the 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80pf. a few sheets were first printed showing the word 'REICHSPOST' in the same size and thickness of the letters as in the one coloured values (3, 5, 10 and 20pf.), but this size of print turned out to be too large for the tablet accorded to it, and was therefore reduced. As far as I know, some of the sheets in the first print were handed over to the Imperial Postal Museum, and its authorities used them for payment to dealers. Some of the latter, not noticing the difference, used them for franking purposes."

"Your Stamps or Your Life!"

If Turnpike Dick, the Terror of the Highway (as per coloured wrapper) were still flaunting it on Hounslow Heath and in the purlieus of old Drury, one can easily imagine how "holding up" a respectable middle-aged philatelist on his way home from a meeting of his stamp club with the fearsome challenge, "Your stamps or your life!" The thought is suggested by a blood curdling article in a popular penny periodical, "Pearson's Weekly." Here, under the eye-catching title, "Stamps as Murderers," some very tall yarns are spun about the rarest of the world's postage stamps.

The 1 cent, 1856, British Guiana, of which Mons. Ferrary is believed to possess the only surviving specimen, was, we are told, the cause of a murder.

A copy of this valuable scrap of paper was the direct cause of a terrible tragedy in America. Two ardent stamp collectors were out together searching through the old curiosity shops in Chicago, when one of them alighted upon a fine specimen exposed for sale in the window of an antique furniture shop. He bought it for twenty-five cents. The same evening his friend offered him twenty-five dollars (\$5). This the owner refused, and the other seizing the poker from the grate threatened to kill him unless he gave him the stamp. His friend thought he was joking, but the next moment he was lying on the floor with a fractured skull. One tiny drop of blood fell upon the stamp on the table.

And in the interests of artistic verisimilitude the "tiny drop of blood" that fell on the stamp is shown by a small black blot on "Pearson's Weekly's" illustration!

The 2d. blue "Post Office" of Mauritius is another of the fatal stamps, as witness the following narrative:—

The 2d. blue, 1847, Mauritius stamp cost a young philatelist of Bradford his life. There are only twenty copies in existence, and this young man, named MacCory, made up his mind to secure one. By mere chance he found one in a shop in a Lincolnshire village, and bought it for a shilling. Some time later he discovered to his dismay that it was a forgery. This so preyed upon his mind that he shot himself in the head.

But we will harrow our readers' feelings no further. In conclusion, we would point out to the writer of the article that he missed a good opportunity of nicely rounding off his extraordinary article. As a finishing touch, he should have made a young lady of wondrous beauty stab herself with the sharp corner of a "Woodblock" Cape!

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

MR. EDGAR NELTON supplies the "Metropolitan Philatelist" with the following concise report of the Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, held this year at Springfield, Mass.:-

We are indebted to Mr. Edgar Nelson for the following report of the proceedings:

George L. Toppan of Racine, Wis., President of the Association, took the chair at the conclusion of the address of welcome delivered by William C. Stone. The President's address was a resume of the history of stamp collecting during the past year. Reports read by the Secretary and Treasurer showed the Association to have increased its membership by 23 during the past year, and to have on hand, after all bills were paid, the sum of \$2,669.24. The total membership of the Association is now 555.

The following Committees were appointed for the ensuing year: Rules: Messrs. Prevost, Chapman, Legg; Finance: Messrs. Carpenter, Bogart, Ireland; Library: Messrs. Deats, Doebelin, Colson; Sales: Messrs. Johnson, Rich, Bartels; Official Journal: Messrs. W. C. Stone, Wylie, Severn; Branch Societies: Messrs. Martin, Hetrich, Bartlett; Resolutions: Messrs. Burt, McGregory, Lombard; By-laws: Messrs. Toppan, Deats, Holland, Stone, Severn; Membership: Messrs. Oesch, Merrell, Doncyson; Credentials: Messrs. Wyhe, Luff, Eaton, Bartlett, Rode; Arrangements: Messrs. Stone, Prevost, Kelley; Obituary: Messrs. Burt, Green, Carpenter; Philatelic Literature: Messrs. Stone and Aldrich.

The election of directors was by acclamation, there being but one ticket in the field, and the nine men selected as directors of the Association will assume office as follows: -President: Alexander Holland, of Brooklyn; Board of Vice-Presidents: F. H. Burt, of Boston, J. F. Johnson, of Auburndale, and Gordon Ireland, of Cambridge; Secretary: H. G. Smith, of Winona, Minn.; International Secretary: E. Doebelin, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Treasurer: C. L. Annan, of Little Rock, Ark.; Directors-at-large: W. B. Phillips, of Berkeley, Cal., and F. W. Coning, of Maryville, Tenn.

Contrary to expectations—because most people thought Chicago would be chosen—Clayton, New York State, was selected as the city in which next year's Convention will be held, the date being fixed for the second Tuesday in August, 1903.

DOMINION PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

This leading Canadian Society held its Seventh Annual Convention in the Covenant Hall, Broadway, Toronto, on July 1st, with Mr. Raymond S. Baker in the chair.

The address of welcome was given by G. E. Davenport, President of the Collectors' Club. Mr. Geo. W. Starnaman, the Secretary-Treasurer, of Berlin, Ont., made a suitable reply.

A matter of considerable interest was the President's address, which showed that several branches had been organized, one as far south as Georgia. Reports of the different officers were then read, some of which were subjected to some criticism, particularly that of the Auction Manager. The association was proved to be in a prosperous condition. The different committees were then appointed.

The result of the election was reported as follows: President: W. W. Young, Toronto (acclamation); Vice-President: L. S. Holmes, London; United States Vice-President: W. M. Lester, California; Secretary and Treasurer: C. W. N. Vesper, Toronto; Sales Superintendent: H. W. Woodall, Deseronto; Librarian: R. F. Wrigley, Counterfeit Detector: G. E. Davenport, Toronto (acclamation); Auction Manager: W. A. Patrie, also of Toronto; Trustees: E. F. Wurttele, Quebec; R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines; H. E. Tuttle, Osage, Iowa.

London, Ontario, was chosen as the venue for next year's Convention.

THE UNUSED EXCHANGE.

July packet returned, results below the average, viz., 121 stamps, given value £5 12s 2d only being disposed of. I trust all members will send good sheets for September. Two fresh members added to-day, so I anticipate at least 30 members for September packet.

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FROM the June packet upwards of £26 has been sold. Accounts have been made up for the April-June quarter, and the sales are £120 out of a total value of £750 circulated.

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New members are Messrs. G. F. H. Gibson, W. S. Webb, E. M. Newton, and P. Bódog.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

A Reward of £150.

WE have been informed of the theft of a very large and valuable Stamp Collection, contained in three large German albums. According to our informant the books contain "one copy each used and unused of nearly every stamp previous to 1896"—which sounds rather a steep kind of statement. However, a reward of £150 is offered for information likely to lead to the recovery of the collection, so there is no question but that the stolen stamps are a very fine lot.

Should a collection answering the above description be offered to any dealer or collector reading these lines, an intimation of the fact sent to the Editor of the *Fortnightly*, will be forwarded to the proper quarter forthwith.

Rare Old Stamps may be Hidden Here.

If the following extract from the "San Francisco Chronicle" can be relied upon, there is a prospect of a big find of old "Documentary" and other stamps in the Far Western City:—

The musty tomes of the Custom House that have been accumulated during the half-century since the admission of California to the sisterhood of states will not be given over to destruction by fire, as was originally intended. The Secretary of the Treasury has notified the Collector of the Port to dispose "by solicitation, advertisement or circular letter all useless records, depositing the proceeds arising therefrom in the usual manner (less any expense necessary by reason of the sale) to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States."

Paper dealers, stamp collectors and curiosity hunters are expecting a veritable harvest of good things when the thousands of books and papers are turned over for their inspection and purchase.

In addition to the records of the Custom House, the books and papers of the Internal Revenue Office have been placed for safe-keeping in the old building. Many of the documents contain stamps issued during the Civil War and have a special interest on that account.

Philately in the Far East.

WHEREVER white men foregather they begin to collect stamps, and somebody starts a stamp paper, and somebody else organises a stamp exchange club. Surgeon-Major Piens, an old friend of the *Fortnightly*, now quartered at the Military Hospital, Hong Kong, has just established the "Far East Stamp Exchange Club," and reports satisfactory progress. Should any reader of the *S.C.F.* be proceeding to take up his residence at Hong Kong it will in some sort console him to know that in that unsalubrious corner of the globe there are good philatelists waiting to swap stamps with him!

Claim and Counterclaim.

A CASE of some interest to philatelists, and especially to Club Secretaries, was tried at the Bow County Court, London, on Thursday, August 28, when Mr. Bean, Secretary of the British Empire Stamp Exchange, sued Mr. R. Melzer for stamps supplied through the Club. The defendant had put in a counterclaim of £5 for damages for "exclusion from the privileges of the Club." He did not, however, put in an appearance to support it and judgment was given against him by default for £2 18s. 0d. Mr. Hugill, solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr. Bean.

The "Cats" are Coming.

Now begins the annual—shall we say plague or what? of stamp dealers' catalogues, and in the next *Fortnightly* we shall hope to have a long and not unimportant article thereupon. The first arrivals are the catalogues of Senf Brothers, of Leipzig, and Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz. "Part I. Gibbons" is not ready at the time of writing, but the new "Scott" is expected by every mail. Meanwhile, we note that Mr. Paul Kohl in his newest edition, quotes the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* as his authority in regard to many points in connection with British South Africa. The reference is to the excellent articles contributed to our paper by Mr. George B. Petrie.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

ONE of the most marked features of entire collecting to-day is the great scarcity of so many issues, of no antiquity, which seem to have been entirely neglected by dealers and consequently never put into the hands of collectors. It would easily be possible to mention scores upon scores of cards and envelopes issued during the past ten years, which are not to be bought for love or for money in this country in an unused condition. If we look further back we can find whole strings of issues which are quite unobtainable now from the dealers, and which only very rarely are seen in the Exchange packets, or are found on the dispersal of some old collection. This state of things, which can be vouched for by any active collector, adds greatly to the zest of collecting and makes one prize one's treasures the more, but frequently causes intense disappointment and makes it all the more necessary to take every opportunity of adding a new variety before the chance is lost.

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At the same time, as if to show a paradox, a very large number of series that should be valuable being early issues and long obsolete are to be had for a fraction above face value. The first post card issued in Ceylon, for instance, in 1872, was a 2c. lilac on buff. It was a "domestic" card and was used for inland communications, and a few years afterwards surcharged in various ways for foreign use, and also surcharged for domestic use when the rates were advanced. Now the original card, thirty years old, can be bought for a penny! Some of the surcharges of course are rare, one or two being almost unobtainable. This is only one of a number of instances of a like nature, and the peculiar position is further illustrated by the fact that $\frac{1}{2}$ d. cards and reply cards of our own country that were in everyday use a few years ago are already being bought at three times face value by collectors in search of die varieties.

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Close inspection of the new McKinley cards of the United States reveals several little imperfections that may, one day, be treasured by the confiding specialist as "varieties." The most noticeable of these is a defective T in first line of inscription. "The space, etc.," showing a partial and sometimes a complete absence of leg to stand upon. Examination of a quantity shows only one copy in then which has not this defect. Then, again, several copies show a mark in the oval in front of the late President's eye, suggesting to a facetious friend of mine the idea that though there were no flies on poor McKinley, he had to keep a pretty sharp look out or there would have been! Then there has been a clumsy double printing or double marking of last line of instructions, "The space below, etc.," each letter of which looks as if it had been underlined with one or two little dashes.

Doubtless these eccentricities are due to haste in printing, caused by new plates having to be prepared on the rejection of those first submitted. The card is small and flimsy and the particular utility of the space reserved for postmark idea is not very apparent. It would be best, however, to give the matter a better trial before ridiculing the idea. When the cancelling clerks get the knack of shooting 'right there' the used card will no doubt look better in our collections.

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Recently the Postmaster-General told us that if we were very good, and would write plainly and legibly and avoid confusing his clerks with indistinct addresses, he would allow us to use a portion of the address side of post cards for the continuation of our unfinished message, or for the postscript in which our wife tells us not to forget to feed the canary, and that the landlady at Sea View House is a cat and she (the wife not the cat) will be home on Saturday. To take advantage of this concession I have seen a picture post card in which the address side was divided into two parts, the

right hand half for the address and the left for the communication. The picture, of course, monopolised the reverse side.

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In my recent notes on the covering or enamelling of United States cards I mentioned that this was resorted to because the authorities there would not redeem unused post cards which had printed matter on them, and that they therefore would otherwise have to be wasted. I now read that it has been arranged to redeem these cards at 75% of their face value, provided they are whole and uncanceled.

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The following date records are taken from "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," and refer of course to used King Edward stationery.

Envelopes.	1d. court	21.1.02.
"	1d. commercial	14.2.02.
"	1d. thick do.	—
"	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. commercial	9.1.02.
"	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. long	—
Post Cards.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. court	17.1.02.
"	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on buff	30.1.02.
Letter Card.	1d. carmine	30.1.02.
Post Card.	1d. carmine	14.2.02.
Reply Cards.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. court	—
"	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on buff	18.2.02.
Wrappers.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green	5.2.02.
"	1d. carmine.	—

Who can beat these—or fill up the blanks?

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Great Britain.—The following list of King Edward envelope dies is taken from "E.W.S.N."

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Dies 7 to 12, 14 to 20.
1d.	Dies 7 to 15, 20 to 22.

Bulgaria.—The 5 stot. inland card is reported now as on thinner card than formerly, with address side tinted yellow.

Canton (French P.O.)—"Le T.B." chronicles the following cards of Indo-China surcharged Canton in carmine.

P.C.	10c. black and carmine on greenish (1899).
L.C.	15c. black and carmine on rose (1893).
"	25c. blue and carmine on grey (1893).

Corea.—Some of our contemporaries quoting from a German source, chronicle a 4+4 cheun card, red-brown on white. This is quite evidently the card mentioned in this page as far back as March last.

Colombian Republic.—"Mekeel's Weekly" has seen a post card apparently of a provisional order. "It is the 2c. black on buff, for interior use, with an imprint in the left lower corner, of an oval design, engine, turned, ground with a large figure 5 in the centre, and smaller 5s all around it. It is printed in yellow-brown and was mailed at Bogota, July 30th."

France.—A reply card has now been issued with the modified mouchon type of stamp, like the single card.

10+10c. carmine on pale blue.

French Colonies.—"Le T. Belge" states that although the last issue of cards for the 19 Colonies, made in the early part of last year, have not yet been all sent out to the Colonies of issue, yet another set has been prepared. The new set does not bear any indication of date of printing, and the colours are said to be of a duller and inferior cast. Here therefore are the seventy six new varieties for us, which with the seventy six of last year almost make a collection. How very, very nice!

P.C.	10c. dull red on greenish.
	10+10c. lilac red on blue.
L.C.	15c. brown-grey on grey.
	25c. dull blue on rose (2 shades).

Levant.—(British P.O.) The "M.C." states that size G. of the Registration Envelope has been surcharged in blue with 40 PARAS.

Reg. Env. 40 paras on 3d. brown.

Malta.—In addition to the ½d. wrapper mentioned last month a 1d. has appeared with King Edward stamp.

P.C. 1d. carmine on cream. 140×85mm.

Mexico.—Following the surcharged 3c. card comes the reply, also surcharged CUATRO CENTAVOS under stamp, the former figures and words of value being blacked out.

4+4 on 3+3 centavos, brown on cream.

Montenegro.—Quite a batch of new stuff is announced, with new stamp. It is to be hoped the issue will not be accompanied by the weird string of errors that has become so annoying with past issues. The following list is from the "M.C."

Env.	10 heller,	rose on white.
"	25 "	dark blue on buff.
Bands.	5 "	green on buff.
"	10 "	rose on buff.
P.C.	5 "	green on buff.
"	5+5 "	" "
"	10 "	rose on blue.
"	10+10 "	" "
L.C.	10 "	rose on buff.
"	20 "	dark blue on blue.

Natal.—King's Heads again.

Bands. ½d. green on buff (125×500mm.).

" 1d. carmine "

P.C. ½d. green " (122×75mm.).

" 1d. carmine " (140×90mm.).

Sarawak.—Various contemporaries chronicle a 1c. card stamp of the current type.

P.C. 1c. green on cream (140×90mm.)

Servia.—A new inland card has appeared, which appears to be the 1901 issue without frame. Also two letter cards, with stamp 1901 type.

P.C. 5 paras pale green on cream (89×138mm.)

L.C. 5 paras pale green on pale blue (87×145mm.)

10 paras carmine and black on pale blue (87×145mm.)

Straits Settlements.—King's Head.

P.C. 3 cents carmine on cream (140×90mm.)

Transvaal.—In addition to pieces announced last month, are the following with King's head:

Bands. ½d. green on buff (300×125mm.)

" 1d. carmine on buff "

P.C. ½+½ green "

1+1 carmine "

Turkey.—The 1 piastre envelope for exterior is reported with surcharge 20 paras in blue.

Env. 20 paras (on 1 pi.) blue on manilla.

Three hundred and eighty-five thousand miles of postage-stamps, or enough to girdle the earth fifteen times, with something to spare, is the number which has been contracted for by the United States during the next four years. Altogether there will be twenty-four billions of stamps.

"Thanks for your kind insertion of the particulars of our loss," write Messrs. Bright & Son, "but we see you have credited us with two burglaries, but we do not remember having had one before. The B.E.A. £10 fiscal cancellation is an error—it should be B.C.A."

Several of our younger Royalties (remarks "Woman") have fallen victims to the craze for collecting picture post cards, and during their visit to London they have added largely to their stock. The King sent cards to his grandchildren when he was on the Continent. Very soon we shall hear, I expect, that the Prince of Wales's boys are following their father's example by collecting postage-stamps. The Prince of Wales has now one of the finest and most complete collections in the country.

The Steady Growth of Fiscalism.

The Editor of "Morley's Philatelic Journal," a man who should know, felicitates his readers, himself, and all parties concerned on the steady growth in popularity of fiscal collecting, as evidenced by the success of the Fiscal Philatelic Society and other signed and portents of the day. As one of these signs and portents, although it is not specified by the Editor of "M.P.J." is the publication of Messrs. Morley and Fulchers' "Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Spain and Colonies," and we venture to predict a still greater influx of supporters for the fiscal side of our hobby if only such additions to the literature of the cult are periodically made.

There is much truth, doubtless, in our contemporary's concluding remarks:—"Lately we have been struck by evidence of the spread of interest in Fiscals, viz. by the number of postage stamp collectors who are quietly putting by such fiscals as they come across 'to examine when they have time' or again, we sometimes find that postage collectors who come across a fiscal which strikes them as possibly a good thing keep it 'as a curiosity.' We quote these cases from actual recent examples, and wonder how many other philatelists are doing the same."

Regarding Stamp Exhibition Awards.

Since the date of the Herts Philatelic Society's Exhibition there has been much discussion among stamp men as to the manner in which these philatelic shows are arranged. A passage in the current issue of "Morley's Philatelic Journal" exactly reflects an opinion held by stamp collectors:

We believe at present that too much weight is allowed to "rarities" and we think that more regard should be paid to the common stamps. It is often found that wealthy collectors who show magnificent series of rare stamps, neglect the commoner varieties in a shameful manner, the latter being added hap-hazard from the first copies that come to hand. Now the acquisition of rarities can only be made singly now and again and selection is not embarrassing, it is generally a mere question of £ s. d. but to select a representative series from hundreds of specimens requires patience and judgment and other philatelic virtues far more worthy of reward.

Everyone will heartily say "hear, hear!" to that. It would be an excellent thing if the Herts Society (which, we believe, has this question seriously at heart) were to introduce into the scheme of its next exhibition one or more classes exclusively devoted to the commoner stamps.

A Leading Philatelist of "The Hub."

The personal article in the current "Philatelic Record" is devoted to Mr. M. H. Lombard, a leading philatelist of Boston, U.S.A.—"the Hub of the Universe."

The Boston Society (says our contemporary) claims amongst its roll of members many names who are known to collectors, men whose collections rank as the best in America, but none of them have worked harder, or with more success upon the lines we have indicated, than Mr. Lombard. It is not only ourselves who say this, others in the States will tell you the same thing, and that this is also the opinion of his fellow members is shown by their having recently unanimously elected him their President, after he had acted as Hon. Secretary for three years. He may well be proud of the Society, which averages an attendance of over 35 members at its meetings, figures which are not approached by any other Society in the world.

Mr. Lombard first made his acquaintance of a stamp album in his boyhood, but after his school days were passed laid it aside, and it was some twenty years after before he looked it up again. In the meantime the collection had entirely passed from his mind, but coming across it accidentally some seven years ago all his old-time enthusiasm returned. He then began a general collection, and in a few years had gathered together a fairly good one, which he still has, and to which he keeps adding new issues. Seeing the hopelessness of the task of getting all the old ones, especially as he wanted them unused, he began specialising a few countries, and for the last few years has made a special study of them. France and Hawaii are the favourites, and a good field for study and research they afford.

In addition to being the President of the most active Society in the States, Mr. Lombard is serving his second term as a Director of the American Philatelic Association, is a corresponding member of the section of Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, a member of the London, Paris, and Chicago Societies, and of the Collectors' Club, New York.

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The Adding-On and Taking-Off System.

In this number of the *Fortnightly* we publish a most interesting and characteristically outspoken article on the subject of the pricing systems in Exchange Clubs, from the pen of Mr. Wickhart. This gentleman's enthusiasm for the system he himself favors is admirable, but his arguments are scarcely convincing.

Mr. Wickhart, if he has fully considered the force and meaning of his words, practically admits, that, in theory, the nett pricing system is to be preferred. For he writes:—"If members of nett clubs could be induced to price their stamps at something like their real market value rather than a fictitious one, their success would be immediate, and the secretaries of gross clubs would very soon make an alteration and come round to the nett way of thinking." Now if words have value that is an unmistakeable admission that the nett system is, theoretically, the better system.

And, wonders of wonders! Mr. Wickhart, who surely knows as much about Exchange Clubs as any man breathing, vouchsafes no intelligible *raison d'être* for the gross pricing system. It is surely a most extraordinary thing that out of all the club secretaries in this country, shrewd, intelligent, practical men though they be, not one has yet come forward with a plain answer to the very plain question: "Why should a philatelist, desirous of selling duplicate stamps to his fellow collectors, be asked to mark those stamps at double the price that he expects to receive for them?" Mr. Wickhart himself allows that the gross pricing system causes the secretary of the club additional trouble. Indeed, that is so obvious that it scarcely needs to be indicated. Why, then, is the system perpetuated? What is there in this pettifogging business of adding on and taking off that makes the results attained in the gross clubs superior to the results brought about in the nett pricing concerns?—as Mr. Wickhart and others claim is the case.

A Conspiracy of Silence.

There must be some explanation of it all. Consider! on the one side we have a man selling stamps at nett prices, on the other side a man holding a sort of Dutch auction in which it is perfectly well understood that although he asks 5s. in the first place he will ultimately accept 2s. 6d. for the article he is offering for sale. Now why should the man who reduces his goods to half their original price achieve a greater "turnover" than the man who fixes a certain immutable figure for his wares? There must be some reason for it. What is it? The champions of the 50% system either cannot or will not say. All they do is to hurl a *tu quoque* at the Nett Pricers. "Show us," say they, "any nett price club in which better results are achieved than in the 50% Clubs!" But as to the oft-asked question, "Why is the clumsy and antiquated 50% system maintained?" not

one of them appears to be ready to furnish a reply. Is it a conspiracy of silence? For a reply surely *can* be furnished? An explanation must exist. Why, then, we repeat for the last time, is the 50% system maintained in our leading Exchange Clubs? And if the only reply forthcoming is the now stereotyped argument that 50% Clubs produce the better results, then we desire an answer to the further question, "Why do the 50% Clubs produce better results?" We appeal to Club Secretaries to give us a straight answer. The issue is no new one, but is a question that has agitated the minds of philatelists for years past. Why should a philatelist, amateur or professional, be able to sell stamps to better advantage by clapping on a fictitious premium with the well understood intention of taking it off again on settling day? Why? There is a reason, we dare swear; and the evident reluctance of the Secretaries of the 50% Clubs to state it fairly and squarely is liable to be wrongly interpreted.

Philately in New South Wales.

BY "WALLABY."

SYDNEY, the capital of New South Wales, boasts one of the finest Post Offices in the world—a building that occupies a whole street, extending from George Street to Pitt Street, these two being the main thoroughfares of Sydney.

Outside the Post Office are large printed and framed lists of the daily incoming and outgoing mails, an inestimable boon to strangers and an innovation that might well be copied elsewhere.

I well remember my first visit to the G.P.O. I had arrived in Sydney overnight on board the P. and O. s.s. Australia from the West too late to do anything but turn in at the Métropole, but next morning I was up early and joined the crowd waiting for letters at the Post Office, a proceeding to be followed for many and many a week.

At first it seems very strange to be able to purchase at Sydney Post Office the old fashioned 3d. stamps and the large 5d.'s side by side with the extremely cheap designs of the ½d., 1d. and 2½d.—needless to say, much to the detriment of the latter. Fancy being able to buy the line-engraved old English 1½d. and 2d. concurrently with the stamps of the present issue!

I always made a point of franking my English mail with the higher values and, as eventually, the majority of these letters came into my possession I have a nice collection of the current 3d., 4d., 5d. and 8d. stamps—all on entire covers—in my albums, and as all the stamps of New South Wales, with the exception of the three lowest values, are worth keeping I hope in time to have some valuable stamps for exchange.

A glance at Gibbons' Catalogue will show the enormous quantity of minor varieties that the Sydney Post Office has issued, many of which were, I think, quite unnecessary. In fact, one could never be sure of being able to purchase the same variety on two consecutive days.

The internal and inter-state postage rate of New South Wales is 2d. the ½oz. This, at first glance, seems pretty stiff, but when one considers the enormous distances that have to be covered, and the big contracts for mail carrying, the rate seems only too moderate.

"Up-country" mail carriers out there have rather a good time of it, provided they like, and can stand, unlimited riding and exposure. They will make, perhaps, two journeys a week, leaving the local post office early on Monday morning, and riding all day, from station to station, often leaving their horse in someones paddock to be picked up the following week, while they run in a fresher mount for the return trip.

The local rate for the towns is only 1d. with a ½d. charge for post cards, but very few post cards are used by the Australians, though they are a great people for letter writing.

Sydney, itself, contains a number of good stamp stores, some of which enjoy a European reputation. Philately, on the whole, seems to have a big hold on our Australian cousins. The up-country "cockatoo" invariably retains all the used postage stamps he receives—usually with a very vague and exaggerated idea of their value.

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.

Chile.—Several contemporaries report the issue of another value in the new type—the 1 cent green.

Denmark.—It seems an extraordinary thing, in these days of postal reform, that any Government should increase its letter-carrying charges.

Yet this is what is happening in Denmark, for Mr. B. Fuglsang, of Copenhagen, informs us that from the 1st of October the local letter-rate in the capital will be raised from 4 to 5 öre, and the inland rate from 8 to 10 öre. Owing to these changes there will appear at the end of the present month a new stamp of 1 öre to supplement the 4 and 8 öre stamps, of which there is a good stock on hand.

The new 1 öre stamp will be orange-yellow and of the design of the present 5 öre value.

At the same time a 15 öre stamp will be issued; colour, violet. Also three new Official stamps—1 öre orange-yellow, 5 öre green and 10 öre carmine.

Italy.—There is such a diversity in the colouring of the current Italian 5c. stamps as should gladden the heart of the shade collector. Mr. Charles de Grave Sells very kindly sends us a post card with two specimens of the 5 centesimi stamps attached, and we must say that it would be difficult to find two more diverse shades of green. The one is quite a rich, dark, intense colour; the other quite a pale, thin, faded-looking shade. Yet these two were purchased, we understand, on the same date in Genoa.

It is curious what a variable colour green appears to be in the hands of the printers of modern postage stamps. There is apparently no dependence to be placed upon it.

Natal.—We are indebted to Mr. Theodore Jackson for a sample of the exceeding pretty King's Head stamps of Natal, accompanied by the following complete list of the issue:—

½d. light green.	2/- mauve,	green centre.
1d. rose.	2/6 purple.	
1½d. dark grey, green centre.	4/- yellow,	red ..
2d. olive-grn., red ..	5/- red,	blue ..
2½d. blue.	10/- light purple.	red ..
3d. light grey, purple ..	£1 blue,	dark ..
4d. light brn., red ..	£1/10 mauve,	green ..
5d. orange, dark ..	£5 dark grey,	purple ..
6d. purple, green ..	£10 orange,	green ..
1/- blue, red ..	£20 green,	red ..

Russia.—We have to thank Mr. A. H. Harris for a specimen of the 10 kopeks blue on the vertically watermarked paper—which, by the way, already figures in the new "Senf" Catalogue just to hand.

Straits Settlements.—From Mr. L. Andree, of Government Hill, Singapore, we have received specimens of the 1c., 3c., 5c. and 8c. "King's Heads," the only values issued up to the date of Mr. Andree's letter, August 12th.

South Australia.—Messrs. Kirkpatrick & Pemberton write us on the subject of the new unpaid-letter stamps:

"We are enclosing a specimen of the new issue of unpaid letter stamps for South Australia. They are the same design and evidently from the same plates as the current ones for New South Wales, but they have the label at the bottom quite blank, instead of bearing the initials 'N.S.W.' They are printed in emerald green on chalk surfaced paper and perforated 11½ to 12.

"We have seen the following values:—½d., 1d., 2d. and 4d. Our correspondent in South Australia informs us that 6d. and 5/- are also issued, and that eventually the whole set will appear."

Mr. L. S. Charlick informs us that the 9d. stamp is now obsolete. The stock has been used up and no further supply will be printed.

United States.—An interesting description of the accepted design for the new 4 cents stamp (General Ulysses S. Grant) is given by the Washington correspondent of the "Metropolitan Philatelist," and it makes such interesting reading that we quote it here in full:—

The bust of Grant occupies the middle of the stage, writes "The Optimist." He faces slightly toward the right, in a circle cut off on the lower side; in fact the shoulders of Grant form the southern boundary line, cutting off a small slice of the circle.

It appears that the question of portrait was the one over which the hitch has occurred. It is understood that when the Bureau submitted a drawing of the stamp the portrait of Grant did not seem to strike the Post Office officials exactly. The Bureau prepared a bust of Grant representing the General in later years, as he appeared a few years prior to his death. It was a particularly fine picture as a picture, and, while it represented Grant, clearly, it was not exactly the Grant that people, generally speaking, know.

The Chief of the Stamp Division in the Post Office Department is an old veteran of the civil war. Undoubtedly he knew Grant; likely served under his command; therefore he wanted a picture of Grant that represented Grant the fighter.

Everybody is acquainted with that photo. It has appeared upon the five cents stamp for more than a decade. That is the photo that appears upon the new four cents denomination. The circle is so small, however, that the effect is not of the best.

At the extreme top of the design there is a panel containing the inscription "Series of 1902." At either end of the panel are heads of eagles facing outward.

Beneath the photo is the word "Grant," in small type. A trifle below and at either side of this word are small circles within which are, on the right, 1822, representing date of Grant's birth, and, on the left, 1885, the date of his death.

Still nearer the edge of the stamp appear the figures "4"; good, large, plain figures. Then the denomination in letters, "Postage" "Four Cents" is contained in two panels, or a two-story panel, at the extreme lower portion of the design. Above the figure 4, on either side, is a bunch of flags. The inscription, "United States of America," is found in small extended letters following the circle around the portrait.

I should say that the designer had done exceedingly well considering the tremendous amount of matter to be crowded into a very small space. Then, again each design is to be distinctive. There must be something new as well as pretty. In the current series the only change in design is that of the photograph and the value. There is no "Series of 1902," no name of the subject, no date of birth and death. These features are very nice and increase the historic character of the stamp but they impose a terrific job upon the designer and engraver. If the latter makes the letters large enough to be seen he has room for nothing else, and if he makes them small enough to give space they can hardly be read.

Philatelic "Coronating" at Salisbury.

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I. A collection of Postage Stamps consisting of three volumes (Larisch albums); the first containing Europe, the second Africa and America, the third Asia and Australia. Value M 150,000. The greater part of the Stamps are represented by two specimens, the one obliterated and the other new. The said collection, besides other Stamps, contains the following, described in accordance with Senf's catalogue (edition 1899).

	No.	Mark	value		No.	Mark	value
Afghanistan	4,	½ rupee, brownish-violet, new	300	Austria	3	.. ..	300
Antioquia	1,	2½ centavos, blue, obliterated	300	"	4,	new	2000
"	2,	5 " bluish-green, obliterated	350	Portugal	3	.. ..	500
Brunswick	2,	2 silbergr., blue, new	300	Prussia	7,	new	400
"	3,	3 " brick-red, new	350	Re-union	1	.. ..	1000
British Columbia	1,	2½ pence, pink, not indented..	600	"	2	.. ..	1000
Buenos Ayres	4,	5 pesos, yellow, obliterated ..	500	Roumania	3,	81, circular, obliterated	3000
Hawaii	2,	5 cents, blue on white, obliterated	2000	"	1,	obliterated	950
"	3,	13 " "	1500	"	2,	"	350
Canada	3d,	6 pence, blackish-violet, new	300	"	4,	"	800
Ceylon	12,	2 shillings, blue, new	800	St. Vincent	19,	5 sh. new	400
Gaboon	3b,	25 on 20c., new	300	"	"	yellow	425
Great Britain	7,	trial stamp I, new.. ..	300	"	22	.. ..	350
Heligoland	8,	½ schilling, misprint, obliterated	300	Sierra Leone	1	.. ..	500
Lagos	17,	.. ..	100	Spain	8,	obliterated	800
"	18,	.. ..	150	"	8,	new	600
"	19,	.. ..	300	"	14	.. ..	300
Mauritius	5,	.. ..	450	"	23	.. ..	450
Natal	3,	.. ..	800	"	"	.. ..	350
"	4,	.. ..	300	"	30	.. ..	350
"	8b,	.. ..	300	Tuscany	23?	3 lires?	1300
"	9b,	.. ..	500	United States	9	.. ..	750
Naples	8	.. ..	300	"	10	.. ..	750
"	9	.. ..	350	"	79	.. ..	100
Newfoundland	9	.. ..	450	"	80	.. ..	500
Nova Scotia	4	.. ..	400	"	81	.. ..	300
Oldenburg	3	.. ..	350				

A reward of M10000 is offered for the recovery of this collection, if intact. For the restitution of one single volume in an unimpaired condition a reward of M3000 will be granted and, if incomplete, the reward to be equal to 10% of the value quoted in Senf's catalogue.

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V. A gold curb watch chain, value M. 300.

VI. An antique gold lady's ring, rococo style, set with small brilliants and garnets, in a red leather case.

VII. A silver money box, teapot shape, marked M. J. G. 8. 12. 54.

VIII. About M. 3000 German currency, gold and silver, and moreover about M. 500 in English, French, Italian, Dutch and other foreign coins.

IX. An old porte-monnaie of unknown colour, with gilt lock.

The theft was perpetrated by **Gustav Roth**, a private secretary, born May 31st, 1869, at Gyolska, Hungary, who absconded on the 19th of August last past.

Description: Height about 1,80 m, slender stature, black hair, lofty forehead, black eyebrows, black eyes, curved nose, large mouth, upper incisors wanting, black moustache and beard, pointed chin, narrow face, sickly complexion. He speaks German, English, French, Portuguese and Hungarian.

Dress: Dark grey jacket suit, dark grey summer overcoat, black, stiff felt hat.

His wife, **Anna Maria Theresia Roth**, of the maiden name of **Giering**, born May 19th, 1868, at Forsthaus Pranje, district of Gumbinnen, left hence on the 18th of August with **Gustav Adolf Roth**, a boy aged 5 years, the son of the said husband and wife. Perhaps the said wife and son are travelling along with the accused.

Description of Roth's wife.

Height about 168 cm, thick-set, dark fair hair, low forehead, dark fair eyebrows, black eyes, round chin, a pale yellowish complexion; speaks German.

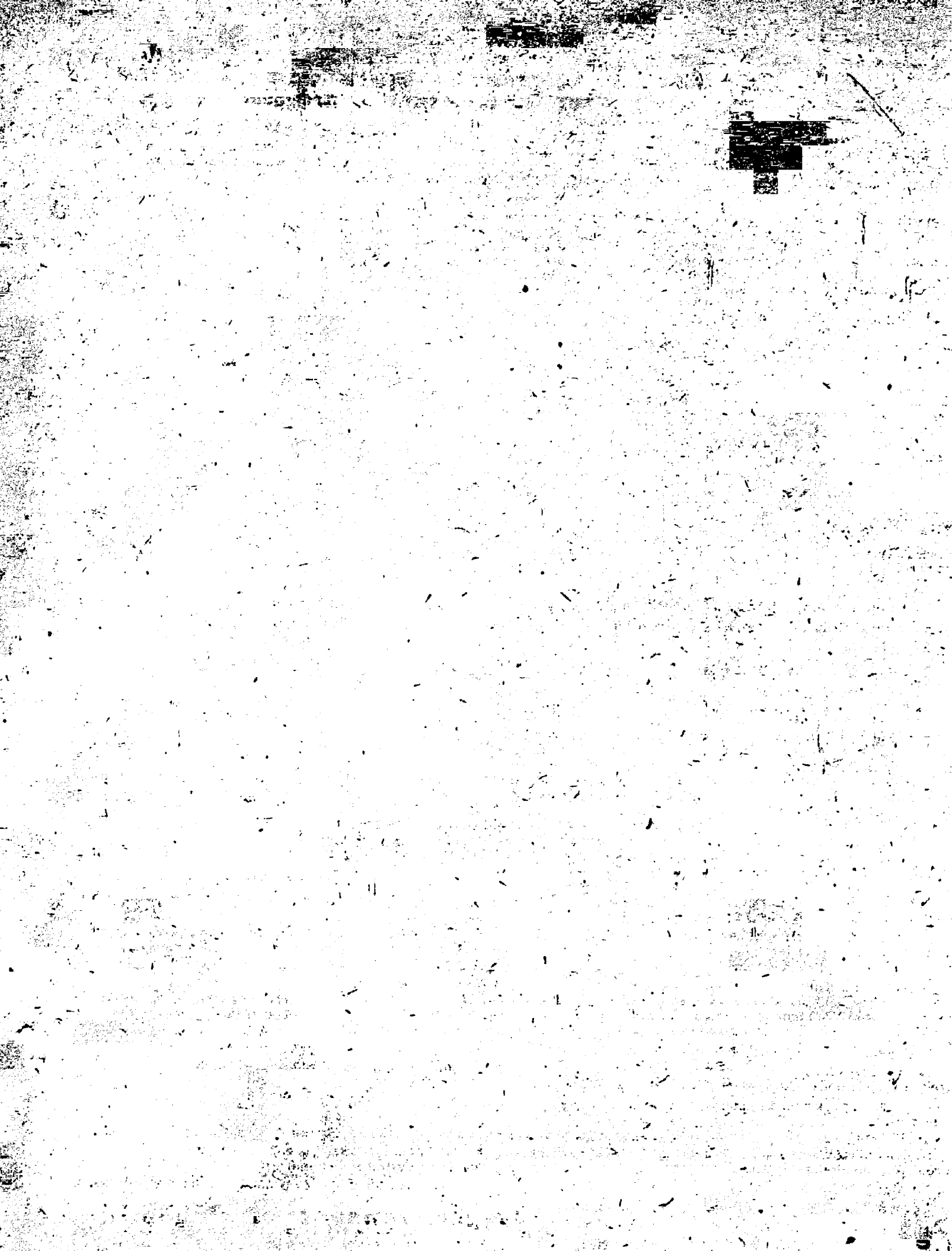
Dress: A dark long cape with white stitchings, black skirt, white flat shaped hat trimmed with black crape and red flowers.

The son, apparently of a mixed breed, wears a dark blue waterproof collar and a broad brimmed white straw hat.

It is hereby requested to search for the said **Roth**, to arrest him and immediately to give notice of this fact to the police here, also forwarding under No. 5671 II. 3/02 any available particulars relating to this matter.

A reward of M 1000 is offered for the capture of the said **Roth**, if effected within 6 months from date of this.

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AN ELABORATE SWINDLE.

We have received from a dealer in Europe, a photo-lithographic copy of what appears to be an official document and which would, at first glance, appear to be positive proof that a provisional issue of postage stamps was made in the town of San Fernando, Philippine Islands, in June, 1898. The following is a translation of this precious document:

No. 1,611,298. 175

(Document Stamp).

Province of Union, Town of San Fernando,
Philippine Islands.

I, Don Blas Tadiar Salvatera, Municipal Captain of this town of San Fernando, capital of the Province of Union.

Do certify, that already more than two months have elapsed to this date since the postage stamps on sale ran out, and, for the present, supposing that no further shipment of them be received from the Government at Manila, on account of the present happenings, and as innumerable persons have applied to purchase said stamps for the purpose of prepaying their letters; for this reason I found myself under the necessity of calling a meeting of the Committee to consider such application, and the members of said Committee agreed to order postage stamps made, to be sold to the public, after having received the approval of the Government of this Province, and the amount accruing is to be placed in the treasury of the Municipality for the needs of the same. The old stamps remaining in the Post Office will be surcharged or marked with the values or prices of 2 cents, 3 cents, 4 cents, 5 cents, 6 cents, 8 cents, 10 cents and 25 cents, in black, violet and red colours, and as the old stamps remaining which are to be marked are very few, it has also been resolved to order the surcharge or mark to be placed on various blank papers in the said same values and colours. And with respect to this resolution, to which we have agreed, we will be responsible in case we shall not have the authority for it.

And that this may be clear, I sign these presents with the members of the Committee and the Secretary, to be presented to the Government of this Province for its approval.

Done at the Municipal Tribunal of San Fernando, Capital of the Province of Union, the first day of June, 1898.

The Municipal Captain,	The Lieut., Trustee,
BLAS TADIAR S.	AGAPITO FLORES.
The Lieutenant of Police,	The Rural Lieutenant,
FAUSTINO ALVIAR.	EUSEBIO CASUGO.
The Delegates.	

Damaso Aquirio, Jose Gusman, Lorenzo Galvez, Ramon Mendoza,
Gaspar Flores, Juan Borjia, Vicente Carbonell, Timotea Galvez,
Pedro Flores, Calixto Galvez, Sabino Gueslan, Pio Zafro.

The Secretary, JUAN LUCERO.

All this appears to be very correct, business-like and reliable. But when one examines the stamps his suspicions are promptly aroused. Several sets of these stamps were sent from Europe to the J. M. Bartels Co. who very kindly placed them at our disposal. We may mention, incidentally that the prices asked for the stamps were so high as to indicate an anticipation of very large profits by some one. On examining the stamps we found evidence that many of them were fraudulent and our conclusion is that the whole affair is a careful prepared scheme to swindle collectors. We returned the stamps to the Bartels Co., expressing our unfavourable opinion, which met with their prompt concurrence.

The manufacturers evidently intended to fleece collectors thoroughly, so they prepared quite an extensive array of the pretended provisionals. The labels are made by means of a surcharge which shows "98" in the upper left corner, "CORREOS" diagonally across the stamp, and the value horizontally at the bottom. The numeral of value is followed by the word "CENT" (always in the singular), sometimes with and sometimes without a period. There is a series of eight

denominations—2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 25 cents—stamped in red on pieces of white paper, a second series stamped in blue and a third in black. All these may be had either cancelled or uncanceled.

In addition to the foregoing there are the following surcharges on the stamps of the Philippine Islands:

ON REGULAR ISSUES.

Issue of 1880-82,	3c. on 6 2-3c.	green,	red surcharge.
" 1890,	2c. on 2c.	claret	" "
" 1892-93,	2c. on 2c.	grey-violet	" "

ON NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Issue of 1886,	5c. on 1m.	rose,	black surcharge.
" "	10c. on	" "	" "
" "	5c. on 2m.	blue	" "
" 1892,	5c. on 1/2c.	blue-green,	red surcharge.
" "	5c. on 2m.	"	black
" 1894,	5c. on 1m.	olive	" "
" "	5c. on 2m.	"	" "
" 1896,	10c. on 1m.	ultramarine	" "

Next follows a series which were treated somewhat differently. The top and bottom labels were removed and the stamps turned sideways, with the portrait facing downward, before being surcharged. Comparison shows these stamps to be printed in the colours and shades used for the stamps of Cuba but not those of the Philippine Islands. This precious batch is as follows:

Issues of 1876-79,	2c. on green,	red surcharge.
	2c. on ultramarine,	black
	2c. on blue,	" "
	2c. on blue,	red
	2c. on lilac,	" "
	2c. on grey-lilac,	" "
	2c. on lilac,	black
	2c. on grey-lilac,	" "
	2c. on grey,	" "
	3c. on grey-lilac,	" "
	3c. on lilac,	red
	3c. on grey-lilac,	" "
Issues of 1880-88,	2c. on green,	" "
	3c. on brown,	black
	3c. on olive-bistre,	" "
Issues of 1890-97,	5c. on rose,	" "

The reason for removing the labels is only too apparent. There was no excuse to offer for the presence of Cuban stamps in the Philippine Islands, so it was sought to conceal their identity. Cuban stamps are cheap and plentiful and in many issues the designs used in the two Spanish colonies are alike except the labels. By removing those incriminating evidences it was expected to create more varieties with which to gull collectors. In just one instance the bottom label was spared. This was the 2c. olive-bistre of 1883-86. The same value, in similar colour, is found in the Philippines issue of 1880-82.

There may be some genuine provisionals among these stamps, but there is such a serious taint of fraud about them that we think collectors will be well advised to let them entirely alone, until evidence in their favour is obtained from an irreproachable source.

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The 50 Per Cent Discount System in Exchange Clubs.

By F. A. WICKART.

I HAVE been much interested in reading the various letters from correspondents regarding the system of pricing stamps in the various Club packets, and I should not encroach upon the *Fortnightly's* space but for the fact that although the advocates of the system seem quite capable of defending it, yet there is one point which does not seem to have occurred to them. If the gentleman who originated the discussion considers the nett pricing so much better than the gross, why does he not give us some figures in proof of his assertion? He seems to have had a very wide experience of both kinds of Clubs (judging from his letters on the subject), so a brief statement showing his contributions to the gross and nett Clubs, and their respective sales, would go much farther towards convincing the 50 per-centists' that they are defending a rotten system, than all his dissertations on the subject.

So far as my own experience has gone—and I have had a pretty extensive one—I can say without fear of contradiction that the Nett Clubs are of little or no use whatever to a collector who has stamps to exchange, and for a very good reason—viz., that members of Nett Clubs price their stamps at so near to catalogue value that there is no earthly chance of any of the stamps being sold. If members of Nett Clubs could be induced to price their stamps at something like their real market value, rather than a fictitious one, their success would be immediate, and the Secretaries of Gross Clubs would very soon make an alteration and come round to the nett way of thinking.

Your correspondent who advocates nett pricing seems to think that he has only to mark his stamps at inflated prices and the collectors will clear his sheets. If this is not so, why does he grumble at 50% pricing at all, because it can make no difference whatever to the amount he receives for his stamps except that it gives the Secretaries of the Clubs more trouble than the nett system would. He overlooks altogether the fact that the Secretary of a Club is anxious to obtain the biggest result possible, because although the 5% commission he charges by no means recompenses him for the time he devotes to the Club, yet, the bigger the sales the bigger his commission, so that it is perfectly clear that if the nett system were so much more advantageous to sales the 50% Club Secretaries would be the very first to adopt the system. At any rate, I should do so myself in the Northern Stamp Exchange Society. Some three or four years ago a Nett Club was being conducted by a very energetic Secretary and the monthly contributions of ten reached £500 nett or £1,000 gross. On an average the sales out of £500 should have amounted to not less than £60 instead of which although the Secretary himself often bought from £8 to £12 out of the packets, the total of sales never exceeded £40. Now compare this nett result with my own experience in the Northern Exchange Society and then your most rabid nett advocates will admit that the gross is far preferable. The November British packet of the Northern Society amounted to £986 gross and the sales therefrom were £164 4s. 6d. or nearly 20% of its original value. Halving this total we get £493 nett and the sales £82 nett. Can your correspondent produce similar satisfactory results from any of the Nett Clubs which he praises so freely?

For him to say that the 50% clubs keep down prices is utterly absurd, for what collector in his right mind would pay net catalogue prices except for very scarce stamps, when the majority of stamps are being bought at auction at half catalogue prices and very often at considerably less than quarter of such prices. So far from the gross clubs keeping down prices I unhesitatingly assert that on the average better prices are obtained for stamps in the gross clubs than from ordinary approval books selling amongst collectors.

Your correspondent "Rats" thinks "that an ounce of fact is worth a pound of theory" and I quite agree with him; he

says that he knows that those secretaries who have tried the net system speak of it as being a great improvement on the gross. The secretary of a club is to some extent a public individual and as I am sure not one of them would object to his opinions being published I ask that the names of the secretaries to whom your correspondent refers should be announced. We should then be able to ascertain whether the statement of "Rats" are founded on fact or whether they exist purely in his imagination. I will go further and make him an offer—viz.: If he can obtain the names of not less than thirty collectors who will contribute to and purchase from a net club, I will undertake to run a separate section of the Northern Exchange especially for their benefit, and if I find that the results are satisfactory I will gradually introduce the system into all my other sections.

This letter is assuming rather lengthy proportions, so I will draw it to a close with the remark that the secretary of a club conducts his exchange in what seems to him the best possible way, and I believe I am speaking for my brother secretaries, when I say, that we would not hesitate for a moment in substituting the net for the gross system if the result were not likely to be damaging to the exchanges we respectively conduct.

By the way, the origin of the 50% idea is not quite correctly stated in the issue of August 16th. It did *not* originate with the Birmingham Philatelic Society, because it was in practice long before that Society came into existence. Clubs were started for exchange pure and simple, but when it was found that many members with good duplicates always had large credit balances and there was no prospect of their being liquidated by exchange, it was unanimously decided among the members that credit balances should be settled every three months by the payment in cash at *half* the marked prices. Thus the system came into force—I believe in the earliest days of the "I.P.U."

After all, gross prices do not mean half-catalogue prices for cash, because no man outside Colney Hatch would put a 5/- mint Colonial on his sheet at 6/6 gross (the catalogue price). Gross prices are *exchange* prices. If "Rats" wants my candid opinion on the reason prices are so low at the present time, I assert emphatically that is due to amateur dealers who buy mixed lots at auction and then break them up to sell at less than half-catalogue, through the Exchange Clubs.

SOME CORRECTIONS FROM MR. G. JOHNSON B.A.

The popular and energetic Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, Mr. G. Johnson, B.A. writes us as follows:—

Why does "Rats" describe Mr. Hollick as the *late* Mr. H.? I can assure him that Mr. H. is very much alive.

In spite of what "Rats" says, Mr. Hollick did *not* invent the 50% discount system, but he did something better. He suggested that the 50% should only be allowed if the accounts were paid within seven days, and it was found that that was the only legal way of enforcing payment.

If "Rats" does not know a Secretary who has enforced the full gross amount, I can give the names of several, myself among the number, and what is more it will be enforced again if necessary. Members have had some months' credit by the time accounts are sent out, surely they can pay within the 7 days allowed. It is quite time the sellers had their money and unless they have it promptly they cannot be expected to send good stamps at reasonable prices.

Most of your correspondents who are advocating the nett prices—many of them for the fun of argument, as they know the nett-priced Clubs are and will be quite insignificant—miss one of the chief points, that it is much better to price a sheet for a 50% Club than for a nett one. Very few stamps, excepting current mint and some rarities in superb condition, are worth more than half-catalogue. It is therefore very convenient when pricing from the catalogue, to put down the amount there given without halving, etc. If stamps are not worth half-cat. you can easily reduce them, or if worth more you are quite at liberty to raise them, but the majority of good specimens can be marked at catalogue prices to fetch half. They are not worth more, indeed we circulate each year many thousands of pounds worth of superb unused Colonials at half-cat., and in the year closing on September 30th, we shall have *sold* about £4000 worth, out of about £40,000 circulated.

Your statement that you have not taken part in exchanges for some years probably accounts for some of your opinions which, to say the least, are peculiar.

The law is accepting the argument as binding and has done so several times lately in connection with London Exchanges. The man who left his accounts overdue would be a fool (you say) if bullied into paying gross amounts. Well, the law compels him—that is far better than your opinion which has its foundation on nothing—but I think he would be "too good a philatelist" for most Societies to accept, or keep. A man who is a day late (much less a fortnight) with his accounts, is no good for any Society, and the sooner he is dropped the better. Exchanges, when properly carried on, are some of the mainstays of philately, and the smoother they can be worked the better. I am quite sure that some of the statements now being put forward as facts are not for the good of philately, or anything else; indeed some of them which have been printed in the discussion of the 50% pricing are likely to do considerable harm among those who have no means of eliminating the errors which have been made in ignorance or carelessness.

There is much admonition and little argument in Mr. Johnson's letter, and though it grieves us that anything appearing in the *Fortnightly* should be productive of "considerable harm," we must remind the Hon. Secretary of the Birmingham Society that this journal is published in the interests of all sections of philatelist, and that its policy is to hear all sides. As regards Mr. Johnson's statement that the law of this country will compel a stamp collector belonging to an Exchange Club to pay double price for his purchases on an account that has been owing for more than a certain period, we can only say frankly that we are astonished. If Mr. Johnson is sure of what he says—and we have no doubt he can show chapter and verse for every word of it—then here we have additional evidence that "the law is a hass"!

It was an extraordinary mistake on the part of "Rats" to speak of "the late Mr. Hollick," and we greatly regret that we passed it without correction. We hope and believe that it will be very, very many years yet before one will be able to refer to the popular President of the Birmingham Philatelic Society as "the late."

HOW SHOULD STAMPS BE PRICED?

As a reply to a letter from Mr. A. H. Dingwall, of Weston-Super-Mare, Mr. Karl Wiehen, of Streatham, writes us in the following terms:—

As you have not closed the discussion with regard to 50% *versus* Nett Prices in Exchange Clubs, will you kindly allow me to say a few words in reply to Mr. Dingwall's letter in your issue of the 16th of August.

To begin with, I should like to point out that, in my opinion, the whole question concerns collectors more than dealers (the Otterdale, for instance, does not admit dealers), and therefore it is but natural that Mr. Dingwall as a dealer, should come to the conclusion that "Nett Clubs secure me far better results than the Discounts"—but that may simply prove that 50% Clubs offer greater advantages to collectors.

The arguments of Mr. Dingwall in the first part of his letter appear to me very strange, and if I understand him rightly, he ends by knocking over his own arguments. First, he thinks it unjust to the seller to compel him to allow 50% discount, and in the same sentence he is sorry for the buyer, "who, of course, has to take his wares at the artificially enhanced price." Then follows his lengthy remarks about Continental habits of asking more than is intended to be taken, the advantages of "Prix fixe" and "Feste Preise." What reference this has to sheets of stamps, marked *openly* and *clearly* at prices allowing 50% discount, I fail to see. His further arguments that 50% prices will prevent people to buy stamps at all, because they will get the idea that "with such liberal discounts allowed, the stamps can cost the buyer" (I suppose he means the seller) "nothing, and that therefore collectors get the impression that they will lose the bulk of their money whenever the whirligig of time brings the collection to the market"—are to me not very clear and plausible.

How it can interest your readers to know that Mr. Dingwall found on some sheets of a 50% Club, with much satisfaction, a Great Britain 2d. blue, without lines, catalogued at 2/-, priced at 5/-, and other stamps at prices "strictly in accordance with merit and with entire disregard of the standard catalogue prices,"—is not at all apparent to me, unless he could have told us at the same time that these modestly but correctly priced stamps had found buyers, which I beg to doubt.

Lastly, there is no need for Secretaries to compel their members to price their stamps at half catalogue. Members send round their stamps for the purpose of getting rid of them, and knowing that 99 out of every 100 members afterwards examine their sheets with Gibbons' Catalogue at their sides, and only consider stamps which are priced at about half catalogue—they will generally only send stamps which they are willing to sell on that basis, and hold back those which they know to be worth more. For even encouraging remarks like "worth full catalogue," "much undercatalogued by Gibbons," &c., &c., will rarely sell a stamp at more than half catalogue, as sooner or later these stamps will appear on some other sheets marked at half catalogue or less. In the last packet which I examined I found a used Queensland, Gibbons' No. 167, priced on one sheet 5/- gross, with the remark "not priced by Gibbons"; on another sheet 4/- gross, with the remark "very rare"; and on a third sheet simply 1/6 gross. I kept the latter and expect the others will remain unsold.

It now remains to give the plain answer which Mr. Dingwall asks to his plain question: Why is the 50% Discount Popular? and I reply as a Collector, because, as a rule, the prices in the 50% Clubs are more to my advantage and because I find it easier to dispose of my duplicates at about half catalogue in these 50% Clubs, than I ever did in the Nett Clubs, where I found that more than half of the members were either dealers or speculators who had marked their sheets: "Not to see Packets." Everybody wanted to sell at high prices, and there were few good buyers.

Our Review of Reviews.

The Besieged Parisians Postage Stamps.

A writer in the "Weekly Philatelic Era" deals with what he justifiably terms "The Most Interesting Period of French Stamp History"—the period of the Siege of Paris.

The Germans invested Paris, September 18th, 1870, and the postal system was seized and put in immediate connection with their own. That this result had been foreseen by the Germans was evident, as the plates of the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine were in immediate readiness for use.

The French Republican Government set to work to issue stamps from the 1849 plates, declaring the previous issue abolished, but this had to be rescinded, as these stamps formed almost the only supply and the new government was too busily engaged to prepare others.

The 10c. bistre, 20c. blue and 40c. orange were the only stamps struck from the old 1849 plates in 1870. When other values were necessary the stock of the stamps of the Empire were used.

With Paris besieged, all communication was cut off from the rest of France. This was intolerable. The besieged had recourse to balloons. September 23rd, five days after the investment, occurred the first ascension.

The balloon service was continued during the entire siege, from September 23rd, 1870, to January 28th, 1871. In all, 65 ascensions were made. The limit of weight was fixed at four grams and the rate was 20 centimes.

The stamps generally found on the balloon letters are the 10c. and 20c. of the laureated head series and the 10c., 20c. and 40c. engraved series, re-issued during the siege and printed from the 1849 plates. Generally, these balloon letters bear the manuscript inscription, "Par balloon monte," and the cancellation must bear date between September 18th, 1870, and January 28th, 1871.

The specimen in my collection bears date of October 19, 1870, and was received at Caen (Calvados) November 1, 1870, having been eleven days en route, for a distance of about 200 miles. The stamp is the 20c. blue, head of Emperor. The contents of the letter are exceedingly interesting, being a soldier's description to his mother of life in the invested city.

Mr. Bacon's Sensational Discovery.

Not only collector's of Chilean stamps, but philatelists the world over, must be interested in the remarkable paper contributed by E. D. Bacon to recent issues of the "London Philatelist," and dealing with those interesting and irreproachable postal issues, the Chilean stamps of 1853 to 1867. Mr. B. T. K. Smith in his "Monthly Philatelic Letter" for the "Monthly Circular" ably summarises the facts regarding Mr. E. D. Bacon's sensational discovery—no other word will quite express it—of a local lithographic printing of the 5 centavos of the first issue.

The story begins four years ago (writes Mr. Smith) when the following paragraph appeared in an American paper:—

"One of the queerest varieties shown me recently was what the owner called the 'broken plate variety.' It was a pair of 5c. of the first issue of Chili. The upper left corner of the second stamp (right-hand one), a piece of the plate, about three-eighths of an inch square, was actually broken off. The piece was so clumsily reset that the border of the piece is $1\frac{1}{2}$ millimetres higher than the rest of the stamp proper."

This was treated as a joke by an English critic, who dismissed it as "an impossible variety," then why "impossible" I do not know. Nothing more was heard of it until the pair in question was sent over to this country by Mr. John N. Luff, who "with his usual acumen . . . asked if this particular pair could have been printed by lithography." Enquiries made by Mr. Bacon led to the conclusion that Mr. Luff's theory was right, and other specimens have been found which show even more pronounced flaws. Of these the most marked variety is described thus:—

(i) The whole of the bottom part of the design has been rucked up, so that the stamp only measures $21\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 23mm. in height. The top part of the letters "ENTA" of "CENTAVO" the middle part of the letter "c" and the bottom part of the letters "vo" of that word have entirely disappeared.

This variety and nine others are illustrated by callotype in the "London Philatelist," and, beyond the shadow of a doubt, they are from a lithographic transfer from the original plate. "In laying the transfer paper on the stone slight folds or rucks occurred in a few places, which accounts for the abnormal varieties sometimes met with; just as in the examples of the lithographed fourpence Western Australia of the first issue, and the stamps of Oldenburg of January, 1861, we find specimens of a similar nature."

The variety (i) described above is unmistakable, but other lithographed stamps are sometimes free from any defect. This appears to be the case with the left hand stamp of the pair first discovered. In nearly all the varieties illustrated in the "London Philatelist" the stamp has a break (or "step," one might call it) at some point in the line forming the frame. In one there is no break, but "an extra outer frame-line at the left lower corner, extending from the corner to beneath the letter "c" of "CENTAVOS."

Mr. Bacon thinks that the lithographed stamps were probably issued about June, 1854, the number being 155,520. There is, however, no positive proof that this was the case, and the production of specimens on original covers is much to be desired. The reconstruction of a sheet with used specimens would be a bold task to undertake, but it is not impossible, and we may even hope for the discovery of an entire unused sheet. As for a lithographed 10 centavos, that may or may not exist, but "a most diligent search has not resulted in the discovery of a single lithographed stamp of this value."

So much for the 5 centavos lithograph, but this, as Mr. Smith remarks, is not the only feature of Mr. Bacon's paper, for with characteristic thoroughness that gentleman lets nothing escape his net.

I will mention only two of the new things he tells us: the first is that the well-known obliteration of the English word CANCELLED between four straight lines with a single curved line at either side was supplied by Perkins, Bacon & Co., who sent out 200 dies of that postmark to Chili, and that "any stamp found with this obliteration cannot have been used much, if at all earlier than the year 1861."

The second is that the 10 centavos printed on the paper with wmk. "20" was first chronicled in 1893, and is apparently very rare, so rare that only one specimen has been described, namely that sold by auction in 1899, for £6 10s. "The error was made by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s workmen, and it is the only instance" writes Mr. Bacon "I can call to mind in which an error of watermark of this kind was made by the firm."

Mr. W. H. Peckitt is now installed in his new premises at 47, Strand, and very comfortable and inviting new premises, too!

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

BRITISH EMPIRE STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

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THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At a special meeting held on August 7th. Messrs. G. W. Pepper and H. N. Terrett, both of New York, were elected members. The Society heard with deep regret of the death of Mons. C. Roussin, of Paris, who has done great service in the cataloguing of fiscals.

Having regard to the recent extensive forgeries of Crete fiscals, members are requested to immediately notify the Secretary of any such frauds, and steps will be taken to publish the information. A Black List of defrauders and swindlers will also be kept, and members can apply to the Society as to the standing of individuals.

The rules for the Home and Continental Exchange Sections have been approved, and as the first packets will be made up in September, members should immediately inform the Secretary if they desire to contribute to, or see them. Mr. J. Verzyl, of Louvain, Belgium, has been appointed Secretary for the Continent.

The Colonial Revenues are now catalogued up to Hong Kong, and it is hoped to publish the catalogue in printed form early next year.

The Society ends its first season (of seven months) with a membership in all parts of the world of forty-six. There will doubtless be many new recruits when its aims and objects are more known, and rules and information will be gladly furnished.

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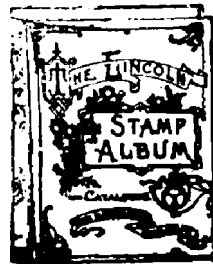
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Our Business Side.

MR. SYDNEY BISHOP, who has so long been associated with the *Fortnightly's* business side, has now left the service of this journal. *Pro tem.*, Mr. J. S. G. Telfer will represent our advertising department and take over the business control.

A Dangerous Fake.

MR. W. LACEY, of Brighton, writes:—"A collector last week showed me a 1s. Gibraltar, 1st issue, which he had bought very cheaply and which appeared quite genuine. On comparison, however, with those that I have in stock, the surcharge looked a trifle more spread out, so I measured it and found the surcharge 17mm. in length, whereas in the genuine one the surcharge measures barely 16mm. I also found the cross of each A was higher and much narrower than on the genuine. The faked surcharge is evidently put on the current Bermuda 1s., which has been altered in shade to a very good resemblance of the genuine Gibraltar by some chemical process."

The fraud to which Mr. Lacey refers is no new one, we think. In fact, we are under the impression that a precisely similar fake was described in the *Fortnightly* some time ago. Nevertheless, collectors cannot too often be warned against such a dangerous fraud as this, and it is to be feared, from Mr. Lacey's having so recently seen a specimen of this fake, that the "manufacturers" are still at work.

A World's Reply Stamp.

THE Danish postal authorities, following the lead of their French colleagues, have invited the postal administrators of

other countries to consider the desirability of introducing a world's reply stamp. We have referred to the subject elsewhere in this issue of the *Fortnightly*.

Where are These "Fake" Factories?

OUR good friends the Press Cutters send us many paragraphs relating to the Philatelic Congress recently held in Vienna, and one of these—from the "Pall Mall Gazette" of September 13th—we reproduce in full:

The German Philatelic Congress has been sitting this week in Vienna. The opening address of the president was mainly devoted to the many forgeries in stamps and the difficulties in the way of their detection. *It was stated that in England there are several establishments for the wholesale production of bad stamps, but neither name nor locality was given.*

Now if our friends the Congressers of Vienna are correctly reported, which we have no reason to doubt, and if their statements are made in all sincerity, which also we have no reason to doubt—then here is a pretty awakening for the self-satisfied Britisher, who has always ascribed fakes and forgeries to those wicked foreigners. Still, it would not be wise to attach too much importance to the accusation quoted above. There are certain institutions and—save the mark!—"industries" which no country cares to own, and of such things the average man whether he be Britisher, Frenchman, or German, is wont to say, "Oh, such things are very well for foreigners—they wouldn't be allowed here!" How appropriate are the words of the old song:

It might have happened in Timbuctoo,

In Zululand, or far Peru;

It might have happened in Rumbuloo,

But it couldn't have happened here!

That exactly reflects the mind of the average Englishman on the respective merits of his own and other countries, and as we, personally, are well content to be an average Englishman, our view is that somebody at the Vienna Philatelic Congress has been talking nonsense.

But if there is any truth in the allegation, then for goodness' sake let the "allegator" send along names and addresses, and the matter shall be attended to forthwith. This is England, not Italy, and the law here prescribes hard labour for the stamp-faker.

A Philatelist to take his Trial.

THERE has been a further hearing, at Reigate, of the charges against Elliott Sotherby Armstrong, an ex-lieutenant of the Royal Artillery. Mr. Armstrong's arrest, as already

mentioned in the *Fortnightly*, was brought about at the instance of Mr. Charles J. Smith, of Kingston, and the Stamp Trade Protection Association have carefully watched the case in the interests of the stamp-collecting public.

Three specific charges were gone into when the case again came before the Reigate Bench, the first and principal count being the charge of attempting to obtain from Charles John Smith, of Upper Park Road, Kingston, stamps to the value of £76 18s. 9d., by false pretences. We take our account of the proceedings from the "Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser."

Supt. Alexander prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. J. Nightingale watched the case on behalf of the Stamp Trade Protection Association. Mr. C. F. Lowenthal, Barrister (instructed by Mr. Scales, of the firm of Messrs. Hart, Scales and Hodges of Dorking), defended.

Mr. Smith stated that he received a letter dated July 21st, asking him to supply the writer with specimens of British and Colonial stamps suitable for a collection of 3,000 stamps. The writer gave as reference Messrs. Bright & Son, Strand, and signed it Capt. Sotheby. The address given by the writer was "c/o Mrs. Dadswell, Brockham Green." He forwarded a book of stamps on July 24th. He had not been paid for the stamps, nor had he received them back. On the 25th, witness had certain information given to him, and he went to Brockham, calling at the Post Office. He was shown the packet (produced), which had been re-directed to Edinburgh. He then took out a warrant. The packet was the parcel with the stamps, which he sent to prisoner.

By Mr. Lowenthal: On the class of stamps sent to the prisoner 25 per cent. discount was allowed, and on others 50 per cent. Witness did not suggest that the prisoner received the parcel.

Mrs. Mary Ann Dadswell, of Brockham Green, stated that the prisoner took rooms at her house on the 25th July. During that time a large number of letters addressed to Capt. Sotheby were received. Prisoner did not sleep at the house, but called each day for letters. On the 25th July, a registered packet was received, and as prisoner had gone her husband re-directed the letter and took it back to the post office. She never saw the prisoner from July 24th till August 21st. At the request of Supt. Alexander she went to Dorking and, followed by a plain clothes officer, she went through the streets, when she saw prisoner, and he was apprehended. She received a letter from prisoner after he left her, which was handed in, giving certain instructions.

Mr. A. T. Ashwell, Postmaster, of Reigate, stated of his own knowledge prisoner never received the packet.

Supt. Alexander stated that when apprehended prisoner said "Of course I admit it. I will not give you any trouble, but will assist you all I can." He also told me his correct name. On the 25th July, before prisoner was apprehended, a letter was received at the Brockham Green police station. It was addressed to the police officer at Brockham Green, and was as follows: "Dear Sir,—I herewith return postal orders and cheque for sums received from people for various reasons. Please see that they go back to the proper people, as I have not got their addresses." There was a post-script, and prisoner said in the course of a couple of weeks he would send £5.

By Mr. Lowenthal: When that letter was received a warrant was not then issued, but witness thought that the prisoner knew the previous day that the police were making inquiries about him. He was aware that the prisoner had been a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, and also in the Yeomanry serving in South Africa, where he was wounded.

Prisoner was committed for trial

A Committal and Two Acquittals.

As against this committal for trial on the charge preferred by Mr. Smith, the defendant was acquitted on two other charges brought to the notice of the court.

A Record Philatelic Congress.

MEANTIME one must heartily congratulate the philatelists of Germany and Austria on a record congress. Those who foregathered at Vienna represented no less than twenty two different philatelic societies, with a total membership of over 6000. Dr. Lueger, Burgomaster of the City of Vienna, received the delegates, and received them well, afterwards giving orders that the fine Government stamp collection should be opened to visitors free of charge during sittings of the philatelic convention.

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

THE Editorial in the current number of the "Monthly Journal" will be read with great interest by all Fiscalists, and some of its remarks are especially gratifying to the last Editor of "Stamps" and to myself. Major Evans takes the opportunity afforded by the receipt of the new catalogue of Spain and Colonies to speak in sympathetic phrases of the study of fiscal stamps, and he revives the memory of a sharp passage-at-arms between a recently defunct North American journal and "Stamps," in which the Editor of the former contended that the collecting of fiscals is not *Philately*. I think it would generally be admitted that this position is quite untenable, but for all that, it is pleasant to find a total disagreement with it thus prominently expressed by such an authority.

I have now completed the task of comparing my Spanish collection with the new catalogue, and I propose to devote my space this month to the enumeration of the additions and corrections I have been able to make, and to some consideration of the problems that present themselves for solution.

Before, however, starting on this, I must take notice of the re-appearance of an old fallacy which used frequently to confront one a decade ago, and which now appears—most inexcusably—in the review of the catalogue in the "P.J. of G.B." It is stated therein that "there appear to be quite 100 revenue stamps for every single postage stamp of Spain and Colonies," and, except on the supposition that the old idea that fiscals are one hundred times as numerous as postage stamps still lingered in the mind of the writer, it is difficult to account for such an amazing error. As a matter of fact, I find that there are just under 1500 adhesive postage stamps catalogued for Spain and her four Colonies of Cuba, Fernando Po, Philippine Is., and Porto Rico, so that to justify the statement quoted above the revenue catalogue should list some 150,000 varieties, instead of which there are less than 3,400 general and 750 local specimens, including essays, varieties not issued, and bands. No further comment on this point is necessary, but I may say *en passant* that Spain with her Colonies form one of the most prolific fiscal stamp issuing groups.

Turning now to the work, which I am glad to see so well received, I start with the Giro series of the Mother Country and note a variety in the first issue:

95a. 20r., brown, without stop after 20.

All the values of the 1870 issue from 10c. to 2e. 50c., inclusive, are found in both grey-lilac and red-lilac, and though I have not encountered any higher uncharged values in the latter colour it is very probable that some at any rate exist, especially if Nos. 193 to 200 are correctly described.

Next comes one of the most difficult issues to deal with, and I cannot help thinking that the compiler would have been able to present a much more useful list had he invoked the aid of the members of the Fiscal Philatelic Society, for every advanced collector is sure to be in possession of varieties unknown to the others, and, in any case, he would doubtless have been able to materially reduce the number of types copied from Moens but not actually seen. In dealing with this issue it must be borne in mind that the overprints were hand struck, and are therefore liable to vary somewhat in their measurements in accordance with the quantity of ink taken up, and the strength and evenness of the impression.

The measurements of the normal type applied at Madrid, and found on some 90 per cent. of the stamps of this issue (Nos. 182 to 258), are not given, but I call them 18 to 19 × 2 and 10 to 10½ × 2, and this is undoubtedly Moens' type "h" which has been erroneously copied as type "a," surcharge in two lines, on page 4, col. 2, of the new catalogue, and should be struck out. To the list of stamps bearing this normal type I can add:

185a; 186a; 211a; 214a; red lilac.

218a, lilac.

211 is found in three very distinct shades: pale, dark and red, lilac; and 215 occurs in pale and in dark lilac.

Stamps with this surcharge were used all over Spain.

After this type, the surcharge most commonly found is one in one line which I believe to be Moen's types "a" and "f" combined, and, if so, I should alter the measurements in the new catalogue at the head of Nos. 259 to 274 to 35-36 × 2½, and should delete A(d) which figures amongst the unseen varieties. I find copies cancelled in Barcelona, Jerez de la Frontera, and Madrid, and they were probably issued from the capital.

Presuming that my supposition is correct, and that the varieties in my collection, measuring 35 × 2½ mm., should come under type A (1) of the new catalogue, I can add the following:

Surcharged in black upwards.

10 cent. lilac.	25 cent. red-lilac.
50 " "	2esc. "
	2e. 50c. "

Surcharged in blue upwards.

10 cent. lilac.	50 cent. red-lilac.
	5esc. "

Surcharged in blue downwards.

10c. de p. red-lilac.	1e. 50c. red-lilac.
10 cent. "	2esc. "
1esc. "	3esc. "

Type A (3) reading downwards in black:—
4esc. red-lilac.

Of the unseen single line surcharges I can confirm type (b), listing:—

25 cent. red-lilac, upwards.
50 " " downwards.
1e. 50c. " "

Type (d) I have dealt with above. Type (e) is mis-described by a printer's error, the overprint is the same as (d) except as regards length.

In division B, I can add a new type which shows the same arrangement as B (1), but measures 14½ and 16 × 1:—

B (2) In blue, horizontally.
50 cent red-lilac.

B (a) as already explained is the normal variety. I have copies used in Barcelona, Cadiz, Malaga, Seville and other places besides the capital.

B (c) identify with a surcharge measuring 36½ × 2½ and 21 × 2½ and 3½, and list:

10 cent. red-lilac, downwards.
50 " lilac, "
2esc. red-lilac, upwards.

B (j). By the substitution of "de" for "D.", and the alteration of the height of the lower line to 2½ and 3, I can confirm this variety and list:

50 cent. lilac, downwards.
E (1) 280a., 1esc. 50c. red-lilac.
F (1) 25 cent. red-lilac.
2e. 50c. "
284a. 3esc. red-lilac, with surcharge inverted.

If the dates of the next two issues are correctly given, it is strange that the 1875 issue with a life of twelve months should be so extremely rare (I have only two values, both unused), whereas several values of the succeeding one, in use for six months only, are fairly common. It is improbable that Nos. 332 to 353 were issued for use.

Passing through various issues on the way to the Sello series I have only some unimportant notes:

384a. 5c. de p., grey.
523 and 524. Value should be 6c. de esc.
578a. 50 cent., pale blue on bright yellow.
600a. 12c. pes., pale brown.

Unfortunately I am not able to do anything in the way of actually filling out the list of early Sello stamps, except that I can produce a number of non-adhesives which almost certainly have their exact counterparts in the adhesive series. I have on more than one occasion warned beginners against accepting stamps of these series cut from impressed forms as adhesives, and it may be as well to repeat the warning here, as the stamps of the two series are alike in all respects save that, since 1865, the arms, royal head, or caduceus, one of which forms part of every design, is engraved and printed in colour for the adhesives, and is embossed without colour on the others.

My list of early non-adhesives, which at the least establishes

the fact of the existence of the dies described, is as follows:

1852.	40 maravedis, black (type 33).
1853.	" " " (" 33).
"	4 reales " (" 41).
1855.	" " blue (" 41).
1856.	40 maravedis, black (" 33).
1858.	4 reales, blue-green (" 36).
1859.	" " pale blue (" 36).
1861.	" " blue (" 36).

All the 4 reales are inscribed 3°, but it is confusing to find that both the 20 and 40 maravedis are lettered 4°, and I am at a loss to account for this. It may be that there are two series, one containing three higher values than the 20m., and the other with three values higher than the 40m., and I hazard this theory because I find something of the kind in later issues of the non-adhesives.

Communications in respect of this department should be sent direct to MR. A. PRESTON PEARCE, 12, Edgcombe Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

From the Auction Rooms.

THE "FORTNIGHTLY'S" AUCTION REPORTS.

So far, we have only one auction sale to report, but by the time the next *Fortnightly* makes its appearance the season will be in full swing.

In the following realisations * signifies unused.

Messrs. PLUMBIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Sept. 16th & 17th.

	£	s.	d.
Barbados, 1873, strip of 4, 6d. orange-vermilion, slightly damaged*, Large Star	5	5	0
Do. Provisional, 1d. on ½, 5/-, an unsevered pair, very fine	17	0	0
Do. do. do. the variety with straight serif, fine	3	0	0
British East Africa, 1890, 1d. on 2d., mint	2	0	0
British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta, fine	2	2	0
Do. 1853, 1c. brownish-red, fine	1	17	0
Do. do. 1c. vermilion "	1	17	0
British S. Africa, 1890, £2 rose, mint	2	5	0
Canada, 1852, 7½d. green, fine	2	15	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. red, slightly damaged	3	0	0
Do. do. 4d. light blue, fine	2	0	0
Do. do. 4d. deep blue "	5	15	0
Ceylon, 9d. lilac-brown, very fine	3	0	0
Dominica, CA., 1/- violet, used, fine	2	0	0
Do. do. do. mint	1	13	0
Great Britain, 1867, wmk. Cross, £1 brown-lilac, fine	1	9	0
Do. Electric Telegraph Co., 1/- black on fawn, fine*, with gum	1	0	0
Do. do. 1/6 black on rose, fine*, but creased	2	6	0
Do. do. 2/- black on blue-green*, with gum	1	0	0
Hong Kong, CC. 14, 18c. lilac, no gum*	1	7	6
Do. 12c. on \$10 rose, two copies	0	15	0
Jamaica, 1890, 2½d. on 4d. brown, double surcharge, fine.. .. .	1	1	0
Montserrat, CC., 4d. blue, a mint horizontal pair	1	5	0
Naples, 50gr. lake, very fine	1	12	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. carmine-rose, fine	2	10	0
Do. do. 1d. claret, ribbed paper	3	0	0
Do. do. 3d. yellow on entire, variety without whip light postmark and fine, and 2d. Laureated	7	7	0
Do. Laureated, stops in corners, 2d. blue, variety, WAGES cut close one side	5	0	0
Niger Coast, 1898, 2/6, 10/-, mint	1	4	0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I., 1d. lilac, 12 mint pairs, one stamp in each being variety wide space between V.R.	1	10	0
Do. do. V.R.I., 4d. in red on 6d. blue, mint pane of 60	1	7	0
Queensland, 1868, truncated star, perf. 12, 1d. orange and 6d. green, fine	1	16	0
Do. do. 2d. blue very fine	1	5	0
St. Lucia, 1853-6, 1/- orange-brown, mint	3	10	0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue, very fine	2	6	0
Trinidad, lithographed 1d. slate blue, impression indistinct, superb vertical pair on piece of original	4	10	0
Turks Island, 1867, 1/- lilac* with gum, superb	20	0	0
Do. 1881, 2½d. on 1/- blue (Stanley Gibbons' No. 23), horizontal pair* with gum	23	0	0

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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The Secret Out!

We appealed to Exchange Club Secretaries to state the reason for the maintenance of the 50% system. Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt replies: "For the last time I repeat that the reason is simply that 'nothing succeeds like success.' This is a wee bit oracular, but of course the plain meaning of it is that better results are obtained through the 50% clubs than through the nett clubs. In other words, stamp collectors are better able to buy and sell their duplicate stamps by pricing them at double their real value, and then, on settling day, accepting half the marked price in full settlement.

As Mr. Conjuror Bertram says, "Isn't it marvellous?"

But why should it be so? Mr. Karl Wichel, in a letter received too late for insertion in this issue, asserts that the greater success of the gross-pricing clubs is due to the fact that those who sell through the 50% clubs do undoubtedly price their stamps at lower rates than those who send sheets to the nett clubs—and the balance of evidence, from whatever source we have been able to gather it, is overwhelmingly in favour of this curious fact. Why it should be so cannot be explained, except by means of fanciful psychological theories, but it seems to be demonstrated that one can buy stamps—though we do not say *all* stamps—more cheaply through the 50% clubs than through the exchanges that favour the nett system of pricing.

Which side, however, gains by this argument? Surely neither? It is a case of honours divided. For buyers the 50% system seems to be the ideal basis of business; for sellers it is surely better to patronise the nett-price exchanges. Theoretically, therefore, there ought to be a dearth of sellers in the 50% exchanges and a glut of them in the nett-price exchanges, but in actual practice this may not be the case.

It is a difficult question, rendered still more difficult by the many different standpoints from which it is viewed. Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt, for instance, in a "Post Script" he has sent us just as we are closing for press, drags us back to the "half-catalogue" question, when we had thought it a point generally conceded that now-a-days a contributor to an exchange packet was not expected to sell his stamps at half-catalogue prices. Mr. Dannatt writes:—

A fair analogy might be drawn between the Secretary of a gross price club and a publisher who finds it more profitable to publish the latest book at 6s., than at its actual selling price of 4s. 6d., occasionally a new work is advertised at 5s. NETT instead of the usual 6s. less discount, and this equally well reflects the attitude of a collector joining a "nett" club and expecting 11s. 6d. or 12s. for a stamp catalogued 20s., which in a "gross" club he would probably price at catalogue value, and allow the customary 50% rebate to purchaser.

I do not, of course, contend that all stamps should be priced by catalogue, as every stamp has its market value, knowledge of which can only be acquired by experience, but the above comparisons will serve to hold the mirror to the whole question of Gross v. Nett pricing, and also to give an example of the discount system working *outside* the little world of philately.

It will be seen that Mr. Dannatt "does not contend that all stamps should be priced by catalogue," but since that is so his analogy between the Exchange Secretary and the publisher rather loses point. Some authoritative statement as to this half catalogue business would be welcome, since there is not the slightest doubt that a collector joining one of the 50% Clubs does so with a more or less settled conviction that he is expected to price his duplicates at catalogue price and to accept half that price for them when accounts are squared. "What is fair for one is fair for another" is a good sporting adage, but when the newly-joined member of a 50% Club is at the same time selling pence Ceylons and buying common Europeans or South Americans, it must be obvious

to the meanest intelligence that somebody somewhere is getting the best of the deal.

We introduce this perhaps exaggerated instance not in any controversial spirit, nor with a view to an "attack" upon anybody, but merely to illustrate the absurdity of any hard-and-fast rule as to stamps being priced at half catalogue. It is absurd to suppose that *all* stamps can be purchased, even in big trade "deals," at half the figures quoted for them in the catalogue.

The Neglect of Common Stamps.

BY ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM, B.A.

IN the last *Fortnightly* appeared a short article regarding "Stamp Exhibition Awards." Permit me to say I heartily agree with the remarks made, and also with those quoted from "Morley's Journal."

More regard, I consider, should be paid to common stamps than is done at the present day. Although certain stamps may be extremely common, it does not necessarily follow they are commonly met with in fine condition. Of course I write entirely from a "postally used" point of view.

Take our own English stamps as an example. In a previous article in the *Fortnightly* I pointed out how extremely difficult it was to get many of the common English stamps of the earlier issues in fine used condition, and these remarks apply equally to most of the commoner Colonials, Europeans, etc.

Surely it is just as important, from a philatelic point of view, in showing any country or portion of a country, to have one's common stamps in as good a condition as the rarer ones, and is it not a fact that, taken as a whole, these commoner stamps require more picking up and more research in order to obtain them in fine condition than many of their rarer fellows?

In my own large collection of over 14,000 used English, I have found it even harder to pick out nice used copies of the earlier common stamps than I have of the rarer ones, and though in our Country, even the high values are often smudged over with various obliterations, the fact that you see hundreds of any common stamp to one of a rare one, makes me come to the conclusion that it is just as difficult to pick up a nice used copy of a common stamp as of a rare one—in English at any rate—especially when the proportion of common to rare is taken into account. I have been specially struck with this fact with reference to the commoner English stamps of the values of 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1s., of the issues of 1855 to 1870. I have looked through thousands of these stamps during the twenty years I have been collecting English and am still in want of nice used copies to take the place of many of my present specimens. The majority I have seen have been more or less heavily obliterated or disfigured in some way. I can confidently say that to get together a collection of even common English in fine used state is not a matter of days but of years, and many of my philatelic friends have come to the same conclusion as myself on this matter.

As the *Fortnightly* urges, more notice should be taken at exhibitions of these common stamps, for to collect them in fine state calls for not only a great amount of patience, but also of philatelic study. In my present collection of over 35,000 specimens, I take as much interest in my common stamps as I do in my rare ones, and I am just as keen on getting the commoner stamps in good used condition as I am in securing good copies of the rarer kinds. No collection can be complete without these commoner stamps, so why not be sure that one's specimens are above reproach?

It is not given to every one to be a "Croesus," and I certainly think that the collector who cannot afford the plums of philately should be encouraged in showing his commoner stamps, for it has been truly said that "the boy makes the man" and it is to the youths who interest themselves in our science that we must look to to keep it "going strong" in the future.

A Scottish Dealer's Career.

THE CASE OF MR. T. A. FURGESON.

As already stated in the *Fortnightly*, Mr. Thomson Alexander Ferguson, Stamp Dealer, Printer and Stationer, of Queensferry, N.B., has been undergoing his examination in bankruptcy.

At the first examination, before Mr. Alexander Henderson, Sheriff Substitute of the Lothians and Peebles, the bankrupt gave the following account of his career:

I am a Stamp Dealer, Printer and Stationer in Queensferry. Before that I was a bank accountant in the Clydesdale Bank there, but I was first employed with that bank at Alexandria. I went there in 1890, but not direct from School, as I was some months in Glasgow as a student in Chemistry. I went as a junior clerk to the bank at Alexandria, in 1890, and remained with them there for six years. I left in 1896 when I was appointed accountant in the Bank at Queensferry. I started collecting stamps practically when I was a boy at school. I think it was in 1891 or 1892 that I started the Dumbartonshire Stamp Club, and the West of Scotland Club was started at the same time; it was practically one Club. I started the Church of Scotland Stamp Bureau in 1894 I think. I did so because I was asked to do it by members of the Established Church. My salary was £60 a year when I was appointed Accountant at Queensferry, but it was raised at intervals to £80. I never had more than £80 a year. I was not in debt when I went to Queensferry. I had liabilities, viz., a loan of £100 from Charles Buchanan, who is at present with the British Linen Co. Bank in London, and £80 from Robt. Wilson, who is still in Alexandria I think. I paid back these sums in the latter end of 1898. The book I am now referring to is a copy of my Cash Book. It is not the principal, it is a copy of the book I gave the Trustee. These debts to Buchanan and Wilson were the only debts I was due when I went to Queensferry. I had then a small stock of stamps worth perhaps about £250. I married Miss Hamilton in 1897. I started conducting a printing business in Queensferry in 1900. My wife carried on a business before I married her, under the name of W. Hamilton. That is her brother's name, but was her own business. She had no partner in the business that I know of. Her brother had no interest in it. I took up my wife's business when I married her and carried it on till the beginning of 1901. The printing and stationery businesses were quite separate; they were carried on in separate premises and under different names. The printing business was carried on under the name of the Queensferry Printing Company. It was trading under that name when I bought it and took it over, and I still continued my wife's business under the name of W. Hamilton. I bought the printing business from Mr. Durie, and I still continued to carry it on under the name of the Queensferry Printing Co., and kept it distinct from my wife's business.

CURIOUS PROPOSAL TO A CREDITOR.

MR. FERGUSON, in the course of this first examination, was closely questioned as to the keeping of certain account books. Then came certain interesting questions and answers concerning the bankrupt's business transactions with Mr. Wm. Brown, of Salisbury.

It was in 1894 or thereabouts that I began to deal with Mr. William Brown, of Salisbury. I got stamps from him on approval to sell on his behalf.

Q: I read you a letter dated 19th June, 1902, which you wrote to Mr. Brown. "Your telegram just to hand. Some of my creditors have forced my affairs into the hands of the Court, who have appointed a Trustee to wind up my estate. Should you see your way to hold my bill, £50 meantime, also your own account, I shall see that you are paid in full and so not lose anything on my transactions. My friend is prepared to take some more of the stock so as to give me a fresh start should they persevere in winding up my estate. I herewith return one of your selections which has not been touched. Kindly place to the credit of account meantime. I hope to be south again shortly and shall explain matters fully to you then. P.S.—Can you oblige me with a note of the dates and amount of invoices, also of dates and amounts of payments made to you so as to verify my entries in ledger? Other books are in Agent's hands. Also of payments to you *re* Ridpath. Would you advise you not to lodge any claim against estate, and shall see you kept right privately." You wrote that letter to Mr. Brown.

A: Yes. I had dealt with him so long that I intended to see him kept right and had arranged *privately through other sources* to pay up his debt. I returned £10 worth of stamps to him.

Mr. Brown's reply is dated 21st June, 1902, and is as follows:—

"Thank you for your letter. I am sorry it was received too late.

"I have already sent in the account to the Trustee of your estate who had applied for it."

The hearing of this singular case is taking a considerable time, the report of the fourth examination showing that the matter is not yet disposed of. We shall have further interesting extracts to make from the reports of the second, third and fourth examinations.

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.

Chili.—A prize competition is in progress for designs for new Chilean stamps. The "Diario Oficial" of the 16th July last, publishes a Presidential Decree inviting persons to submit designs for ten postal and six telegraphic stamps for the use of the Chilean Government. A prize of 300 pesos is to be awarded for each design accepted, which will thereupon become the absolute property of the Chilean Government. The examination of the designs submitted will take place on 15th November next, in the offices of the Sub-Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior at Santiago, Chili.

Great Britain.—Mrs. Bedingfield writes us as follows:—

When looking over some 3d. and 1d. Army Official stamps, King's Head, I came across a 3d. one containing a considerably broken "A" in the word "Official." The top part of the "A" is almost entirely severed from the lower part of the letter. Can you tell me if this "error" or "variety" has been noted before? Among a good number of copies I can only find this one and nothing similar among the 1d. ones.

British Levant.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the new 5d. British stamp fitted with the customary surcharge, "80 paras."

Mauritius.—Mr. Bertram Poole writes: "In a supply of the provisionals I have received I note that the sixth stamp on the second row of each pane of 4c. has the "n" in Revenue raised thus "Revenue." I have also a copy of the 50c. with the "e" in Revenue slightly lower than the other letters. I also have the 6c. and 15c. with the foot of the "&" broken.

Another provisional stamp is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.—the 15 cents of the "Arms" series with the "up and down" surcharge "Postage and Revenue," as already described.

Transvaal.—Mr. Bannister has shown us what he believes to be an important discovery in the shape of a Transvaal fiscal stamp surcharged "Postzegal" and also V.R.I. and apparently genuinely used for postage. We have no specimen of the stamp before us at present, and must withhold a full description until the next issue of the *Fortnightly*.

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" " 6d. yellow-green	1	1	0
" " 6d. deep " "	2	0	0
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" " 6d. " "	2	15	0
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"Truth" on Philately.

MR. LABOUCHERE'S JOURNAL SNEERS AT A STAMP DEALER'S PROSPECTUS.

"TRUTH" has been so consistently unsympathetic in its attitude towards stamp collecting that no one will have been surprised to read a sneering and contemptuous article in a recent issue anent the flotation of Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen's business as a limited company. We reprint the article rather for the amusement than the guidance of our readers. Philatelists will know how much importance to attach to the utterances of a gentleman who confesses that he knows nothing whatever about stamps.

"At 32, Palace Square, Norwood (so writes 'Truth's' financial contributor), a Mr. Herbert L'Estrange Ewen has for a matter of ten or twelve years past carried on business as a stamp dealer and philatelic publisher. It is called by interested parties a 'well-known business,' but I am not a stamp gatherer, and on this point I am content to take the 'well-known' for granted. What interests me is the fact that the business has been brought into the joint-stock field with a title of Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market and a share capital of £20,000, and six per cent. Debentures to the amount of £10,000.

The last are now offered for subscription through the medium of a prospectus which has been circulated quietly among the firm's customers and others, especially others. It is an odd prospectus. Mr. Herbert L'Estrange Ewen is described as Governing Director and Chairman, and apparently he will run the concern alone, much on the *Etat c'est moi* principle, I suppose. At least, no other names are mentioned. The prospectus states that the purchase price is £10,000, to be paid as to £3 10s. in cash and as to the remainder satisfied by the allotment at par of 10,000 Preference shares of £1 each, 10s. paid, and 9,993 Ordinary shares of £1 each, 10s. paid, and thus leaving a liability of £10,000. Of the purchase price £4,800 is paid in respect of goodwill which includes the copyrights—presumably, of Ewen's 'Weekly Stamp News,' 'the only weekly philatelic publication in Europe, with a large increasing circulation.' Has Mr. Ewen himself valued the assets? If so, is the gentleman not aware that this is scarcely the ticket? The amount required to pay the Debenture interest is £600, and, by way of assurance as to payment, we are told 'the earnings are confidently anticipated to be sufficient to provide for this charge many times over.' But the business has been carried on since May, 1890, and it is surely possible to say something about past profits? By way of inducement, subscribers are to have 'the special advantage in dealing with the Company of preference in the execution of orders, and subscribers of £20 and upwards in debentures will also be entitled to a bonus of 5 per cent. credited as cash to them in payment of purchases.' But I do not believe the public—even the philatelic public—will be in any hurry to take up the debentures of this concern. The promotion is in every way a miserable one."

The New "Gibbons" Catalogue.

THE new Gibbons' Catalogue, Part I., is now before us, and the book must be accorded high praise as a good all-round catalogue, fairly well reflecting the market of the moment in Colonial stamps. The book has its blemishes—we have quite given up hoping for the perfectly perfect catalogue—and there are here and there such obvious misprints as the pricing of the 4d. blue C.A. Montserrat at 6s., when 60s. is evidently the value intended. Many stamps are priced too cheap in "Gibbons"—we hope to give a list of them in the next *Fortnightly* for the benefit of investors and the philatelic public generally. Meantime, in this necessarily brief notice, it may be noted that used British stamps show the rises that many of them justly deserve, and that Australian stamps show an all-round appreciation.

In the next *Fortnightly* we shall review the new season's catalogue in greater detail, and also, as we have said, attempt to give a list of all the stamps which, in our judgment, are under-priced in the 1902-1903 edition. The article will, we hope, prove to be of no small interest and value to collectors of British Colonial stamps.

The 50 Per Cent Discount System in Exchange Clubs.

SOME EXPLANATIONS AND A DISCLAIMER.

OUR question, "Why is the 50% system maintained in the leading Exchange Clubs?" produces, as we anticipated, the stereotyped reply that better results are achieved on the 50% basis. But better results for whom?—the buyer? the seller? the secretary? or for all parties concerned?

Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt, of the "Otterdale" Exchange Club, who has all along championed the cause of the 50% Clubs with great spirit and enthusiasm, now sends us a further interesting communication. One point in Mr. Dannatt's letter we must correct, and that is his assertion that we have become "a bigoted advocate of the 'nett' system." We have become nothing of the kind, but we are, and we always shall be, a "bigoted advocate" of common-sense, and it is the common-sense of the 50% system that most annoyingly and persistently evades our perception. Again and again we have asked for an explanation of that curious phenomenon, the 50% system of pricing stamps for Exchange Clubs. Apparently we must ask in vain.

The Secretary of the "Otterdale" Club now writes as follows:

I really cannot allow your cantankerous leading article to pass unchallenged, more especially as instead of holding the Editorial scales fairly and evenly as an unbiassed judge should, you now appear as a bigoted advocate of the "nett" system.

In the first place you very conveniently ignore the fact (which you have previously recognized) that the present discount system does not owe its existence merely to the caprice of a few club secretaries, but has the emphatic approval and support of nearly all philatelists who make use of exchange clubs, and secondly you have conjured up from the realms of imagination the existence of a first-class *mare's nest* which you are pleased to term a "Conspiracy of Silence" by which club secretaries are supposed to be linked together in the fixed determination not to reveal the true inwardness of the present discussion.

Now, sir, the daily press has its "yellow journals," but philatelic literature has been able to survive without becoming tainted with such vulgarities as leaded type and hysterical sensationalism, and I for one am hopeful that the day will never dawn when so old a friend as the S.C.F. will only be comparable with, say the "London Philatelist" in the same category in which "The Daily Mail" might be likened unto "The Times."

So I hope this "campaign of calumny" will now stop, otherwise "malice and all uncharitableness" will most certainly destroy all toleration and sweet reasonableness only be conspicuous by its absence.

Your leader asks for a plain answer to a plain question. "Why then, we repeat for the last time, is the 50% system maintained in our leading Exchange Clubs?" (En passant, I gladly note your acknowledgment that it really is the "leading clubs which remain steadfast to the system which made them pre-eminent). And now, also for the last time, I repeat that the reason is simply that "nothing succeeds like success."

I know of no other reason—there is no "conspiracy-of-silence," and, speaking for myself, I refuse to strike my flag or succumb to the fretful ill-humour of an anonymous faddist, until requested to do so by the members of my club.

Doubtless you will remark that my reply is "stereotyped," but as truth generally is "stereotyped," if you still desire a further *reply* you must make your appeal direct to Caesar—i.e. to the overwhelming majority of collectors (not dealers) who support and prefer the gross price clubs.

An Exchange Society is essentially a democratic institution and its members if they collectively desire a reform can have it for the asking; but when on individual seeks to change such a popular usage as the 50% discount, it would be better and more sensible if he were to transfer his support to one of the "nett" pricing clubs, instead of snarling his visionary grievances in the philatelic press. If the 50% discount existed only in clubs there might be some reason for dissection, but when it is considered that dealers advertise to send out approval books of stamps and allow discount at anything between 10% and 66½%, the whole attack becomes unreal and obviously artificial.

We deprecate Mr. Dannatt's use of the word "attack." Nobody, we think, has the slightest wish to *attack* either the system our correspondent so vigorously champions or the

excellent Clubs employing that system. One can surely criticise without attacking? Our only reason for allowing this discussion to proceed in our columns is the hope that the truth as to the better system may be made manifest.

"A LEVER TO OBTAIN PROMPT PAYMENTS."

Some interesting remarks as to the origin of the 50% system, and its use as a lever to obtain prompt payments are sent us by Mr. B. W. Warhurst:—

Twenty years ago (writes Mr. Warhurst) small dealers sold stamps at half the usual catalogue prices, and collectors having duplicates to sell were glad to get even less by sending sheets so marked to receiving shops where 3d. in the shilling was charged for selling them, or to advertise and send sheets on approval by post. This latter was risky, so the idea of Exchange Clubs took on quickly, but as most of their rules implied that catalogue prices *must* be marked and half the amount be accepted in cash settlements, the habit became a confirmed one. As list prices got more nearly a fair value, it was seen that to allow 50% was only possible for poor specimens, and that far really good stamps worth over 6d., a system of reduced net prices was more business like. Many still believe that discount prices must be bargain prices, therefore they stick to them. The whole question has been fogged by dragging in the word "catalogue," and by the fact that the older clubs don't care to change, chiefly, I believe, because their doubled totals of value make them seem doubly important.

The largest club managers turned the system into a lever to obtain more prompt payments, by making all members sign an agreement to pay full prices after a specified time, and it is *only* because of this signature that County Court Judges award amounts claimed under the agreement. The law does *not* allow any man double the price of his goods because they are not paid for on a given date, any more than it awards money lenders similar interest on loans, except under the signed agreement, which is sometimes set aside as unfair in principle.

Now that is a very concise exposition of common-sense law, which is sometimes strongly at variance with the *Common Law*. Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., of Birmingham, who has been good enough to inform us that our opinion of the matter "has its foundation on nothing" may one of these days find that opinion endorsed by a County Court Judge. It is but common justice to ourself, however, to mention that we were not aware that members of the 50% Clubs were required to *sign* an agreement on the subject of the full payment of gross prices on overdue accounts. A signature appended to the rules naturally makes those rules binding upon the subscriber in a far greater degree.

Apropos of this phase of the subject Mr. Warhurst writes: "A curious question but a pertinent one occurs to me:—If a Secretary by his action *does* get the double price from a late-paying member, who gets the difference between that and the nett amount which will have been paid to the sellers of the stamps taken?"

GROSS *versus* NETT PRICES.

There is at least one Secretary of a "Nett" Club ready to take up Mr. Wickhart's challenge to the nett-pricers to show results equalling those obtained in the 50% Exchanges. This is the correspondent quoted above, Mr. B. W. Warhurst, Secretary of the Chelsea "Entires" Exchange, who writes:

As to the results: The Chelsea Entires Exchange is not for Adhesives, though many of these on original covers are sold, but it is the largest exchange of its kind since the discount system was abolished three years ago, and anyone can see my books for 1900 and 1901, showing the sales at nett prices were 24½% of cash value and 37% of the pieces sent in for those years. Mr. Johnson claims only 10% on the year, and Mr. Wickhart 17% on a particular month, yet their clubs are the largest in the world at discount prices. It is preposterous to think that a change from gross to nett pricing *can* in any conceivable circumstances affect sales injuriously?

A DISCLAIMER BY MR. HEGINBOTTOM.

We owe an apology to Mr. Ernest Heginbottom, B.A., whom we described as an adherent of the 50% principle. "Of the two systems," writes Mr. Heginbottom, "I infinitely prefer nett prices."

A FINAL LETTER FROM "RATS."

We regret that a final letter from "Rats" (Mr. George L. Edwards), and a further interesting communication from Mr. Karl Wichen, are received too late for insertion in this number.

Our Review of Reviews.

The Two Sizes of French Stamps.

Translated for the "Weekly Philatelic Era," from the "Philatelist Francaise."

THE study of French stamps makes daily progress, each one bringing to the common fund of knowledge the results of his labours. We think, however, that there has never been affected a discovery more important than one which we have just made, and which we may without exaggeration call sensational.

It relates to the French stamps of 1850, we having found them in two sizes.

The two stamps issued the 1st January, 1849, 20c. black and 1fr. red, from one outside frame line to the other have the following dimensions:

Length, 22 2.5mm.; Breadth, 18½mm.

The 1fr. carmine which appeared afterwards has the same measurements; but the stamps next issued, 40c. orange, 25c. blue, 15c. green and 10c. bistre are in two sizes, one being as given above and another smaller type having the dimensions:

Length, 22mm.; Breadth, 18½mm.

In these last the emblematic head of the Republic is smaller, as may be proved to the satisfaction of the most prejudiced by enlarging the stamps photographically.

But let us return to the stamps themselves. If you take the point on the frame line below the T of POSTES, in the larger size you will measure to the crown of the head exactly 18mm., in the smaller you will find only 17 3.5mm. Measuring the head from the intersection of the neck and the first ringlet of hair, the total height in the large type is 14mm., in the smaller type 13 3.5mm. Lastly, if you measure diagonally from a corner at the top to one opposite at the bottom they will be found to be respectively 29mm. against 28½.

Now what reason can be found for the difference? Remember always that we find the small type neither in the 20c. black, nor in the 1fr. red or carmine. We are hence led to suppose that when issuing the 40c. a new plate was engraved on erroneous measurements. However, we are making deep researches into this subject, and if we announce to-day this curious peculiarity in its present status it is mainly to incite collectors on their part to make useful researches wherever they have the means for so doing.

In ending this article, necessarily brief, we wish to remark that we do not meet the small size after the resumption of the "Republic" type in the 10, 20, and 40c. of 1870, nor in the 15 and 25c. of 1871, but it exists in the 10c. bistre on rose, small figures, of 1873 and—it is here that we are interested—on the 20c. which was used for the money of Paris in 1871 by the Commune.

This opens a vast field for suppositions. Did the Commune lay hold on these plates which had been laid away in some corner, then forgotten by M. Hulot, the 30th of March, at the time of the hasty removal to Versailles ordered by M. Rampon, the Postmaster-General? There are so many obscure points that we shall endeavour to clear up.

As for the 10, 15, 30 and 80c. of 1872, to enlarge the figures a new die was made having a still greater length than the large size of 1850. These measure 22½mm. long, the breadth remaining the same 18½mm. Take note also that the Bordeaux provisionals have all the dimensions of the small type.

In future then the stamps of the effigy Republic will have to be catalogued for advanced collectors in two sets, the large and small type. Here is a new mine opened and one as curious at least as the N under U and N under B varieties.

Summing up, we have in the large type, excluding the very large size of 1872 referred to:

1850.		
10c. bistre.		40c. orange.
15c. green.		1fr. vermillion.
20c. black.		1fr. red-brown.
25c. blue.		1fr. carmine.

1870-71-73.		
10c. bistre.	15c. bistre (small numerals).	
20c. blue.	25c. blue.	
40c. orange.	10c. bistre on rose,	
and of the small type :		
1850.		
10c. bistre.	25c. blue.	
15c. green.	40c. orange.	
1871-73.		
20c. blue (Communist).	10c. bistre on rose (small numerals).	

The small type is generally rarer. It may be seen frequently in the 10c. and especially in the 15c., rather rarely in the 25c. and very rarely in the 40c.

The best means of looking for the small variety is to take a 20c. black which is always the large type and place beside it, slightly overlapping, another stamp, with the bottom frame lines coinciding, then look at the white lines under the words REPUB FRANC; if they also coincide you have a large type, but if the white line the second is below that of the test stamp, the second is the small variety. A little practice will enable you to easily distinguish the two sizes.

Shall we Drop "Unpaid" and "Officials"?

Under the heading, "Pruning the Philatelic Tree," a writer on stamps in that lively little journal for amateurs, "Hobbies," discusses the suggestion recently made by the "Philatelic Record" that stamp collectors should throw Unpaid Letter stamps and Official issues overboard as so much useless ballast.

"Why should we collect Unpaid Letter stamps and 'Official' issues," they are now asking. "These things are not really postage stamps in the fullest sense of the word. Let's lop them off, too, and collect only those adhesive postage stamps that may be purchased in the ordinary way over the counter of the post office."

The people who thus clamour for the further narrowing-down of Philately make a great point of the fact that Great Britain, the mother of the postage stamp, has never issued Unpaid Letter stamps, but is content to surcharge all unfranked or under-franked envelopes with a hand-stamp, reading "1d. to pay," "2d. to pay," and so on. But this actually is a point of no importance, for when we find nations like the United States, and even our own great self-governing Colonies like New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, &c., issuing "Postage Due" stamps, then we may be quite sure that these labels fulfil a useful purpose, and are not merely brought out to provide amusement (at a price) for stamp collectors.

Nevertheless, the question whether we should taboo these stamps is important and interesting, and it must be admitted that there is much to be said on both sides.

On looking through any philatelic catalogue, it will be seen that the countries issuing neither "Unpaid Letter" nor "Official" stamps are comparatively few. Here is a list of them:—

Afghanistan; Angola, Angra, and other Portuguese Colonies; Anjouan, Annam, and certain other Colonies and Dependences of France; Antigua, and most other British Colonies.

Bolivia; Bosnia,

Certain Provinces of the Republic of Colombia; China; Cook Islands; Corea; Cuba; Congo Free State.

Danish West Indies.

Eritrea (Italian Colony).

Fernando Poo; Finland.

Germany and the various German Colonies and Territories; Guatemala.

Hungary.

Japan.

Monaco.

Philippine Islands; Porto Rico.

Russia.

Siam.

We do not absolutely guarantee this list, but we believe it to be practically complete, and certainly it will suffice for our purpose. It must be understood that it is a list of countries issuing *neither* "Unpaid" nor "Officials," and, furthermore, we must explain that in compiling this list we have dealt only with countries that are still issuing stamps at the present moment, because one of the chief arguments of the people

who are opposed to these stamps is the fact that many countries issue them at the present time merely to make money out of stamp collectors.

Subtract the countries mentioned above from the full list of stamp-issuing countries comprised in the catalogue, and see what a vast number remain! And the collectors of all these remaining countries, including such as France, Belgium, Chili, the Scandinavian countries, the Balkan States, Austria, Italy, &c., &c.—merely to take a few at random—would be affected both financially and philatelically if it were decided to place the "Unpaid" and the "Officials" on the list of "Things not to Collect."

"Oh!" we can hear the young collector say; "I don't care what the leading collectors and dealers say; I'm going to collect what I like!"

Yes; that is all very fine, but if once a thing becomes neglected by the majority it loses its market value, and no one can afford to forget the question of value. A philatelist, true lover of stamps though he be, collects with the idea of being able to sell his album at some future date should he desire to do so. The "Unpaid" and "Officials" now occupy honoured places in our albums would become little better than bits of waste paper were the pruning-knife applied to this particular branch of Philately.

The matter affects principally the general collector and the specialist of various foreign countries. The philatelist who confines himself entirely to the British Empire can regard this question, as we shall show, with far more equanimity. We have said that most British colonies have issued neither Unpaid nor Officials. The exceptions are British Guiana, Ceylon, Egypt, Grenada, India, and certain native Indian States, Jamaica, New South Wales, New Zealand, North Borneo, Soudan, South Australia, Trinidad and Victoria.

However, the fact that these colonies' lists include either Unpaid or Officials, or both, is a strong argument against these classes of stamps being pronounced non-collectible. For the cataloguers, who are the leading dealers, must necessarily be large holders of these stamps, and it would be a heavy sacrifice on their part to sweep them holus holus out of their priced lists.

Our Post Office in 1726.

"W. G. C." kindly sends us, for the delectation of his fellow-readers of the *Fortnightly*, the following extract from a recently published work: "England in the Reign of George I. and II."

East Sheen, Richmond,

October 29th, 1726.

In my preceding letter I gave you what you may perhaps have thought an insipid description of London and its surroundings. I think that I will do well to tell you of a few of the advantages of this city, for they are many, and are not to be found in other towns. Foremost among the number, I must place the penny post, which is a most useful institution. It would be very inconvenient in such a large town as London to have to run from one end of it to the other every time you had anything special to communicate. In order to provide for this difficulty, a large number of small offices have been established in every quarter of the town and in the principal streets. You may, if you wish it, write twice a day to anyone living in the town or suburbs and once in the day to about one hundred and fifty small towns and villages in the vicinity of London. Should the letter be addressed to any place further than London and its suburbs, the person who sends it, on giving it to be posted, will have to pay one penny and the receiver will also have to pay the same sum; but if the letter is addressed to the town or suburbs, the sender alone pays the penny. You can send parcels in the same way; a parcel weighing a pound will not cost more than a simple letter. Whatever is sent by the penny post is well cared for, provided you have taken the trouble of registering it at the office, because should the parcel get lost, the clerk is in that case answerable for it."

As our correspondent remarks, the postal system of 1726, considering the poor means of transit then available, was by no means a bad one. And when we compare 1726 with 1902 it cannot be said that our progress in postal system has been exactly maddening. Registered letters in 1726!—and we had thought that this was quite a modern luxury. Perhaps in those good old days, the sender of a registered letter was actually repaid its value in the event of loss!

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

"STAMPS" EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

SINCE our last Report appeared the July, August and September packets have been despatched. Values as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
July.	Colonial and European ...	501	5	0½
	General... ..	150	9	8½
Aug.	Colonial and European ...	334	18	7½
	General	190	19	6
Sept.	Colonial and European ...	456	3	4½
	General	281	19	3½

The March and April packets have been returned. Sales as follows:—

Mar.	Colonial	51	0	8½
	European	8	10	3
	General	27	19	8½
April.	Colonial and European ...	43	15	5½
	General	21	16	11½

The January, February and March credits have been paid out and sheets returned to their respective owners.

There are vacancies for a few more members.

For rules apply to the *Secretary*, F. L. HEYGATE, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE.

SEPTEMBER packet duly posted on the 15th, a very good all round packet containing 16 sheets, gross value £106 19s., and I anticipate a good result. As our postal list lengthens it takes longer to circulate, so in giving in my report of the outgoing packet I am unable to report on the incoming August packet which will not be back for a week or so.

Philatelists interested in "unused" stamps should write to the *Secretary*, H. BEAN, 164, Loughborough Park, S.W.

CALEDONIA STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE July packet returned from circuit on September 12th, and all sheets have been returned to owners and cash balances paid. Being the holiday season, the sales were scarcely up to the average.

The September packet was sent off on the 10th; gross value, £333 16s. 6d. This is the most valuable packet we have yet had. It is satisfactory to find the packets growing in value and the membership also increasing.

Since last report, we have to add to our number, S. T. Ashford, Esq.

All information concerning the Exchange can be had from the *Secretary*, J. JOHNSTON, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeen-shire.

THE ONE AND ALL STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE June H. and B. packets have returned and Sales are very satisfactory and are increasing monthly.

September packets were despatched 17th September, the "H." packet contained 22 sheets, value £220 12s. 8d., and the "B." packet 20 sheets, value £90 4s. 6½d. Two members, W. Rogers, of Hove, and Mr. R. Melzer, of London, have both been excluded from seeing these packets for gross non-compliance to the rules of the Exchange. There are two new members joined since last month's packets, and there is room for a few more good medium collectors.

Copies of Rules on application from *Secretary*, J. G. STEVENS, Stanley House, Redruth.

LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

OWING to the holidays the June packet has been somewhat delayed. However, the accounts are all out now and sheets returned to owners. Amongst the best stamps, were: Canada, ½d., fine; a lot of imperf. Trinidads and old British Guiana and Barbados, all first issues; some fine old European, such as 18kr. first Wurtemberg. There were some nice Buenos Aires and many other good things. The packet numbered 31 sheets, value over £150. The sales amounted to nearly £20.

Gentlemen are now admitted to this Club. There is one vacancy.

The accounts for the July packet are all out. Several members were away on their holidays and did not see this

packet, so that the Sales were not so large as usual. The packet contained 22 sheets, value about £83, from which the value of stamps sold was just over £16. Among the better things were U.S.A. first issues and periodicals unused, Canada first issues, New Zealand first issues in mint condition. There was also a good collection of Holland and Colonies.

The two vacancies mentioned last month are not yet filled.

Applicants for Rules and all particulars should be made to the *Hon. Sec.*, Miss LOUISE HAYNES, 1, Westwood House, Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush, W.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE First Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, October 3rd, at 6.15 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C. Officers will be elected for the ensuing season and any other necessary business transacted. All members are requested to attend if possible, if unable to do so, nominations and suggestions are requested. Applications to join the Home or Continental Exchange sections should be sent in without delay. Subscriptions to the Society (5/-) for the ensuing season should be sent to *Hon. Sec. and Treasurer*, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

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THE first meeting of the 1902-1903 Session of this Society, was held at the Oriental Café, Mosley St., Manchester, last Wednesday evening, under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. Clitherow, and although there was only a small attendance of members (caused no doubt through holidays) a most enjoyable time was passed and some good exchanging took place.

The next meeting will take place about the middle of October, timely advice as to date will be given through the medium of these pages.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

A Philatelic Marriage.

On Monday, September 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Kingston Hill, by the Rev. W. Bellow (uncle to the bridegroom), H. Wilfred Plumridge, eldest son of Dr. Plumridge, to Eva, youngest daughter of the late Colonel (Prussian Army) Louis von Chagnian.

A Printer Charged with Forgery.

FROM Berlin, under date Monday last, October 6th, comes the news that a master printer has been arrested near Dresden on the charge of forging postage stamps of Saxony and Austria. It is alleged that the prisoner has been carrying on this business on a huge scale for years past.

A Vacant Secretaryship.

We are informed that a successor to Mr. Ad. Sonn in the secretaryship of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, Limited, has not yet been appointed by the Directors, who still invite applications for the vacancy. The duties can mostly be performed during evening hours, but the secretary must be able to devote occasional days when required for special work, such as prosecutions and the tracking down of swindlers.

A Divided Pair now Re-United.

MR. COLMAN C. STARLING tells us of an extraordinary coincidence. Two unused 1d. red stamps of the 1857 issue, which he purchased as single specimens in 1896 and 1902 respectively, prove to be a divided pair. The letters K-E and K-F show them to have been next-door neighbours on the original

plate, and a peculiarity in their perforations (these being cut instead of torn apart in the usual way) practically proves that these two identical labels were printed side by side on the very same sheet of stamps. Mr. Starling has kindly shown us the stamps, which have also been submitted to many philatelists of his acquaintance; and all are agreed that the stamps are, so to say, a "re-united pair!" Considering the many millions of these red penny stamps printed and circulated, the coincidence of these two coming together again, the one being purchased five years after the other, is certainly remarkable.

"Luncheon and Stamps; R.S.V.P."

MR. C. A. SMITH-RYLAND invites us, in common with other members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, to visit him at Barford Hill, Warwick, on Thursday next, October 16th, for luncheon—and stamps. But, alas, Warwick—on a weekday—is quite "off the map" so far as we are concerned; but undoubtedly a most enjoyable day will be spent by all those B.P.S. members who are able to enjoy Mr. Smith-Ryland's hospitality and to inspect his fine collection.

The Next London Stamp Exhibition.

REGARDING the London Philatelic Society's forthcoming second Exhibition of South African stamps, intending exhibitors are urged to put themselves in communication with the Hon. Secretary of the Society forthwith, in order that the intention to hold the show early in the season may be adhered to.

The following fourteen Colonies are included in the purview of the projected Exhibition: Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, Sierra Leone, St. Helena, Mauritius, Niger Coast, Northern and Southern Nigeria, Seychelles, British East Africa, Zanzibar, Sudan and Uganda.

As the "London Philatelist" justly remarks, these fourteen Colonies represent "an imposing assemblage of fine and interesting stamps, and should present an exhibition that will vie with any that have preceded it."

The Junior Philatelic Society.

THE Junior Philatelic Society's prospectus for the season 1902-1903 is to hand, giving the General Rules, the Exchange Club Regulations, and the Programme of Arrangements for the autumn and winter. A most satisfactory and attractive prospectus, which we can cordially recommend to all young philatelists. Mr. H. F. Johnson, Hon. Secretary of the Society, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Road, S.W., will

doubtless be pleased to send any *fortnightly* reader full particulars as to membership.

"Children of a larger growth" are not excluded from the membership of the Junior Philatelic Society, as witness the following paragraph in the prospectus:

The Committee desires to point out that there is no age limit in membership of the Society, and the advanced collectors are welcomed as their extensive collections and experience in philatelic matters are of great assistance in the encouragement and guidance of beginners. For advanced collectors and others who desire to associate themselves with the Society in its work, life membership may be secured by the payment of a nominal subscription of one guinea.

As one result of the very excellent exhibition of British stamps held last year the committee of the J.P.S. has "arranged for a thorough and systematic study of British stamps, to be held this new season," and the members are to be assisted by a display, in eight monthly instalments, of Mr. Ernest Heginbottom's fine collection of used English stamps. One portion of the collection will be taken on the first Saturday in each month from October to May.

A Question of Value.

A STAMP case from the Stratford Police Court, dated September 21st:—

James Bell, of 51, Norfolk Road, Seven Kings, was summoned "for that he, having been adjudicated a bankrupt, did obtain credit to the extent of £40, from Henry Herbert Wenborn, of 12, Green Street, Whalley Range, Manchester."

Mr. H. S. Perce, who prosecuted for the Treasury, said that in April, 1899, the defendant was served with a petition in bankruptcy, and on May 15th following he was adjudicated bankrupt. On June 21st, 1901, Mr. Wenborn had a number of valuable foreign stamps to dispose of, and advertised in the "Bazaar, Exchange and Mart." In reply, he received a letter from the defendant, who said he was a retired civil servant, and gave as a reference his bankers. The books of stamps were sent, but defendant made various excuses for not forwarding their value, which was £40. Eventually County Court proceedings were taken, but nothing was recovered on the judgment. On December 16th, defendant sent a cheque for £12, but that was returned from the bank endorsed "Refer to drawer." During the negotiations Bell did not disclose that he was an undischarged bankrupt.

Mr. Wenborn, in his evidence, stated that stamp collecting was a hobby, and he valued the stamps at the catalogue price for the time being.

Mr. Arthur B. Rickards, for the defence, urged that no proof had been given that Mr. Bell had obtained credit over £20, for the value put on the stamps by Mr. Wenborn was a fancy one. He also submitted that this was not a question of credit, but a sale right out.

The Bench said they would have to send the case for trial, and a remand was granted, bail being allowed.

There was a further hearing of the case on Saturday last, October 4th, when the defendant, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

A Philatelist Accused of Forgery.

THE case in which Laurence Hubert Greig is charged with defrauding the Carnegie Steel Company by means of forged cheques has suddenly been made a subject of great interest to stamp collectors—and especially to the philatelic community in London—by the announcement that Lawrence Hubert Greig and Laurence Hubert Rockliffe are one and the same person.

Under the latter name the accused will be remembered by Londoners, both as a stamp dealer and as a philatelic auctioneer during the past ten years. Indeed, the defendant was conducting a stamp business in Philpot Lane, E.C., up to the time of his arrest. He was also interested in a "bucket shop," in a financial journal, and various other enterprises.

Mr. J. P. Grain, prosecuting counsel, stated at the Mansion House Police Court, that Greig, otherwise Rockliffe, had formerly made the acquaintance of the London police courts, where at the accused man merely smiled at his solicitor, Mr. Harry J. Lewis, and Mr. Grain proceeded to unfold the story of Greig's alleged defalcations—amounting, it was said, to more than £30,000—in his dealings with the Carnegie Steel Trust.

The prisoner held a position of some responsibility under Colonel Millard Hunsiker, the London representative of the Carnegie concern, and it is this gentleman's name that the accused is said to have forged. Finally, Alderman Sir Horatio J. P. Davies, M.P., committed Greig for trial. Thus the scene changes at an early date to the Old Bailey.

We give the rumour for what it may be worth, but it is said that strange developments are expected in connection with this case—developments that may make the matter one of far greater interest in London philatelists' eyes.

Fraudulent Surcharges in America.

OUR American contemporaries have lately contained vague and indefinite references to the fraudulent surcharging of various stamps that especially appeal to the philatelists of the United States, such as the Hawaii with "Provisional Government" overprint, the stamps of Guam, etc., etc. In a recent number of "Mekeel's Stamp Collector," however, we find plainer speaking. The maker of the surcharges is known, it appears, and it will probably be only a question of time, adds our contemporary, before the matter will be brought home to him by means of legal proceedings. The dealer in question is "one who is established in the East, and who has done a large business."

High Prices Tempt the Faker.

As to the causes leading up to this epidemic of counterfeit surcharges "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" adds:

There has unquestionably been a tendency upon the part of the speculator and dealer to "boost" the price of provisional surcharged stamps to a point far beyond that which is at all reasonable. This fact has been the means of exciting the cupidity of the forger so that, without intending to work in harmony, the speculators and the knaves have joined in bringing about a condition of mind that has led many general collectors to exclude surcharged stamps from their collections.

But there is unfortunately no getting away from the fact that a large proportion of the provisional surcharged stamps attain a high degree of rarity. Necessarily their value must rise accordingly. To talk of excluding surcharged stamps from one's albums altogether is, so far as British philatelists are concerned, is utter nonsense. What would a collection of British Colonials look like with the surcharges barred? Of what value would it be as representative of the British Empire's postal issues? Absolutely none?

The Anti-surge Association of the "eighties" was promptly chaffed out of existence. Don't let us repeat that kind of folly. The best, and in fact the only effectual remedy for forged surcharges is to catch the forgers. When we have caught them we can't give them the famous punishment of the Mikado of Japan—"something with boiling oil in it"—but we can, and will, give them hard labour or penal servitude.

The Business Side of Philately.

ANOTHER removal to the Strand. Mr. F. C. Penney has taken commodious offices on the first floor at No. 108.

We are asked to state that the Empire Stamp Company, of Hastings, have migrated to Kent, and are now installed in convenient and extensive offices at Commercial Chambers, Horsmonden.

Another removal "down under." Messrs. Hamilton Macrae, Limited, the well-known dealers of Perth, W.A., have betaken themselves to more commodious premises in the Arcade in that City, and are now to be addressed "The Arcade, Perth, W.A."

The partnership between Mr. P. L. Pemberton and Mr. W. B. Kirkpatrick has been dissolved by mutual consent, and Mr. Pemberton has entered into a partnership with an advanced philatelist, Mr. E. P. Airie Dry, with whom he will do business at the same address, 229, High Holborn, but under the new title and style of "P. L. Pemberton & Co."

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

THE remarkable scarcity of large numbers of whole issues of Postal Cards, about which I complained in this column recently, and which I did not in the least exaggerate, has been further confirmed by some recent experiences in searching for some missing cards. There is not the least doubt that unless some new stocks are discovered, or rather some old stocks newly discovered, there will soon be the very greatest difficulty in getting hold of many comparatively recent issues, simply because no one has happened to take any into stock whilst they were current. And if this is true of postal cards it is also true of envelopes and wrappers, and doubly true of letter cards, which have never been particularly favoured by the speculator.

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One often hears stamp collectors complain that philately is money-ridden, and that speculation plays too large a part in it, but it will be seen from the position of entire collectors that this is possibly not an unmixed evil. After all it is very hard to find one's collection lacks one or two pieces of Montenegro or French Zanzibar, or a Queensland letter-card, and to know that though only a short while ago they were on sale at face value in the country of origin, it is difficult, perhaps impossible, to get hold of a copy in England at twenty times the price.

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Probably this state of things is largely due to a reluctance on the part of collectors to pay 3d. for a card newly issued of which the face value is only 1d., and the dealers importing them being unable to sell profitably at less, have gradually, one by one, decided that there was not sufficient demand and so eventually discontinued importing them. Other dealers have taken new issues spasmodically when easily obtainable without much cost, and this no doubt is why there are found to be still afloat large stocks of the Colonial issues of 1884 to 1892, obtainable to-day at double face value or less. This is also the reason why certain issues have been entirely neglected, as no dealer has happened to take a stock in when current. Yet it should be remembered that seeing registered parcel postage in addition to the usual remittance expenses and commissions has to be paid it is almost, if not quite, impossible to import small quantities of bulky envelopes or heavy cards at a cost of less than double face primarily, without considering selling expenses. I quite believe that had collectors realized this earlier and submitted to the not unreasonable charges prevailing it would have entirely changed the aspect of things.

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It must of course be understood that all the above remarks refer to ordinary rank and file entire, and not in any way to rarities of a more distinct type. Cards that were in daily use less than ten years ago cannot well be called rarities, even when one never sees a copy offered for sale. Of the real rarities, by which I mean the fancy-priced pieces, there is of course a much different tale to tell, but in this matter it is not remarkable that high prices should reign when the issues have long been obsolete and their life and usefulness of short duration. One does not mind giving say 3/6 for the 1884 Orange Free State 1½d. surcharge, but when one is asked almost as much for a 1900 card with Roman V.R.I. or for the ½d. reply card of 1898 without surcharge, then it is time to wonder which is the rarest card.

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NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Albania.—A branch of the Italian Post Office was opened here on November 1st, 1901. The 10c. card of Italy has been surcharged with the words "ALBANIA 20 PARA 20" above and below stamp.

Bavaria.—The 10 pfennig carmine card with "02" is now to be found watermarked vertically.

10pf. carmine on cream, ver. wmk., 90 × 140mm. "02."

Dutch Indies.—The 3c. purple postcard has been surcharged "2½" in tall capitals, thus reducing its value. 2½ on 3c. purple on buff.

Great Britain.—"E.W.S.N." keeps up its record of King Edward dies on the envelopes, which now stands as follows:

½d. green.	Dies 7 to 21, except 13.
1d. carmine.	" 7 to 23, except 19.
1½ orange.	" 1.
2½ blue.	" 3.
6d. violet.	" 1, 2, 3 and 4.

It is surmised, but not known for certain, that dies 1 to 6 of the ½d. and 1d. and dies 1 and 2 of the 2½d. are those employed at Messrs. De la Rue & Co.'s to stamp post office stationery. They are not numbered, but have the initials B.R. (Bunhill Row). The 1½d. King Edward die is somewhat similar in appearance to its predecessor, but has the inscription "Postage Three Halfpence" round the lower portion, with crown and two arrow heads above. The Queen's Head 1½d. with arrow heads and clear die number (4) will probably prove to be a great rarity.

Gold Coast.—"E.W.S.N." reports a new Registration envelope with flap nearly square and stamp in upper right hand corner. It is overprinted GOLD COAST COLONY reading downwards on flap near right edge of envelope.

Registered Envelope. 2d. blue of Great Britain, sizes G and H.

India.—The following new King Edward stationery is on sale. On the cards the arms are in upper left hand corner:

Postcards.	½a. red-brown on buff, 121 × 74mm.
	½ + ½a. " "
Envelopes.	¾a. green, white paper, 118 × 67mm.

New South Wales.—Mr. Lohmeyer in the "Era" reports having received two new Postal Union Cards from this colony. The stamp now shows one solid circle around the figures of value, "1½d.," and the inscriptions, while similar have been reset. The same stamp now appears on the double card, replacing the old type of 1892. A radical change has been made in the inscriptions on this card. The top line "UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE" occupies only 50 in place 63mm.; the second, "POST CARD," has been replaced by "POST CARD WITH REPLY PAID," followed, in a third line, by the French equivalent in italics. The rest of the inscriptions remain unchanged except as to lengths of the different lines, which vary slightly. The coat-of-arms measures 10 × 25 instead of 12 × 19.

Postcard.	1½d. blue on cream, 89 × 139mm.
	1½ + 1½d. " " 83 × 130mm.

Nicaragua.—An American contemporary announces the appearance of two new cards, with reply cards of similar type to the 1901 issue.

Postcard.	2c. blue on blue-grey (141 × 90mm.).
	2 + 2c. " " (").
	3c. red-brown on green (").
	3 + 3c. " " (").

Servia.—"Le Timbres Belge" informs us that a 10 paras reply card with stamp of the 1894 type has just appeared. 10 + 10 paras red on buff.

Transvaal.—A 4d. Registration has been seen on which the surcharge E.R.I. measures 16½mm. This with the 11mm. and 12½mm. recently mentioned makes the third variety.

Registration Envelope. 4d. olive with E.R.I. Variety.

Tunis.—The 5c. envelope now comes with the stamp in the yellowish-green shade current in the stationery of France and Colonies.

Envelope. 5c. yellow-green on white.

Turkey.—The "I.B.J." has seen a used copy of a 1 piastre envelope with 20 para surcharge in blue.

Envelope. 20 para on 1 piast. ultramarine on yellow.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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A Practical Test.

In this issue we bring to a close—absolutely and finally to a close this time—the interesting and animated controversy as to the gross and nett pricing systems in Exchange Clubs. Mr. George L. Edwards, whose former letters were written over the pen-name of "Rats," now reviews the whole controversy from his own standpoint, and has many interesting points to advance; but we doubt not that all those readers of the *Fortnightly* who are able to bring an absolutely impartial mind to bear upon the subject, will declare that there is much to be said on both sides.

An ounce of fact, as has been said more than once, is worth a ton of theory. Similarly, one practical test may prove to be of more real value than all the "argufying" in the world. We are therefore most glad to receive a circular-card from the Hon. Secretary of the Hull and District Philatelic Society, intimating that, as a result of a general vote of the members, the Exchange Club sheets are henceforth to be priced nett instead of at 50% discount.

At the same time, the Hon. Secretary of the Society, Mr. Edward W. Drury, promises to report to us at the end of the season how the change in the pricing system has affected results.

Here, then, we have a fair prospect of the merits of the gross and nett systems being thoroughly tested, for the Hull Society is for the time being, abandoning the 50% system in favour of nett pricing, and should be able in a few months' time to deliver an authoritative and most valuable report as to the question at issue.

In leaving this subject for the present we wish to thank the many *Fortnightly* readers who have assisted in the debate.

Our "Guide to Values," now that the holiday season is a thing of the past, will be resumed at once and concluded without further delay. Suggestions as to a revision of the prices or a complete re-issue of the "Guide" will be most welcome.

The latest addition to the list of British philatelic journals is the "International Philatelist," published by the Collector's Press Agency, of Luton. It's a very little paper to have such a big name, for No. 1, vol. 1 consists of only eight very small pages, three of which are filled with advertisements. Still, it can grow, and we hope it will.

The whirligig of time brings in its own revenges. The Moors, long years ago, bossed poor Spain, but Spain is now preparing to issue surcharged postage stamps for use in Morocco. Mr. C. Beanland, of Gibraltar, sends us an extract from the "Heraldo" of Madrid, showing that the stamps to be used in the Spanish Post Offices in Morocco are now almost ready for issue. The "Heraldo," by the way, suggests that the stamps be placed on sale at all the Government tobacco shops in Madrid, adding with a flippancy worthy of a halfpenny London daily, that "the stamp collectors would congregate like flies!"

Stanley Gibbons' 1903 Catalogue.

PRICES—AND VALUES.

In our last number we promised a detailed review of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' new British Empire Catalogue, with special reference to the prices quoted. There are some alterations, however, in the catalogue to which we should like to draw attention before dealing with the subject of prices and values.

In reviewing the 1902 edition of the catalogue, we made some strong remarks as to the inclusion in the list of the stamps of the Falkland Isles of the two franks, which were used before adhesive stamps were issued in those islands. In the present catalogue a note is inserted admitting that they are not postage stamps, though Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, still offer to sell specimens of them. This we cannot grumble at. The firm are clearly entitled to offer any rubbish and at any price they please to put upon it.

The paragraph on the subject of perforations on page xxxvii of the introductory matter is a useful addition to the catalogue. We think, however, the sub-division of perforations is carried a little too far when the 14-16 perforation of Perkins, Bacon & Co., is sub-divided into clean cut, intermediate and rough. We cannot agree that these are "well-defined." It is quite true that many stamps can be readily sorted into the three divisions but there are others which cannot be classified with certainty.

We can produce, for instance, specimens of Ceylon 1s., watermarked star, which no one would place in the same class, although we happen to know that they came from different parts of the same sheet.

The vagaries of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co's machines are not responsible, however, for the greatly expanded list of the stamps of Tasmania. The information given as to the various perforations of the 1864-70 issue is, doubtless, accurate and perhaps interesting to a few collectors in different parts of the world. We imagine however that most of our readers will be content to arrange their Tasmanian stamps on a simpler plan.

The Foreign Money Table would be of more real use if the approximate present values of the various currencies were given. The note standing at the head of the table might be paraphrased thus:—"Some of the figures quoted in the last column are correct, others are hopelessly misleading." It would be a great improvement if only the gold, silver and paper currencies were distinguished by the letters "G," "S," "P," placed opposite to each of them. We should then know which values were reliable.

Now as to prices.

Used stamps of *Great Britain* are many of them "put up." No. 23 we think might be higher. It has in ten years been raised from 3/- to 3/6, while No. 27 has gone up from 5/- to 15/-. Of the embossed stamps, the different shades of the 1s. have been raised 50%, and the 10d. but 20%. The 10d. ought to be priced at least four times as much as the commonest shade of the 1s. stamp. Nos. 122, 123 and 124 are decidedly low in comparison with other stamps of the same period. No. 153 is very dear compared with No. 152, for the vermilion stamp is worth more than twice as much as the green. Nos. 192, 193, 194 and 196 are all cheap, if the prices apply to really fine copies. These stamps fade so much when wetted, and lose so much in appearance when heavily postmarked, that really good copies should be worth quite four times as much as average specimens.

We have not space to go through all the *British plate numbers*, but will content ourselves with calling attention to the 24d. lilac-rose. Plates 4 to 16 are all priced at 1d. used, and plate 17 at 4s. In our experience, plate 10 is very nearly as rare as plate 17, and several of the other plates are by no means easy to obtain in quantity. The prices for the unused are much more nearly proportionate to the relative values. Of the Official stamps, 0.2 is cheap at 5d. and 0.47 at 9d., 0.67 and 0.70 might be worth speculating in.

Of *Antigua*, No. 9 should rise—it is a rare stamp. No. 23 is cheap at 2s. 6d., for it is not much commoner than No. 20.

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.

Great Britain.—Mrs. Bedingfield, from whom we published a note regarding a variety of the King's Head Army Official stamp, now writes us that she has since been shown two of the penny "Army Official" stamps, one of which has a broken "m" in Army, the right-hand top of the letter being absent. The other specimen has a clearly broken "O" in "Official." The letter almost resembles a "C."

"These two stamps," our correspondent adds, "were the only ones in over 1000, that shewed the variety. I should be glad to find out if these varieties occur so many times in every pane, or whether they are chance ones."

Albania.—The current stamps of Italy are being over-printed for use at Italian Post Offices in Albania. The following are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:

- 5c. green, surcharged "Albania 10 para 10."
- 20c. orange "Albania 35 para 35."
- 25c. blue "Albania 40 para 40."

The illustration we give will show the type common to the

ALBANIA
10 Para 10

three stamps, the surcharge in each case being in black. There are now three Italian Post Offices open in Albania—at Durazzo, at Janino, and at Scutari.

Bulgaria.—Three commemorative stamps have been issued in connection with the Shipka Pass celebrations. We must thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, and Mr. W. T. Wilson, Birmingham, for specimens of the same. The stamps are of large rectangular shape, and our illustration of the 5 stotinki red will show the design used for the three values comprising the set, viz.:

- 5 stotinki, carmine.
- 10 " green.
- 15 " blue.

The stirring historic scene depicted on the Shipka Pass issue shows the Bulgarian volunteers offering a stubborn resistance to the Turkish soldiers under Suleiman Pasha in the Russo Turkish War of 1877. The Bulgars are shown hurling rocks upon the Turks attacking the pass.

The stamps we understand were on sale for six days only, and were used for correspondence within Bulgaria and for letters directed to Russia.



Columbia.—We give an illustration of one of the new set—the 10 centavos—which may be taken as giving a good idea of the appearance of the other values. The list of these stamps, down to date, reads as follows:



- Postage Stamps: 2 centavos, 4c., 5c., 10c., 20c., 50c. and 1 peso.
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" " 80 " " "		4	8	—		2	4
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" " 1d.		1	2	9	6	8	6
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" " 2½d.		2	11	—		0	4
" " 3d.		3	6	—		2	2
Greece, 1901, 1 lepton		0	2	0	9	3	3
" " 2 " "		0	3	1	6	8	6
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" " 1d.		1	2	9	6	3	6
" " 2d.		2	4	19	0	0	9
" " 2½d.		2	11	23	10	1	3
" " 3d.		3	6	28	8	1	2
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*Nepaul, 1 anna blue	1 4	10 0	" " " 1862, 4c. brown	0	4 2 0
" 2 " violet	2 6	18 0	Straits Settlements, King's Head, 1c.	0	4 2 3
Newfoundland, 4c., Princess of Wales	2 4	19 0	" " " 3c.	0	10 6 7
New South Wales, ½d. slate, scarce, perf 12			" " " 4c.	1	1 8 2
no gum (Gibbons, 1 6)			" " " 5c.	1	5 10 4
New Zealand, ½d. Perf. 14 single lined wmk	0 7	4 10	" " " 8c.	2	3 18 0
" ½d. " no wmk.	0 9	—	Timor, provisionals, 10 avos on 16 avos	3	9 —
Norway, 1872, 2 skilling blue (no gum)	1 6	—	" " " 20 " " 31 "	7	6 —
Northern Nigeria, King's Head, ½d.	0 7	4 10	Transvaal, 1885, 6d. blue, unused	8	6 —
" " " id.	1 2	9 6	" " King's Head, ½d.	0	7 4 10
Nova Scotia, 8½ cents green	each	3 3 —	" " " id.	1	2 9 6
Orange Free State, 1d. violet	1 10	—	" " " 2d.	2	4 —
" " " 1½ brown, unsurcharged	12 0	—	" " " 2½d.	2	11 —
Orange River Colony, ½d. green	0 7	4 10	" " " 6d.	7	0 —
" " " 2½d. blue	2 11	23 10	Trinidad, 1883, obsolete, ½d.	1	0 7 6
" " " 4d. on 6d.	5 4	—	" " " id.	1	8 12 6
Paraguay, 10c. on 40c.	1 7	12 6	" " " 4d.	7	0 —
" 10c. on 15c.	1 6	12 0	" " " 1902, 1d. on red paper	1	2 9 6
" 1877, 20c.	3 9	—	TURKEY, Special, only a limited quantity:—		
Perak, 3c. on 5c. Rose	2 9	—	1865, 2 piastres blue	each	1 2 —
Queensland, 2d. four figures	2 4	—	1887, 5 " brown	1	4 —
St. Helena, old type, 2d. yellow	2 4	—	" 25 " red and yellow (no gum),		
" " " 2d.	3 0	—	catalogued 17 6, each	5	6 —
" " " 2½d. blue	2 11	—	1890, 5 " salmon	1	2 —
" " " 2½d.	3 9	—	*Western Australia, large Fiscals used post-		
" " " 3d. deep purple	8 0	—	ally, 1d	0	8 4 6
" " " 1½ green, C.C. 3 for	5 0	—	" " " 3d.	1	6 —

UNUSED.

HALF-DOZENS AND FIFTIES AT DOZEN AND HUNDRED RATES.

NOTE.—A large number of unused Current Colonials are in Stock which are not listed here, especially high values, and which can be supplied in small quantities at usual Wholesale Rates.

	per 12	per 100		per 12	per 100		per 12	per 100
Angola, Cr. type, 20 reis bistre	0 10	6 0	Angola, 15 reis, 1898	1 2	7 6	Anjouan, 4 centime	0 8	4 0
" " 20 " carmine	1 9	—	Angra, obsolete, 10 reis violet	0 10	6 3	" 5 "	0 9	5 0
" " 25 " violet	0 8	4 9	" 15 " chocolate	1 8	12 6	Barbados, 1899, 2d.	2 4	—
" " 40 " yellow	5 6	40 0	" current, 2½ reis	0 3	1 4	Bechuanaland, 1897, ½d. green	1 5	10 6
" " 100 " lilac	0 11	6 9	" " 5 " "	0 4	2 6	Benin, 2 centimes	0 5	2 4
" " 200 " orange	2 3	16 0	" " 10 " "	0 8	5 0	" 4 " "	0 8	4 6
" " 300 " brown	2 6	19 0	" " 15 reis, brown	1 3	9 0	" 5 " "	0 9	5 6
" 2½ reis, 1898	0 3	1 4	" " 15 " green	1 0	7 6	Bolivar, 1882, 40c., no gum	9 0	—
" 5 " "	0 4	2 6	Anjouan, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	" 1891, 10c., "	2 6	—
" 10 " "	0 8	5 0	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	" 20c., "	5 0	—

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	per 12	per 100		per 12	per 100		per 12	per 100
Brazil, 1890, 20 reis	0 6	4 0	Colombia, 20c., 50c. & 1 peso.			Guinea, 1898, 10 reis	0 8	5
Brazil, 1890, 50 reis	1 6	11 6	Set of 3, per set	2 9	—	" " 15 "	1 0	7
" 1893, 100 " rose	2 6	20 0	Confederate States 10 cents			Heligoland, 10 pf.	5 6	—
" 1894, 10 reis obsolete	0 3	1 6	blue, on ribbed paper	2 6	—	" 25 pf.	7 0	—
" " 20 "	0 5	2 6	Cook Islands, 1 penny blue	3 0	—	Holland, ½ cent	0 2	1
" " 50 " obsolete	1 0	7 6	Crete, 1 lepton	0 3	1 3	" 1 " "	0 4	2 3
" " 100 " obsolete	1 10	14 0	Cuba, 1 mil. blue green	0 4	2 3	" 2 " "	0 6	4 0
" Unpaid, 10 reis	0 3	1 6	" 1877, 25c.	0 5	3 0	" 2½ " "	0 8	4 10
" " 20 "	0 5	2 6	Cyprus, 1d. plate 215	1 9	—	" 3 " orange	1 0	7 0
" " 50 "	1 0	6 6	" ½ piastre	1 0	8 0	Horta, obsolete, 10 reis violet	0 10	6 3
" " perf., 100 reis, red	1 4	9 0	" 2 " "	3 6	—	" 15 " chocolate	1 3	9 3
British Guiana, Jubilee, 2c.	2 6	18 0	" 1882, ½ piastre	1 0	8 0	" current, 2½ reis	0 3	1 4
B.S.A. Co., 1896, 4d.	4 9	—	" " 2 "	4 0	32 0	" " 5 " "	0 4	2 6
" " 6d.	7 3	—	" " 4 "	9 0	—	" " 10 " "	0 8	5 0
" " 8d.	9 9	—	Diego Suarez, 2c.	0 5	2 4	" " 15 reis brown	1 3	9 0
" " 1/-, 3 for	3 6	—	" 4c.	0 8	4 6	" " 15 " green	1 0	7 6
" " 2/-, each	2 4	—	" 5c.	0 9	5 0	India O.H.M.S., 1874, 8 annas	13 6	—
" " 3/-	3 6	—	Egypt, 1872, 10 paras	3 6	—	" 19c1, ½ anna, grey	0 4	2 8
" " 4/-	4 8	—	Fiji, 1d black	2 6	—	" " ½ " pea green	0 8	5 3
" " 5/-	5 9	—	France, 1 centime	3 3	1 3	" " 1 " carmine	1 3	—
" " 10/-	11 6	—	" 2 " "	0 4	2 0	" 3 pies, rose	0 5	—
" surch. B.C.A. 4d.	4 9	—	" 3c.	0 5	3 0	Indo-China, 1 centime	0 3	1 2
" " 6d.	7 0	—	" 4c.	0 8	4 0	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0
" " 8d.	9 4	—	" 5c.	0 8	4 8	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0
" " 1s., 3 for	3 6	—	French Congo, 2 centime	0 5	2 4	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0
" " 2s., each	2 4	—	" 4 " "	0 8	4 6	Ionian Islands, 2d. each	1 9	—
" " 2/6, "	2 11	—	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	Italy, 1 centesimi, 1896	0 3	1 3
" " 3s. "	3 6	—	French Guiana, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	Ivory Coast, 1 centime	0 3	1 2
" " 4s. "	4 8	—	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0
" " 5s. "	5 9	—	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0
" " 10s. "	11 6	—	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0
" " £5. "	£5 12s	—	French Guinea, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	Labuan, C.A., 2c. rose	1 2	—
" " £10 "	£11	—	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	" 1885, 6c. on 8c.	13 6	—
Canada, Jubilee, 2 dols., each	10 6	—	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	Lorenço Marques, 1895, 2½ reis	0 4	—
" " 3 " "	15 9	—	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	" 1898, 2½ reis	0 3	1 4
" " 4 " "	21 0	—	French India, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	" " 5 " "	0 4	2 6
" " 5 " "	26 0	—	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	" " 10 " "	0 8	5 0
" 2c. maple leaf	1 3	—	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	" " 15 " "	1 0	7 6
" 5c. "	3 2	—	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	Maçao, Cr. type, 5 reis black	1 0	7 6
" 8c. "	5 0	—	French Oceania, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	" " 25 " carmine	0 11	6 6
" 10c. "	7 0	—	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	" " 25 " mauve	2 3	16 0
" ½c. numerals	0 4	2 6	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	" " 50 " blue	2 3	16 0
" 1c. "	0 7	4 10	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	" " 200 " orange	8 6	—
" 2c. "	1 3	—	French Soudan, 2 " "	0 5	2 10	" " 300 " brown	8 6	—
" 3c. "	1 10	—	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	" 1894, 2½ reis brown	0 4	2 0
" 5c. "	3 0	—	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	" 1898, ½ avo	0 3	1 6
" 10c. "	6 0	—	Funchal, 1894, 5 reis yellow	0 6	3 0	" " 1 " "	0 4	2 6
" 2c. MAP,	1 3	—	" " 10 " violet	0 10	6 3	" " 2 " "	0 8	5 0
" 10c. special delivery	5 10	—	" " 15 " chocolate	1 3	9 3	" " 2½ " "	0 9	5 6
Cape of Good Hope, 2½d.			" 1897, 2½ reis	0 3	1 4	Madagascar, 1 centime	0 3	1 3
" " on 3d.	3 6	27 6	" " 5 " "	0 4	2 8	" 2 " "	0 5	2 4
" " 1d., 1894	1 4	—	" " 10 " "	0 8	5 0	" 4 " "	0 8	4 6
C. Verde, Cr. type, 20 reis bistre	0 9	5 6	" " 15 " brown	1 3	9 0	" 5 " "	0 9	5 6
" " 20 " carmine	0 11	6 0	" " 15 " green	1 0	7 6	Malta, 2d.		
" " 25 " "	0 9	5 6	Grand Comoro, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	" 2½d.		
" " 25 " mauve	0 9	5 6	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	" 4d.		
" " 40 " yellow	2 3	16 0	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	" 1/-		
" " 40 " imp.	1 6	10 0	" 5 " "	0 10	5 0	" 5/-		
" " 100 " lilac	2 3	16 0	Guadeloupe, 1 centime	0 3	1 2	" 2/6		
" 1887, 40 reis	3 9	—	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0	Martinique, 1 centime	0 3	1 2
" 1898, 2½ " "	0 3	1 4	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0	" 2 " "	0 5	2 0
" " 5 " "	0 4	2 6	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0	" 4 " "	0 8	4 0
" " 10 " "	0 8	5 0	Guinea, Cr. type, 20 reis bistre	0 11	7 0	" 5 " "	0 9	5 0
" " 15 " "	1 0	7 6	" " 20 " carmine	0 11	7 0	Mayotte, 1 centime	0 3	1
Colombia, 2c. green	0 8	4 0	" " 25 " "	0 9	5 0	" 2 " "	0 5	2
" 2½c. " Too Late "	0 10	—	" " 25 " mauve	0 9	5 0	" 4 " "	0 8	4
" 5c. " A. R. "	1 4	—	" " 40 " yellow	1 5	10 0	" 5 " "	0 9	5
" 5c. brown	1 4	10 0	" " 100 " mauve	2 6	19 0	Mexico, Wmkd. R.M., 1c.,		
" 10c. pink	2 6	—	" 1898, 2½ reis	0 3	1 6	obsolete	0 10	6
" 10c. Registration	2 6	—	" " 5 " "	0 4	2 6	" " " 2c.	1 4	10

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	per 12	per 100		per 12	per 100		per 12	per 100
Mexico, Wmkl, 3c. ..	1 9	—	½ penny thick "V" in pairs			Réunion, 1 centime	0 3	1 2
" no wmk., 1c. ...	0 6	3 6	with ordinary	4 0	doz p's	" 2 ..	0 5	2 0
" " 2c. ...	1 2	8 0	1 " ditto ...	5 0	" "	" 4 ..	0 8	4 0
" " 4c. ...	2 3	—	2 " ditto ...	9 6	" "	" 5 ..	0 9	5 0
" 1887-92, 1c. green...	0 2	1 2	3 " ditto ...	14 0	" "	Senegal, 1 centime	0 3	1 2
" " 3c. scarlet	0 3	1 9	½ " Type 1. (level stops)	9 0	—	" 2 ..	0 5	2 0
" " 5c. blue...	0 2	1 0	2 " " " each	6 0	—	" 4 ..	0 8	4 0
" " 10c. scarlet	0 2	1 0	2½ " " " each	6 0	—	" 5 ..	0 9	5 0
Mozambique, Cr. issue 10			3 " " " each	6 0	—	Servia, 1894, 1 dinar	2 6	—
reis green	0 9	5 0	6 " " " each	15 0	—	St. Marie de Madagascar, 2c.	0 5	2 4
" " 25 reis rose	0 7	4 0	6 " rose ..	18 6	—	" " 4c.	0 8	4 0
" " 50 " blue	0 7	4 0	Complete Sheet of 240 ¼d. Orange Free			" " 5c.	0 9	5 0
" " 100 " mauve	0 7	4 0	State, surcharged V.K.I., containing 24			St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1		
" " 200 " orange	4 0	30 0	thick V's, 4 errors with mixed stops, and 4			centime	0 3	1 2
" " 1894, 2½ reis ...	0 4	—	errors without stop after "V" (Gibbons'			" " 2 ..	0 5	2 0
" " 2½ reis, 1898 ...	0 3	1 4	Price, 6/- each), 35 - the sheet.			" " 4 ..	0 8	4 0
" " 5 " " " " " "	0 4	2 6	Philippines, 89, 2½c. on 2½c. blue	3	—	" " 5 ..	0 9	5 0
" " 10 " " " " " "	0 8	5 0	" " 1898, 2c. ...	1 9	—	St. Thome e Principe, Cr.		
" " 15 " " " " " "	1 0	7 6	Patiala (service), ½ anna ...	0 7	4 10	issue, 20 reis carmine	0 9	5 6
Mozambique Co., 2½ reis yellow	0 3	1 4	" " 1 " " " " "	1 2	9 6	" " 25 " rose ...	0 7	3 9
" " 5 reis orange	0 5	2 6	" " 2 " " " " "	2 4	—	" " 25 " mauve ...	0 10	6 0
" " 10 " violet	0 8	5 0	" " 3 " " " " "	3 6	—	" " 50 " blue ...	0 7	4 3
" " 15 " chocolate	1 0	7 6	" " 4 " " " " "	4 9	—	" " 1894, 2½ reis ...	0 4	2 3
Nabha ser., 1 anna, curved sur	3 0	—	" " 6 " " " " "	7 0	—	" " 2½ reis, 1898 ...	0 3	1 4
Natal, 1d., obsolete	1 3	—	" " 8 " " " " "	9 6	—	" " 5 " " " " " "	0 4	2 6
New Caledonia, 1 centime...	0 3	1 2	" " 12 " " " " " "	14 0	—	" " 10 " " " " " "	0 8	5 0
" " 2 " " " " " "	0 5	2 0	" " 1 rupee grey	18 9	—	" " 15 " " " " " "	1 0	7 6
" " 4 " " " " " "	0 8	4 0	P Delgada, '94, 5 reis yellow	0 6	3 0	Sungei Ujong, 2c. orange...	1 0	6 9
" " 5 " " " " " "	0 9	5 0	" " 10 " violet	0 10	6 3	Timor, Cr. issue, 5 reis black	1 0	6 6
Newfoundland,			" " 15 " chocolate	1 3	9 3	" " 25 " mauve	0 11	6 9
½c., Prince Edward ...	0 4	2 6	" " 1897, 2½ reis ...	0 3	1 4	" " 1898, ½ avo	0 3	1 4
" 1c., Queen Victoria ...	0 7	4 10	" " 5 " " " " " "	0 4	2 6	" " 1 " " " " " "	0 4	2 6
" 2c., King Edward ...	1 2	9 6	" " 10 " " " " " "	0 8	5 0	" " 2 " " " " " "	0 8	5 0
" 3c., Queen Alexandra	1 9	14 4	" " 15 " brown	1 3	9 0	" " 2½ " " " " " "	1 0	7 6
" 5c., Prince of Wales	2 11	—	" " 15 " green	1 0	7 6	Transvaal, ¼d. on 1/-	1 9	—
N.S.W., 4d. Reg. Env. cut			Portugal, 2½ reis grey ...	0 3	1 4	" " id. 1897	1 8	—
square	1 3	8 0	" " 5 " red ...	0 4	2 6	Transvaal, V.R.I.—		
" surcharged O.S., 1s.			" " 10 " green ...	0 8	5 0	½ penny	1 0	8 0
brown	15 0	—	" " 15 " chocolate	1 3	9 0	1 " " " " " " "	1 8	13 0
New Zealand, 1882, 1d. red	1 4	—	" " 15 " green ...	1 0	7 6	2 " " " " " " "	2 6	—
" " 2d. lilac	2 8	—	" " 1892, 15 reis, " Provis-			2½ " " " " " " "	3 3	—
" " ¼d., local ptg. perf. 11	0 9	—	orio," wove paper			3 " " " " " " "	3 9	—
" " id., local ptg. perf. 11	1 3	—	Type I., Cat. 9d. ...	2 3	16 0	4 " " " " " " "	5 0	—
" " ½d., khaki ...	1 9	—	" Ditto, Type II., Cat. 1/-	2 9	—	6 " " " " " " "	7 6	—
Nossi Bé, 2c. ...	0 5	2 0	" Ditto, surfaced paper,			1 shilling	15 0	—
" " 4c. ...	0 8	4 0	Type II., not priced	2 10	—	2 6 " " " " " " "	3 2	—
" " 5c. ...	0 9	5 0	Portuguese Congo, 2½ reis,			5 shillings	20 0	—
Nyassa Co., 2½ reis, obsolete	0 3	1 6	1898	0 3	1 4	10 " " " " " " "	12 6	—
" " 10r. " " " " " "	0 8	5 0	" " 5 reis, 1898	0 4	2 6			
" " 15r. " " " " " "	1 0	7 6	" " 10 " " " " " "	0 8	5 0			
Orange Free State, 1892,			" " 15 " " " " " "	1 0	7 6			
2½d. on 3d. 13 6			Portuguese Indies, Cr. issue,					
Orange River Colony, V.R.I.'s—			1½ reis	0 6	3 0			
½ penny, Type II. (raised stops)	1 6	11 6	" " 4½ " " " " " "	0 6	3 3	½ penny green ...	3 6	—
1 " " " " " " "	1 3	10 0	" " 6 " " " " " "	0 6	3 3	½ " " on 2d. brown	0 8	5 3
2 " " " " " " "	2 4	19 0	" " 1 Tanga	1 6	12 0	Virgin Island, ¼d.	0 7	4 10
3 " " " " " " "	3 6	—	" " 2 " " " " " "	0 8	4 6	" " id.	1 2	9 6
4 " " " " " " "	16 0	—	" " India, 1898, 1½ reis	0 4	2 0	Western Australia, ¼d.	0 7	4 10
6 " blue, " " " " " "	7 0	—	" " " " " " " " "	0 9	5 6	" " id., C.A.	1 4	—
6 " rose " " " " " "	17 6	—	" " " " " " " " "	1 0	7 0	" " id., W.A.	1 2	9 6
1 shilling " " " " " "	15 0	—	" " " " " " " " "	1 6	9 9	Zambezia, 1898, 2½ reis	0 3	1 4
" " " " " " " "	5 9	—	Queensland, ¼d. ...	0 7	4 10	" " 5 " " " " " "	0 4	2 6
						" " 10 " " " " " "	0 8	5 0
						" " 15 " " " " " "	1 0	7 6
						Zululand, 1d. on Natal	4 0	—

MIXED STAMPS FOR SHEETS.

To sell at ¼d. each	per 12	per 100	per 1000	To sell at 3d. each	per 12	per 100	per 1000
" id. " " " " " "	0 4	2 0	18 0	" 4d. " " " " " "	1 3	8 0	—
" 1½d. " " " " " "	0 6	3 0	27 0	" 6d. " " " " " "	2 6	10 6	—
" 2d. " " " " " "	1 0	5 0	—	" 1 " " " " " "	6 0	—	—

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	per 12	per 100	per 1000		per 12	per 100	per 1000
Alwar, 1877, ¼ anna ...	0 8	5 0	—	Cape Verde, 1893, 5 reis	0 10	6 0	—
" 1899, ¼ " ...	0 7	4 0	—	" " 25 "	0 6	3 6	—
Angola, 1886, 5 reis ...	0 9	5 6	—	" " 50 "	0 9	5 6	—
" " 25 " ...	0 9	5 6	—	" 1897, 25 "	0 10	6 0	—
" " 50 " ...	0 8	4 6	—	" " 50 "	0 9	5 6	—
" 1894, 5 " ...	0 9	5 6	—	Chili, 15c.	1 2	8 0	—
" " 25 " ...	0 7	4 3	39 0	" 20c. grey	0 7	3 6	—
" " 50 " ...	0 7	4 3	39 0	" 25c. orange brown	1 6	11 0	—
" 1897, 5 " ...	0 5	3 0	—	" 1852, 5c. penmarked	0 5	2 6	—
" " 25 " ...	0 9	5 6	—	" 1881, 5c. lake	0 4	2 3	—
" " 50 " ...	0 8	4 6	—	" Postal Revenue, 1c. obsolete	1 4	10 0	—
Angra, 1892, 5 reis ...	0 10	6 0	—	China, 1c., London Prints	0 4	2 0	—
" " 25 " ...	0 9	5 6	—	" 2c. " "	0 3	1 3	11 6
" 1897, 2½ reis	0 3	1 6	—	" 4c. " "	0 5	2 9	—
" " 5 " ...	0 5	2 9	—	" 5c. " "	0 8	3 9	—
" " 25 " grey blue	0 8	4 6	—	" 10c. " "	0 9	5 0	—
" " 25 " rose	0 8	4 6	—	" 20c. " "	2 0	—	—
Argentine, 1892, 3c. orange	0 5	2 6	—	Cochin, 1892, 2 puttans	2 0	—	—
" " 5c.	0 1	—	—	Continental, well assorted, 6d	per 1000, 5000 for 2/-	—	—
" " 10c.	0 3	1 5	—	Costa Rica, 1863, ½ real	0 7	3 9	—
Austria, 1861, 3kr. green	2 6	—	—	" 1892, 1c.	0 4	2 0	—
" 1864, 3kr. "	2 0	—	—	" 1892, 5c.	0 4	1 10	—
Austria, 1890, 3kr. ...	0 1	0 3	1 6	Crete, 1l. brown	0 3	1 3	—
" " 30kr. ...	0 2	1 0	9 0	" 5l. green	0 8	4 9	—
" 1891, 20kr. ...	0 1	0 5	3 6	" 10l. carmine	1 0	7 3	—
" " 24kr. ...	0 2	0 6	4 6	Curacao, 25c., Queen	1 0	7 0	—
" " 30kr. ...	0 1	0 5	3 6	Cyprus, ¼ pre.	0 3	1 8	—
Austrian Levant, 1 piastre, 1890...	0 2	0 8	—	Dutch Indies, 10c., Unpaid	1 6	—	—
Azores, India Celebration, 25 reis...	1 8	12 0	—	" 15c., King	0 9	5 0	—
" 1875, 25 reis	2 0	15 0	—	" 30c. "	1 6	—	—
" 1882, 5 " ...	0 10	6 0	—	" 15c. Queen	0 5	—	—
" " 50 " ...	2 0	15 0	—	Ecuador, 1872, 1 peso	9 0	—	—
" St. Anthony, 2½ reis	1 0	7 6	—	" 1881, 20c....	1 0	7 0	—
" 1883, 25 reis...	1 0	7 6	—	Egypt, 1889, 1 piastre, Unpaid	0 2	1 6	—
" 1885, 25 " ...	0 5	3 0	—	" 1 pre blue	0 1	0 6	—
" 2½ reis, Newspaper	0 4	2 3	—	Federated Malay States, 3c.	0 5	2 9	—
Baden, 3 kr. yellow	1 8	12 0	—	Fiscals, well assorted, many countries	0 3	1 9	15 0
Barbados, 1882, ¼d. ...	0 5	2 9	25 0	France, 30c. rose, unpaid	0 2	0 7	5 4
" " 1d. ...	0 4	2 0	—	" 1852, 20c. ...	0 2	1 0	—
" " 4d. brown	1 9	13 6	—	" " 40c. ...	0 3	1 3	—
Bavaria, 1876, 3 pf., green	0 2	1 0	—	" 1862, 40c. ...	0 2	1 0	—
" 50 pf. marone	0 2	1 0	—	" 1863, 40c. ...	0 2	1 0	—
" 1 mark	0 3	1 4	—	Funchal, 1892, 5 reis	0 10	6 0	—
Belgium, 1851, 20c. wmk., L.L....	1 0	8 0	—	" " 25 "	0 7	4 6	—
" 1866, 10c., 20c	0 4	2 6	—	" 1897, 2½ "	0 3	1 6	—
Brazil, 8 kinds, well assorted	0 2	0 9	6 0	" " 5 " ...	0 5	2 9	—
British Guiana, 1c. mauve and grey	0 6	3 6	—	" " 25 " grey blue	0 8	4 6	—
" 2c. lilac and rose	0 4	2 0	—	" " 25 " rose	0 9	5 6	—
" 5c. ...	0 6	—	—	Gold Coast, 1d., King's Head	0 8	—	—
" 2c. on red	0 3	1 6	—	Great Britain, 1d., imperf.	0 2	0 5	—
Brit. South Africa Co., 1891, 4d.	4 6	—	—	" 1857, 1d. red	0 2	1 0	—
Canada, 1869, 6c. ...	1 3	9 0	—	" 1864, 1d. red	0 2	0 4	1 6
" 1870, 1c. ...	—	0 3	—	" 1876, 2½d. lilac	1 0	—	—
" " 3c. ...	—	0 2	—	" 1880, 1d. red	0 2	0 9	—
" 1898, Maple Leaves, 2c.	0 3	1 8	15 0	" 1881, 1d., 14 spandrels	0 8	4 6	—
" 1c. numerals	0 1	0 3	—	" 1887, 1/- green	1 9	12 6	—
" 2c. " violet	0 1	0 5	3 6	" 1890, 10d.	1 3	9 0	—
" 2c. rose	0 1	0 2	—	" do. Perfd. Initials...	0 7	4 0	—
" Jubilee, 2c. ...	1 6	11 0	—	" Army Official, ¼d. red	0 3	1 3	11 0
" 5c. numerals	0 3	1 9	—	" Queen, well assorted, 1¼d.,	—	—	—
C. of G. Hope, 1d. C. C.	0 10	6 0	—	" 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d.	0 2	0 7	5 6
" 5/-, 1885	7 0	—	—	" 10d., octagonal, cut to shape	9 0	—	—
" 1/- green, Anchor	1 0	7 0	—	Greece, Olympic Games, 5 kinds,	—	—	—
Cape Verde, 1886, 5 reis	0 10	6 0	—	" well assorted	0 4	2 3	—
" " 25 " ...	0 10	6 0	—	" " " 20l. ...	0 3	1 8	—
" " 50 " ...	0 9	5 6	—	" 1886, 1 dr. ...	1 2	8 0	—
				" 1901, 1 to 20l., well mixed	0 3	1 3	10 6

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Norway, 1894-8 3 öre	0 2	0 10	—	Portugal, 1896, 25 reis grey blue	0 1	0 5	2 3
" " 5 "	0 1	0 4	2 9	" " 25 " rose	0 1	0 5	2 6
" " 10 "	0 1	0 2	0 8	" " 50 "	0 3	1 6	12 0
" " 20 "	0 1	0 4	2 9	" " 65 "	0 10	6 0	—
Orange Free State, 1d. violet	0 3	1 9	17 0	" " 75 "	0 8	4 6	—
" " 1/- yellow, 1868	3 6	—	—	" " 80 "	1 5	10 6	—
Panama, 10c.	0 11	6 6	—	" " 100 "	0 8	4 6	—
Patiala, ½ and 1 anna Service, assorted	0 4	2 0	—	" " 130 "	1 0	7 6	—
Persia, 1882, 5 francs	10 0	—	—	" " 200 "	1 3	9 0	—
Peru, Jubilee, 1897, 2c.	1 0	7 6	—	" 1898, India Celebration, 2½ reis	0 3	1 9	15 0
" " " 5c.	1 3	9 0	—	" " " " 5 "	0 6	3 0	25 0
" current, 2, 5, 10c. equally assorted	0 4	—	—	" " " " 10 "	1 3	9 0	—
" 1886, 1, 2, 5, 10c., assorted	0 4	—	—	" " " " 25 "	0 6	3 0	25 0
" current, 1, 1.2, 2.5, 5, 10c., assorted	0 4	2 0	—	Portuguese Africa, Vasco de Gama,			
Philippines on U.S.A. 5c.	0 9	—	—	25 reis	1 8	12 0	—
" " 1, 2, 5c.	—	—	—	Portuguese Indies, 1895, 1½ reis	0 3	1 9	—
" " equally assorted	0 9	—	—	Prussia, 1861, Envelopes Cut			
" 1886, 8c....	1 3	10 0	—	Square, 1s. gr. red	1 0	7 6	—
Ponta Delgada, 1892, 5 reis	0 8	4 6	—	Queensland, 1d. and 2d.	0 1	0 4	—
" " 25 "	0 8	4 6	—	" ½d., 4 figures	0 10	—	—
" " 1897, 2½ "	0 3	1 6	—	" 3d. "	0 9	—	—
" " 5 "	0 4	2 3	—	" 4d. "	0 8	—	—
" " 10 "	0 10	6 0	—	" 5d. "	1 6	—	—
" " 25 " grey blue	0 6	3 9	—	" 6d. "	0 8	—	—
" " 25 " rose	0 8	4 6	—	" ½d., 1900	0 5	—	—
Portugal, 1853, 25 reis	2 3	—	—	Reunion, assorted	0 7	3 0	—
" 1855, 25 " blue (Cat. 1/6)	1 8	12 0	—	Roumania, 1891, wmk. arms 1½b.	0 7	4 0	—
" 1856, 25 " rose	0 8	4 0	—	" " " 25b.	1 0	7 6	—
" " 25 " blue (Cat. 1/-)	1 6	10 0	—	" 1885 " 1½b.	1 0	7 6	—
" 1862, 25 " "	0 6	3 3	—	" " 3b.	1 0	7 6	—
" 1866, 25 " "	1 2	8 0	—	" Unpaid, 10b, green, '87, no wmk.	1 8	12 0	—
" 1870, 5 " mixed perfs.	0 8	4 6	—	" " 30b. " "	0 10	6 0	—
" " 20 " "	2 0	15 0	—	" " 30b. " on straw	1 3	9 0	—
" " 25 " "	0 2	0 9	6 0	Russia, 7 kop.	0 1	0 2	1 3
" " 50 " "	2 0	15 0	—	" 14 kop.	0 2	0 9	—
" " 80 " "	1 0	7 6	—	St. Thome e Principe, 1886, 25 reis	0 10	6 0	—
" " 100 " "	0 8	4 6	—	" " 50 "	0 9	5 6	—
" 1876, 2½ "	0 1	0 5	2 6	" 1894, 50 "	0 9	5 6	—
" 1880, 2 "	0 8	4 6	—	" " 25 "	0 10	6 0	—
" " 5 "	0 5	2 6	—	" " 1897, 5 "	0 5	3 0	—
" " 25 "	0 2	1 2	7 6	" " 25 "	0 9	5 6	—
" 1882, 5 "	0 1	0 5	3 0	" " 50 "	0 8	4 6	—
" " 10 "	0 4	2 0	15 0	Siam, 3 atts on 12 atts	1 0	—	—
" " 25 "	0 1	0 5	2 6	S. Australia, 1d. & 2d. perf. 15	0 2	1 0	7 6
" " 50 "	0 3	1 9	13 6	" 1d. & 2d., perf. 13 (1d two types)	0 1	0 5	3 6
" 1887, 25 "	0 1	0 5	2 6	" 1d. & 2d., 1900	0 1	0 5	4 0
" 5 reis, surcharged "Pro-				" O.S. "Halfpenny" on 1d	3 0	—	—
visorio" in black	0 4	2 3	—	" " ½d., thin surcharge, perf. 15	2 0	15 0	—
" 5 reis, ditto in red	0 5	2 9	—	" " 1d. & 2d. thin surch. perf. 13	0 2	1 2	10 6
" 10 reis, ditto in black	0 10	6 0	—	" " " " 15	1 0	7 0	—
" " ditto in red	1 0	7 6	—	" O.S. 1d. & 2d., thick surch.	0 4	—	—
" 20 reis, surcharged ditto	2 0	15 0	—	" O.S. ½d., thin sur-			
" 1892, 5 reis	0 1	0 5	2 6	charge, perf. 13	1 0	7 0	—
" " 10 "	0 3	1 6	12 0	" O.S. 1d., without			
" " 15 "	1 3	9 0	—	stop after "S" each	0 6	—	—
" " 20 "	0 6	3 0	—	" O.S. 2d., without			
" " 25 "	0 1	0 5	2 6	stop after "S" each	0 5	—	—
" " 50 "	0 3	1 6	12 0	" O.S. 5d. on 6d.	9 0	—	—
" " 75 "	1 3	9 0	—	" " 4d., perf. 13	1 0	7 6	—
" " 100 "	1 0	7 6	—	" " 6d., " 15	1 6	10 0	—
" " St. Anthony," 2½ reis...	1 0	7 6	—	" " 6d., " 13	1 6	10 0	—
" " 5 " "	1 6	10 6	—	" " 1d. rose	0 4	2 0	—
" " 10 " "	3 0	22 6	—	Spain, War Tax, 5c. black	0 1	0 5	3 6
" " 25 " "	2 0	15 0	—	" 1855, Service. ½ onza	1 4	10 6	—
" 1896, 2½ reis	0 1	0 5	2 3	" 1851, 6 cuartos	1 6	10 6	—
" " 5 "	0 1	0 5	2 3	" 1852, " "	1 4	10 0	—
" " 10 "	0 3	1 3	9 0	" 1853, " "	1 4	10 0	—
" " 15 " brown	0 9	5 0	—	" 1854, " "	1 0	8 0	—
" " *15 " green	0 8	4 6	—	" 1856, 4 " crossed line	0 9	—	—
" " 20 "	0 4	2 3	18 9	Spain, 1865, 4 " "	0 9	5 0	—

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" " 10 "	0 1	0 2	0 8	" " 50 "	0 3	1 6	12 0
" " 20 "	0 1	0 4	2 9	" " 65 "	0 10	6 0	—
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Panama, 10c.	0 11	6 6	—	" " 100 "	0 8	4 6	—
Patiala, ½ and 1 anna Service, assorted	0 4	2 0	—	" " 130 "	1 0	7 6	—
Persia, 1882, 5 francs	10 0	—	—	" " 200 "	1 3	9 0	—
Peru, Jubilee, 1897, 2c.	1 0	7 6	—	" 1898, India Celebration, 2½ reis	0 3	1 9	15 0
" " " 5c.	1 3	9 0	—	" " " " 5 "	0 6	3 0	25 0
" current, 2, 5, 10c. equally assorted	0 4	—	—	" " " " 10 "	1 3	9 0	—
" 1886, 1, 2, 5, 10c., assorted	0 4	—	—	" " " " 25 "	0 6	3 0	25 0
" current, 1, 1, 2, 5, 5, 10c., assorted	0 4	2 0	—	Portuguese Africa, Vasco de Gama,			
Philippines on U.S.A. 5c.	0 9	—	—	25 reis	1 8	12 0	—
" " 1, 2, 5c.				Portuguese Indies, 1895, 1½ reis	0 3	1 9	—
" equally assorted	0 9	—	—	Prussia, 1861, Envelopes Cut			
" 1886, 8c....	1 3	10 0	—	Square, 1s. gr. red	1 0	7 6	—
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" 10 reis, ditto in black	0 10	6 0	—	" " " " 15	1 0	7 0	—
" ditto in red	1 0	7 6	—	" O.S. 1d. & 2d., thick surch.	0 4	—	—
" 20 reis, surcharged ditto	2 0	15 0	—	" O.S. ½d., thin sur-			
" 1892, 5 reis	0 1	0 5	2 6	charge, perf. 13	1 0	7 0	—
" " 10 "	0 3	1 6	12 0	" O.S. 1d., without			
" " 15 "	1 3	9 0	—	stop after "S" each	0 6	—	—
" " 20 "	0 6	3 0	—	" O.S. 2d., without			
" " 25 "	0 1	0 5	2 6	stop after "S" each	0 5	—	—
" " 50 "	0 3	1 6	12 0	" O.S. 5d. on 6d.	9 0	—	—
" " 75 "	1 3	9 0	—	" " 4d., perf. 13	1 0	7 6	—
" " 100 "	1 0	7 6	—	" " 6d., " 15	1 6	10 0	—
" " St. Anthony, " 2½ reis...	1 0	7 6	—	" " 6d., " 13	1 6	10 0	—
" " 5 " "	1 6	10 6	—	" " 1d. rose	0 4	2 0	—
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Traits Settlements, 4c. carmine ...	0 3	1 9	—	United States, 1869, 24c.	10 0	—	—
.. 4c. on 5c. rose	0 7	3 9	—	.. 1872, 24c.	3 3	—	—
.. 10c. on 24c. ...	1 6	—	—	.. 1890, 3c.	0 5	2 0	—
.. 30c. on 32c. ...	3 0	—	—	.. 5c.	—	0 3	—
.. 50c.	2 0	—	—	.. 8c.	1 0	6 6	—
Surinam, 15c., King ...	5 0	—	—	.. 15c.	1 8	—	—
Sweden, 1856-66, assorted ...	0 10	6 0	—	.. 1895, 3c.	0 3	1 9	—
Transvaal, 2d. pole ...	0 10	6 0	—	.. 6c.	0 7	3 9	—
.. 1885, 2d., perf. 12½ by 12	2 0	—	—	.. 8c.	0 2	0 11	7 6
.. 1/-, 1885, perf. 12½ by 12	3 6	—	—	.. 15c.	0 6	3 9	—
Transvaal, V.R.I.	—	—	—	.. 1898, 5c. blue	0 2	0 4	—
10 shillings, used ... each	13 6	—	—	.. 1899, 4c. pale brown	0 2	0 8	—
5 .. used	20 0	—	—	.. 4c. current	0 1	0 6	—
2 6, used	3 6	—	—	.. 10c. brown ...	0 1	0 5	—
Travancore, ½ chukram ...	0 3	1 5	13 6	.. Unpaid 1895, 1c. ...	0 3	1 6	—
.. 2c.	0 6	3 6	—	.. .. 2c. ...	0 2	0 10	—
.. 4c.	1 4	9 6	—	.. Buffalo, 1c. ...	0 3	1 8	15 0
Trinidad, 2d. and 5d. unpaid ...	3 0	—	—	.. .. 2c. ...	0 2	0 8	5 6
Tunis, 5—6 kinds ...	0 3	1 6	—	Uruguay, fine mixture, many kinds	0 4	2 3	20 0
Turkey, obsolete, 20 paras ...	0 2	0 9	6 0	Victoria, 1867-78, 6d. blue	1 0	—	—
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United States, 1887, 3c. vermilion	4 3	—	—	W. Australia, 1d., 2d., yellow, C.A., 12 6 0	0 0	—	—
.. 1869, 6c. each	1 3	—	—	.. 1d. and 2d., obsolete ...	0 2	0 8	6 0
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.. .. framed, 15c. ..	4 0	—	—				

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* Used.

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	Number in Set.	Price per Set.		Number in Set.	Price per Set.
†Anjouan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c. and 1 franc ...	13	3 8	†French India, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8
†Antioquia, 1902, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50c., 1, 2, 5 Pesos, 10c. Registration, 5c. Reg. Return Receipt, 2½c. Too Late ...	16	9 6	†French Oceania, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8
†Austrian Levant, 1890, 2 and 5 piastres ...	2	2 6	†French Soudan, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8
†Benin, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75 and 1 franc. ...	13	3 8	†Grand Comoro, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8
*Bolivia, 1894, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c. ...	5	0 2	†Greece, 1901, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50l. † 1, 2, 3 and 5 drachma ...	4	7 6
†Borneo, imperf., ½, 1, 2, 4c. ...	4	2 0	†Guadeloupe, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8
.. 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 8c. ...	6	0 5	†Holland, new issue, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, 7½, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 22½, 25, 50c. ...	14	3 8
.. .. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. ...	9	1 0	†Honduras, 1878, 1, 2c., ½, 1, 2rl. ...	5	0 6
.. .. 1901, Postage Due, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8c. ...	6	0 5½	.. 1890, official, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 peso ...	9	0 9
.. .. with 12, 18, 24c. ... added	9	1 2	†Honduras, 1891, official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 peso ...	11	1 3
.. .. 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. ...	9	1 3	†Honduras, 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 peso ...	11	1 3
*China, London Prints, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c. ...	8	1 0	†Honduras, 1893, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 peso ...	11	1 3
*Columbia, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 5c. A.R., 10c. Registration, 2½c. Unpaid ...	9	2 4	†Honduras, 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c., and 1 peso ...	8	1 3
†Columbia, 1, 5, 10 pesos ...	3	19 6	*HUNGARY, 2, 3, 10, 20 Kr. of 1881; 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 24, 30, 50 Kr. of 1888; 100 sets for 9/-, 500 sets for 40/- cheap ...	12	0 2
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†Ecuador, 1896, Jubilee, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., and 1 sucre ...	7	0 10			
†French Congo, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8			
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	Number in Set.	Price per Set.		Number in Set.	Price per Set.
*Indo-China, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8	†Nova Scotia, 1, 2, 8½ cents ...	3	5
†Ivory Coast, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8	† " " 1, 2, 8½, 10 cents ...	4	8
*Japan, 5rin., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 25sen. ...	10	0 2	†Nowanuggur, 1893, 1, 2, 3 docra ...	3	0 6
*Labuan, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8c. ...	6	0 5	†Orange River Colony, V.R.I., ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1s. ...	6	2
" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c. ...	9	1 0	†Persia, 1889, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 shahi, 1, 2, 5 kran ...	8	0 10
" " 1901, Postage Due, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8c. " " " with 12, 18, 24c. " " " added ...	6	0 5½	† " " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 16 shahi, 1, 2 and 5 kran ...	11	6 8
†Madagascar, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8	†Porto Rico, 1896, ½, 1, 2, and 4 mils ...	4	0 2½
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†Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8	† " " Jubilee issue in gold and colours, 1c. and 5c. ...	2	0 3
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†Nanking, Complete Set, ½, ½, ½, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 10, 20c., perforate, and 1c. imperforate ...	16	3 0	†Salvador, 1891, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., and 1 peso ...	10	1 2
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†New Caledonia, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...	13	3 8	†Salvador, 1893, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., and 1 peso ...	10	1 2
†Nicaragua, 1890, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos ...	10	1 3	†Salvador, 1893, 2, 5, 10 pesos ...	3	1 2
†Nicaragua, 1890, Official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos ...	10	1 3	† " " 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c., and 1 peso ...	10	1 2
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†Nicaragua, 1895, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos ...	10	1 3	†Salvador, 1897 (Official), 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 24, 30, 50c., and 1 peso ...	12	1 3
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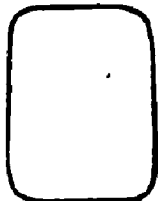
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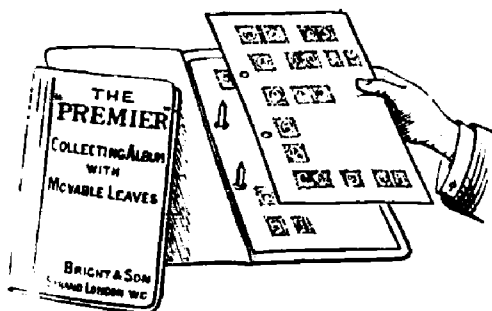
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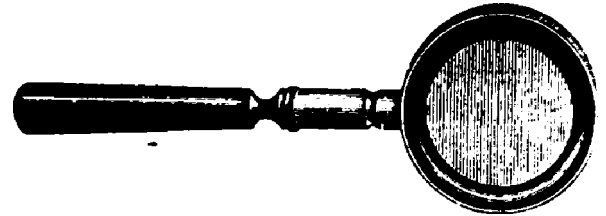
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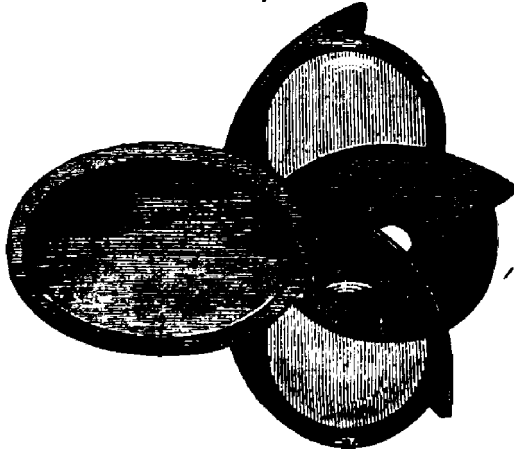
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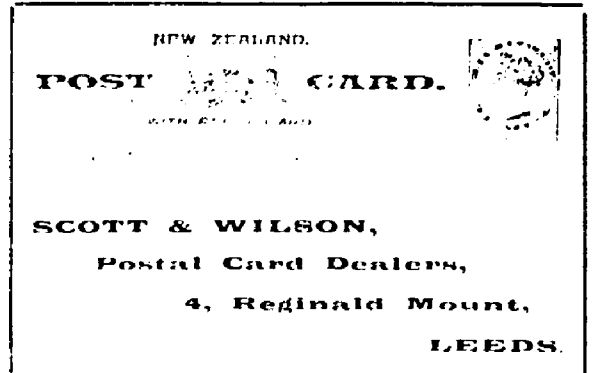
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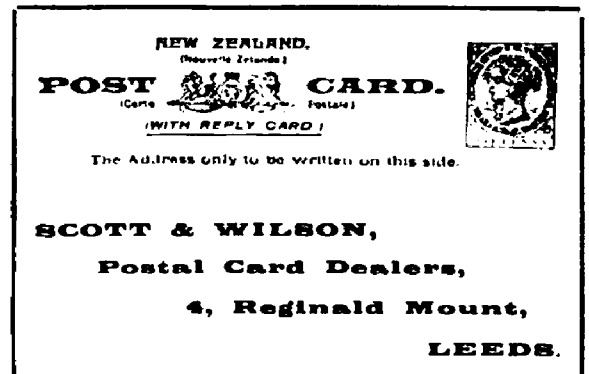
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In *British Bechuanaland*, Nos. 1, 3, 7, and 8, unused, seem cheap. No. 23 and 24, used, are not put too high. Nos. 59 and 67 are by no means dear, either unused or used.

British Central Africa, Nos. 27 and 28, unused, are, perhaps, worth buying as a speculation—also Nos. 37, 38, 39.

In *British East Africa*, Nos. 2 and 3 have been brought to the same price by putting one up and the other down. During the past twelve months a few unused sets of the issue have been offered at auction, and, if we remember rightly, we heard several of them knocked down to S. G. and Co. at about 5 guineas the set. The addition to their stock of three or four copies of each value seems to have altered the relative prices, while leaving the total about the same.

The cheapest stamp we can pick out in *British Guiana* is No. 96, 48c. red brown at 3s. 6d. It was in use a long time, but is not over common. The 48c. purple and orange-red, No. 161, should rise in price, as it has now been replaced by No. 187, after a comparatively short life.

In *British Honduras*, No. 14 is cheap at 2/6 used. Nos. 40 and 41 are dear unused. There seem to be plenty on the market, and when they come up at auction they do not make anything like twice face value. As the face value is only 10d. and 2/1, the prices should not be more than 2/- and 4/6. The higher values of the current set will probably prove a good investment and the same might be said with regard to many other Colonials which are in process of being replaced by new issues bearing the portrait of His Majesty King Edward VII.

(To be continued).

Philatelic Notes from all Quarters.

Jamaica is to have some more "Picture" stamps.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales collects posters as well as stamps.

"Stamps can be fine without being perfect," remarks the Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist." "A collection is formed to look at, not to be examined with a microscope."

A stamp much under-catalogued, according to a Boston correspondent, is the 4c. on 16c. Mauritius, issue of 1900. Unused copies have changed hands, he declares, at 3s. apiece.

It seems that the name of Niue Islands is pronounced with the accent on the last syllable, Ne-oo-ee. But busy philatelists will just call it "New," and put the rest of the time into something useful.

Really some of the writings of our good friend, the Editor of the "Metropolitan Philatelist," are downright revolutionary. He now tells us that in ten years' time the stamp dealer's catalogue, as a popular handbook, will have ceased to exist.

Recent newspaper dispatches state that Mr. Brownlow, of the U.S.A. Post Office Department has completed an exhibit of stamps for the St. Louis World's Fair. The theft of some \$4,000 worth of the stamps when exhibited at the Pan-American Exposition made a hole in the display which Mr. Brownlow has made an effort to fill up.

Recently the Editor of "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" called attention to the 1c. Postage Due stamp of Switzerland as bearing the shortest inscription of any postage stamp. "X.Y.Z.," a correspondent of the same journal, now submits that the 100 reis value of the Portuguese "Prayer" set has the longest! The inscription on this stamp runs to 192 letters and figures!

British stamp dealers, like their brethren in the tobacco trade, are carrying the war into their rivals' country. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, have decided to issue the American edition of their new catalogue in one-volume form, the cost of the whole work, with prices in American currency, being 50 cents—practically the same price as the Scott Catalogue. Thus the British philatelist will be paying double what the American pays for his own British-made catalogue!

Gross versus Nett Prices.

BY GEORGE L. EDWARDS ("RATS.")

I must apologise, firstly, for my mistake in having written "the late" before Mr. Hollick's name and secondly for the number of times I shall be obliged to refer to my former letters.

Mr. Wickhart somewhat unreasonably, I think, calls upon me to produce figures to prove that the nett clubs are superior to the discount clubs.

One collector could not produce figures—even if he kept accounts for that purpose, which I do not—which would convince anybody, anymore than one day will prove a hot or a wet summer.

Secretaries who keep ledgers, lists of sheets circulated, sales effected, number of people who saw packet, etc., may be able to prove something and in my letter of July 19th I wrote:—"I think it would be a great benefit to Stamp Clubs in general if all those Secretaries who have tried the two systems—the gross and nett—would write to S.C.F. giving their experiences."

If the Secretaries of the Nett Clubs did not respond no one regrets it more than myself but I do not feel justified in "interviewing" them with a loaded revolver as Mr. Wickhart seems to think I should do.

Mr. Wickhart, however, gives us some figures which he considers so convincing that he says the "most rabid nett advocates will admit that the gross is far preferable to the nett system."

He takes a Nett Club which circulated a monthly packet of the nett value of £500.

"On an average the sales out of £500 should have amounted to not less than £60 instead of which although the Secretary himself often bought from £8 to £12 out of the packets, the total of sales never exceeded £40."

Why the sales "should have amounted to not less than £60" is not at all clear, seeing that we are not told *how many members saw the packet*. Nor is it clear why the Secretary's taking should be particularly mentioned. The Secretary of a Club has "first pick" and if he finds that he can take £8 or £12 worth of bargains it is evident that they must have been there to take but nothing more.

Mr. Wickhart does not say that all the nett priced packets were *British Colonials*—the sale of which always has the best per centage—but calmly compares them with the *British packet* for November in the Northern, of the gross value of £986 which had a gross sale of £164 4s. 6d., or about 16½% of its original value—not nearly 20% as stated.

Nor does Mr. Wickhart tell us *how many members saw the November British packet* of the Northern.

Now if a Secretary has a British packet worth £1,000 gross to circulate (the number of contributors is immaterial) among 80 members and taking eight months to circulate, the packet sells £160 gross, and the Secretary of a Nett Club has a British packet worth £500 nett to circulate among 40 members and taking four months to circulate, the packet sells £40 nett would these figures prove the overwhelming superiority of gross prices over the nett? I say, certainly not. And yet this may be what Mr. Wickhart asks us to believe, for all his figures say to the contrary.

Nor are we to take into consideration that the Northern is an old established Club and the other a new Club trying a new system.

Put a draper's, the exact counterpart in every way of Marshall and Snelgroves, in the next block of buildings in Oxford Street.

Do you suppose that any business man would expect that new business to show an equal profit with the old.

No certainly not, not for many years.

Mr. Wickhart says: "Your correspondent who advocates nett pricing seems to think that he has only to mark his stamps at inflated prices and the collectors will clear his sheets."

If Mr. Wickhart will read my letter of July 19th again in which I refer to the pricing of stamps, he will at once see what a wild reckless and uncalled for accusation he makes against me.

Then Mr. Wickhart wants to know why I object to the 50% discount system if this is not reason.

I object to it for the same reason that Mr. Wickhart objects to it—because it gives me more trouble than nett prices would—because it is an antiquated and senseless system which cannot be defended by one single sound and satisfactory argument.

The 50% system has been upheld on account of its popularity and its popularity is not far to seek. To 70% of Exchange Club members 50% means "Half catalogue." Their knowledge of prices is derived solely from Gibbons' Catalogue, and whether they are the inflated prices of the 1897 Catalogue issued previous to the attempted flotation of Stanley Gibbons into a Company, or the prices of the 1903 Catalogue, where stamps are frequently quoted at about Auction prices, e.g., 1st issue of the Gold Coast, 5/- Zululand, &c., and other stamps which have not fallen one farthing in value

have been reduced from the prices of the previous Catalogue, the cry still remains "50% for ever."

Stamps, nevertheless, have not decreased in value but have decidedly increased in the last five years.

Stanley Gibbons have only altered their method of trading and the cry of "half catalogue" except in the case of the common stamps generally circulated in Stamp Clubs is worse than meaningless—it is suicidal.

Mr. Wickhart writes of me again:—"For him to say that the 50% Clubs keep down prices is utterly absurd."

It would have been utterly absurd had I said so, but I never said anything of the kind.

In my letter of August 16th, I wrote:—"Members who . . . expect to buy, and insist upon buying, only stamps which are marked at half catalogue, or less (*i.e.* nett), they will as a natural consequence, circulate a very poor class of stamp in their Club—the dealers and the Auctions offering to vendors a better market for cash."

Exchange Clubs have no more power to keep down the price of stamps than a little boy on the sea shore, with a broom, can prevent the tide rising but what they can, and do, is to discourage the circulation of good stamps.

Here is an instance—I tried about two or three years ago to make a collection of British East Africa—unused—determining that I would add to my collection only those stamps which were taken from Club sheets. What was the result? The common stamps "came pouring in gaily" but when I wanted any of the July 1895 issue, for example, not a single copy could I find on the Northern, Birmingham or other Club sheets, *at any price*.

These I had to buy from dealers or at auction because they are worth more than half catalogue and do not sell in Exchange Clubs when marked at their fair value.

I have been connected with Exchange Clubs for over four years and in that time have sold four times the value and number of the stamps which I have been able to buy.

Though perfectly willing to buy at fair prices it has been impossible to do so because the stamps were not there!

Mr. Johnson's remark that "Very few stamps, excepting current mint and some varieties in superb condition, are worth more than half catalogue" is too ludicrous to demand any reply and though it may bring in a few shillings commission to the Birmingham is certainly not for the good of philately.

I never asked for the name of a Secretary who had enforced the full gross amount, nor did I ever deny the legal right of a Secretary to do so but I do deny the *moral* right to victimise a poor unfortunate member when scores of others have been let off scot free.

Mr. Johnson's threat to continue this system of tyranny is too blood curdling when we are confronted with the amount of fines imposed in the Birmingham for the year ending September 30th, 1901—*five and ninepence!!!*

Exchanges are certainly the mainstay of philately, and the smoother they can be worked the better, but a clumsy and senseless system is not conducive to that end.

Members who have nothing to sell call out "50% for ever," because, they say, they can buy cheaply, but they never think who is going to supply them with cheap stamps. The consequence is there is the same endless round of rubbish.

It is not reasonable to suppose that a man can sell a stamp at auction price even, when time, risk, and commission are considered, to say nothing of the trouble taken to view the lots, bid at the auction, &c., and yet the man who gets beyond the half catalogue idea never soars beyond the auction price idea.

Where then are the good stamps to come from—I am not speaking of rarities in superb condition, but *good* stamps, and there are hundreds of them appearing in nearly every sale and fetching about two-thirds catalogues—where are these good stamps to come from if the auctions do not supply them? Echo answers "Where?"

The cry of 50% means only the dead levelling of good and bad stamps, and the result is that only bad stamps are circulated even in the best club packets and they are not worth the postage of 8d. or 9d. to look through, except to bargain-hunters and beginners.

I look upon this matter from a philatelic point of view, and not from the commission point of view.

GEO. L. EDWARDS.

Mr. Karl Wichen, whose interesting letter we are unable to publish in full, contends that the plain answer to our plain question is the fact that the contributors of sheets to nett clubs price their stamps higher than those who send sheets to the 50% clubs.

We have once again referred to this question in our editorial columns, but as there is now such a growing pressure on our space we must reluctantly bring the discussion to a close.

From the Auction Rooms.



TO the many philatelists who have missed Mr. H. Wilfred Plumridge's genial presence from the Auction rostrum it will come as pleasant news to hear that he hopes to be back in Chancery Lane in a few months' time. For the present the country claims him for its own. The doctor has ordered it. Although practically restored to health after his recent unfortunate cycling accident Mr. Plumridge needs time to make him thoroughly "fit" again. Meantime, his partner in the business, Mr. J. H. Telfer, will

have the benefit of expert advice and assistance in the technical part of the work, while Mr. Telfer's brother will superintend the business routine. Thus there will no hitch or interruption whatever in the steady progress of affairs at "63/64, Chancery Lane" until such time as Mr. Plumridge's old friends and clients are able to welcome him back again. Everything, in fact, will go on exactly as heretofore, and the firm, we feel sure, will continue to enjoy the confidence and support of all its clients.

Mr. Plumridge, by the way, is now a Benedick, and the *Fortnightly* proffers its congratulations and hearty good wishes to the happy couple.

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The superb block of four woodblock Cape's which formed one of the leading features of Messrs. Ventom Bull and Cooper's first sale of the season realised the satisfactory price of £350, after a long spell of bidding. It is said that both buyer and vendor are equally well satisfied—almost a Utopian state of affairs.

In the following realisations * signifies unused.

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Sept. 16th and 17th.		£	s.	d.
Turks Island, 1881, 2½d. on 1d. red, a vertical pair (S.G. Nos. 10 and 11), mint	..	11	0	0
Do. do. 2½d. on 1/- lilac (S.G. No. 31), fine* with gum	..	4	0	0
Do. 4d. on 1/- lilac (S.G. No. 37), mint	..	3	5	0
Do. 1881, CC. 4d. blue, a mint pair	..	1	4	0
Virgin Islands, 1867, 1/- rose-carmine on white, used and fine	..	2	15	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. golden bronze, superb	..	3	15	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, Sept. 23rd and 24th, 1902.

EUROPE.				
Bergedorf, 1861, 3sch. black on rose, error* and fine, with gum a little thinned	..	5	0	0
Great Britain, 1840, imperf., 1d. black, V.R., unused and fine, no gum	..	7	0	0
Do. 1854-57, wmk. small crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, unused in mint state	..	5	2	6
Do. do. wmk. large crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, plate 6, a fine block of 12, unused in mint state	..	12	15	0
Do. 1855-57, 4d. carmine, wmk. small garter, unused and fine, but has been re-perforated at top	..	7	5	0
Do. 1/- green, die 2, very fine bright shade, unused in mint state	..	7	7	0
Do. 9 crazie grey lilac, unused and fine but no gum, very scarce	..	6	0	0
Holland, do., perf. 10 x 10½, 15c. chestnut, lightly cancelled, but top right corner slightly defective	..	4	15	0
Portugal, 1866, 120 reis blue, with lozenge perf., very fine	..	3	3	0

ASIA.

Ceylon, do., 4d. rose, a nice copy but a little thinned	..	8	0	0
Do. another nice copy, but rather heavily cancelled	..	4	10	0
Do. 8d. brown, fine	..	8	5	0
Do. 9d. lilac-brown, unused, a nice copy, very rare	..	25	0	0
Do. 2/- blue, very large margins and fine, but slightly thinned	..	4	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Ceylon, 8d. yellow-brown, unused and with gum, but perfs. a little clipped at bottom ..	4	0	0
Do. 1863-67, wmk. C.C., 2d. emerald, a very fine pair, unused in mint state ..	3	7	6
Labuan, 1883, M.S., provisional, 1 dollar in red on 16c. blue, unused and very fine ..	7	10	0
AFRICA.			
British South Africa, £10 brown, unused in mint state ..	9	15	0
Do. 1861, woodblocks, 1d. red, fine ..	4	4	0
Do. 1d. scarlet, very fine, but cut close at right ..	2	17	6
Do. 4d. blue, a very fine pair ..	8	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 4d. dark blue, very fine ..	7	10	0
Do. 4d. dark blue, a superb block of 18 ..	17	5	0
Do. 6d. mauve, a superb pair, unused in mint state ..	3	5	0
Mauritius, 2d. blue, the error "Penoe" early medium impression, lightly cancelled, fine colour and very large margins on three sides ..	10	10	0
Transvaal, 1877, V.R. Transvaal, red surcharge, imperf., 6d. blue, fine and lightly cancelled ..	6	2	6
Do. 1 Penny in red on 6d. black, a vertical strip of 5, types 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16, unused in mint state, but a few perfs. are clipped ..	39	0	0
Do. another, type 12, unused in mint state ..	8	5	0
British Columbia, 1865, imperf., 5c. rose, a fine lightly cancelled copy with large margins, but is skilfully repaired in one corner ..	6	15	0
Do. 7½d. green, unused and very fine, but no gum ..	4	0	0
Nova Scotia, do., 1/- purple, unused, good margins and very fine ..	21	0	0
Do. another used, lightly cancelled, but a trifle thinned ..	6	10	0
St. Vincent, 1881, One Penny on 6d. yellow-green, unused in mint state and very fine ..	4	0	0
Do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion, very fine ..	7	10	0
British Guiana, 1850, 12c. blue, cut square, on entire original, a very fine copy but a little creased ..	17	0	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, a fine copy but corners cut ..	4	4	0
New South Wales, do., 1d. carmine, a pair, Nos. 14 and 15 (variety no clouds) superb ..	8	0	0
Do. plate 2, 2d. deep grey-blue, early impression and very fine, on entire original ..	4	10	0
Do. 2d. dark grey-blue, early impression, No. 1 (variety shading outside fan), large margins and superb, on entire original ..	4	12	6
Do. plate 3, 1st retouch, 2d. indigo, superb, on entire original ..	4	12	6
Do. 2d. blue, with stars, a strip of 4, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, very fine ..	7	0	0
Do. 3d. green, the rare error with wmk. "2," a fine bright copy but a little cut into at right ..	6	10	0
Do. another copy, very fair ..	7	15	0
New Zealand, do, on bleuté, 1/- green, unused, very small defect on "i" of "Zealand," but a nice copy, exceedingly rare ..	9	10	0
Do. 6d. black-brown, a superb strip of 4, unused, in mint state ..	8	5	0
Do. 6d. deep red-brown, a superb block of 4, unused, in mint state ..	6	15	0
Do. 1872, wmk. N.Z., 1d. brown, very fair ..	10	10	0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brown on red, unused, and very fine, with part gum (see photo) ..	7	0	0
Do. 6d. bronze, fine ..	2	10	0
Do. rouletted, 2d. brown on red, unused and fine, roulettes on two sides and partly at bottom (see photo) ..	5	15	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER's Sale,
September 25th and 26th, 1902.

Gibraltar, 1/- bistre, fine ..	2	0	0
Brunswick, Perces en Arc, 18gr. black on yellow ..	2	12	0
Afghanistan, 1289, 6 shahi purple, 3 on originals ..	15	0	0
Do. 1293, abasi, black, fine ..	4	10	0
Do. sunar, purple, fine ..	5	0	0
Do. abasi, purple ..	4	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Ceylon, 5c. on 48c. carmine, unused, with gum ..	4	15	0
India, 1856-64, 2 annas yellow-green * with gum ..	3	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1861, 1d. scarlet, a block of 4 containing the 4d. red error, on entire ..	350	0	0
Do. woodblock, 1d. scarlet, block of 4 on entire ..	50	0	0
Do. 4d. blue, uncanceled specimen on entire ..	30	0	0
Bolivia, 1871, eleven stars, 500c. black * with gum ..	2	17	6

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale,

September 30th and October 1st, 1902.

British East Africa, 1891, 1a. on 3a. dull-red, surcharged in manuscript on small piece, fine ..	2	5	0
Do. another, not on piece, very fine ..	2	5	0
Do. 1a. on 4a. brown, used, on small piece, fine ..	2	5	0
British Guiana, 1888-9, 1 dollar green and black, very fine, used ..	1	18	0
Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking Besieged, 1/- on 6d. lilac and red, very fine ..	2	0	0
Ceylon, 1861, rough perfs., 4d. rose-red, very fine ..	0	15	0
Gibraltar, 1889, 25c. on 2d. brown-lilac, the error short "1," mint ..	0	17	0
Great Britain, 1867-82, £5 orange, very fine ..	1	6	0
New South Wales, Sydney view, plate 1, 1d. carmine on yellowish, superb ..	4	0	0
Orange River Colony, 1902, 4d. in red on 6d. blue, a mint pane of 60, showing varieties ..	1	6	0
Sierra Leone, 1897, 2½d. on 2/- mauve, fine,* with gum, but slightly creased ..	2	2	0
Transvaal, 1877, V.R. Transvaal, 6d. blue, surcharge inverted, imperf., top right corner damaged, otherwise fine ..	2	18	0
Do. 1900, V.R.L., £5 green, mint ..	5	5	0
Do. a collection in "Imperial," a valuable lot ..	33	0	0

Mr. W. HADLOW'S Sale,

September 29th and October 2nd, 1902.

British East Africa on Zanzibar, 1r., double surcharge* ..	1	4	0
Perak, P.G.S., Crown and C.C., 24c., mint ..	2	15	0
Niger Coast, Gibbons' No. 7 (3) and No. 26 ..	2	2	0
Do. do. No. 25 ..	4	12	6
Do. do. No. 26 (3) ..	3	15	0
Do. do. No. 22 (3) with 3 ordinary 1d. ..	13	5	0
Do. 1898-01, 10 - deep violet, mint sheet of 20 ..	13	15	0
Do. Gibbons' No. 22 ..	4	15	0
Do. do. No. 9* ..	3	3	0

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Liverpool Philatelic Society resumed their ordinary meetings on Monday, September 15th, at the Alexander Hotel, Dale Street, there being an excellent attendance.

This being the first meeting since the summer vacation there was very little business to be done.

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in the month of October and all members will receive due notice of the same.

W. HALFPENNY, Hon. Secretary, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool.

JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

THE fourth season of this Society opened on Saturday, October 4th, at Clapham Hall, when the President delivered his annual address. A general sale and exchange in the form of a private auction was successfully conducted by Mr. C. B. James, and the first part of the collection of the stamps of Great Britain, formed by Mr. Ernest Heginbottom, B.A., of Rochdale, was displayed. Mr. Heginbottom has kindly arranged with the Committee that his vast collection of British stamps should be examined in eight parts by the members at different meetings of the Society throughout the season.

Important announcement.—On Monday, October 20th, at eight o'clock, the President, Mr. Fred J. Melville, will

deliver his lecture, entitled: "His Majesty's Mails" (illustrated by numerous blue-light views), in Clapham Assembly Rooms, opposite Clapham Road Station L. C. D. and L. B. and S. C. Railways). Seats will be reserved for members of the Society, and others may obtain tickets, price 1/- each, from the Hon. Secretary.

The prospectus for the new season (1902-3) is now ready and will be sent with pleasure to anyone on application. The ordinary meetings of the Society are held in Clapham Hall, 33, Old Town, Clapham, from 7 till 10 p.m.

The programme for the remaining part of this year is as follows:—

Saturday, Nov. 1.	7.45—Sale and Exchange.
	8.15—Display—Great Britain. Part II.
	8.30—Ten Minute Papers—"The growth of my collection."
" .. 15.	8.0—Paper and Display, "Mexican Local Stamps," by Rudolph Frenzel, Esq.
" Dec. 6.	7.45—Sale and Exchange.
	8.15—Display—Great Britain. Part III.
	8.30—General Exhibit of Members' Albums.
" .. 20.	8.0—Paper, "The Manufacture of a Postage Stamp," by A. R. McCallum, Esq.

HERBERT F. JOHNSON, *Hon. Secretary*, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXCHANGE CLUB.

The July packets have returned and all accounts have been sent out. Results are fair for the time of year, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.	
Colonial packet, 226 stamps	...	8	10	2 Nett.
General .. 317 ..	...	9	11	7½ Gross.

October Colonial packet sent off on the 1st with 30 sheets; nett value, £150 11s. 10d.—The General packet will be despatched on the 10th.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 140, Loughborough Park, Brixton, S.W.

BEGINNERS' STAMP EXCHANGE.

At the commencement of the third season of this Exchange the Secretary has much pleasure in stating that the Club is in a flourishing condition, there being 45 members—33 of whom always see the packets. Sales on the average last year were very good, but members should remember that stamps which are priced at full catalogue value do not go so readily as those marked at Exchange rates.

The July packet accounts are settled and the next packet will start on October 1st, probably before this notice appears. There are five vacancies for reliable members. Rules will be sent on receipt of ¼d. stamp.

Secretary, Miss FLORENCE E. SMITH, (Member S.E.P.S.), Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

The July packet has returned from its rounds. From a total of £195 over £30 has been sold. The September packet lately sent out amounted to £251. For the July—September quarter the value of sheets circulated is £750 against £550 of the corresponding period last year.

Several new members have lately joined the Club, which is a very healthy sign of the growing popularity of fiscals.

Those in any way interested or curious regarding revenues, should ask to inspect one of the packets. There is then but little doubt that they will desire to become members.

Fiscals will be valued and sold through the Club at a small commission, if desired.

Rules and any information will be willingly furnished by the *Hon. Sec.*, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

The July packet of this Club has returned to Secretary, and the accounts will probably be settled by October 7th. The August packet is due back about the 29th September, when accounts will be presented promptly as usual. The September packet was a very small one, with a very short postal list, owing probably to the fact that more than half the members were away from home for that month. The Secretary, however, hopes that the October packet may be up to the usual standard, and so start a good winter season.

There are a few vacancies for responsible collectors.

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TASMANIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the residence of the Secretary (Castray Esplanade, Hobart), on the 9th July, when a good number of members were present, with Mr. Morgan (President) in the chair.

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed, and reports were submitted, read and accepted from the Exchange Superintendent, Treasurer and Secretary. The balance sheet was also presented and accepted.

Mr. W. N. Atkins (Exchange Superintendent) tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret.

After some routine business the election of officers for the year 1902-3 took place, as follows:

President: Captain Rich; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. R. Morgan and W. G. Davis; Committee: Messrs. C. M. Maxwell and W. J. Hooper; Exchange Superintendent and Treasurer: Mr. R. H. Plunkett; Secretary: Mr. Milford McArthur (re-elected).

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And many others too numerous to mention.

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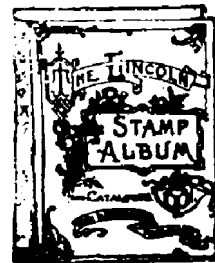
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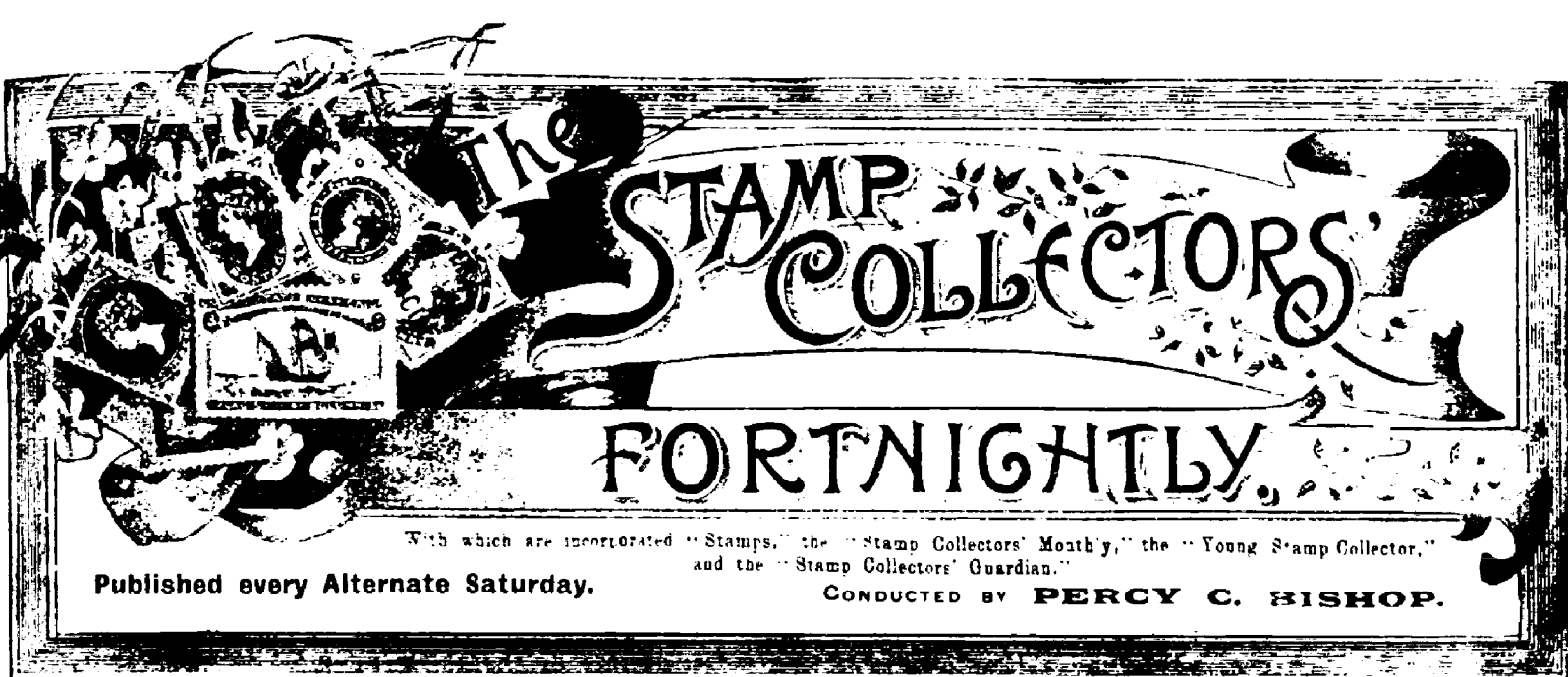
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Some Dangerous Mexican Reprints.

MR. W. T. WILSON, of Birmingham, writes us as follows:—
 "Access has evidently been had to the plate from which the 1868 issue of Mexico was made, as I have had submitted to me for opinion some very dangerous reprints of the 6c., 50c., 100c. black on brown, and 100c. brown on brown, both imperf. and saw tooth perf., also the error, 12c. black on brown. All I have seen had forged name, number, and date, and so cunningly have these surcharges been applied that the correct numbers corresponding to the town name has been used.

"I consider it inadvisable to point out the differences, but will gratuitously examine any of these stamps if sent me with stamped addressed envelope for their return.

"These reprints emanate from St. Louis, U.S.A., and are usually mixed with genuine 12c. and 25c. stamps. The reprint from the altered die of the 3c. Eagle, 1864, usually accompanies the above."

Philately at the Vatican!

THE Pope, the newspapers tell us, is an enthusiastic stamp collector. It is also said that the Roman Catholic priests of Cashmere are getting together a collection of the obsolete stamps of Jammu and Cashmere to be presented to his Holiness on the occasion of his Silver Papal Jubilee.

Federal Postal Affairs.

THE "Sydney Daily Telegraph" of August 28th brings a full report of the debate on the Postal Rates Bill in the Federal Parliament. The chief questions raised were the inter-colonial penny post and the rates for newspaper postage.

Mr. Cook (N.S.W.) pointed out that the Commonwealth was the only part of the British Empire that did not have the penny post. As showing how the probable loss was invariably over-estimated, he said that Victoria only lost about £11,000 during the first year. He did not believe that the loss for the whole of the Commonwealth would be very great, and would be nothing compared to the great advantages gained by the people.

Sir Philip Fysh replied that the loss in Victoria was £50,000, in addition to the £11,000 stated by Mr. Cook. He quoted a report presented by the Deputy Postmaster-General in 1900 showing that the loss on the penny post was estimated as follows: New South Wales £83,000, Victoria £53,000, South Australia £40,000, Queensland £58,886, Tasmania £24,500, West Australia £34,000.

Mr. Cook (N.S.W.): It is absolutely impossible that there could be such a loss in New South Wales. Many places there now have the penny post under town rates.

Sir Philip Fysh: If the penny post was also made to apply to letters to Great Britain, there would be an additional loss of £21,000. In the present state of affairs it would be disastrous to Tasmania and Queensland to introduce the penny post.

Finally, the penny post proposal was negatived by 33 votes to 10, and an attempt to introduce the American system of postal rates for newspapers, whereby the publisher of a newspaper would pay only 3d. per pound weight in bulk, met with a similar fate.

No International Stamps Yet.

THE "contab" now going on among the countries of the Postal Union regard an issue of international postage stamps is unlikely to lead to any practical result. It is now generally recognised that the existence of international stamps would lead to serious complications, to say nothing of trickery and fraud, in the exchange of money, and in the transmission of money from one country to another.

By Order of the Czar!

THE Jewish Colonial Trust, a most innocent and peaceful enterprise, has been solemnly banned by the Government of the Czar of All the Russias. And all because of the "Zionist" stamp.

It appears that among the schemes which the Jewish Colonial Trust is prosecuting is one for the purchase of land in Palestine. In support of this scheme the trust has issued an enormous number of stamps, something like postage stamps, which are printed in Vienna, and are sold in large numbers to the supporters of the movement. They are merely souvenirs sold at the value of the smallest coin in each country, and there is nothing printed on them except the Hebrew characters for the word "Zion."

The Russian authorities, however, coming across these

stamps in the post, seem to have suspected that they hid some political plot, and were in the nature of a secret propaganda. Therefore, to be on the safe side, they have prohibited the introduction of any of the documents issued by the society.

The British Customs authorities (the "Daily Mail" has discovered) once made a similar mistake in connection with these same stamps. They seized a large parcel in the post, and, mistaking the Hebrew characters for Japanese, detained them for several weeks until their full significance was ascertained. The seizure was made by virtue of a regulation which requires all Japanese matter sent open through the post to be translated before being delivered.

Concerning the 12d. Canada.

MR. FRANK C. YOUNG, of Syracuse, U.S.A., sends us the following most interesting letter:—

On the course of a search for information on the 12d. black of Canada I read a reprinted article on this rare stamp in your issue of December 7th, 1901, which was so full of inaccuracies that I could not refrain from compiling for you what I, from my readings, consider the true story of the stamp in question. With your permission I will endeavour to tell the story in my own way, answering all the inaccuracies, but not in the order in which they occur in the article mentioned.

The stamps were printed by Messrs. Rawden, Wright, Hatch and Edson, of New York, and were received in Canada May 4th, 1851, to the number of 51,000, and the first stamps were issued to the Postmaster at Hamilton, Ont., June 14th, 1851. Subsequently they were issued to postmasters at various dates and in various numbers, from 15 to 200, until December 4th, 1854, at which time 1,510 had been issued. On May 1st, 1857, the balance on hand, 49,490 stamps, were destroyed.

Only one lot of this stamp was ever received from the printers by the Canadian postal authorities, that catalogued as the laid issue of 1851. The so-called wove stamps of 1852 are undoubtedly proofs. One of the best authorities on British North America, Mr. C. A. Howes, states in a recent article that every copy on wove paper either has the word "specimen" in red or traces of its removal.

The reason for so few of them being used is likely the limited use to which they could be put in the way of one stamp to a letter. While the postage to Great Britain was 1s., that meant 1s. sterling, and as these stamps were sold for a slightly depreciated Canadian currency, one stamp would not frank a letter to the mother country. Consequently the stamps were used on double weight letters to the United States, or on single weight letters to the West Indies, which, together with the lack of stamp collecting in those days, accounts for so few of them being saved.

The reason for the value being expressed 12-pence rather than one shilling was undoubtedly that in territory contiguous to the United States, the expression "shilling" was used for 12½ cents, about 6½d., and in other localities "shillings" of different valuations were used, but 12-pence could mean nothing but twelve large, round copper cart wheels, or their equivalent.

As to the statement that the earlier catalogues did not catalogue it at all or considered it an "essay," I am not prepared to say positively, as the earliest catalogue at hand, Mount Brown's fourth edition, 1863, certainly catalogues it as a stamp issue. The following item from the "Stamp Collectors' Monthly Gazette," of St. John, New Brunswick, Sept. 1st, 1865, might be considered to have a bearing on this point, and is certainly interesting in other ways. Speaking of the 12d. Canada, the Gazette says:

"This stamp is now (the genuine) one of the rarest in existence, and very readily obtains such prices as \$4 and even \$5 for one specimen. Proofs are often offered for sale on India paper with the word 'specimen' printed at the side. Amateur collectors must content themselves with this last, for it is utterly impossible to obtain the real Simon pure article for less than the sums we name, and even then it is doubtful whether it can be had at that price or not."

By 1871 the price had raised slightly, as one sold in a Boston auction at \$14.00. But this price was beaten only a few years ago. A collector in Kingston, Ontario, bought one of a boy for \$2, but soon after sold it for \$260, which was merely a case of robbing the boy.

A pair of these rare stamps, the only one of which I have heard, sold in Boston for \$1,300.

The only copy known on entire original cover, after many journeyings and being sold many times in both London and the United States, the last time in London for £120, is at rest in the collection of John F. Seybold, Syracuse, U.S., and is considered by Mr. Seybold to be one of the gems of his remarkable collection of covers.

I hope I have covered the subject without causing too great a "tired feeling."

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

MY notes on the contents of the new Catalogue of Spain and her Colonies seem likely to occupy another month's space, but I feel that it is important to make without delay such additions and corrections as I can, as there are doubtless many collectors who will at once set to work to arrange their stamps by this modern list.

Continuing the examination of the Sello series I have a further note or two of but slight importance.

No. 676 is type 61. No. 1022 should be 3p.

Stamps of the 1869 issue are likely to be found with the HABILITADO POR LA NACION overprint; I have the 40c. de esc. Type 56, non-adhesive, thus ornamented. I have two copies of the non-adhesive corresponding to No. 781 used as adhesives on a portion of a Policy, but I believe that they were so used with fraudulent intent after doing previous duty, and not officially or by permission. In connection with the curious little list of *soi-disant* "essays" numbered 870 to 872, I may make mention of a used non-adhesive of the same type but of higher value:—2 pesetas (8^o) red-brown.

In the Timbre Movil series there are a few marked colour shades to be noted, and one mistake:

No. 1104 was also printed in pale blue, and in violet.
1107 in yellow green.
1112 in carmine instead of ultramarine.
1113 in two distinct shades of red-brown.

With regard to the Municipal and Corporation stamps, the enumeration and illustration of which occupy so much space, I must say that a complaint that has reached me seems to have much justification, for it is certainly not usual to list stamps of this kind in such a way as to suggest that they are of as much importance as the general issues. Instead of commencing the list of the Municipal stamps of Barcelona in the same column as the conclusion of the Timbre Movil series, it would, I think, have been much better to have relegated the whole of the locals to a separate division at the end of the volume.

There are, however, certain series of Provincial Control stamps (Nos. 1459 to 1589) which are probably as popular as any of the general emissions, and must be regarded as exceptions, many of them being quite common, and all very attractive. It may also be questioned whether the Fosforos labels which follow them (No. 1590 to 1599) are correctly classified as private stamps, for they have all the appearance of a regular Government issue. Considering their limited interest, I will not occupy space with a list of additions to this section.

We come now to the issues for the Colonies, and it is at once made evident that there is plenty of useful work remaining to be done. Cannot some of our American friends do away with the puzzle of the first Derecho Judicial issue by resolving the present list into its proper constituents? Leaving shades out of the question, we have half-a-dozen values, each in half-a-dozen colours, which looks like two issues for each of the three Colonies. Collectors should be careful to note the country of origin whenever they find copies on entire forms. The present list may be further extended by adding:—

½ real, pale green; and 10r., violet-brown.

I find a few slight differences between my copies and the descriptions given under the headings of Derecho Judicial and Documentos de Policia:

92a. Add 25 esc., violet.	380. Red-brown.
132. Purple-brown.	381. Yellow bistre on yellow.
336. Carmine on yellow.	396. Royal blue.
377. Dull violet on primrose.	400. Carmine on primrose.

Some addition or alteration is needed under the heading of "Sello de Refrendo" section (c), to cover my single copies of the two varieties listed, for the yellow GRATIS stamp is lettered at right DE PASAPORTES only, and therefore may or may not be No. 423. Under Derecho Judicial, No. 432

should be brown-violet, and the last two words in this division should be deleted and (Page 62' substituted therefor.

Despite the fact that the stamps of the Giro series are the best known in this country, it is clear that we have still a good deal to learn about them. To the list of the first issue may be added:—

650a and 658a yellow-brown.

No. 679 is apparently the same as No. 763.

There are probably several values to be listed under the heading supplied to No. 697; I can add the 40c. blue.

No. 701 should be 75c.

Has anyone seen a *used* copy of any of the imperforate Giro stamps of which so many are listed?

The description of the arrangement of the Pagos al Estado stamps is either incorrect or insufficient so far as the first issue is concerned, for I have horizontal pairs in which both stamps are inscribed either PARTE SUPERIOR OR PARTE INFERIOR. The description, however, holds good for subsequent issues, so far as my knowledge goes.

Coming to the Recibos series it appears that the compiler has overlooked the fact that the overprint on Type 279 is not the same as that shown as Type 273b. As a matter of fact, both exist, save that to the latter design the date 1883 should be added twice in the same way as it appears on the former, and the value similarly placed beneath it.

The best way to make the correction is to strike out the "Type 279" against No. 1211, and to enter it as (f) over 1211a. 25c. de peso, deep carmine.

There is still another type, not illustrated, which is quite different from the others, and may be described as a small floral ornament set in a double square, the space between being filled with large and small pearls alternating, outside this are ornamental scrolls amongst which the figures of the date appear as on types (e) and (f):

(h) with square dated type.

1211 b. 25c. de p., deep carmine.

It does not appear in what way No. 1214 differs from No. 1213. Possibly one of them should be yellow-green as my copy answers to that description.

It is quite certain that we have still a good deal to learn about the Sello issues for the Spanish Colonies. The foot notes on pp. 77, 85 and 86 call attention to certain deficiencies in our knowledge, and there appears to be a big gap to be filled in on page 94 between the 1888 and 1898 issues for the Philippines. These, however, do not exhaust the list of our shortcomings, for I shall have to bring forward one regular adhesive for which no place has yet been found, and some Cuban provisionals. These latter indicate a recurrent failure in the supply of the lowest value, which was met by taking strips of three of the 25c. de p. Recibos stamps, and cutting them in half by diagonally bisecting the centre one. The required value, 37½c. de p., was thus properly made up. Provisionals of this kind were in use in 1882, 1883 and 1884, and probably in 1881 as well, for I have seen the blue Receipt stamp of that date thus used. I possess the 1882 variety on a piece with a nice cancellation across the half stamp and on to the document, and this was used in Havana on June 9th, 1882. I also have two specimens of the ornamented issue of 1883 similarly treated, and an uncut pair of this period (presumably making together 50c. de p.), for the existence of which I am not able to satisfactorily account. The additions to the catalogue may be made as follows:

	Recibos, 25c. de p.	Half of three stamps.
1881.	37½c. de p.,	blue.
1882	"	carmine.
1883	"	Types 272 and 273.
	"	Type 273b.
1884	"	pink.

Unsevered pair.

1883. (?) 50c. de p., carmine. Types 272 and 273.

Coming to the 1886 Y 87 issue I find two things that worry me, the more important being the difficulty of placing a stamp that agrees with the description of No. 1250 as regards design and inscription at top, but bears the value 50c. de peso, and is printed in a warm brown. I can find no

place for such a stamp lettered 11° in any of the Colonies, though it may have been printed for the Philippines, forming one of an earlier set showing higher rates than those listed. To add to the present confusion, though it may be of assistance later on, I can bring forward two Colonial non-adhesives of the same date, value—35c. de p.—colour, and general design as No. 1250, but one is lettered 11° and the other 12°, and there are differences in the frame, spandrels and size of the inscriptions. One of these may correspond to a stamp belonging to the set from which my 50c. de p. has come, but the larger lettering would indicate otherwise. I have also non-adhesives conforming in all respects with Nos. 1276 and 1303, except that they are printed in brown, which may denote a correspondence with similar adhesives.

The Transportes stamps were printed in pairs, with control numbers on both sides, like the Pagos al Estados.

Passing over the Municipal and Private stamps, we come to Porto Rico, to the lists of which I can add but little. The Sello set for 1890 is of type 91; No. 233 is green, and No. 239 vermilion. No. 364 should be blue instead of brown.

The fiscal issues of the Philippines seem to be better known in this country than those of the other Spanish Colonies, so, in all probability, the lists of Firma, Judicial and Giro stamps are fairly complete. No. 24 is found with white and with brown gum, which causes a surprising variation in facial appearance. No 82 comes in pale and in deep blue; and to this Firma list may be added:—

83a. 5 pesos. brown.

Naturally, the U.S. Occupation issues are somewhat incomplete, as the official records take but small note of the numerous varieties produced by the local designers and operators, but I have little to add to the list other than the varieties recently chronicled in these columns.

There will undoubtedly be a large number of additions to make to the meagre chronicle of Fernando Po's operations, when, at some future date, a little lot turns up, or some official records reach us. Meanwhile, we may lift from the postage stamp catalogues:—

471. 1900. 10c. de p. blue.

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Philatelic Notes from all Quarters.

A Birmingham contemporary heads an article from a Transatlantic stamp journal with the words, "Translated from the *American* of E. R. Aldrich." This is severe, indeed!

"Morley's Journal" is informed that a gentleman wishes to purchase a fine collection of fiscals for £1000. Who says fiscals have no future?

Here is a story of Japanese forgeries recalling a recent comment in the *Fortnightly*. "One of our readers who recently visited Nagasaki, says 'Mekeel's Stamp Collector,' bought what appeared to be a complete collection of all Japanese postage stamps, intending to present the lot to a friend who was a collector. The stamps, twenty-five in number, were all mounted on a large sheet with description in Japanese and English, and presented a very favourable appearance. All but a few of the commonest issues were counterfeits, and bore in addition forged cancellations!"

Save us from Catalogues! "A strong effort (remarks the "Metropolitan Philatelist") is being made to popularize revenue stamp collecting, which has many followers in this and other countries. Many things can be said in their favour, but that which is most likely to attract converts is the absence of a catalogue, practically putting every amateur on the same footing. In its day the catalogue was a great institution and help to stamp collecting but that day has passed, its principal use at the present time is to act as a scarecrow and show would be collectors the impossibility of having a complete collection."

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Rational Stamp Collecting.

To this number of the *Fortnightly* a short article is contributed by Mr. F. M. Sexton, the headline of which, "A Plea for 'Rational' Collecting," will at once arrest attention. Many will pooh pooh Mr. Sexton's article altogether, while others will acclaim it as the expression of a very general feeling that "Dotty" Philately is being carried too far. It is no new thing for the *Fortnightly* to be discussing this question. Many, many months ago we first drew attention to the manifest absurdity of "microscopical" stamp collecting and since that time the subject has been taken up by many of the acknowledged leaders of philately, including Mr. M. P. Castle, Mr. H. R. Oldfield (whose "Limited Specialism" is merely a rebellion against the tyranny of the Dot) and many others.

Those philatelists to whom Mr. Sexton's article will specially appeal do not need to be told of the difficulties devolving upon philatelists as a consequence of the modern cult of the misplaced comma and the raised full-stop. They have learnt these difficulties in the hard school of experience, and many of them, like Mr. Sexton, would welcome a catalogue compiled on the lines suggested by our contributor.

To carry out that suggestion is, unfortunately, quite another matter. It is the old "Collectors' Catalogue" agitation in a new guise, and while the idea has our fullest sympathy we must frankly say that we have no proof before us that the preparation of such a catalogue would result in any financial kudos to its compilers and publishers. There is even a doubt whether it would not result in a serious loss.

On the broad question of a Rational catalogue—or to be a little fairer in our choice of a word, a "General Collector's Catalogue"—we fancy that the great majority of our readers will be heartily in sympathy with Mr. F. M. Sexton, and if that gentleman's interesting and suggestive article leads to any practical discussion of the question, then probably it will not have been written in vain.

Our readers' views and suggestions are invited.

With this number is sent out, as an inset, a circular hailing from our enterprising Ipswich friends, Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. Should any reader receive his *Fortnightly* without the inset a post card sent to Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. will bring a copy by return of post.

The British Official Issues are evidently being a trifle overdone when protests against them appear in the non-philatelic press! A writer in the "Western Daily Mercury" declares that "Great Britain will soon be looked upon by philatelists as little better than certain small Republics somewhere to the south-west if a stop is not put to the official overprinting of our ordinary stamps with special initials for use in different departments."

The New Gibbons' 1903 Catalogue.

PRICES—AND VALUES.

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THE stamps of Canada seem, on the whole, fairly priced. Nos. 59 to 61a are cheap, but we cannot say which of them is the cheapest as it is impossible to identify the shades by their names. A comparison of the last half-dozen editions of Gibbons and a few editions of Scott and Bright gives us a dozen names to select from while the stamps themselves appear in five distinct shades; but we can't be quite sure which names belong to which colours. The high values of the Jubilee issue are worth buying unused, they have not, apparently, been speculated in as the U.S. Columbus was, and should ultimately rise to good prices.

The prices of *Capes* have varied very much at Auctions during the past twelve months, and it is difficult to say what the market price is of a stamp such as the emerald green shilling unused which has been sold as high as £13 for a pair and as low as £24 for a block of eight. The average price for the season comes out higher than the £4 at which it is catalogued. The 1d. carmine-red, No. 23 is worth more unused than the 20/- at which it is priced, used it is very scarce and a fine copy is certainly cheap at 15/-. Nos. 47 and 48 are cheap at 3/- each used and No. 48 used should be more than 6d., it is not commoner than No. 53. No. 71 should rise in price, also No. 84 which was not in use for very long. Mafekings are likely to prove a good investment unused, with the exception of the bicycle and the B.P. with small head.

In *Ceylon* No. 15 is underpriced compared with No. 16, good copies of the yellow green stamps are very hard to find. The 2/- imperf. is, judging from the numbers to be seen in auctions or in dealers' stocks or in collections, just about as rare as the 4d. and 8d. copies with large margins are worth more than £8. No. 50 exists in two shades. The unused ones generally seen are of a dark brown, while the used ones are of a somewhat reddish brown colour, in this latter colour the stamp is very rare unused. Nos. 93 and 95 are underpriced, the 4c is the only one of the compound perfs. that is at all common. No. 152 is cheap at 6/- and Nos. 204 and 205 are perhaps worth buying. No. 202 will, no doubt, rise more in future editions.

The surcharged halfpenny of *Cook Islands*, No. 24, is well worth buying at 2/6, Senf's price is 15/-.

In *Cyprus* No. 20 is worth more than 50/-, it should be at least 60/- of the later issues, we would much rather buy the 6p., Die I., at 6/- than the 6p., Die II., at 12/6. All the stamps of Die II., are more easily obtainable unused than the corresponding values of Die I.

Nos. 6, 7 and 16 of *Dominica* are cheap at the prices quoted for used. No. 26 is a stamp worth buying at 40/- or more; even if obtained at the present cat. price of 65/-, it will prove profitable in years to come.

In *Falkland Isles* the cheapest stamp is No. 10, unused, at 15/-. Nos. 22, 23 may be worth buying to keep for a year or two.

In *Fiji* and *Gambia* we do not find anything especially cheap at the prices quoted.

Nos. 19, 20, 21 are the best of the *Gibraltar's* to buy at the prices given.

In *Gold Coast*, we should pick out No. 3, unused, at 40/-, and No. 9, unused, at 30/-. No. 20, also, is not dear at 25/-, unused.

In *Grenada*, Nos. 18 and 19, unused, are cheap, and Nos. 22 and 24 are not overpriced.

In *Hong Kong* we cannot find any great bargains, but we see no particular reason why Nos. 34, 35 and 37 should have been reduced since the 1901 edition of the catalogue. All the surcharges of 1876-77 are fairly scarce in unused condition.

Of the *Indian* stamps, the rupee values Nos. 92-94 are worth keeping either unused or used; really good used copies are hard to obtain, and should be well worth the prices quoted. Of the *Native States*, only those surcharged on Indian are worth buying as a speculation. Faridkot and Jhinds seem to be the hardest to get of the recent issues. The first four stamps of Jhind seem very cheap at the prices quoted.

(To be concluded in the next "Fortnightly.")

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.

Antioquia.—A correspondent of "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" writes to that journal: "I have seen a sheet of the 2c. blue of the new issue of Antioquia in which the 40th stamp is a 3c. Evidently a cliché of the 3c. stamp was inserted in the plate in error."

Bermuda.—We give an illustration of the design selected for the new stamps of the Bermudas, but up to the time of going to press we have not received the actual stamps.



Djibouti.—The 25c. of Obock has been surcharged "10—CENTIMES—DJIBOUTI" in three lines. A specimen is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Denmark.—From Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham, we have received specimens of the following Danish novelties:—

Postal Adhesives: 1 öre orange yellow.
15 öre mauve.
Official Stamps: 1 öre orange yellow.
5 öre green.
10 öre carmine.

Dutch Indies.—The oblong ½ cent lilac of the new type has been received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Great Britain.—"On looking over some ½d. green I.R. officials," writes Mr. W. H. Earl, "I noticed two distinct types of overprint. One is much bolder than the other, in my opinion not caused by an extra quality of ink in the printing but from different type being used. I have not seen this pointed out before although I have seen it noted with reference to Army Official ½d. vermilion."

Regarding recent references to varieties in "Army Official" stamps, Colour-Sergeant Churchman writes:

I have found a good many varieties of broken letters in the "Army Officials." In the ½d. vermilion I have a broken "R" and a broken "Y" in Army, and also a broken "I" in Official. I have also a broken "R" in the word Army of the 1d. lilac. Also in the 1d. red (King's Head). I have one with the "M" of Army broken.

I should consider these are caused by the ink not covering the type, or by the type not touching the stamp evenly.

I had an opportunity of examining a whole sheet of the 1d. reds the other day, and could only find one variety. This was the 2nd F of Official, almost touching the next letter "I." This appears on the lower pane, the 2nd stamp from the right, immediately over the control letter, and is also the same on the ½d. sheets.

I believe in the old issue (½d. vermilion) every letter can be found defective.

Mr. Charles Nissen informs us of the latest British fake. The other day he was offered an unused shilling stamp bearing what purported to be the overprint of the Board of Education in much larger type than usual. The discovery of many forgeries of British stamps, however, has made Mr. Nissen suspicious of this sort of thing, and he very promptly discovered that the overprint was utterly fraudulent.

Guatemala.—Some brand new "view" stamps are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.:—

1 centavo violet and green (*bird*.)
2 centavos black and carmine (*Equestrian picture of Barrios*.)
5 " black and blue (*Palacio de la Reforma*.)
10 " blue and yellow (*Lac de Amatitlan*.)
20 " black and mauve (*Cathedral*.)
50 " blue and red (*Columbus Theatre*.)

The colour first quoted in each case is the colour of the central portion of the stamp. All are of oblong shape and a

well-printed, handsome set of stamps, recalling the Omaha Labels of the United States.

At the same time Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a 20 centavos brown, in the "Bird" type, of 1901.

Hayti.—Awful news! The provisional surcharge, reading "Mai—Gt. Pre.—1902," has been followed by another beginning "Juin" instead of "Mai," and "Ewen's Weekly" gives currency to a rumour that this in turn has given place to still another lettered "Juillet," etc. Hayti, apparently, is fully aware of the slightly increased favour its stamps have lately found in philatelic eyes, and the postal administrators of the "Black Republic" are going to work us for monthly surcharges!!

Leeward Islands.—A correspondent has just acquired a ½d. mint Leeward Islands of the Jubilee issue with the word "Sexagenary" spelt "Sexagenasy," and the first "a" of the word an inverted "v."

New Zealand.—The ½d. "Postage Due" stamp of the new series is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Postage Due. ½d. green, red centre.

Stamp booklets have now been issued in New Zealand.

Of the current 1d. stamp Mr. A. Rosenberg sends us a strip of four with double horizontal perforation, 14 and 11x14. These form part of a sheet personally purchased by Mr. Rosenberg at the Post Office. "The sheet," he remarks, "seems to have been perf. 14 first, and as the stamps were not well perforated horizontally they were re-perforated 11."

The 3d. stamp on the new paper, watermarked single-line Star and N.Z., is sent us by Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, and from Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., of Dunedin, N.Z., we have received the 6d. on superfine white paper.

Orange River Colony.—Messrs. N. Yaar & Co., Amsterdam, notify us of the purchase of a very curious and interesting error belonging to the "V.R.I." series. This is the 1d. violet stamp of the second printing, with the "V" of the overprint being an inverted "A," thus: ∇ .R.I.

From Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. we have received the 6d. blue O.F.S. with the usual black surcharge "E.R.I.—6d."

Paraguay.—The 24 centavos blue (engraved) of the current type has been surcharged "Habilitado—en—20—Centavos" in four lines of red type. The vivid red overprint is almost undecipherable on the deep blue background of the 24c. stamp. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., whom we must thank for a specimen of this provisional issue, point out that one stamp on each sheet has the first "i" in "Habilitado" missing, thus: Hab litado.

"Ewen's Weekly," regarding the above stamp, tells us "it was issued on August 26th, and is formed by overprinting the lower halves of the sheets of 100. It is believed that the top halves of the sheets are being reserved for another provisional." A cheerful prospect!

Transvaal.—We are now able to describe the surcharged Fiscal stamp submitted by Mr. Bannister. This is the ordinary 1/- "Zegelregt" stamp, with the original value both in numerals and words barred out in red ink (apparently by hand) and with an overprint in two lines: "V.R.I.—1 PENNY." This overprint appears to have been applied by means of a rubber stamp. Altogether, it is a stamp that one would like to know more about before one purchased it. "I have sold over 4,000 penny V.R.I. Fiscal postals of the Transvaal," writes Mr. Bannister, in a letter accompanying the stamp, "but I have never seen this variety before. I should like to find out its history." Possibly some *Fortnightly* reader can shed a light on the subject. In the meantime we should add that there is nothing about the stamp to suggest that it is intended, or eligible, for postal use. In our paragraph in the last *Fortnightly*, by a slip of the pen, we stated that the stamp was "surcharged 'Postzegal,' and apparently genuinely used for postage," but such is not the case.



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No. 7.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1902.

UNUSED STAMPS.

	Per doz.	Per 100
	s. d.	s. d.
Albania, 1902, 10 paras on 5c. ...	0 8	5 0
" " 35 " 20c. ...	2 6	
" " 40 " 25c. ...	3 0	
Borneo Protectorate, 1902, 25c. ...	7 0	
British Honduras, 5c. King's head ...	2 11	
British Levant, 80 paras on 5d., King's head ...	4 8	
Bulgaria, 1902 (Shipka) 5 stot, rose ...	0 8	5 0
" " " 10 stot, green ...	1 3	10 0
" " " 15 stot, blue ...	1 11	15 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1902, 3d., magenta ...	3 6	
Chamba, 1902, ¼a., yellow-green ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1a., carmine ...	1 2	9 6
" " ¼a., Service ...	0 7	4 10
Cuba, 1864, ¼r., green ...	0 6	4 0
Danish West Indies, 8c. on 10c. ...	7 6	
Dutch Indies, ¼c. on 2c. ...	0 4	2 0
" " 2¼c. on 3c. ...	1 0	7 0
" " 1902, ¼c., violet ...	0 3	1 6
" " " 1c., olive ...	0 4	2 6
Gambia, 1902, ¼d., King's head ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1d., " " ...	1 2	9 6
Gibraltar, 1889, 5c. on ¼d. ...	9 0	
" " 10c. on 1d. ...	3 0	
Grenada, 1902, ¼d., King's head ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1d., " " ...	1 2	9 6
" " 2d., " " ...	2 4	
" " 2¼d., " " ...	2 11	
" " 3d., " " ...	3 6	
Guatemala, 1902, 1c. on 1c. ...	1 0	
" " 2c. on 1c. ...	1 9	
" " 6c. on 25c. ...	3 9	
" " 1c., green and purple ...	0 4	2 0
" " 2c., lake and black ...	0 7	4 0
India, 1902, King's head, 3 pies ...	0 4	2 5
" " " " ¼anna ...	0 7	4 10
" " " " 1anna ...	1 2	9 6
Jhind, 1½anna, brown ...	3 6	
Lagos, 4d., Queen's head ...	4 4	
Leeward Islands, ¼d., King's head ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1d., " " ...	1 2	9 6
" " 2¼d., " " ...	2 11	
Malta, 1d. on 2¼d., assorted shades ...	1 2	9 6
Nicaragua, 1900, 1c., puce ...	0 6	3 0
Niue, ¼d., watermark double-lined N.Z. ...	1 6	
" " 1d., " " ...	3 0	
" " ¼d., " " single-lined N.Z. ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1d., " " ...	1 2	9 6
" " 2¼d., no watermark ...	2 11	

	Per doz.	Per 100
	s. d.	s. d.
Orange River Colony, 4d. on 6d. ...	4 8	
Pahang, 4c., lilac and carmine ...	2 0	15 0
Paraguay, 1902, 20c. on 24c. ...	3 0	
Penrhyn Island, ¼d., double-lined N.Z. ...	1 6	
" " 1d., " " ...	3 0	
" " ¼d., single-lined N.Z. ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1d., " " ...	1 2	9 6
" " 2¼d., no watermark ...	2 11	
Perak, 1c., lilac and green ...	0 8	5 0
" " 2c., lilac and brown ...	1 3	10 0
St. Lucia, 1902, ¼d., King's head ...	0 7	4 10
" " 1d., " " ...	1 2	9 6
Straits Settlements, 1c., " " ...	0 4	2 4
" " 25c., " " ...	7 0	
Transvaal, ¼d., green, " E.R.I." ...	4 0	
" " 3d., mauve, " E.R.I." ...	3 6	
" " 4d., sage-green, " E.R.I." ...	4 8	
" " ¼d., King's head ...	0 7	4 10
Travancore, ¼ chuckram ...	0 8	4 6
Trinidad, 1902, ¼d., green ...	0 7	4 10

USED STAMPS.

	Per doz.	Per 100	Per 1000
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Curacao, 1895, 2¼c. on 30c. (catalogued at 3s.) ...	7 0		
Holland, 1891, 3c., orange ...	0 2	1 0	
Japanese Corea, 5 rin ...	0 6	3 6	
New Zealand:—			
1875, ¼d., rose, large star ...	0 5	3 0	
1882, ¼d., rose, N.Z. & star ...	0 5	3 0	
" " ¼d., black ...	0 2	1 0	
" " 3d., yellow ...	0 9	5 6	
" " 5d., olive-black ...	2 6		
" " 6d., brown ...	0 8	5 0	
" " 1s., brown-red ...	1 0		
1900, ¼d., green ...	0 3	1 6	
" " 1d., rose (terraces) ...	0 3	1 6	
1901, 1d., " Universal" ...	0 2	0 9	7 0
Life Insurance, 2d. ...	0 6	3 6	
Railway Newspapers, ¼d. & 1d. ...	0 8	4 0	
Nicaragua, 1900, 5c., blue ...	0 8	4 0	
Trinidad, unpaid, 1d. ...	1 9		
" " 2d. ...	2 0		
" " 3d. ...	6 0		
" " 5d. ...	3 0		
U.S.A., Pan-American issue, 2c. ...	0 2	1 0	
Wurtemberg, Service, assorted ...	0 2	1 0	

UNUSED STAMPS IN SETS.

	No. in Set.	Per s.	Set. d.
Albania, 1902, 10, 35, 40 paras ...	3	0	6
Antioquia, 1902, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50c., Registered 5c. and 10c. ...	13	2	0
,, 1902, \$1, \$2, \$5 ...	3	7	0
Borneo Protectorate:—			
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8c., obliterated ...	7	0	8
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c., obliterated ...	10	1	4
B. E. Africa:—			
1890, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 3s., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5r., every stamp perforated all round ...	15	18	0
Same set, but including stamps from imperf. edges of sheets ...	15	15	0
Bulgaria (Shipka), 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 ...	3	0	4
Cayman Islands, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., 1/- ...	5	2	2
Dutch Indies, 1902, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5c. ...	6	0	4
Gold Coast, 1902 (K), ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/- ...	7	2	8
Grenada, 1902 (K), ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/- ...	7	2	8
Guatemala, 1902 (Pictorial), 1, 2, 5, 10c. ...	4	0	5
India, 1902 (K), ½, 1, 1 anna ...	3	0	2½
Leeward Islands:—			
1d. on 4d., 1d. on 6d., 1d. on 7d. ...	3	1	6
(K), ½d., 1d., 2d., 6d., 1s. ...	5	2	2
Natal (K), ½d., 1d., 1½d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 1s. ...	7	2	10
New Zealand (Q), ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 1s. ...	10	6	9
Paraguay, 1901, Official, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20c. ...	7	2	6
Reunion, 1901, 5c. on 40c., 5c. on 50c., 15c. on 75c., 15c. on 1 franc ...	4	0	9
Seychelles, 1902, 2c. on 4c., 30c. on 75c., 30c. on 1r., 45c. on 1r., 45c. on Rs. 2.25 ...	5	3	0
Straits Settlements (K), 1, 3, 8, 25, 30c. ...	5	1	7

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Borneo Protectorate, 1902, 50c. ...	1	2
Bulgaria, 1902, 2 leva, new colour ...	2	0
Finland, 1891, 1 rouble ...	4	0
,, ,, 3½ roubles ...	10	0
,, ,, 7 ,, ...	20	0
Gambia (K), 2s. ...	2	4
Italy, 1902, 5 lire ...	4	8
Leeward Islands (K), 5s. ...	5	9
Paraguay, official, \$1 ...	1	0

	Each s.	d.
Sarawak, 5c. on 12c., large "C" (catalogued 24s.) ...	8	0
Selangor, \$1 ...	3	3
,, \$5 ...	15	0
Seychelles, 36c. on 45c. (pane of 60 for £9) ...	3	2
Siam, 1900, ¼ face portrait, 1 att, green (catalogued 7s. 8d.) ...	2	6
Transvaal, £5, "V.R.I." ...	110	0
,, (K), 1s., used ...	0	10
,, (K), 2s., ,, ...	1	6
Trinidad, unpaid, 8d., used ...	2	0

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A Plea for "Rational" Collecting AND A "RATIONAL" CATALOGUE.

By F. M. SEXTON.

It is quite obvious to every collector that the time has long since passed when a philatelist could hope to have at all a representative collection of the stamps of the whole world.

As a result I suppose all advanced collectors have taken to "specialising"—that is to say, they are now limiting their attention to certain areas. But even when this is done the collector of moderate means still finds himself in difficulties. So many "varieties" of stamps are now catalogued that a complete collection of the issues of any of the important countries or colonies is not only difficult to obtain, but is in many cases beyond the means of the average collector.

No doubt there are some collectors who find an interest in putting together in an album a series of stamps which, to a casual observer, present no differences whatever, but I believe most philatelists prefer to have a representative collection of different values and successive issues.

If this is so, it seems to me that it is time that a serious attempt was made to boycott trifling varieties and produce what I will term a "Rational" Catalogue.

In my own case, from a general collection I advanced (or possibly receded) to collecting African stamps alone. But even with this limitation I find the varieties so many that I have been perforce compelled to construct a catalogue of my own and to strike out all but important differences.

Speaking generally I can see very little interest in collecting varieties in which the difference is what may be termed an accidental one. Under this term I include

(a) Surcharges of similar character but differing in the size of the type used, the spacing of the letters or figures, the length of cancellation lines, or the position of stops.

(b) Differences in perforation in the case of stamps of any given issue due to the fact that perforation machines of various gauges were in use.

(c) Errors arising from the use of wrong type, and the omission of letters or stops, and double printings, and inversions.

(d) Differences of trifling character in the lettering or design of stamps on the same sheet or issued simultaneously.

(e) Accidental shades of colour however produced.

(f) Stamps with and without private marks, numbers, &c.

(g) Small differences in the kind of paper used.

Having simplified the catalogue by these deletions a good deal has been done.

As an example of the simplification effected by this process I will cite the Orange River Colony. Gibbons catalogues 201 stamps, exclusive of fiscals and telegraph stamps used postally. On the "Rational" system, we should catalogue only 41 and yet have an example of every value and every surcharge of each issue.

The next step is a more serious one and must be taken with care. It is the elimination of surcharges which were never really in use. I quite admit these are to be desired, but "necessity knows no law," and if the collector cannot expect to get them, what use is there in leaving spaces for them? In any case it seems desirable to arrange the collection so that an odd space or two is left where one of these rarities can be inserted.

As an illustration of this suggestion, I will take the Niger Coast. Here we have a well-defined series of stamps which nicely falls into four sets. But, unfortunately, between the first and second and the second and third sets the catalogue marks the existence of two provisional issues, including 32 stamps, the cheapest of which is priced at 10/- and the dearest at £15; thirteen others being unpriced.

These surcharges are not such as can be substantially reduced by elimination on the lines previously laid down.

What is to be done?

To leave line after line in the album for stamps that are unobtainable, results in continual vexation of spirit, so I suggest that marginal spaces should be left (I am assuming a blank-page album) for any of these valuable labels, or frag-

ments thereof, that should by some happy chance come into the possession of the collector. I believe the production of these surcharged stamps was really a freak on the part of a local Post-master, and personally I think the "Rational" Catalogue should not go beyond a reference to them in a foot-note.

I have no doubt I am laying myself open to severe criticism on the part of collectors of large means and expensive tastes, and I foresee that the "Rational" Catalogue, if produced, will be called by them a most irrational and arbitrary production, but I write not from the exalted position of a man with considerable means to spend on his hobby, but from that of one who, with a limited income, desires to put together a representative and interesting collection.

It may of course appear to many that Gibbons' catalogue is really the authority on what to collect, but a little reflection will show that a trade publication cannot be a very reliable guide. When the error of a single letter in a surcharge is, as a rule, made responsible for a marked enhancement in the value of a stamp it is obvious that it will pay a dealer who has a large stock on hand to catalogue such a variety after having carefully picked over his stock to obtain as many specimens as possible. Not only this, but if the same dealer issues albums spaced to contain such an error he creates a demand for it which cannot be other than beneficial to himself from a business point of view.

In conclusion, I repeat my plea for a limitation of the number of stamps to be collected. I should like to see a catalogue prepared by amateur philatelists who have no pecuniary interest in booming rarities. That such a catalogue would encourage collecting I am sure, for I believe many who have a leaning towards philately are debarred from collecting by the terrible array of high-priced errors, surcharges, varieties and the like.

In a difficulty we look to your valuable paper, the *Fortnightly*. If you think the idea a good one, your staff is quite competent to bring out a really Rational Catalogue for the guidance of collectors!

Pickings from our Contemporaries.

A Fortune Thrown in the Fire.

We hear (remarks "Morley's Philatelic Journal") that a gentleman in the City of London lately put into the fire a parcel of the rare *lilac* "Special Stamps" of India thinking they were common rubbish and merely lumbering up his office. There is much weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth among the would be purchasers. We do not know what the late owner thinks.

The Wish Father to the Thought.

Is there a postal need for the high denominations that are issued by many countries? asks "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News." Those whose albums are lacking in the particular stamps are prone to believe that there is not, while those who have a good representation of them are quite certain that they are.

Oh, Let us be Thankful!

Says the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," in an article on "Catalogues":—"To affix prices to stamps in a catalogue is not so difficult, we should imagine, as revising the list of the stamps themselves, as a mistake in this department is more easily rectified; but the difficulty is one that cannot be lightly undertaken, and look at it how you will, a catalogue like Gibbons', which, we believe, is the fullest and most reliable in the world, is a production which must have cost an enormous amount of labour, and is, in its complete form, a work for which philatelists ought to be heartily thankful."

The Jap as an Exchanger.

As a lot of sheet destroyers I do believe the Japs lead! declares a Detroit correspondent of the "Weekly Philatelic Era." Among my exchangers I have one Jap, to whom I sent a number of sheets, and after due time received them back again. But to my surprise the entire lot were cut up! Instead of taking off each stamp and leaving the sheet whole he cuts the stamps out, leaving holes where they were.

From the Auction Rooms.

THE portrait we give here concludes our series of "counterfeit presentiments" of the London stamp auctioneers. Mr. Glendining (Messrs. Glendining & Co.,



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October 7th and 8th.

	£	s.	d.
EUROPE.			
France, 1853-60, imperf., 80c. rose-carmine, 3 fine copies, unused in mint state ..	2	5	0
ASIA.			
Ceylon, 1/9 green, unused in mint state and very fine ..	4	10	0
Do. 2/- blue, fair ..	2	2	0
Do. 1861, perf., wmk. star, 1d. blue, a block of 4, unused in mint state ..	4	0	0
Do. 1d. blue, 5d. brown and 1/- violet, a pair of each, unused in mint state ..	3	12	6
India, Service, 1867-75, 6a. 8 pies slate, unused in mint state ..	4	9	0
AFRICA.			
British Central Africa, 1891-93, £2 rose-red, unused, in mint state ..	4	4	0
Do. do. £5 green, ditto ..	4	10	0
Do. 1897, large size, 1 to 5 rupees, unused in mint state ..	2	0	0
Orange River Colony, 3d. on 3d. blue, a pair, surcharged in both words and figures, exceedingly scarce, unused in mint state ..	3	12	6
Do. a single copy, ditto ..	2	0	0
St. Helena, a single copy, and 1864-74, perf. 12½, 1/- green, unused in mint state ..	0	18	0
Do. 4d. carmine, a block of 4, unused in mint state, slightly cut into at bottom ..	4	0	0
Transvaal, Wolmaranstad, 1900, surcharged "Cancelled, V.R.I.," 3d. (pair), 1d., 3d., 4d. and 6d., all used and fine, on entire originals ..	6	0	0
British Columbia, 1867-9, perf. 12½, 10c. lake and 50c. violet, fair ..	2	0	0
Canada, 1852-57, imperf., 6d. grey-lilac, unused, fair ..	2	2	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 6d. yellow, very fine ..	2	8	0
Do. do. 1/- mauve, fine ..	8	5	0
Newfoundland, 1852, 2d. dark lake, fine block of 4, unused in mint state ..	3	7	6
United States, 1851, 5c. red-brown, unused, fine ..	3	7	6
Do. 90c., a pair, one fine, one has two small tears, used, very rare ..	3	12	6
Do. Periodicals, 1875, 1c. to 60 dollars, except 9c., all unused, with full gum ..	9	15	0
Trinidad, 1860, lithographed, 1d. red, a block of 9, unused, in mint state ..	3	17	6
Do. 1863, 6d. emerald-green, a fine pair, unused, in mint state, very scarce ..	6	6	0
New Zealand, 1862, wmk. star, imperf., 1d. vermilion, a very fine block of 4, unused, in mint state ..	3	3	0
Do. 3d. brown-lilac, a similar block ..	4	5	0
Do. 6d. red-brown, a similar block ..	7	10	0
Do. 1/- green, a similar block ..	13	0	0
Do. 1864, wmk. N.Z., perf., 2d. blue, a very fine block of 4, unused, in mint state ..	4	0	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

October 9th and 10th, 1902.

Wurtemberg, 1873, 70kr. purple, fine, with large margins all round ..	1	9	0
Do. 70kr. red-lilac, fine ..	1	5	0
Ceylon, C. & C.C., 2d. yellow-green, scarce ..	3	0	0
British East Africa, on Zanzibar, Provisionals, "2½" in red on 1 anna blue, 6 fine specimens, different types, used on entire ..	2	0	0
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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Liverpool Philatelic Society was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, on Monday, October 20th, 1902, the President, Mr. J. G. Tweddle, occupying the chair at a gathering of 22 members.

The annual statement of accounts for the year ending September 30th, 1902, shewing the Society to be in a very satisfactory condition, was presented to the meeting and unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Exchange Secretary stated that the value of the Exchange Packets for the year ending September 30th, 1902, had been £419 9s. 1d., and the sales thereon £82 1s. 9d., this shewing the improvement on the previous year's results which were respectively £353 7s. 5d. and £61 9s. 10d.

The Officers and Committee were then elected for the following year:—President: C. S. Milner; Vice-Presidents: J. Hughes and W. McQuie Green; Committee: M. Broad, W. Gill, W. F. H. Hill, J. G. Tweddle, and H. Woods; Hon. Sec. and Treas.: W. Halfpenny; Hon. Exchange Sec.: T. Whitworth.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* was again selected as the official organ of the Society.

The programme for the Session has not yet been arranged, but on its completion, copies thereof will be duly forwarded to the members.

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BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

OCT. 2nd. Annual General Business Meeting. The election of the following members was confirmed:—Mrs. J. M. Laird, Messrs. C. Stewart-Wilson, Gerald Fowler, S. Rowan-Hamilton, J. Ingram, E. T. Roberts, W. H. Colson.

The following were unanimously elected members: Messrs. D. Field, A. J. Foulger, H. L. Churchill, D. Tsolacos, S. C. Iyer.

The following donors to the Permanent Collection received votes of thanks: Messrs. C. McNaughton (a nice selection of over 100 of our sets in early South Australians in beautiful condition), T. W. Peck (a good number of scarce Colonials), G. W. Martin, P. T. Deakin, C. W. R. Harrison, F. S. Saville, A. Sempas, F. Fisher, F. E. Remfry.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the following donors to the Library: Messrs. W. Morley, G. L. Edwards, D. Davis, G. W. Martin, F. J. Durrant, R. R. Bogert, Gelli and Tani.

The officers were all re-elected, except that Mr. H. Grindall took the place of Mr. W. S. Vaughton.

The Balance Sheet showing a balance in hand of £61 17s. was approved. The membership for the past year has increased to 300, and the sales from the Exchange Packets to £4029 15s. 11d.

N.S.W. is the special work for the session.

£15 was voted to be spent during the session on the Permanent Collection which contained 3705 as a result of 9 months' collecting, and which, in conjunction with our fine forgery collection, will be a great benefit not only to members who attend the meetings, but to all others, as it will give an opportunity for open discussion on doubtful surcharges, etc., many of which are in existence.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on October 3rd, 1902, Messrs. E. S. Auscher (of Versailles), A. Baillièrè (of Paris), F. Bernard (of Dunkerque), B. F. J. Cooper, C. H. Daly (of New York), and H. J. Spencer, were elected members.

The resignation of Mr. White was accepted with regret and Mr. Max Jacobs has ceased to be a member under rule 4.

Mr. Morley presented a copy of his "Revenue Stamps of Spain," and Mr. Thompson "Moen's Fiscal Catalogue," to the library. Further donations will be welcomed.

The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—Hon. President: W. Schwabacher; Hon. Vice-Presidents: T. P. Dorman, A. P. Pearce, A. E. Lawrence (U.S.A.), M. Langlois (France); Committee: O. Marsh, W.

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24c. green	3/0
1867, <i>perf. 10.</i>	
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6c. blue	4 0
1876, <i>Wmk. Crown C.C.</i>	
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B. Guiana, 2d. yell.	68	£7	60 0
Ceylon, 2 - Star, perf. (flor)	44	50 0	30 0
*Sierra Leone, 2d., CC., 12½	8	40 0	20 0
St. Vincent, p. 11½, 1/- slate	13	25 0	12 6
" " 4 lilac, mint	9	40/0	25/0
Western Australia, 6d., imp.	28	35 0	20 0
" " do., rouletted	32	75 0	25 0
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The Society commences its second season with a membership of fifty.

The Home Exchange Packet for October consisted of 14 sheets totalling to £230, and the contribution from home members to the Continental Exchange to fr. 1611.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16th, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., when the fiscals of Jamaica, Leeward Is., Malta and Mauritius will be discussed and catalogued. Members are expected to bring their collections of these countries, or if unable to be present, at least assist by sending notes of what stamps they may have.

Rules of the Society, Exchange Sections, &c., will shortly be re-issued, and copies of same, or any other information can be had on application to the *Secretary*: A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On October 2nd a meeting was held at 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol, when the Hon. Secretary presented the Balance Sheet of the Sales Packets for the season 1901-2. It shewed an increase in sales over the season 1900-1.

A new member was proposed, and other business transacted.

Various members shewed interesting displays of different countries.

H. ALSOP, *Hon. Sec.*, 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol.

UNUSED EXCHANGE CLUB.

ALL August accounts rendered are settled. The sales notwithstanding a small packet and the holidays, were satisfactory, viz., £5 16s. 11½d., or at nett 12½% on total value of the packet. This is a genuine result and in a 50% exchange, with rather a small circulation (18 members only saw this packet). Prices though allowing 50% on settlement are not regulated by Gibbons' or Scott's catalogue but common sense.

October packet containing 16 sheets, gross value £122 18s. 1d., went off on the 15th and contains many good things.

H. BEAS, *Secretary*, 164, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

ONE AND ALL STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE July B packet has just returned and from same 372 stamps, nett value £7 2s. 11d., has been sold. Very fair sales considering the holiday period.

October packets were dispatched on Wednesday, 15th October.

A packet contained 23 sheets, value £349 7s. 7d.

B packet contained 25 sheets, value £77 13s. 5d.

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Owing to ill health, Mr. Heslop has been obliged to give up the secretaryship of this Club, and Mrs. Turner has taken it over and solicits continued support. Members are requested to send in good sheets for November packet, and those members who are now returned from their holidays are asked to let the Secretary know, so that she can send the next packet to them.

There is nearly £100 (net) in the October packet.

MRS. TURNER, *Secretary*, Waverley Villas, Felixstowe.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Members are earnestly requested to attend the next meeting of this Society to be held on Wednesday, the 29th inst. at the Oriental Cafe, Manchester, at 6.30 p.m. prompt.

The Secretary intends to bring forward several matters which he hopes will be the means of increasing the membership this session.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

From the Strand to the City.

THE newest philatelic establishment is that of the City Stamp Company, at 32, Poultry, E.C.—nearly opposite the Mansion House. It is run by Mr. Turner (lately associated with the South African Stamp Company) who has now moved a little nearer the veritable "Kaffir Circus," in Capel Court. Thus, while Mr. Penney has gone from the City to the Strand, Mr. Turner has taken an exactly opposite direction.

The Twelve Pence of Canada.

Mr. F. RANSOM, of Hitchin, writes us as follows:—
"With reference to the letter by Mr. Frank C. Young, on the 12d. Canada, appearing in your last issue, I think that the statement that the wove stamps are undoubtedly proofs requires further confirmation before being accepted.

In the Reference List of the stamps of the North American Colonies of Great Britain, published by the London Philatelic Society, in 1889, it is stated on page 13 that 'undoubtedly used copies have been seen by members of the Society.' I have in my possession one of the copies referred to which has certainly every appearance of being a postally used stamp and bears no trace of the removal of the word 'specimen' so far as I am able to judge from a careful examination. It was submitted to the late Mr. T. K. Tapling who expressed himself quite satisfied with its condition.

On the same subject, we have received the following interesting note from Mr. Hubert F. Lowe:—

"I have been much interested in Mr. Young's able article on the Canada 12d. I find I can add to what is said about the early catalogues. The stamp is catalogued in Mount Brown's 3rd edition, 1862, and is given by Lacroix of Paris, 1862. It is, however, omitted from Moen's catalogue of 1862, and that issued by Laplante in Paris in the same year. In the catalogue printed in 1867 by Veuve Berger, Levrault et Fils, there is a note that some collectors consider the 12d. stamp to be an essay."

A Month's Leeward Islands Surcharges.

MR. CHRIS. R. ROBINSON, of Darlington, has been kind enough to send us a copy of the "Antigua Standard," of October 4th, containing the following statement as to the recent surchargings of Leeward Islands stamps:—

Table showing the number of *provisional Stamps* issued during the month of August, 1902, in the Colony of the Leeward Islands, to replace the one penny value, exhausted.

PRESIDENCIES	Total Original Face Value.		NUMBERS SURCHARGED AS TO			Total.
	£	s. d.	7d.	6d.	4d.	
Antigua	3570	0 0	16800	16800	16800	50400
St. Kitts-Nevis	2550	0 0	12000	12000	12000	36000
Dominica	1275	0 0	6000	6000	6000	18000
Montserrat	382	10 0	1800	1800	1800	5400
Virgin Islands	127	10 0	600	600	600	1800
Totals	£7905	0 0	37200	37200	37200	111600

The total face value of the stamps, after surcharging, was £1,395.

The Griffin Snowball Still Rolling.

READERS of the *Fortnightly* will remember the "Griffin" Snowball—the famous Chain Letter Scheme, started at Kogarah, Sydney, New South Wales, some years ago, with a view to the collection of used stamps for a local hospital.

Well, the "Snowball" is still merrily rolling, and there seems to be no great prospect of its ever being brought to a halt.

"The results, in one sense," remarks the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," "are annoying; the chain is never-ending. Once started, there is no means of stopping it, and the consequence is that, when stamps are sought for, as in the Kogarah case, they roll in from all parts of the world by thousands every week. This may be satisfactory testimony of the public desire to help a good cause, but it entails an amount of work on the promoters that was never contemplated. The appended statement, sent to us by Mr. J. Griffin, speaks for itself. The whole business has now been taken over by the Hospital Committee, and it will be interesting to learn how many more million stamps they will receive in (say) the next five years."

Then follows a "statement of results," showing that up to date the sum realised from the stamps received is under £250—an amount out of all proportion to the great expense and labour involved. It would be interesting to know the total sum spent in postages by the donors of these used stamps, many thousands of which must be worth far less than their cost of transmission.

Officer's Son Acquitted.

THE following report of the trial of Elliott Armstrong, resulting in the acquittal of the accused, is taken from the "Dorking and Leatherhead Advertiser," copies of which were kindly sent us by Mr. J. H. Preece:—

At the Quarter Sessions for the county, at Kingston-on-Thames, on Tuesday, Elliott Sotheby Armstrong, on bail, was indicted for attempting to obtain by false pretences from Charles John Smith, of Kingston Hill, stamps to the value of £73.

Mr. L. J. M. De Michell prosecuted, and Mr. Rawlinson, K.C., with Mr. Lowenthal and Mr. G. Temple Martin, instructed by Mr. Scales (of Messrs. Hart, Scales and Hodges, of Dorking), defended.

Mr. De Mitchell, in opening, simply stated the facts of the case, mentioning that the false pretences was the fact that the prisoner represented himself as Capt. Sotheby, and gave as reference Messrs. Bright and Son, Strand, London.

The prosecutor stated that on the 21st of July he received a letter from Capt. Sotheby asking him to send a collection of British Colonials suitable for a stamp collection of 3,000. He sent the stamps on July 24th, addressing them to Capt. Sotheby, c/o Mrs. Dodswell, Brockham Green, Surrey. The value of the stamps was £76 18s. 9d. and he was induced to send them owing to the writer describing himself as Capt. Sotheby, and giving as a reference Messrs. Bright and Son. On the following day he saw the parcel at the Brockham Green Post Office with the address scratched out and re-directed to the General Post Office, Edinburgh. He had his suspicions, and took out a warrant.

By Mr. Rawlinson: It would not have caused much difference if the writer had described himself as a lieutenant. There was a certain discount upon stamps, but not 50% on the stamps in question. He would allow upon those stamps 25%.

Mary Ann Dodswell said, in July last, she resided in Brockham Green. On July 19th, prisoner called at her house and the following day engaged a room for a week, so that he could have his letters addressed there. During the next few days a large number of letters arrived. On the 24th she received a letter from the prisoner asking her to forward his letters to the Edinburgh Post Office, as he was not returning to Brockham. On the 21st August, at the request of Supt. Alexander, she went to Dorking and walked up and down several streets with a policeman in plain clothes. She saw the prisoner in South Street and pointed him out at Capt. Sotheby.

By Mr. Rawlinson: The registered letter which arrived on the 25th never got into the hands of the prisoner.

Andrew Thomas Ashwell, postmaster of Riegate, produced the packet of stamps, and Mr. Francis Higby Oliver, manager to Messrs. Bright and Son, said the prisoner was unknown to the firm, and had no authority for giving the name of the firm as a reference.

Supt. Alexander stated that he received a warrant to apprehend E. Sotheby, and he went to Brockham and saw the parcel of stamps. He also received a letter from the Brockham Police Station, with postal orders enclosed, asking him to return them to their owners. When apprehended, prisoner said, "Of course, I admit it; I will give you no more trouble than I can help. I will assist you all I can."

By Mr. Rawlinson: Prisoner also told him his proper name, and did assist him.

Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, residing at Dorking, stated that the prisoner was his son. He (witness) was in the Army for 35 years. Until prisoner got into the present trouble his character was good. Leaving school he joined the Militia, but resigned in March, 1900, joining the Royal Artillery as a lieutenant. In April, 1901, he left the Artillery and joined the Imperial Yeomanry, going out to the South African War, being promoted to a machine gun commandant. He served with credit to his country, and returned home in the spring of this year wounded. A machine gun commandant was equivalent to the position of a captain, but he did not rank as such. If prisoner had come to him for money he should have given him some. If discharged he would receive an appointment.

Mr. Rawlinson made a strong appeal to the jury, contending that no false pretences had been made.

The jury, after a short consultation, found a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

The Ever-Growing "B.P.S."

In every way a most satisfactory and gratifying statement of affairs is the Annual Report, just issued, of the Birmingham Philatelic Society. The membership of the Society is now 300—surely a larger membership than any other philatelic society of the same class in the United Kingdom? The financial statement shows a balance in hand of £61 17s.; the Permanent Stamp Collection, the property of the Society, now has 3705 specimens mounted in it, and the Library of the Society is steadily growing in bulk and value, and will

assuredly become, in time, the finest library of stamp collecting in the world. Good luck and continued prosperity to the "B.P.S.," to its indefatigable Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., and to its well-chosen and able committee.

The Exhibition of African Stamps.

THE Committee appointed to make preliminary arrangements for the Philatelic Society's Exhibition of African stamps, other than those exhibited in November, 1901, has settled certain essential points.

The Exhibition will be held on Saturday, December 13th, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Society's Rooms, Effingham House, Arundel Street, W.C.

The stamps to be shown will include the following countries:—British Central Africa, British East Africa, Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, Madagascar (British Consular Mail), Mauritius, Morocco Agencies, Niger Coast, Northern Nigeria, St. Helena, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Southern Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda, Zanzibar.

Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg, of Rothsay, Weybridge, is acting as Honorary Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, and will supply any further information to intending exhibitors and others.

Consul Weber's Collection.

IT is good to know that the £10,000 collection of Consul Weber, of Hamburg, said to be the finest general collection in the Fatherland, has been traced and recovered. The *Fortnightly* was the first journal to circulate news of the theft in this country, but it was undoubtedly largely due to the energy and resource of Mr. Harry Hilckes that the collection was traced. The stamps, it appears, had been purchased by Mr. Hugo Griebert, the well-known West End dealer, who paid £382 for the lot. On discovering that he had purchased stolen property, Mr. Griebert at once offered to deliver up the stamps on repayment of the amount he had paid. The matter, however, was not adjusted until after a hearing at Bow Street, and then it was arranged that Mr. Griebert should receive £350 and the collection be handed over by the Commissioner of Police to its rightful owner.

A Storm in a Tea-cup.

Two stamp dealers of Sydney, New South Wales, have been at loggerheads. We take the following report of a legal action from the "Sydney Daily Telegraph" of September 12th:—

An alleged breach of agreement was heard in Equity, before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson. The motion was one for the continuance of a decree.

The plaintiff, Thomas Henry Nicolle, set out that he and the defendant, James Hodgens Smyth, had carried on business in Sydney as dealers in British, Colonial, and foreign stamps, and as vendors and purchasers of books relating to stamps. The firm was the agent in Australia for Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co., Limited, a company carrying on business in Great Britain, and importing into Australia album catalogues and handbooks relating to philatelic requirements. The firm also published a newspaper known as the "Australian Journal of Philately." The partnership was dissolved on July 14th last, and it was agreed that neither member of the firm should in future use the style and title of the late firm, but that defendant should take over the paper and the agency of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited. Plaintiff complained that the defendant had been selling books relating to Stanley Gibbons' business, in which advertisements appeared to the effect that Smyth and Nicolle were still agents for Stanley Gibbons & Co., Limited, and were the publishers of the "Australian Journal of Philately."

Defendant replied that since the date of the dissolution of the partnership he had adopted every means in his power to preclude the possibility of any breach of the covenant. To the best of his knowledge and belief there were no publications of any kind over which he had any control having advertisements of the late firm of Smyth and Nicolle, except those returned by a Melbourne agent on August 25th last, and they only numbered nine books, which were now in his premises.

The motion, by consent, was altered to one for a perpetual injunction.

His Honour granted an injunction, with costs, against the defendant.

The Sentence on Laurence Greig.

LAURENCE GREIG, otherwise Rockliffe, convicted of extensive frauds and forgeries on the Carnegie Steel Company, has been sentenced to five years penal servitude.

The promised sensational developments did not develop, possibly because the police were in want of much information as to the prisoner's affairs, which information appears to have been readily furnished by Greig's associates.

Called upon for his defence, Greig pleaded, through his counsel, that he had been the victim of bold, bad blackmailers, men who knew of his previous conviction for forgery and threatened to ruin him.

Greig, throughout the proceedings, is reported to have worn a pleasant smile, and when sentenced was pronounced he "retired from the dock with a polite bow." Whatever he loses as the result of a long sequence of systematic frauds it is quite evident that he retains a wonderful sense of humour.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

THE FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE October packet has lately been sent out amounting to £302, as compared with £217 for the corresponding month last year. From the August packet returned, upwards of £26 has been sold from rather a poor packet.

Rules of the Club and any necessary information will be furnished by the *Secretary*, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, W.

BLACKPOOL STAMP EXCHANGE.

SEPTEMBER packet, valued at £39, expected in daily. October packet, valued at over £42, highest value yet sent out, is on its rounds. Number of members now is 23, two more required to complete. Section B is being initiated; members being now enrolled, number limited. Prices net, both divisions.

Secretary, W. WARBURTON, 53, Waterloo Road, Blackpool.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THIS Society's last meeting was held on the 29th, but owing to some misunderstanding only a few members turned up, but it is hoped that at the next meeting, which will take place at the Oriental Cafe, Mosley Street, Manchester, on the 19th November, a large attendance of members will be seen, as several important resolutions will be submitted with the idea of extending the sphere of the Association.

JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

A MEETING was held on Monday, October 20th, at Clapham Assembly Rooms, when Mr. Fred J. Melville, President, gave his lecture, "His Majesty's Mails." Very amusing and instructive it proved, both to the ordinary person and the philatelist. The lecturer traced the evolution of letter-carrying from almost prehistoric times down to the present day, and Mr. Melville is to be congratulated on getting together such a wealth of excellent and valuable material.

The usual meeting was held on Saturday, November 1st, when a display was made of the second part of Mr. Heginbottom's collection of British Stamps.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at Clapham Hall, Old Town Clapham, when Mr. Rudolph Frenzel will give a paper and display of "Mexican Local Stamps." The chair will be taken by Mr. F. J. Melville, at eight o'clock, and all philatelists will be welcomed.

HERBERT F. JOHNSON, *Hon. Sec.*, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth, S.W.

BEGINNERS STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE November packet is the most valuable ever started in connection with the Exchange. It contains 35 sheets, total net value £71 12s. 7d., and is due back about January 14th. Three of the five vacancies have been filled.

Secretary, Miss FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, 4, The Crescent, Bedford.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

FOR the November packet the *Secretary* has received 30 sheets, value over £100 net. August packet is back and all accounts have been paid by the *Secretary*, Miss FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, 4, The Crescent, Bedford.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

THERE has been much comment on the first public notice of Mr. Austin Chamberlain as Postmaster-General, which reduces the price of the old 2½d. envelopes. But there is nothing to laugh at in the position of a new manager, who finds his predecessor has left a large quantity of bad stock on hand, and we can imagine how serious the responsibility of the matter would appear to the young minister when he pondered on the capital that was locked up in these Queen's head envelopes! And from the cudgelled brain came the happy inspiration—an After Season Sale! Stock must be cleared, regardless. Three cheers for his courage, anyway!

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Great Britain.—The "E.W.S.N." envelope die list now stands as follows:

½d. green.	Dies 7 to 23, except 13, 21.
1d. carmine.	Dies 7 to 24, except 19.
1½d. yellow.	Die 1 (2 shades).
2½d. blue.	Die 3.
6d. violet.	Dies 1, 2, 3 and 4.
3d. brown (Registration).	Dies 1, 2 and 3.

The two shades of the 1½d. die are orange-yellow and a pale yellow.

We understand that the cheap (thin paper) quality of 1d. envelopes is to be withdrawn when present stock is sold. One quality only will be kept in future.

Bulgaria.—The truth about the change of card for Bulgaria appears to be that the card used for the letter cards 5 stot. and 15 stot. of the 1893 type is being used for the postal cards. The "I.B.J." says 30,000 of each kind were printed. We therefore have

5 stot., green on buff,	white reverse.
5 " " " pale grey	" "

Colombia.—"E.W.S.N." states that the 2c. post card has been overprinted with a large figure 5 in a scalloped oval engine turned design, smaller figure 5 appearing on inside edge of design. It is overprinted in orange-red, and appears at the lower left hand corner, and the original value 2c. not being struck out it would almost appear as if 7c. (5+2c.) were now the value of card. This, however, is not probable. This is evidently the card mentioned in September as having been seen by "Mekeel's Weekly."

Post Card. "5" in orange-red on 2c. black on dark yellow.

Denmark.—Two new envelopes are reported, the inside of which is printed in blue wavy lines with crowns and post horns.

Envelope. 5c. green on white.
10c. carmine on white.

Gambia.—In addition to the 1d. and 1+1d. card with King's Head mentioned in August chronicle there is now the ½d. card of same type. I cannot find that anyone has seen the ½+½d. yet.

Post Card. ½d. green on buff.

Grenada.—The "M.C." reports having seen a new King's Head registration envelope. Stamp on flap which is at back.

Registration Envelope. 2d. blue. Size G.

Servia.—"E.W.S.N." says there is a variety of the 5 para post card with stamps of the 1901 type and border with the Servian inscription "post card" only 40mm. instead of 48mm.

Seychelles.—Mr. Maury's paper quotes the following surcharges on post cards:—

"Local—3 cents—Seychelles"	in black on 4c. rose.
"	" on 4+4c. rose.
"Six CENTS" and two bars	" on 8c. brown
"	" on 8+8c. brown.

South Australia.—The "P.J. of G.B." chronicles the following colour change:—

1+1d. rose on buff.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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The Philatelic "Bloater."

From "Limited Specialism" Mr. Herbert R. Oldfield has passed on to what we may call "Anti-Bloaterism," and his outspoken protest against the man who hoards up vast quantities of stamps has been noticed, with more or less intelligent comments, by a score or more of daily and weekly newspapers. The newspaper man is an eager snapper-up of anything new and piquant, and the word "bloater" appears to have appealed to the journalistic imagination. The word, as we all know, has long been used among philatelists to indicate a certain type of stamp accumulator, but it would be interesting to know just how and when and by whom, it was first employed in this sense.

Meanwhile an article which we quote at full length from the "London Philatelist" comes most opportunely at this juncture, when so many of our number are awakening to the fact that "Scientific Philately" is being just a trifle overdone. Mr. F. M. Sexton's protest in our last number is another contribution that tends to show which way the wind of popular sentiment is blowing.

It is really time that those persons who are putting vast sums of money into what is mere "hoarding," as distinct from bon-a-fide collecting, should be warned that such a pursuit, if steadily persisted in, is likely to end—we had almost written is *certain* to end—in disaster.

At the eleventh hour a great rush of advertisements has led to a curtailment of the reading matter in this issue of the *Fortnightly*. We shall make amends for this next fortnight by greatly enlarging our issue dated November 22nd.

The above-mentioned cause must be cited as our excuse for the omission of many Society Reports and other communications received at a late hour. All these will appear in our next issue, together with much special literary matter unavoidably excluded from this number.

The "Palace" Exchange Society has been added to the very long list of Clubs for which the *Fortnightly* acts as official organ, and in this connection we must give the Secretary, Mr. R. T. Morgan, credit for a piece of conspicuous enterprise. Although there is no subscription or entrance fee of any kind to the "Palace" Club, Mr. Morgan undertakes to supply each issue of the *Fortnightly* free to every member.

"Is there any reason why only the King's Head should appear on our postage stamps? I should like to see the King depicted on a charger, or seated on a throne, or standing up in his Coronation robes." Thus writes a "Master of Arts" in a letter to the "Pall Mall Gazette."

The New Gibbons' 1903 Catalogue.

PRICES—AND VALUES.

(Continued from Page 126).

The first issue of *Jamaica* seems as a whole underpriced unused, particularly No. 12. Nos. 28 and 31 are good stamps unused. Nos. 32 and 33 also are scarce unused, though very common used. Nos. 102, 103, 104 are cheap.

In *Labuan*, we consider No. 9 to be cheap, Nos. 15 and 27 will probably advance.

Lagos and *Leeward Isles* seem consistently priced.

Madagascars we can hardly recommend as an investment.

No. 8 of *Malta* is a bargain at 1/6. We can't understand why this stamp should be priced the same as No. 6.

As to the early stamps of *Mauritius*, it is difficult to criticise prices as everything depends on condition. Nos. 27 and 28, for instance, are cheap at 25/- if good copies of early impressions are supplied at that price. No. 66 and 67 are cheap unused, also No. 80. No. 88 is scarcer than most of the others of the same issue. Nos. 93, 94, 96, are cheap at the unused prices, also Nos. 104 to 107.

In *Montserrat* No. 2 should go up again, Nos. 4, 5, and 9 are worth buying unused. In the case of No. 11, 6/- is obviously a misprint for 60/-.

The earlier *Natals* seem fairly priced, No. 68 is cheap either unused or used. No. 97 is very scarce unused and worth more than 12/-; No. 100 is worth buying.

Of the stamps of *Nevis*, the 4d. and 6d. lithographed will rise again in time. We cannot recommend them as being worth buying at catalogue prices seeing that they can usually be bought for less at auction. At about £5 each, for which they can sometimes be obtained, they must prove a remunerative investment. Nos. 31 and 33 are stamps to buy, No. 30 also is far from dear at 12/-.

New Brunswicks and *Newfoundlands* seem fairly priced.

New South African Republics are not at present in demand and are risky to speculate in.

The prices of *Sydney Views* are hard to criticise, as everything depends on condition. No. 3 is cheap compared with Nos. 1 and 2. Of the *Laureated N.S.W.'s* No. 78 is cheap at 4/- Nos. 118, 119, 120 are not too high and No. 138 is cheap unused at 20/- No. 208 unused at 7/6 is also worth buying. Of the *Centennial* issue, the 8d. is worth buying.

In *New Zealand* No 67 might be put up, it is just about as scarce as No. 68. No. 85 is well worth 45/- unused, and No. 129 is not overpriced at 15/- in the same condition.

Of the *Niger Coast*, the 1/- of the first issue might have been put higher. We think it will go up in future editions. The 1d. and 2½d. of the second issue are cheap.

In *North Borneo* the distinction between used stamps and stamps "cancelled to order" is to be approved. The latter should not be bought at any price.

Northern Nigerias have already been raised, but should prove a good investment even at the enhanced prices. These stamps are rarely seen used; and when they are, they are pen-cancelled or obliterated with a rubber stamp and purple ink, so that they look as if they have been used fiscally.

The varieties in colour of the 1/- *Nova Scotia* are priced at £15 each which seems too low when compared with the *New Brunswick* 1/- at £16, as the *Nova Scotia* 1/- is the rarer.

In *Orange River Colony* No. 4 is cheap unused, we should value it at quite three times as much as No. 7. Nos. 12 and 13 are not too dear considering their rarity unused, and the same may be said of Nos. 38 and 41.

The stamps of *Prince Edward's Island* perf. 9 are by no means overpriced. Nos. 4 and 5, on the other hand, strike us as dear; the penny either in one shade or the other is usually found in an old collection of any size, but as it is invariably stuck down with its own gum it is only common "without gum" or "with part gum." Without going round to 391, Strand, and inspecting the *Prince Edward's Island* stock book, one cannot say whether the prices quoted represent "mint" copies or otherwise. For absolutely mint copies they are cheap enough. These remarks apply equally to some other old stamps such as the pennies of the first issues of *Nevis* and *Virgin Islands*.

(To be concluded in the next Fortnightly.)

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.

British Honduras.—We have the 5c. King's Head issue from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.—5c. blue and slate, blue paper.

France.—A new set of French stamps will appear, the Paris newspaper correspondents tells us, towards the end of the year. They will bear the well-known figure of the Sower, designed for the French coins by the engraver Roty. France, in this figure, is depicted by the Sower, who, with her Phrygian bonnet and naked arms, is engaged in throwing the future harvests in the furrows. The top inscription will read "République Française Postes," and in the left hand lower corner will be a shield carrying the indication of value.

French Morocco.—The 5c. green of France has been surcharged in red, "5 centimos," for use in Morocco. We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for a specimen.

Hungary.—The new 6 filler stamp in olive (with numeral of value in black) has made its appearance, and a specimen is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

India.—An interesting extract from the "Bombay Gazette" of September 13th, is kindly sent us by a correspondent:

There seems to be an impression abroad that the new issue of postage stamps in India bearing King Edward's effigy is to be limited to stamps of the smaller values. This is erroneous, and is no doubt due to the fact that at present only quarter, half and one anna stamps of the new issue are obtainable. The fact is there is such a sudden and overwhelming demand from all parts of the British Empire for new issues of Colonial stamps with the King's Head, that Messrs. De la Rue, the official purveyors, can only supply the various requirements gradually. In these circumstances it was thought best by the Indian postal authorities to start with the stamps of the lower values, because these are in the widest and most popular use. The others, however, will certainly follow as soon as they can be supplied.

Labuan Colony.—Our Ipswich correspondents send us the new set of stamps for Labuan, which territory, it appears, is no longer to play second fiddle to Borneo in the matter of postage stamps. The new Labuans are handsomely printed by Waterlow's, in the following values and colours:—

- 2c. green and black.
- 4c. carmine and black.
- 8c. vermilion and black.
- 10c. slate and brown.
- 12c. yellow and black.
- 16c. red-brown and green.
- 18c. brown and black.
- 25c. blue-green and dark green.
- 50c. pale violet and purple.
- 1 dollar orange and lake.

In each case the first colour is that of the outer portion of the stamp. The design—the same for all values—consists simply of an Imperial Crown.

Mauritius.—Mr. Bertram Poole writes us on the subject of the provisional 12c. surcharged on the 36 cents Jubilee stamps:—

The overprint is in black—"12" in large figures over "CENTS" with a thick bar below cancelling the previous value, 36c. The stamps were surcharged in blocks of 30 (10 rows of 3) and the following varieties occur:—

(a) Has a short serif to the figure "1" (No. 22).

(b) Has a broken "c" in "CENTS." (No. 30).

Evidently the cancelling bar presented some difficulty to the printer, for there are three varieties:

(c) Thick bar in one piece. This occurs on 6 stamps: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 28.

(d) Thick bar in two pieces. Occurs on 13 stamps; Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 22.

(e) Two thin bars, parallel and very close together.

Occurs in 11 stamps; Nos. 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30.

A specimen of the stamp is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Niue Island.—"Ewen's Weekly" has recently given this full description of the very first issue of stamps overprinted for Niue Island—a rubber-stamp affair:

Adhesive.—1d. Universal of New Zealand overprinted at foot "NIUE" in tall thin sans-serif capitals with a rubber stamp in green

1d. carmine (*wa*) Waterlow paper, perf. 11, dull gum.

The surcharge, it seems, measures 2½mm. high by 8mm. in length, including the stop. The stamps are very evenly surcharged and there appear to be no errors. The surcharge "runs" if the stamps are placed in water.

South Australia.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a little surprise packet—the new large 9d. stamp, bearing head of Queen Victoria! This will surely settle all disputes as to which stamp can claim the distinction—if there is any distinction about it!—of being the last issued with head of Queen. The issue under notice is evidently a makeshift postal issue from a fiscal die, with the inscriptions "Postage" and "Nine Pence" inserted in the white spaces at top and bottom respectively. But why it should appear at this late date is more than we can say.

Adhesive.—9d. carmine, wmk. Crown and S.A.

West Australia.—Messrs. Hamilton Macrae, Limited, of Perth, W.A., write us under date September 27th:—"We beg to advise you of the issue of new 2s. and 5s. stamps for Western Australia. The stamps are printed from the dies of the present Victorian 2s. and 2½d. respectively. In the former the word 'Victoria' has been substituted for 'West Australia.' In the 5s. stamp the scroll over 'Victoria' in the present 2½d. has been removed and substituted for the word 'West,' while the word 'Victoria' has been replaced by 'Australia.' Both are printed on V and Crown paper and perforated 12½."

Mr. Bertram Poole informs us that an issue of the 1d. stamp (current design) of Western Australia has just been made on paper watermarked "V" and Crown and perf 12½. As the watermark is printed upright (like the "W & A") it is difficult to get a copy shewing the complete watermark. The design is very much coarser in appearance than the stamp it has displaced.

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ONE can hardly take up any journal devoted to stamp collecting or peruse any new catalogue without the important question of the new issues staring one in the face (says the Editor of the "London Philatelist.") We have no wish to go over well-trodden ground in suggesting how far the new stamps are to be collected and what they are going to supersede, nor have we any grounds for decanting upon them in a strictly philatelic manner. There are, however, points outside these that may have a permanent influence upon the future race of stamp collectors, and which, in the real interests of our readers and friends, it is well to look in the face.

The processes of acquisition and collection of new issues—by no means synonymous terms—have been in course of rapid evolution of recent years, and have now reached the point of practically full development. In the earliest days of stamp existence, 1840 to 1850, the purchase of unused stamps at the post offices was a virtually undiscovered operation, with the result that the majority of the stamps of that period are practically unattainable now without the concomitant of a postmark.

In the middle period, 1860 to 1880, one or two enterprising firms started and continued the regular purchase of new issues, and in one case—that of M. Moens—he must have, by steady and persistent importations for a generation, have reaped a fortune that was as well earned as it was colossal. As generally acknowledged to-day, the philatelic world is indebted to Mr. J. B. Moens' prescience for the bare existence of hundreds, or almost thousands, of unused varieties. Mr. Stanley Gibbons was the other leading importer during this period, and to that gentleman also is due the gratitude of many of those who were enabled to purchase our older colonial stamps, unattainable now in unused condition, at twice their face value.

It is, however, in the third portion of Philately's short history, 1880 to date—*commencement et fin de siècle*—that the new issue side of collecting has been, to use a modern slang phrase, boomed for all it is worth. The lowered postal rates, quickened communication, and wider facilities for inter-continental correspondence have rendered the task of the importer of stamps quite childlike in its simplicity. The enormous increase of new issues is also a factor of vital import in connection herewith. In this country notably, the remarkable prominence that has been attained by colonial developments, dynastic changes and war, has quickened the interest and prompted the acquisition of our Empire's stamps in a manner that was not even dreamt of ten years since. The accession of His Majesty King Edward VII. may be said to denote the high-water mark of the flood of new issues. Colony after colony is now appearing with His Majesty's portrait superseding the time-honoured presentment of our late gracious Queen, and it is inevitable that so striking a feature will induce the purchase of the New Reign stamps, not only among the ranks of the collector, but among many members of the great world outside. In the case of the Transvaal War this was notably so, and there must be, in military and civil ranks alike, thousands of holders of the *ci-devant* African States' stamps who were previously immune from the philatelic fever. The Boer generals to-day, in their ill-advised begging promenade, are even selling the superseded issues of the Transvaal to their Continental sympathisers.

With this extended demand has come the inevitable supply. As we have pointed out, in earlier days the dealer importing a medium quantity of new issues—very limited as to high values—promptly and cheerfully placed these on sale at twice face value, holding over probably a small balance to be sold ultimately at many times face value. This was eminently sound finance for the dealer, and injured no one, as the collector's purchases also increased *pari passu*. In the twentieth century "we have changed all that." The new issues are purchased wholesale, retail, and for exportation; they are bought and held by the pane or the entire sheet, and they are frequently stored away in the dealer's reserve stock in serried masses. Nor is the attention confined, as in olden

days, to the low values; the would be wary ones now set special store by the higher denominations, which have so often in bygone days risen to an enormous value. Independently of all the foregoing, whose interest may be said to be almost entirely financial, the genuine collector has taken to revelling in these new and frequently attractive new issues, and swells his collection with blocks of every shade and printing, with corners of the sheets showing marginal numbers, printers' marks, &c., repeating this process with each sub-variety of perforation and paper, and, in short, multiplies fifty-fold the new issue requirements of a score of years ago.

There is much that is tempting in this accumulative collecting, and it must be conceded that the beginner who starts with new issues may be frequently led on to take the older ones. Nor are we concerned to discourage the new collector, but rather to point out to him that there is cloud as well as silver lining in his philatelic horizon. The "new collector," accumulator, or speculator has the great initial advantage of risking very little, his purchases being made, under modern competition and facilities, at a very slight percentage over face value. This, however, he regards simply as his base on which to build his future profit; and it is exactly on this point that we wish to sound a note of warning. We have purposely drawn attention to the vastly altered phrases of stamp importing in modern days in order to accentuate our forecast of what the future will be. One frequently reads or hears glowing analyses of what ten pounds spent in colonial issues ten or twenty years back would be worth to-day, and the new collector is invited to follow this example, to be wise in time, and to retire upon a well-earned philatelic competence! These arguments are, however, absolutely fallacious and misleading. The elementary fact is ignored that it is the relative existence of the few copies that has created the value in the past. This "jobbing backward" advice can be reduced in a word to the absurd—*e.g.*, "It is calculated that the investment of ten pounds in purchasing unused stamps at face value prior to 1850 would now represent a capital of *twenty thousand pounds*. We would therefore urge our clients to seize the golden opportunity of the present and purchase stamps that must rapidly appreciate." etc., etc.! Comment is not required!

The real fact is that, with very rare exceptions, very few of the stamps issued during the past ten years will leave the holder any profit, and on the average, if he reckon interest of money, he will be a loser. We know instances of investments made—with great inner knowledge of the market—during the past few years, in which the investors have struck no reefs, and have caudally confessed that they would have done far better to invest in the sweet simplicity of Consols. We have alluded at some length to this matter, as we think it is a material factor in the progress of Philately that the genuine collector should be warned against rash and speculative enterprise; and we therefore invite the serious consideration of all who may read these lines as to whether it is not wiser to put their faith in the old lamps rather than the new.

The "frank" system is to be abolished altogether by the Australian postal authorities.

We are asked to announce the formation of the Potteries Stamp Exchange. The Secretary is Mr. D. H. Bates, c/o Mr. S. Hayes, 22, Cheapside, Hanley, Staffs.

British New Guinea, by the terms of a Bill now before the Federal Parliament, is to become an integral part of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Says that old established journal, the "Schoolmistress": "We encourage our infants to buy old stamps of every variety—English and Foreign. We cut these into small pieces and paste them upon old cream and ginger jars, &c. Then they are given a few "touches" of gold paint, just daubed with the brush here and there, and given a coat of varnish, light oak preferred. When finished they make delightful flower-vases, which, at a distance cannot be told from old Japanese china. The touches of gold greatly contribute to the delusion." Well, well! its a good use for gumpaps, anyhow.

From the Auction Rooms.

In the reports of auction sales given below * signifies unused.

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, Oct. 14th and 15th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Bahamas, 1859, unperf. 1d. lake	1	15	0
Barbados, 1878, 1d. on half 5/- central perfs. ..	3	0	0
British Central Africa, no wmk., £10 black and orange, fiscally used	2	10	0
British Guiana, 1850, 4c. black on magenta, corners cut Do. Provisionals, 2c. black on yellow border of pearls	3	15	0
British South Africa, 1890, £5 sage green	2	2	0
Do. £10 brown	1	12	0
China, German, 1900, local print, with hand stamped sur- charge 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 80, all mint.	3	3	0
Do. 80p. with surcharge inverted on entire	7	5	0
Dominican, 1886, C.A. 14, 1/- lilac rose	8	0	0
Great Britain, 2d. deep blue, without lines, a block of 35, two stamps at top slightly cut into, and one at bottom left corner is slightly defective, the block is creased in several places, otherwise very fine and rare	2	2	0
Do. Mulready wrapper, 2d. blue, used, with 2 2d. blue with lines, affixed, very fine	57	10	0
Grenada, 1886, 1d. on 1½d. orange-yellow, with surcharge inverted, fine*	1	15	0
Do. 1890, 1d. on 8d. grey-brown, with surcharge inverted, slightly thinned on extreme left, other- wise fine and very rare	2	8	0
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, lightly cancelled, but cut rather close	3	3	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 4d. scarlet-vermilion, with very fine margins, superb	5	12	6
Niger Coast, 1898, C.A. 14, 10/- deep violet, mint	4	7	6
Nova Scotia, 1851, bluish paper, 1/- deep violet, with margins on all sides, skilfully repaired	0	18	0
Orange River Colony, 1901, 6d. blue, the rare stamp without V.R.I. surcharge, a mint horizontal pair with side margin	5	0	0
St. Lucia, 1883, C.A. 14, 1/- on 1/- orange, fine and rare ..	2	14	0
St. Vincent, 1869, 4d. yellow, mint	2	0	0
Do. 1d. on 6d. yellow-green, very fine*, with gum ..	1	18	0
South Australia, 1855, 1d. deep green, a very fine horizontal pair, apparently*	3	0	0
Victoria, 1857, Emblems, no wmk., perf. 12, 2d. lilac, fine and very rare	3	15	0
	2	2	0

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Gibraltar, 1st issue, ½d. to 1/-, four unused, all fine ..	3	10	0
Great Britain, 1857, 1d. rose-red, plate 59, an entire sheet, with full gum and margins, one or two rows a little creased, 240	7	7	6
Do. 1858-64, 1d. rose-red, plate 71, a ditto, ditto, 240	7	10	0
Do. do. plate 105, ¾ of a sheet, ditto, 174 ..	5	0	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, plate 13, an imperf. pair, with side margin, unused in mint state and very fine	1	13	0
Do. 1867, 5/- rose, plate 1, unused, fine, but no gum ..	1	7	0
Do. Postal Fiscals, 1d. lilac on bleuté, Inland Revenue, wmk. Anchor, an entire sheet with full gum and margins, a few rows creased, 240 ..	3	0	0
Ionian Islands, 2d. carmine on original, very fine ..	1	5	0
Tuscany, 1853, 1 soldo, yellow-buff, unused and fine but no gum	3	12	6
Ceylon, imperf., 2/- blue, very large margins and fine but slightly thinned	4	10	0
Do. do. 2 rupees 50 cents lilac-rose, very fair ..	1	15	0
Labuan, wmk. C.A. sideways, 12c. carmine, unused in mint state but corner perf. missing, very scarce	5	5	0
British Central Africa, £10 brown, unused in mint state..	7	5	0
Do. 1892-93, 3/- on 4/- grey, fine	1	0	0
British East Africa, 1895, 1 anna green, used and fine ..	1	0	0
Do. do. 5a. black on blue, ditto	3	3	0
Do. do. 2 rupees red, ditto	3	0	0
Do. do. 3 rupees purple and 3 rupees blue, ditto	2	2	0

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British East Africa, 1895, 5 rupees green, ditto ..	2	15	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. orange, early medium impression, with large margins but rather poor colour, on entire original	2	10	0
Do. do. another, early impression, unused and fine colour but cut close and slightly damaged ..	6	0	0
Colombian Republic, 1862, 20c. red, fine and scarce ..	2	14	0
Do. do. 1 peso lilac on bluish, ditto	2	0	0
New South Wales, Diadem imperf., 2d. blue, a strip of 3, unused with gum and very fine	1	18	0
Do. 1888, 5/- mauve, unused and fine but no gum	1	0	0
New Zealand, wmk. star, imperf., 6d. deep red-brown, superb block of four, unused in mint state	7	0	0
South Australia, perf 10, 1/- chestnut, unused but badly centred, very scarce	1	11	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. bronze, good margins, lightly cancelled and exceptionally fine	4	0	0
Do. 1860, 2d. orange, a block of 32, unused without gum, fine but a little creased	6	15	0
Do. do. 4d. deep blue, a block of 8, ditto	3	0	0

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Do. do. 1/6 grey-lilac, ditto ditto	2	6	0
Do. do. 2/3 chocolate, ditto ditto	2	0	0
Do. do. 2/9 green, ditto ditto	2	2	0
*Austria, 1858-59, 2kr. orange, unused, with gum, and slightly thinned, an extremely rare stamp	1	10	0
Afghanistan, 1289, 6 shahi purple, unused, fine and very rare	4	5	0
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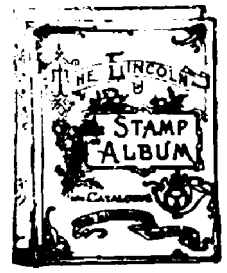
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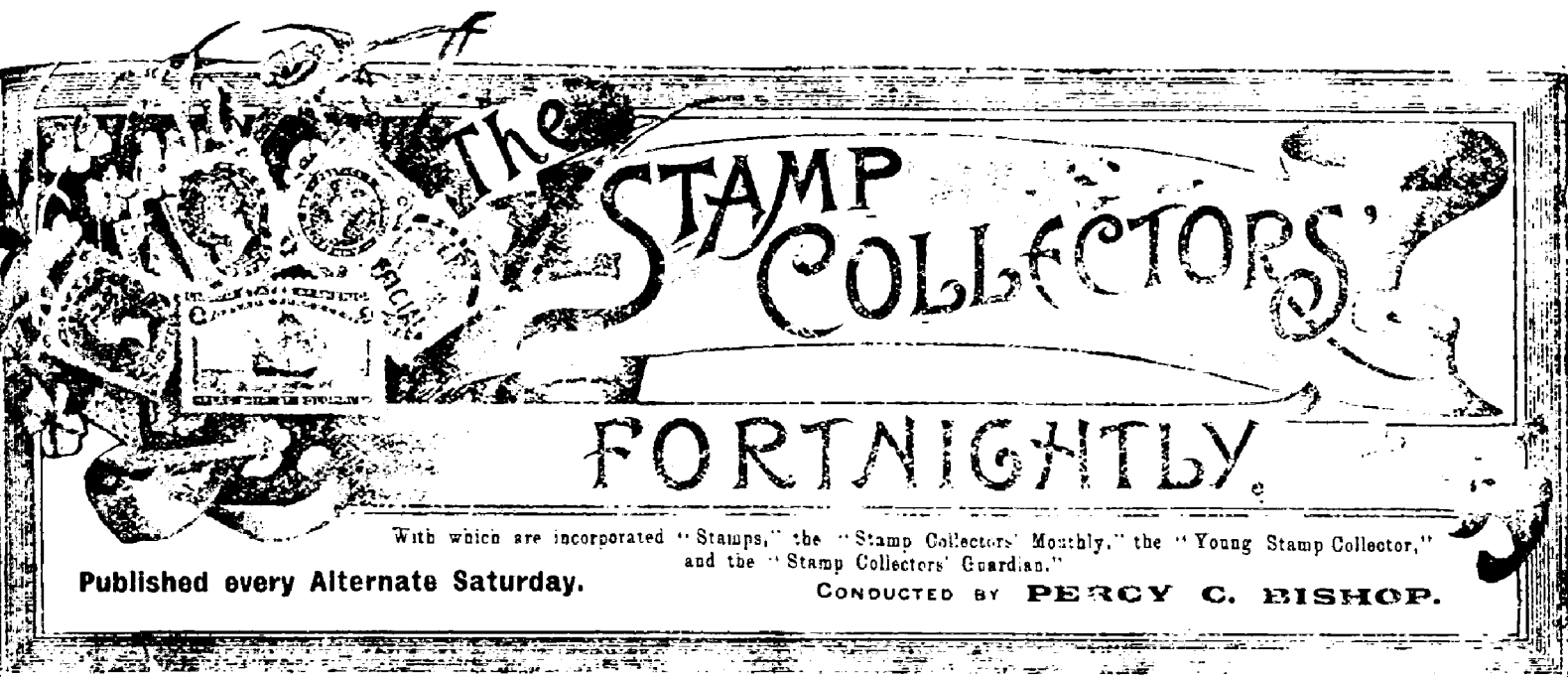
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Philately at Home and Abroad

The Business Side of Philately.

FROM Mr. Hugo Griebert, who purchased the stock of the late Mons. Roussin, of Paris, Mr. Walter Morley has now acquired the whole of the fiscal portion, nearly half of which consists of unused specimens. The purchase, we learn, includes the copyright of the journal, "L'Amides Timbres," and numerous fiscal and telegraphic illustrating blocks. Mons. Roussin, Mr. Morley informs us, had prepared the manuscript of the concluding portion of his Catalogue, and this has been found intact.

Concerning Stamp Exhibitions.

MR. W. DORNING BECKTON, of the Manchester Philatelic Society, has been reading his fellow members a paper entitled, "Can the Competitive System at Exhibitions be Improved?" The popular opinion is that it must be improved, or—there will be no Exhibitions! Mr. G. Lionel Campbell, in commenting upon Mr. Beckton's interesting paper, writes:—

One remedy Mr. Beckton suggested was that the exhibitors should be handicapped according to their previous success, so that a collector who obtained a medal for the same country at a past exhibition would have to obtain a greater number of points in order to beat the exhibitor who had not previously shown his stamps. There were many objections to this suggestion, and in the end Mr. Beckton gave us what he considered was the best way to tackle the question, and that was by making a collector who had obtained a gold medal, if he showed the same country again, compete with collectors who had also been successful and give the unsuccessful competitors a "look in."

The proposal met with a fair amount of approval, but I think one suggested by Mr. Abbott, a vice-president, would be easier worked.

His plan was to divide the classes into two sub-divisions, one of them for stamps catalogued under £2 and the other for any of the stamps issued by the particular country. The number of stamps to be shown could be arranged to suit the countries in the class. Another suggestion was that the total value of the exhibit should be taken into account. The great fault with all the proposals was that they would mean a large increase in the number of medals offered, but I think that the support would be far greater, and we should see many fresh competitors who, before, had seen no possibility of winning a medal.

Death of the Rev. W. Bell.

PHILATELISTS all over the world will feel something of a personal loss in the death of the Rev. W. Bell, M.A., of Kilmeen, County Cork. Everywhere he was known and liked as an earnest philatelist and courteous correspondent. The writer of "Our Stamp Column" in the "Irish Times" says of him:—

"Mr. Bell was one of the most earnest and successful collectors in this country, and his magnificent collection was certainly the finest in Ireland. I was associated with Mr. Bell as a collector more than twenty years ago, and even as a youthful enthusiast he was a most enjoyable companion. He had a keen appreciation of a fine specimen, and he was the most successful collector I ever knew at unearthing good old stamps in the most unlikely places. Not very long ago his stamps were valued at something like £5,000.

"Many years ago, when advanced collectors were few and far between, Mr. Bell arranged the late Duke of Leinster's handsome collection, which now adorns the National Museum, and much of the Duke's love for philately was fostered by his association with Mr. Bell. His quiet, genial manner made him welcome in every circle, and wherever a small band of collectors met his extensive knowledge and shrewd ideas regarding values placed him at once in the position of guide and philosopher. His tragical and untimely death creates a blank in our circle which will long remain unfilled."

The Tragedy of Mr. Bell's Death.

LATER accounts show that Mr. Bell died the most terrible of all deaths—he was burned to death in a barn. In the "Cork Constitution" of November 3rd appears the following account of the shockingly sad occurrence:—

We deeply regret to announce that the Rev. William Bell, rector of Kilmeen, was burned to death on Saturday evening in a barn attached to the glebe.

The facts of the terrible occurrence are brief and startlingly simple. The glebe at Kilmeen is of a goodly size, and the Rev. W. Bell, who

had a great liking for rural life, took much interest in his farm, which he managed on modern lines. It appears that at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday evening he left the Rectory on his bicycle, and he was not seen again alive. At half-past eight o'clock the same evening fire was observed to have broken out in one of the out-offices, and when the servants ran to the farmyard they discovered that the hay barn was well alight. After a slight delay efforts were made to extinguish the conflagration, but without success, the hay burning fiercely and defying all efforts at extinction. Inquiries set on foot failed to elicit the whereabouts of the rector; no one it appears, saw him return after he left at 6.30, but that he did so was soon apparent to the alarmed occupants of the glebe, for his bicycle was observed standing by the garden gate!

The worst was now surmised, and those who were fighting the fire redoubled their efforts, for it was feared that Rev. Mr. Bell had gone to the barn with a lantern, and having accidentally set the hay alight, perished in the flames. This proved unhappily too true. The barn contained about 20 tons of hay, and, with the amount of water that could be poured on the burning mass from buckets and other vessels, extinction seemed hopeless. A number of helpers soon arrived, and they chiefly occupied themselves in pulling the hay that had not yet become alight into the yard.

On through the night the gallant rescuers continued to combat the fire, and at 5.30 a.m. yesterday morning, just nine hours after the discovery of the outbreak, they discovered the dead body of Mr. Bell at the back of the barn. The remains were burned beyond all hope of recognition, and close beside them lay the stable lantern. Mr. Bell's watch was found to have stopped at 8.25, and as it would take a considerable degree of heat to cause the works of the watch to expand to the point of stopping, it is likely that death came before the outbreak of the fire was even noticed.

The deepest sympathy is felt for the relatives of the deceased, and, in particular, Mrs. Bell and her children—three daughters and a son—who have been plunged in sorrow under such shocking circumstances.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place three days later—November 5th—his remains being laid to rest in the quiet churchyard adjoining the parish church of Kilmeen, prominent among the mourners being the deceased's brothers, the Rev. Edward Bell, of Saltash, and the Rev. George Bell, of Lisburn.

The I.P.U.'s Examination Paper.

THE International Philatelic Union wants essays—*not* "essays" of postage stamps but essays *on* postage stamp collecting. Witness the following announcement, just to hand from the I.P.U.'s Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. H. Hinton:—

The Committee have decided to offer Prizes of Stamps to the value of £3 3s. and £1 1s. (to be selected by the winners, from any dealer), for the two best sets of three essays on the following subjects:

- 1.—What advice would you give generally to anyone proposing to form a specialised collection, and more particularly from any one of the following countries:—

France, Greece, Holland, Japan, Persia, Siam, Egypt, Natal, Orange River Colonies, Argentine, Chile, Ecuador, Fiji, Queensland and Western Australia.

- 2.—Describe the differences in the various methods of printing stamps, and indicate how specimens printed by different processes may be distinguished.

- 3.—The third paper is to be written on one or other of the undermentioned subjects, but not both:—

(a) The advantages of stamp collecting.

(b) Whether it is desirable to describe and illustrate forgeries.

The essays are to be legibly written on one side of the paper only, and not to exceed 500 words in length. They must reach the Hon. Sec., accompanied by the sender's *nom de plume*, not later than April 13th, 1903.

The right of publication of any of the essays is to rest with the Committee. The Judges will be Major E. B. Evans, R.A., and Mr. E. D. Bacon.

Here is a chance both for the budding essayist and the public-spirited philatelist. We can picture the would-be philatelic litterateur eager to spread himself out on "The Advantages of Stamp Collecting!" (Oh, cruel, cruel limit of 500 words!) On the other hand much good may accrue from the receipt of instructive papers on the first two subjects mentioned above. But we rather question the ability of any one properly to cover subject No. 2 in 500 words!

A Stamp Collection for the Pope.

Is it true, then, that the Pope is a stamp collector? There appears to be no doubt as to the truth of the recent paragraph we published regarding a proposed philatelic presentation to his Holiness, for a statement is now going the round of the Press to the effect that the Rev. F. Simmons, a member of Cardinal Vaughan Society of Foreign Missionaries, at present stationed at Kashmir, is collecting a complete set of obsolete stamps of Jammu and Kashmir, to be presented to the Pope on the occasion of his silver papal jubilee. The collection will be placed in a richly decorated album and chronologically classified.

The Strange Boy who Wrote to the Czar

A STAMP STORY WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE TRUE.

YEARS ago there went the rounds of the philatelic press a story of a little boy who wrote a letter to the Czar of Russia, asking him for some Russian stamps, and was awarded by a gracious reply and a present of a wonderful collection of stamps. We read it, said "clever," and forgot all about it.

Yet it was a good story and quite true after all. In a recent visit to some of the Western cities I learned the facts of the case. The boy who wrote the letter (he was eight years old at the time) is to-day a freshman at Cornell University. His parents live in Pittsburg and have in their possession the stamps and letter which accompanied them. The story is as follows: In the year 1895 the family was residing in Toronto, Canada. One day there arrived in the mail a bulky envelope addressed to Master B—and sealed with a large seal bearing the Russian eagle.

"Oh," said Master B—, "The Czar must have answered my letter."

"What," said a member of the family, "do you mean to say that you have been writing to the Czar?"

"Yes: I heard he was a stamp collector, and I thought he might like some Canadian stamps, so I sent him a lot."

"But you didn't say anything about this to any of us."

"No, that is just what I told the Czar. I said, 'Nobody knows I am writing to you but old Mary; she's Granny's cook.'"

"Well, I hope you didn't ask the Czar for stamps?"

"No, I didn't ask him for any, but down at the bottom of the letter I said, 'P.S.—If you have any duplicates, I'd like to have some.'"

Within the envelope addressed to Master B— was the following letter:—

Ambassade, Imperiale de Russie.

To Master B—, 15, St. Thomas St.,

South Hamilton, Ontario.

By order of the Emperor, the Imperial Russian Embassy in London, has the honour to inform you that His Imperial Majesty has been graciously pleased not only to accept a collection of stamps sent by you, but to cause a collection of Russian stamps to be transmitted to you in return. In forwarding the parcel addressed to you, the Imperial Russian Embassy begs to request you to send your receipt for the same to the Secretary of the Russian Embassy in London.

(Signed) the First Secretary of the Embassy,

London, 15th July, 1902.

KRAUPENSKY.

There were enclosed three sets of the Russian stamps then current, ranging in value from one kopek to seven roubles, also a quantity of envelopes, wrappers and postal cards. There was also enclosed a receipt, which gave a detailed list of the stamps and stationery. This was written in Russian, and being somewhat of a curiosity, was retained, and another receipt, written in English, sent in its stead. The family of the young man have carefully preserved the letter and its contents as an interesting relic of his childhood's days.

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

IN THE issue before last, I noticed a cutting from the "Metropolitan Philatelist," from which it appears that a writer in that journal considers that the most likely thing to induce collectors to take up fiscals is the absence of a catalogue. This is such an extraordinary statement, and one that in my opinion is so entirely erroneous, that I can only conclude that its author has no practical acquaintance with the hobby he refers to. I willingly grant that the paucity and poverty of catalogue information has proved an attraction to many philatelists of independent character, who have enjoyed the greatest pleasures that our hobby can afford whilst doing pioneer work of a most useful kind, and I am glad to think that men of this stamp will continue to be attracted by such conditions, but I am very certain that for every single philatelist who has sufficient originality to thus launch out into the unknown, there are hundreds who are unwilling to take the shortest excursion without the most explicit of road-books and all the comforts of modern travel.

I am quite sure that I have met many more persons who have been desirous of collecting fiscals, and who would have started had I been able to place in their hands a fiscal Gibbons or Scott, than I have met actual collectors; and I know full well that many a member of the Fiscal Club, in this country and abroad, has had his inclination fixed by having been induced to purchase Moens' catalogue.

Over and over again have I had to meet the appeal for a general catalogue in the best way that I could, and, but for the fact that there is such an exceedingly small number of hours in each day, I should ere this have made a serious attempt to supply the deficiency.

It is much to be deplored that the good intentions of M. Roussin in this direction (already referred to in these notes) have been frustrated by his too early death, and that he has left no one to carry on his work. The Fiscal Stamp Society is likely to do good service by publishing carefully prepared sectional lists at intervals, but this is not the greatest need, and I wonder if they could not adopt the plan of the first society of French philatelists, who used to appoint their best qualified members to draw up reference lists, to be published after careful revision and discussion at the periodical meetings. By this means a great deal of ground can be covered in a comparatively short time, especially if it be made an instruction to avoid going too much into minutiae. I do not think it would be difficult to find a publisher, especially if the project were backed by a small guarantee fund.

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It appears that the stock of M. Roussin is now in this country, having been purchased by Mr. Griebert. The "P.J. of G.B." speculates as to how long it will be before that gentleman earns the title of the "King of Fiscalists" said to have been borne by the former owner, but apparently the London dealer in question has no ambitions in this direction, for Mr. Morley tells me that a syndicate has already taken all the fiscals and telegraphs, the journal, and the blocks, etc., etc., off his hands.

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Thanks to the number of specialists in British Colonials we have a very fair general knowledge of these stamps, but every now and then we get a reminder of the fact that we are still a long way from that degree of acquaintance with the subject that is to be desired. A few months ago the editor of "M.P.J." made us blush by his exposure of our ignorance as to the complete composition of the several issues for the Cape of Good Hope, and this being so, perhaps it is not surprising that we should have but the slightest inkling of what has been done in a certain remote corner of that territory. The lists of Colonial Fiscals recently issued by the Fiscal Society contains but four items under the name of Basutoland, three of which I have not yet seen, but as I have just acquired several fresh ones I think it would be useful to list those now in my collection.

BASUTOLAND.

All overprinted on Cape of Good Hope stamps, perf. 14, and watermarked Anchor.

In carmine, 26 x 2½, thick block caps, horizontally placed.

Head. 1d. green on yellow.

In violet, same overprint, diagonally upwards.

Head. 1d. green on yellow.
2s. 6d. ochre.

In black, 18 x 3, thick block caps, horizontally.

Head. 2s. 6d. ochre.
Hope. 3d. lilac and green.
6d. "
2s. " and red.
3s. " " green.
5s. " " black.

In black, 21 x 2½, thin block caps, horizontally.

Hope. 1d. lilac and pink.

The overprint on the first three stamps appears to have been struck by hand, but the later ones were evidently machine printed.

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In my August notes I chronicled the appearance of some of the King's Head Revenues, and since that date I have jotted down a number of these little stragglers with the intention of listing them *en bloc*. However, I hear from Mr. Fulcher that he has obtained full official information as to what has actually been issued, and as his account will appear in "Morley's Journal," collectors may be referred to that paper for this useful list. I have a correction to make in my description of the new watermark for the values in shillings, it being a script *I.R.* instead of *E.R.*

One noteworthy alteration is that the new general type is being used for the Foreign Bill set, and, although this is evidently being done for the sake of economy, I cannot view the change without some misgivings. It greatly increases the temptation to which we all know that one postal clerk succumbed, and was then able to successfully defraud the Revenue for several years. A man who hands out large numbers of one pound Foreign Bill, Bankruptcy, Civil Service, District Audit and Judicature stamps, might net a very large sum by collusion with an engraver and printer, and as more of the Foreign Bill stamps are used than of all the others put together, the inducement would be much less under the old system of a separate design for this class.

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I wonder how all the unused Transvaal stamps of the last Boer issue that are about got on the market. I thought that the sheets found were carefully retained and re-issued with a V.R.I. overprint, and unless the stamps now about have been let out since the King's issue was brought into use, the Government has surely been running a considerable risk, for there must have been a large quantity in somebody's hands that were never paid for. The price now being asked for the set from 1d. to £2 is some five or six shillings.

By the way, I think that of the King's revenue set only the 2/6 orange-brown and black, and 5/- black and violet, have so far been listed: to these I can add 10/- bright blue and black, and 20/- sage-green and black.

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I have one small addition to make to the list of Spanish revenues, having taken from the last Fiscal Club Packet that reached me No 219 in the new catalogue, and the same overprint on the same value printed in lilac. Some very interesting things have also reached me from the Philippines, but I have promised an illustrated account of them to the Editor of "Morley's Journal" so as to supplement my former articles on that region. I may, however, say here that the period of locally lithographed productions is now about over, as properly engraved plates have been made in the States for each kind of duty.

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The Christmas "Fortnightly."

Our next issue, dated Saturday, December 6th, will be the Christmas *Fortnightly*, and in its size and in the all-round interest of its contents, we shall endeavour to break all previous records. Those readers who occasionally help us with items of philatelic news or scraps of stamp gossip, are specially invited to send us something for the Christmas *Fortnightly*, and thus help us to make up a bumper number.

Although the Christmas issue will be greatly enlarged, we shall adhere to S.C.F. traditions and sell the number at the usual price—one penny. To advertisers we would specially appeal to let us have their orders early, as there will be a great pressure of work in connection with the number and the extra space we shall be able to devote to advertisements will be limited. Despite a greatly increased circulation, there will be no change in the advertising tariff.

Our Advice to Speculators.

DOUBTLESS our readers have followed with no little interest the series of articles on Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' new Colonial Catalogue, the last of which appears in this number of the *Fortnightly*. The articles, necessarily, have dealt entirely with the £ s. d. side of the question, but they have not been written with any view to fostering a speculative spirit in Philately. We hope rather that they will prove to be of value to the bona fide amateur philatelist who needs help in reading between the lines of the dealer's price book.

With speculation in Philately we have no sympathy whatever. In our view the so-called "Philatelist" who is a speculator and nothing else is of no value to Philately. And in the end he will generally find that Philately is of very little value to him. So to all those who wish for, or care to listen to, our advice to those about to speculate in stamps we beg to say that it is the same as "Mr. Punch's" historic counsel to those about to marry. Sooner or later we hold that the stamp speculator is bound to burn his fingers.

Speculation apart, it is interesting and important to know just how truly or how untruly the various quotations in a stamp catalogue reflect the fair market value of the varieties concerned. This is what we have attempted to teach in our articles on the Gibbons' Catalogue, and if we have helped a collector here and there to "get in at the basement," as they say on the Stock Exchange, then we shall not have written in vain.

Tragic Death of the Rev. Bell.

The death of the Rev. W. Bell, fully described elsewhere in this number, was an unutterably sad occurrence. Our respectful sympathy is tendered to the sorrowing relatives and friends. The presence at the dead Rector's grave-side of his two brothers—both of them clergymen, and both of them philatelists—reminds one that stamp collecting has always been a favourite hobby among ministers of the Gospel of all denominations. That gifted Methodist preacher, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, whose death occurred only a day or two before that of Mr. Bell, was also a philatelist, though not at all prominently known as such. Mr. Price Hughes devoted himself especially to English stamps and was as keen as anyone on securing additional varieties for his collection.

The New Gibbons' 1903 Catalogue.

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We do not find much to criticise in the list of *Queensland* stamps. No. 4 is a rare stamp. There are probably fewer copies in existence of this than of, say, the New Brunswick or the Nova Scotia 1/-; still we cannot say that 30/- is below the market price for it.

Of the stamps of *St. Christopher*, we think No. 9 should be priced at the same price used as unused. As a matter of fact, it is very much rarer used. The 6d. CA., No. 19, is a stamp that should rise in value.

No. 1 of *St. Helena* should be priced more unused than used. No. 2 is a bargain at 80/- if this is the price for a "mint" copy. Used, this stamp is a good deal rarer than No. 2a. The latter should, perhaps, be reduced to 15/-. No. 10 is cheap unused and also No. 17. No. 27 is a scarce stamp and might be marked higher both unused and used. Nos. 30 and 31 are both much scarcer unused than No. 33. No. 37, which is unpriced, is common enough. We should put it at 6d. or 8d. and should mark No. 38 at 4d.

In *St. Lucia* we think No. 24 cheap at 4/6 unused. No. 29 and No. 30 are not too dear. The 2½d. blue die 1 is very hard to find unused and should be well worth 7/6.

Of the *St. Vincents*, we think No. 6 is cheap at 12/6, and Nos. 20 and 22 are cheap at the unused prices. Nos. 42 and 43 are likely to rise in value. No. 47 is well worth buying at 6/-. Nos. 64 and 65 are a good speculation.

The note printed after No. 22 in the 1900 edition of the catalogue has been discontinued in the later editions. Does this mean that the "speculator" referred to and Messrs. S. G. and Co. have come to terms? No. 8 is the best stamp of this country to buy at catalogue price.

No. 9 of *Sierra Leone*, though highly priced, is not dear. Nos. 17 and 20 are cheap unused, also No. 27.

The lists of *South Australia* have been much lengthened. We have one thing to be thankful for, however, the stamps of 1867-70 perf. 11½ on three sides and 12½ on one side are not listed in full.

Of the *Strait Settlements* stamps, No. 41 is worth buying unused at 3/-. No. 45a is cheap at 3d. No. 65 at 1/-, and No. 68 at 6/- are worth buying, also No. 74 at 9d. The best of the Native surcharges to buy at the prices quoted are the Perak Service stamps Nos. 202, 203 and 204.

Why has the 10/- stamp of *Svaziland* disappeared? The 2/6 and 5/- are both good stamps to buy, especially the 2/6.

Tasmania has been greatly expanded by listing additional varieties of perforation. No. 89, 90, 91 are worth buying unused, if the prices quoted apply to mint copies. The 4d. stamps Nos. 146, 147 and 155 to 158 are all worth buying.

No. 18 of *Tobago* is cheap unused at 25/- and No. 35 at 2/-. Of the stamps of *Tonga*, Nos. 9 and 10 seem cheap unused, also 19 and 20 which have been reduced in price.

Of the early *Transvaal* many of the 1/- stamps seem priced cheaply unused when compared with the pennies or six-pennies of the same issues. Of the later stamps, No. 180 is cheap at 9d., it is scarce as compared with the 1d. grey and 1d. black of the same issue which are priced at 1/-.

The only stamp of *Trinidad* we think cheap is No. 95, which should be priced more than No. 94, not less.

All four stamps of the 1881 issue of *Turks Islands* seem underpriced, also No. 46, No. 47 of the next issue. Nos. 58 and 59 are good stamps to invest in.

Of the stamps of *Victoria*, No. 109 is cheap at 10/-. No. 130 is well worth 60/-, if with gum and well centred. No. 159 is not dear, if the price applies to lightly-postmarked copies. Nos. 209, 210, and 213 are cheap unused. No. 249 would pay as an investment. The best of the *Virgin Islands* stamps to buy at the prices are, we think, Nos. 7, 16, 21, and 26, unused.

All the earlier *Western Australia*s seem to be priced high enough. The 1d., perf. 12, No. 96, is cheap at 1/-, the 2d. of this issue is common, but not the 1d. No. 87 is cheap, but No. 84 is, we think, dear. No. 301 is cheap unused.

We do not find anything especially cheap in *Zanzibar*, but in *Zululand* we think the 4d. of the first issue is worth having at 2/6. We see no reason why it should be worth less than the 2½d. or 3d.

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.

Great Britain.—A naval contributor to the "Sunday Times" has information to impart regarding the intention of the Admiralty to issue over-printed postage stamps to naval officers:—

"After April," he writes,—“Over-printed postage stamps will be issued to His Majesty's ships throughout the service. In itself this may appear a trifling circumstance, but it is at least significant of the efforts that are made by the Admiralty to render dishonesty impossible. Under the present system, when a ship is commissioned, the accountant officer is supplied with a stock of postage stamps. Admiralty letters are sent unstamped; other official letters are stamped at the public expense; private letters from the officers and ship's company are franked with stamps purchased from the accountant officer. Given an accountant officer with an elastic conscience, there is no reason why he should not frank his private letters with stamps that are debited against the public service; and there is nothing to prevent this form of leakage. After the commencement of the next financial year, however, the accountant will be supplied with two forms of stamps. The over-printed paper effigies of the King will bear the letters 'O.H.M.S.' across the face, but all others will be sold for private use, and each will have to be accounted for in the periodical statement.”

Bhopal.—The new stamps, not yet formally chronicled here, consist of the following values and colours:

$\frac{1}{2}$	anna	red.
$\frac{1}{2}$	“	black.
1	“	brown.
2	“	blue.
4	“	orange.
8	“	mauve.
1	rupee	rose.

“There is a uniform design for set, says the "Monthly Journal" in its interesting descriptions of these stamps, "consisting of Persian (?) characters in the centre as upon the rectangular stamps of the previous issues, surrounded by an oval band containing the inscription in English letters, 'H.H. NAWAR SULTAN JAHAN BEGAM,' but commencing at the upper right, instead of the lower left, and continuous as upon the 8a. stamps. This is enclosed in a fancy rectangular frame, with the letters 'B—L—C—I' in circles at the corners, and completed by narrow labels with a scroll pattern, broken in the centre at top and bottom by native characters, of which those below denote the value. The design is lithographed on thin yellowish white wove paper, imperforate. The $\frac{1}{2}$ a. value is in sheets of sixteen, the $\frac{1}{2}$ a., 1a. and 2a. in sheets of eight, and the higher values are probably also in sheets of that size, but we have only seen single copies at present. In each case there are, as before, as many varieties as there are stamps on the sheet, but we have not found any actual errors, though the 'G' of 'BEGAM' usually resembles a 'c.'”

Dominican Republic.—The 12, 20, and 25 centavos stamps of the commemorative set issued in February last have been chronicled with inverted centres. "This," remarks the "American Journal of Philately," with gentle irony, "leaves only the 10 centavos and the official set to appear in this condition, and we presume they will be forthcoming in due time."

France.—Paragraphs of one sort or another have appeared in nearly all the daily and weekly newspapers regarding the intention to issue new French stamps in December, bearing Roty's figure of "The Sower." We present a few of the more interesting paragraphs here.

The Paris correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" writes:—

The Government of France is to have a new postage stamp, and the issue will probably be made at the beginning of the year. The design approved is the beautiful one of the woman-sower ("La Semeuse") of Roty, which already appears on the smaller coins in currency. The present inartistic stamp for inland use, especially its villainous colouring, has much troubled the postal authorities, but want of money and some other considerations blocked the way. M. Roty has removed them himself. He has presented his design to the Post Office, which is equivalent to a donation of fifty thousand francs, seeing that that amount is realized by the first sales of a new issue to philatelists, and he has allowed his scruples to be overcome which prevented him from designing a stamp when he had acted as the member of a committee charged with selecting the vignettes. Not to be outdone in generosity, M. Mouchon, who created the old stamp, is going to engrave the new.

French Colonies.—There is a terrible deluge of new French Colonial stamps, "gotten up" in the style of the current set of the mother country. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the following:—

<i>Alexandria.</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1, 2, and 5fr.
<i>Cavalla.</i>	5c., 2 piastres, on 50c., 4 piastres on 1fr., 8 piastres on 2fr.
<i>Crete.</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1, 2, and 5fr.
<i>Dedeagh.</i>	5c., 2 piastres on 50c., 4 piastres on 1fr., and 8 piastres on 2fr.
<i>French China.</i>	5, 40 and 50c., 1, 2, and 5fr
<i>French Levant.</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 40c., 2 piastres on 50c.
<i>French Zanzibar.</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$ a. on 5c., 4a. on 40c., 5a. on 50c., 10a. on 1fr., 20a. on 2fr., and 50c. on 5fr.
<i>Port Said.</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 40, 50c., 1, 2, and 5fr.

From the same firm we have two other novelties in the French Colonial Department:—

Djibouti.—An entirely new set of small oblong stamps has been prepared, the design shewing, in a central oval, a block of white buildings and a palm tree. The inscription reads "Cote Francaise des Somalis—Postes," while in the left bottom corner is the monogram "R.F." (Republic Francaise) and in the right bottom corner the numeral of value. We have received, so far, one value—the 10 centimes carmine.

French Guiana.—Here a 2 francs stamp has been issued in the stock Colonial style, with "Guyane" in red in the bottom label.

Germany.—It appears that franks are to be issued for the officials of the Kingdom of Prussia.

"Until the present time," runs a statement in the "Berliner Lokal Anzeiger," "the State has paid for the forwarding of its correspondence a sum fixed by the postal administration. The latter, considering this sum to be insufficient, has decided to furnish stamps for one year to the various Prussian authorities. Thus they will know at the end of the year what is the amount of postage used and will fix, according to this amount, the new sum to be collected for the entire service. The experiment will continue from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1903. The denominations employed will be: 2, 3, 5, 10, 25 and 50pf. The stamps will have the same forms and the same colours as the stamps in regular use, but will bear mention that they are franking stamps. They will be obliterated with the same marks as the ordinary stamps."

Regarding the new design the "Levant Herald" remarks:

France, in Roty's picture, is shown as the Sower, who, with her Phrygian bonnet and naked arms, is engaged in throwing the future harvests in the furrows.

From all that we have heard and read on this subject we gather that the commonest French stamp, the 15 centimes, is the only one that will, at present, be affected by the change. The new stamp, it is said, will be out well before Christmas.

Leeward Islands.—Mr. Bertram Poole informs us that three new values of the King's Head type have just been issued—2d., 3d., and 2s. 6d. The design is similar to that of the values previously issued, and all three are printed from plate 2. The colours are:—

2d.	lilac and brown.
3d.	“ “ black.
2/6 green	“ “

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WRITE TO-DAY.—Early English unused, in pairs and blocks, Australian, New Zealand, Maui, U.S., Canada, West Indies, &c., for disposal.—J. WRIGHT, Ivy Cottage, St. Neots, Hants.

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THE market is flooded with stamp albums of all sorts. Long albums, short albums, thick albums, thin albums. Albums with plain leaves, albums with spaces, albums whose only merit is in the binding, albums that are severely un-ornamental.

Yet with all these varieties to select from neither the beginner nor the advanced collector is by any means happy. Why is this?

I think the answer is an easy one, and that it is to be found in the fact that the smaller albums do too little and the larger ones too much.

Probably most collectors will agree with me than an album properly spaced is far and away the most convenient form to use, yet will admit that these albums present serious drawbacks. First, the spacing is generally made to follow a catalogue that embraces so many varieties that, as I pointed out in your issue of the 25th ult., it is hopeless for the average collector to attempt to fill them. Secondly, the album comprises all stamp issuing countries, or at least a very large group of countries, so that even if some of the pages are reasonably filled others present a painful display of blank spaces.

If an album were constructed to correspond with a simplified catalogue something, but not very much, would be gained. Not very much because most collectors "specialise" and only require certain countries. Further than this, for a collection to be permanent the possibility of adding extra pages is a *senè qua non*. To allow for such additions a binder holding detachable leaves forms far and away the most convenient form of album. It is, therefore, obvious that what is really required is a spaced album with detachable leaves, yet so far as I am aware such an article is not on the market.

The matter appears to me to be so simple that I am surprised that no firm has taken it in hand. All that is wanted is a series of leaves properly spaced for the various issues of each country, but made entirely distinct or at any rate in separate sections. Each collector could then buy those parts that he required however diverse they might be. Binders should be issued at a reasonable price to take a certain number of the leaves so that each person could bind up his collection in the order he preferred. Such a system would suit the beginner who limited himself say to European countries or the most advanced collector. With suitable spacing as indicated in my former article in the *Fortnightly* room could be left for rarities without detracting from the artistic appearance of each page. But for reasons stated in my previous contribution it is very desirable that such an album should be issued by a firm that does not deal in stamps so that there should not even be a suspicion that the spacing was influenced by the state of stock books.

I quite expect to be told that my suggestion is unnecessary, that inasmuch as the same result is obtained by a collector using a blank album and marking it out to suit himself. But

unfortunately this marking out, simple as it is in theory, is a very complicated affair, and involves so much thought and trouble, that an ordinary individual finds the task too much for his patience, and the result as a rule proves far from pleasing.

Collecting has been a common hobby with children almost from the introduction of postage stamps, and yet to-day the album "dumped down," for the child appears to be identical with that in use, say, thirty years ago.

And what albums they are! They tend in no way to foster ideas of order by teaching the sequence of the issues. As a result the young collector thinks it the right plan to put the stamps in higgledy-piggledy. The issue of the day of course takes first place, and then as the collection grows come earlier stamps of all sorts and sizes, in varied array. The spacing too is atrocious and appears to have been arranged by guess work only.

I have before me my little daughter's collection of about a thousand stamps, and the distribution is amusing. Austria, Belgium and Holland are each allotted two pages, the pages being ingeniously arranged to face each other so as to prevent the reasonable insertion of extra leaves. These pages as might be expected are already well over half full, but further on in the book the condition is very different. Chinese locals, Peru and Zanzibar are each given three pages, whilst Bolivia, Hawaii and Russian locals are accorded two each. But in these countries there are only a total of 21 stamps giving an average of 1.4 per page, as against 17.5 in the countries first mentioned. I have no reason to suppose that this is an exceptional result since I have no special means of acquiring stamps of any particular country.

If then we wish to encourage our children to take an intelligent interest in collecting and to make them gain information by the pursuit, it is necessary to provide them with better albums.

A "spaced" album is particularly important to a beginner, but here as permanency is not an object, the volume form is not objectionable. But the spacing should be arranged to show the sequence of issues without leaving spaces for stamps of any considerable value. Such an album if nicely got up would be especially pleasing to children and would give them a task of educational value in properly putting the stamps in place.

The present beginner's album brings stamp collecting down to the level of crest collecting or scrap book making.

In the *Fortnightly's* editorial paragraph calling attention to my article, it is suggested that the preparation of a "Rational Catalogue" would perhaps result in a serious loss. This is of course likely if it were issued in volume form, but if brought out serially in the *Fortnightly* there would not be the same risk. I do not in fact see why the *S.C.F.* should not go a step further and produce a rational "spaced" album on the lines I have laid down as a supplement to the journal, making an additional charge to cover cost. An experiment of this kind could obviously be discontinued at any time if it did not obtain proper support. There is certainly an opening for something of the kind and I think the *Fortnightly* would add to its reputation by striking out a new line for the benefit of collectors.

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Mauritius.—Mr. Bertram Poole writes as follows:—

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 - 27.—Best Collection of United States Revenue Stamps, Miss Myra Palache.
- Dr. S. L. Lee's Revenue Collection was entered, but did not arrive till the Exhibition was over. It was complete with exceptions of three varieties and would have taken this medal if it had arrived in time.
- 28.—Second Best Collection of United States Revenue Stamps, Mr. A. H. Weber.
 - 30.—Best Display of Postage Stamps on Original Covers, Mr. Marcuse.
 - 31.—Best Exemplification of Perforations of Japan, Mr. A. H. Weber.
 - 32.—Best Decorative Work Composed of Stamps, Mr. Frank Koenig.
- This was for a white vase decorated with strips and parts cut out of stamps and attached very ingeniously and artistically.
- 33.—Best Collection in a Printed Album, Miss Ott.
 - 34.—Most Artistic Ornamental Design Composed of Stamps, Mr. A. L. Ott.
 - 35.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Central American Republics, Mr. A. H. Weber.
 - 36.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of French Colonies, Mr. H. J. Crocker.
 - 37.—Best Display of 50 Unused Imperforate Pairs, Mr. A. H. Weber.
- One of the surprises of the Exhibition was the fact that only one exhibit was entered for this apparently easy class
- 38.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Mexico, Mr. H. J. Crocker.
 - 39.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Tonga and Samoa, Mr. A. Holland.
 - 40.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Norway and Sweden, Mr. E. R. Ackerman.
 - 41.—Best Specimen of Bookbinding in a Stamp Album, Dr. S. L. Lee.

This is a beautiful specimen of bookbinding, with green undressed flexible calf, perfect tooling, watered silk inside covers, and illuminated title page with handsome illuminated border,—altogether a "dream"; but the leaves are bound in the book, instead of being movable like all modern stamp albums.

42.—Best 100 Unused Stamps, Condition and Neat Arrangement only to Count, Mr. A. L. Ott.

43.—Best Display of Stamps of Holland and Colonies, Mr. A. H. Weber.

44.—Best Display of Western Franks, Mr. W. Sellschopp.

The most interesting item exhibited was a "Reed's City Despatch" on entire, belonging to Mr. H. B. Phillips' Exhibit, this being the only copy known.

45.—Best 100 Unused Stamps Issued Prior to 1870, Mr. A. H. Weber.

46.—Best Display of Stamps of Russia, Mr. Wm. J. Gardner.

This collection contains a mint copy of the 7 kop. with the net inverted.

47.—Best Display of Stamps of the Australian Federation, Mr. Wm. H. Crocker.

This was one of the few close competitions of the exhibition, the judges spending probably their hardest spell of work on this class. The contesting collection was that of Mr. H. J. Crocker. Comparison was made issue by issue in each colony, and the result showed a superiority for Mr. Wm. H. Crocker. It will be almost impossible from lack of room, to describe the two collections in this place. It must suffice to say that there were between 200 and 300 Sydneys in each collection, the W. H. Crocker collection many unused; that each collection was contained in five books, and very few catalogue varieties are not represented either in unused copies or exceptionally fine used copies, shaded, and many rare blocks throughout. The winning collection includes one of the best lots of South Australia Departmentals in existence.

48.—Best Display of Stamps of Leeward Islands, Mr. J. N. Luff.

49.—Best Display of Stamps of France, Mr. H. J. Crocker.

Mr. Lombard's magnificent collection of France was sent for exhibition only

51.—Best Collection of Postal Cards, Mr. C. N. Sanford.

A very meritorious exhibit of over 4000 pieces.

52.—Best Display by a member of the Berkeley Philatelic Society, Mr. A. L. Ott.

53.—Best Display of the Stamps of Greece, Mr. Wm. J. Gardner.

54.—Best Collection of Stamps of the United States Exhibited by a Person not a Member of the Society, Dr. S. L. Lee.

56.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Denmark and Colonies, Mr. M. H. Lombard.

57.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of South America, Mr. H. J. Crocker.

This collection is said to be the only one that contains both the Peru Medio Pesos, yellow and rose, in unused condition.

58.—Second Best Exhibit, Mr. A. H. Weber.

59.—Third Best Exhibit, Mr. A. Holland.

The feature of this exhibit is a very fine collection of Brazil.

60.—Best Display by a Person under 18 years of age, neatness and condition only to count, Miss Ott.

61.—Best Collection of Stamps of Old German States, Mr. H. J. Crocker.

62.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of British Colonies in Africa, Mr. H. J. Crocker.

63.—Second Best Exhibit, Mr. Frank Koenig.

64.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Hayti, Mr. A. H. Weber.

65.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Spain, Mr. H. J. Crocker.

66.—Best Exhibit of United States Telegraph Stamps, Mr. A. H. Weber.

67.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of British Colonies in the Western Hemisphere, exclusive of British North America and Leeward Islands, Mr. Frank Koenig.

68.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Orange River Colony and the Transvaal, Mr. H. J. Crocker.

69.—Best Exhibit of Stamps of Shanghai, Mr. J. N. Luff.

70.—Best General Exhibit, for members of Berkeley Philatelic Society only, Mr. E. S. Blackwell.

Mails are carried by Motor Car in Tunis.

Postal rates are being reduced within the Portuguese Empire, letters between any of the Colonies and the Mother Country now being carried for 25 instead of 50 reis.

"I must emphatically protest against the increasing use—or rather, misuse—by a certain interested section of philatelists, of the word collectable. Any single thing in the world is collectable to a man who wishes to collect it," writes "K.C." in the "Stamp Collector," of Birmingham.

THE ROUSSIN STOCK OF Fiscals and Telegraphs

Has been acquired from Mr. H. GRIEBERT and placed in my hands for sale. The stock comprises every country—the greater part unused—and Collectors should not miss the opportunity of securing the early issues, before they become unobtainable.

A FEW OFFERS FROM THE STOCK: **All Unused.**

GREECE, Consular, 1882.

	s.	d.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 lept. green and black, set of 9	2	9
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 lept. green and black, set of 18	14	0
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20 drachme, set of 11	8	4
30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 drachme, set of 6	23	6
BARODA, 1890, 1, 2, 4 annas, set of 3	1	9
BHANVAGAR DURBAR, 1, 2 annas red, set of 2	0	6
MORVEE, 1889, 1, 2, 4, 8 annas „ 4	3	5
VICTORIA, 1901, 1d. olive bistre (Gibbons' No. 265)	0	6
KLONDYKE, 1898, McGreeley's Express, 25c. blue	1	6
INDIAN NATIVE STATES, set of 15, including Janjira, Limree, Rajkote Las Bela, Nabha, &c.	3	8

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	s.	d.
MAURITIUS, 1900, ⁴ cents on 16c. chestnut	1	0
„ 1877, "HALF-PENNY" OD 10d. rose	0	7
„ 1899, 6c. in red on 18c.	0	2
„ „ 15c. in blue on 36c. (oblong)	0	6
„ 1902 (Sept.), 12c. „ „	0	5
COOK ISLANDS, ½d. green (bird)	0	1
„ 1d. rose (Queen Makea)	0	2
NEW ZEALAND, the new type of ½d. POSTAGE DUE, green and red	0	1
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From the Auction Rooms.



MMAGNIFICENT is really the mildest word one can use in describing Messrs. Glendinning's new auction galleries in Argyll Street, W. This rising firm is making a great "splash," and one needs not the gift of prophecy to foresee that these fine new rooms will become a recognised centre for the cognoscenti, not only in Philately and in Numismatics, but also in curios, objects d'art, and all things dear to the heart of the collector.

We have to thank a correspondent for a few realisations at a recent stamp sale in Messrs. Smith's Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh. Various penny and twopenny Sydney Views brought prices ranging from 1s. to 18s.; the Great Britain 10s. I.R. Official, £1 19s.; the £1 green ditto, £2; the £5 orange, £1 6s.; Canada, 1852, 4d., 17s.; Fiji, 1874, 2d., 14s.; Montserrat, 1883, 24d., 21s.; Montserrat, 1884, 24d., 13s.; Montserrat, 1884, 4d., £1 9s.; Nevis, 1861, 6d., 12s.; Nevis, 1882, 24d., 11s.; St. Vincent, 1874, 1s., £1.

From the Société Française de Timbrologie comes a note intimating that an Auction Sale, under the Society's auspices, has been arranged for the 1st of December, at the Hotel Drouot.

Facilis est descensus! Those poor Mafekings are now down to £14 the complete set, vide Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's last sale. A set without the great rarity, the 1s. on 6d. British Bechnaland, sold on the same occasion for £8 15s. One cannot help thinking, however, that the Mafekings have now reached a false depression as against a false inflation. In view of the undoubted rarity of many of these stamps the complete set of nineteen specimens should not prove a bad bargain to the purchaser at £14.

At Mr. Hadlow's Sale, on Monday, November 10th, an unsevered block of 119 specimens of the British 1d. black sold for £112, or at the rate of nearly £1 per specimen. How much would you cut off this valuation by taking a pair of scissors and dividing the block of 119 stamps into 119 single specimens? We commend the question to the I.P.C. as a likely item for its next examination paper.

In the following realisations signifies unused.

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

October 23rd and 24th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Afghanistan, 1293, sunar black, unused and very fine	..	4	6 0
Do. ½ rupee black, unused and fine	..	4	15 0
Do. 1 rupee, used on piece, and fine	..	4	0 0
Do. abasi purple, very rare	..	3	10 0
Do. ½ rupee purple, unused, and very fine	..	3	15 0
Do. 1 rupee purple, unused, and very fine	..	3	10 0
Do. shahi, ½ and 1 rupee black, all exceedingly rare	10	0	0
Do. 1294, the black set complete, the ½ and 1 rupee unused, very rare	..	5	0 0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 4d. rose, imperforate, very scarce	..	13	0 0
Do. 2/- blue, imperforate, scarce	..	5	10 0
Do. wmk. star, 8d. yellow-brown, fine, showing portion of next stamp top and bottom	..	4	0 0
Do. 1/9 green, unused, and very fine	..	3	0 0
India, 1867-73, surcharged "SERVICE" 6a. 8p. slate, unused and very rare	..	5	5 0
Jhind State, surcharged "JEIND STATE" in red, ½ and 2 annas and 1 rupee, all unused with gum and rare	5	2	6
Do. in black, 1 anna and 8 annas unused, rare	..	4	4 0
Do. surcharged "JHIND STATE" in red, 2a. blue, unused	..	3	12 6
Do. surcharged "JEIND STATE" in red, ½ and 2 annas, in black, on 1 anna, all unused and fine	..	6	0 0

	£	s.	d.
Puttiala State, Service stamps, surcharged, "PATIALA STATE" ½, 1 and 2 annas, all with the word "SERVICE" inverted, unused and very rare	..	2	15 0
Labuan, 1st issue, 12c. carmine, very slightly thinned at back, but rare	..	3	10 0
Do. 1880, wk. C & CC. "6" in red on 16c. blue, fine and very rare	..	4	8 0
Do. 1883, provisional, surcharged one dollar, and postmaster's initials in pen and ink in red on 16c. blue, unused, with gum, very fine and extremely scarce	..	8	5 0
Do. 1893, provisionals, "TWO CENTS" inverted on 40c. amber, used on piece and very fine	..	4	4 0
North Borneo, "5 CENTS" on 8c. green, with inverted surcharge, unused, with gum and fine, very scarce	..	4	4 0
Do. 1891-92, provisional, "5 cents" on 8c. green of 1886-69, fine and very rare	..	3	15 0
Philippine Islands, 1 real slate-blue, the error "CORROS." fine and very rare	..	10	0 0
Do. 1864, 1 real reddish-violet and 2 reals blue, both unused and fine, rare	..	3	3 0
Portuguese Indies, 1876, 300 reis violet, unused and very fine	..	4	12 0
Do. Provisionals, 6 on 200 reis yellow of 1872, used on entire and very fine, rare	..	3	12 6
Shanghai, 1873, provisionals, blue surcharge, 1 cand on 16 cents green, unused and very rare	..	4	15 0
Do. do. 3 cands. on 16 cents green, unused and very rare	..	4	15 0
Do. 1877, 1 cand. on 12 cands. brown, used and very fine, extremely rare	..	7	0 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1d. scarlet, a block of 4, used on entire letter, one stamp is a trifle torn into, and another is slightly clipped at one corner, otherwise the colour is perfect, and they are very lightly obliterated	..	22	0 0
Do. 4d. blue, a very fine pair used on entire, with grand margins all round, very scarce in this condition	..	11	0 0
Nova Scotia, 6d. yellow-green, a fine pair, used on entire envelope with a 3d. blue, scarce	..	3	0 0
Barbados, watermark Large Star, rough perforation, 1d. blue, unused and extremely rare	..	7	10 0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale,

October 28th and 29th, 1902.

Ceylon, 1857, Star, imperf., 9d. brown-lilac, with margins on all sides, superb	..	3	7 6
Do. 10d. vermilion, deeper shade, superb	..	1	2 0
Do. wmk. Star, imperf., 2 blue, fine	..	5	0 0
Do. 1861, Star, rough perfs., clean cut perfs., 9d. lilac-brown, very fine	..	1	1 0
Do. 1867, CC., 2d. emerald, with gum	..	1	10 0
Do. 5d. bronze-green, a mint block of 4	..	2	0 0
Dominica, CA. 14, 1/- violet-rose, mint	..	1	18 0
Great Britain, 1849-54, 1/- green, a block of 9, 3 stamps rubbed on face, otherwise fair, a nice block	..	1	7 6
Do. I.R. Official, 1888, £1 green, fine	..	1	14 0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I., level stops, 24d. on 3d. blue, a mint pair, one stamp being the variety dotless V	..	3	0 0
Portugal, 1st issue, 100r. lilac with wide margins top and bottom* rare thus	..	1	17 6
St. Lucia, 1883-6, 1/- brown*, fair	..	2	0 0
South Australia, O.S., 8d. on 9d. red-brown, fine and rare	..	1	10 0
Do. Departmental, P.S. on 3d. blue, perf. 10, fine and rare	..	1	4 0
Sweden, 1st issue, 24sk. pale red, thick paper, a vertical strip of three on large piece of original, superb	..	2	0 0
Tasmania, serrated perf., 4d. pale blue, fine on small piece	..	1	4 0
Tobago, 1880, 1d. on left half on 6d. orange, fine, on piece	..	2	17 6
Uganda, in black, 30c. (cut rather close), postmarked on small piece	..	1	8 0
Do. 40c.*	..	1	14 0
Do. 50c., postmarked, on piece	..	1	9 0
Do. 1896, dated, in violet, 20c., used on piece	..	1	4 0
Do. 1896, surcharged "L" 1a., 2a., 3a., both creased, all	..	1	8 0
Do. on yellowish, 8a., with gum, and 1 rupee, both fine*	..	2	17 6

	£	s.	d.
Ceylon, 1857, Star, imperf., gd. brown-lilac, superb	..	3	7 6
Do. do. 2/- blue, fine	..	5	0 0
Do. 1861, Star, rough perfs., gd. lilac-brown, fine	..	1	1 0
Do. 1885, CA. 14, 5c. on 24c. purple-brown, fine	..	1	9 0
Dominica, CA. 14, 1/- violet rose, mint	..	1	18 0
Orange River Colony, V.R.I., level stops, 2½d. on 3d., a mint pair, one being the variety dotless V	..	3	0 0
Portugal, 1st issue, 100r. with wide margins*	..	4	12 6
Queensland, 1882-3, perf. 9 x 12, 1/- mauve, fine	..	1	15 0
St. Lucia, 1883-6, 1/- brown*	..	2	0 0
Transvaal, 1878, red surcharge, 3d. deep blue, fine	..	4	12 6
Uganda, 1896, on yellowish 8a. with gum and 1 rupee, fine	..	2	17 6

Messrs. GLENDINING & Co.'s Sale, October 30th and 31st, 1902.

Great Britain, 1855, 6d. on patent safety paper, fine	..	3	15 0
Do. 1883-4, £1 I.R. Official, superb	..	2	2 0
Labuan, 1885, 2c. on 16c. the rare type very fine*	..	4	0 0
Do. 1872, 2c. on 12c. blue, Gibbons' No. 66	..	2	8 0
Gambia, 1899, no wmk., pair, 4d., mint	..	2	17 6
Swaziland, 10/- brown, mint	..	4	2 6
British Guiana, 1888, 2c. on 6d. rose, perf. 12½, a mint block of 4	..	7	12 6
Do. do. 50c. on 1/- grey, mint	..	2	18 0
Canada, 1852-7, 10d. blue	..	3	13 0
St. Vincent, 1869, 1/- brown, mint, fine	..	4	5 0
Do. 1871-2, 1/- rose red	..	6	2 6
Do. 1880, 1/- vermilion, perf. 11 x 12½, mint, superb	..	9	10 0
St. Vincent, 1881, ¼d. on 6d., a mint pair with variety without bar	..	7	5 0
Do. do. ¼d. on 1/-, mint	..	13	0 0
Turks Island, 2½d. on 1/-, Gibbons' No. 6, a mint pair	..	5	10 0
Tasmania, 1892-9, £1 green and yellow mint	..	7	0 0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, November 6th and 7th, 1902.

Cape of Good Hope, Mafeking besieged stamps, the complete set of 19, fine, including the rare 1/- on 6d. British Bechuanaland	..	14	0 0
Orange River Colony, 1901, V.R.I., first printing, 1/- brown, the rare variety, figure of value omitted, mint	..	3	3 0
Transvaal, Pietersburg, surcharge V.R.I., the set complete, including the £5, with gum, also no stop and large stop varieties*	..	9	10 0
Canada, Jubilee issue, set complete, with gum, and fine*	..	3	10 0
Tasmania, 1856, no watermark, 1d. brown-red on pelure paper, and fine*	..	4	15 0

Rarities in Picture Post Cards.

THESE "cartophiles" have their great rarities now, it seems! Mr. T. P. O'Conner in his journal, "T.P.'s Weekly," describes a number of post card issues which, for political or other reasons, have been suppressed by the powers that be. Such suppression naturally makes for rarity, with the result that many short-lived cards are now quoted at tall prices.

Most of the suppressions have taken place on political or moral grounds. The Russian Government issued an edict forbidding Count Tolstoy's portrait to be used on post cards. The Turkish Government is still more sweeping in its prohibitions. An Irade forbids any post card to be circulated bearing the name of God or Mohammed, any drawing of the Kaaba, or any portrait of a Mohammedan woman.

In France there is a censorship of cards, and several have been suppressed for offences against good manners. A short while ago 80,000 cards were destroyed as the result of a single raid, and an eye has to be constantly kept on the cards which satirise crowned heads. One card was suppressed for ridiculing the corpulence of the King of Portugal; others for rather pointless jibes at Prince Henry of the Netherlands and Queen Draga of Servia. The climax was reached when the anti-clerical Government of M. Combes had to stop the circulation of a card that was deficient in reverence towards the Pope.

Naturally, the cards that have thus disappeared from the market are the cards that collectors crave for, and fancy prices prevail in consequence. The most intrinsically valuable cards are those which ensure the recipient against accidents for a month in the sum of fifty pounds. But there are others that fetch higher prices. A series of Dreyfus cards, issued at the modest price of one and a half francs, has since changed hands for £8.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

EXHIBITION of the stamps of some of the African Colonies.

A Private Exhibition of the stamps of the African Colonies unaffected by the late war will be held in the Society's Rooms as above, on Saturday the 13th of December, 1902, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The stamps of the following countries will be exhibited:—British Central Africa, British East Africa, Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, Madagascar (British Consular Mail), Morocco Agencies, Niger Coast, Northern and Southern Nigeria, St. Helena, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Uganda and Zanzibar.

No charge will be made for admission, and tickets can be obtained on application to

Mr. L. L. R. HAUSBURG, *Hon. Secretary* of the Exhibition Committee, "Rothsay," Weybridge.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

FROM the "London Philatelist" we extract the following "Programme of Arrangements" for 1902-03:—

- Dec. 5.—Mr. C. F. Denby Marshall. A Paper entitled "A New Collection, or the evils of Immersion"; and a New Method of Arranging a Collection of Registered Envelopes.
- .. 19.—Mr. T. W. Hall. A paper on the 1851 and 1863 Issues of 1903. Colombia, with Display.
- Jan. 9.—Mr. C. McNaughtan. Discussion on "The New Collector and what we can do for him."
- .. 23.—Mr. M. P. Castle. Notes on the Early Issues of New Zealand, with Display.
- Feb. 6.—Mr. W. Dorning Beckton. A Display of the Stamps of Roumania, with Notes.
- .. 20. Mr. W. Schwabacher. A Paper entitled "A Bird's-eye View of Fiscal Philately," with Display.
- Mar. 6.—Mr. R. B. Yardley. A Display of the Stamps of St. Vincent, with Notes.
- .. 20.—Mr. W. Moser. Notes on the First Issue of the Stamps of Bolivia, with Display.
- April 3.—Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg. A paper on the First 4d. of Western Australia, with Display.
- .. 24.—Mr. E. J. Nankivell. A Paper entitled "Our Society: Past, Present, and Future."
- May 8.—Mr. Harvey R. G. Clarke. A Display of the Stamps of New South Wales, with Notes.
- .. 22.—Mr. T. Wickham Jones. A paper on the Stamps of Sicily, with Display.
- June 5.—Annual General Meeting.

The Exhibition of African Stamps is fixed for Saturday, December 13th, and the probable date of the Annual Dinner is Thursday, December 11th.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Liverpool Philatelic Society held the first meeting of the 15th session on Monday, Nov. 3rd, at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, there being present twenty members and four visitors.

During the evening Mr. Heginbottom, B.A., kindly allowed a portion of his collection of the stamps of the West Indian Islands to be exhibited.

Needless to say the kindness of Mr. Heginbottom was highly appreciated by all who had the pleasure of viewing his collection, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That the best thanks of this Meeting be tendered to Mr. Heginbottom for his kindness in affording the members of the Liverpool Philatelic Society an opportunity of viewing a portion of his collection of the stamps of the West Indian Islands with a hope that we may again be favoured by his generosity."

The committee are very desirous of making the meetings thoroughly interesting, and to that end solicit generous support on the part of members, who may accomplish much in this direction by exhibiting collections, portions of collec-

tions, or reading papers at the various meetings throughout the session.

Any further arrangements made by the committee will be duly announced.

W. HALFPENNY, *Hon. Sec.*, 28, Lacy Road, Liverpool.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Programme for the remainder of the Season:—

- Dec. 4.—Auction.
 Jan. 8.—Discussion.—N.S.W., 1854-1883.—Mr. J. A. Margoschis.
 Feb. 5.—Lantern Display.
 Feb. 26, 27.—Auction.
 March 5.—Paper.
 March 19.—Discussion.—N.S.W., 1884-1903.—Mr. T. W. Peck.
 April 2.—Paper.—N.Z.
 May 7.—Paper.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The opening meeting of the new session was held on Wednesday, October 22nd, at the Wharnccliffe Hotel, with the president (Mr. J. H. Chapman) in the chair.

The officers for the present session were elected as follows:—Mr. J. S. Nowill, president; Mr. J. R. Sutton, vice-president; Mr. G. H. Hunt, treasurer; Mr. R. Sneath, exchange secretary; Mr. J. F. Peace, librarian; Mr. E. Crowther, secretary; and Messrs. F. H. Metcalfe, J. H. Chapman and F. Bathe, members of the committee.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

The September packet has returned from circuit having been out for a shorter time than usual owing to continued absence from home of various members. Sales are consequently a little below the average. All debit accounts have been posted to members who will kindly remit as early as possible so as to enable the secretary to pay credit balances to other members. The October packet, which is still on circuit, contains an unique lot of Mafeking Provisionals contributed by a South African member. As vacancies exist for three new members the secretary will be happy to furnish any information desired to intending members.

Hon. Sec., JAS. SPIBEY, Winova, Corporation Street, Stafford.

LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

The September packet contained 31 sheets, total value just over £180, the takings from which amounted to £75 14s. 3d. Among the better things were \$5 Hong Kong, first issue Sweden imperf., probably unique; first issue Hawaiian 5c., price at £10.

IRISH PHILATELIC CLUB.

The first meeting for the season was held on Friday, Nov. 7th, at the Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Mr. Wm. Lane Joynt presiding. The resignation of the *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. W. G. Williams, was received with much regret. Mr. F. C. Scarr consented to accept the vacant post. It was decided to start an exchange in connection with the club, which, it is expected, will be of advantage and interest to the members. The *Hon. Sec.* was requested to draw up a set of rules for approval. It was also arranged that the weekly meetings of the club shall be held each Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock during the season at the Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, and members are invited to bring selections of stamps for inspection. Visitors are also invited.

THE PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

The October packet returned last week, but owing to several new members having joined since the packet started, it has been sent out again, and when returned will be broken up and accounts sent out. The November packet started on the 5th, with a postal list of 25 "Seeing" members. The total value is £82 14s. 6d. Rules free from the *Secretary*, no subscription or fee of any kind, R. T. MORGAN, 14, High Street, Selhurst, S.E.

"UNUSED" STAMP EXCHANGE.

SEPTEMBER packet returned. Gross sales, £10 4s. 7d. November packet sent off on November 15th, with 17 sheets, £86 7s. 8½d. gross value.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 140, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

CITY STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

NOVEMBER Packet containing 14 sheets was sent out a few days late on 8th inst. October sheets were all returned and accounts cleared about same time.

The *Secretary* will be glad to hear from anyone wishing to join an inexpensive Club. Rule 7—The subscription, commission, or any other charges will be made.

S. F. BICKERS, 7, Richmond Terrace, Cork.

BRITISH EMPIRE STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

AUGUST packets returned. Gross sales, £16 7s. 1d. Sales for twelve months ending August, are:—

Colonial packets ...	£115 18s. 7½d. nett.
General ..	£150 17s. 4½d. gross.

November packets sent off on the 1st and 10th. September Colonial packet just returned.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 140, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, December 4th, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street, Without, E.C., when the revenues of the New Republic, New South Wales and New Zealand, will be discussed and catalogued. Will members assist by sending notes of varieties, perforations, &c., in these countries?

The Exchange Sections are working well. From the October home packet, £20 was taken from a total of £230, whilst the November packet totalled to £191. The total value of the October Continental packet was fr. 3261, and the contribution from home members for the November circulation was fr. 1426.

New Rules, &c., have lately been issued, and copies with any desired particulars, can be had from

Hon. Secretary, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

THE COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

The 83rd meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house, on Monday, September 8th.

The resignation of Mr. R. B. Smith was read and accepted with regrets.

A communication was received from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, offering three prizes for the exhibit of the best 100 stamps of Australia and New Zealand in an unused condition, the exhibition to be held about December next at the Collectors' Club. Moved, seconded and carried that the offer of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, be accepted.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

The 84th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Monday, October 13th. Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Jones, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

The resignations of Messrs. Aldred, Eberhardt, Kirtland, Low, Terret and Wells were received and accepted with regrets.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Eberhardt for his donation to the club of his share of stock.

Mr. J. C. Morgenthau was appointed on the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Low.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Saturday evening lunches at the club be resumed, beginning November 1st and be continued till May 1st next.

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TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fort-
nightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane,
London, W.C.

Although we have closed the dis-
cussion regarding Nett and 50%
Exchange Clubs we cannot forbear to
give publicity to the opinion of an amateur philatelist
recently communicated to us:—

A friend (he writes) having marked on his sheet for a Nett Club,
50% discount, I wrote to him pointing out his mistake. He then
wrote me: "This 50% arrangement is a great nuisance, and I wish
it could be abolished. It is dead against the private member and
only benefits the dealer-members who hope to pick up mint colonials
at half-price. If one marks them up a little above catalogue they
are left severely alone."

"A Disgusted Exchanger" sends us a cutting from a recent
number of the "The Bazaar," giving a reader's protest
against the petty meanesses practised by some of the people
who do business through the post. "I think this letter ought
to be circulated as widely as possible, writes our correspon-
dent because there is no doubt whatever that the satisfaction
and the mutual convenience of a 'deal' through the post are
often marred by such petty treatment."

The letter referred to is in the following terms:—

You might usefully refer oftener in some of your interesting
articles to the subject of fair dealing in exchanges and sales. It is
really worth while always to make a pleasure of a transaction even
at the cost of an extra 6d. or 1s. I recently sent some Russian
stamps to an advertiser, and asked a low price (4s. 6d.). He sends
4s. with an unpleasant line or two on the back of my letter. These
cases spoil the pleasure of business. I have written that he must
send the 6d. or I must name it to you. Last week, on the other
hand, I sent some stamps in exchange, and got a letter that the man
was highly pleased. If people would really have less pride in
squeezing a deal, or rather, more pride in the pleasures of business,
it would bring its own reward.—G. F. S.

It is unfortunately too true that there are men who, in any
little business deal they entered into, would not be happy
unless, by some petty bluff or some little stroke of cunning or
chiciniery, they contrived to gain some small advantage. It
may be only a penny or two, but still its a score to them, and
it makes them chuckle. Such people are frequently quite
blind to their own interests, for there is no truth so abiding
as the truth of the old, old adage—"once bit, twice shy!"

One more crase of the eternal Exchange Club question.
A Liverpool correspondent has written us at great length and
in no small indignation regarding a proposed addition to the
rules governing the Liverpool Philatelic Society's exchange
department. The suggested new rule runs as follows:—

"No Member, whether holding office or not, shall be entitled to
take more than one of any particular stamp from any one member's
packet or packets; but should he require more than one, he shall
notify the Exchange Secretary, who, on the return of the packet
after its completed round, will supply all or any of such member's
requirements that may be left. Pairs or blocks of stamps, priced as
one lot and not singly, shall be deemed under this rule to be one
stamp."

The objections to this are obvious, and we are inclined to
agree with our correspondent that the suggested alteration is
needless and vexatious. On the other hand we think it
desirable that Exchange Clubs should not be, as they too
often are, the happy hunting grounds of the speculator and
the "professional amateur."

The error, "Army Officiai," referred to by E. H. T. B.
(Streatham) has been chronicled before, and as a matter of
fact is catalogued by Gibbons.

We are indebted to Mr. Charles F. James for a brace of
amusing paragraphs anent Philately, clipped from the
columns of the "Redland and Clifton Free Press." News-
paper paragraphs on stamp collecting generally *are* amusing.

In one of those under notice the statement is ventured that
if universal postage stamps became an accomplished fact,
the "the stamp collector's occupation, like Othello's, would
be gone, and a whole branch of trade practically ruined."
Wonderful! How *do* these things get in the papers?

Stamps Used to Point a Moral.

A dealer in Washington has declared that during the
discussion of the Panama Canal bill in the House of Repre-
sentatives a supporter of the Panama route bought up all his
stock of the stamps of Nicaragua issue of 1900, on which is
shewn the volcano in active eruption, and sent copies to all
members of the House as a reminder of the volcanic nature
of the country of Nicaragua, thereby hoping to benefit his
own cause. This reminds the "Philatelic Journal of Great
Britain" that there are many stamps that could be used to
point a moral. For instance, if Stevenson could have antici-
pated the current issue of Honduras he would never have
been cruel enough to invent the steam engine; while it is
reported that the blue ribbon army of our present day have
already made many converts by exhibiting the new Persians.

"Do not attempt everything at once, do a little at a time,
but do it well; if you are collecting unused stamps, then
have perfect copies only, full gum, perfectly centred, all per-
forations intact; if used, then take only fine lightly post-
marked copies." There you have a whole philatelic sermon
in a sentence, from the pen of Mr. C. A. Stephenson.

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Argentine, 7 varieties, well assorted	0 10	5 9
Spain, 8 varieties, all obsolete	0 5	3 3
Brazil, 12 varieties, finely assorted	0 9	5 9
Malay States, 1 and 3c.	2 6	23 6
Mauritius, 4 varieties	1 6	13 6
India, ½ and 1an., obsolete	—	1 3
New South Wales, 4 varieties	—	2 0
Queensland, 1d. and 2d.	—	3 6
Victoria, 1d. and 2d.	—	1 8
Canada, 7 varieties	—	2 3
Jamaica, 1d. Waterfall	1 6	14 0
New Zealand, 4 varieties	—	3 9
*Porto Rico, ½ mil grey, 1896	0 10	8 0
Travancore, ½ch. violet	1 3	12 0
Deccan, ½an.	0 11	7 9
Bulgaria, well assorted	1 0	9 6

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Travancore, ½, 1, 2 and 4cb. sets of 4	1 10	14 6
China, sets of 5, ½, 1, 2, 4 and 5c.	2 0	16 0
Greece, sets of 15, old and new	2 6	20 0
Costa Rica, sets of 25, various (3 sets 3/3)	12 0	—
Borneo, 1894 issue, 8c. old	0 9	4 11
Transvaal, ½d. on 1/- green	1 8	9 0
„ Commemorative, 1d. used	1 6	11 6
Panama, 5 and 10c.	0 8	4 6
Queensland, 1/- violet. PENMARKED	0 5	2 9
China, well assorted	0 4	2 0
Holkar, ¼ an Head, unused	0 6	3 3
„ ½ „ „	0 9	6 6
Guatemala, 1894, 1c. on 5c.	0 6	3 9
Trinidad, 1896, 2½d.	0 7	4 0
New Zealand, 1900, 6d. rose, perf., obsolete	2 2	—
„ „ 1/- red	4 10	—
„ „ 2/- green (1/3 each)	14 0	—
Puttialla Service, 1 rupee, grey, unused (1/3 each)	14 9	—
Orange Free State, 6d. V.R.I., unused	7 8	—
Lagos, ½ and 1d., obsolete	0 8	—
St. Lucia, ½, 1 and 2½d., assorted	0 8	5 6
Niger Coast, ½d. green, obsolete C.A.	0 9	6 0
„ 1d. red „ „	1 3	10 0
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„ 1884, 2d. and 2½, assorted	1 3	—



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Philately at Home and Abroad

Our Christmas Number.

THOUGH this is our Christmas number, we shall have yet one more opportunity of wishing all our readers the old, old festive wish. There are, however, many friends abroad whom our next number will not reach in time, and to these we hereby heartily wish the happiest of Christmases and all good fortune in the New Year!

"The Album That is Wanted."

FROM Mr. Geo. Hardwick, of Birkenhead, comes the following most interesting letter:—

May I add my word of commendation to the article in the last number of the *Fortnightly* by Mr. F. M. Sexton, on "The Album that is Wanted," more especially as Mr. Sexton's ideas and my own coincide on the subject. Some years ago I started to map out an album on the principle described, for my own collection, but after getting a little way on with it, I had to give it up, as I found it would consume far more time than I could give to it, and even then take me years to complete up-to-date.

I think with Mr. Sexton, that there should be no insuperable difficulty in the way of your bringing out a "Rational" Catalogue serially in the *Fortnightly*, and as each country is brought up-to-date, issuing the necessary series of leaves properly spaced for the various issues of that country, at a reasonable price.

I certainly would promise to take one copy of the whole album, and I think from the tone of Mr. Sexton's letter you could put him

down for another, and I do not doubt but that there are hundreds of general collectors who would willingly do the same.

I hope soon to hear that you have decided to carry out this project and thus earn the lasting gratitude of collectors.

When to Post for Christmas.

PHILATELISTS sending Christmas or New Year Cards to friends in distant parts of the world may find the following time table of service:—

Destination.	Date of despatch for	
	Christmas Day.	New Year's Day.
Aden	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
Bahamas	Dec. 10	Dec. 10
Bermuda	To-day	Dec. 17
Brazil	Too late	Dec. 13
British Columbia	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
British Honduras	To-day	Dec. 13
Canada	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
Canary Islands	Dec. 17	Dec. 23
Cape Colony (Cape Town)	To-day	Dec. 13
Cape Verd Islands	Dec. 13	Dec. 19
Ceylon	Too late	Dec. 12
Cuba	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
Cyprus	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
Egypt	Dec. 16	Dec. 23
Gold Coast	Too late	Dec. 12
India (Bombay)	Too late	Dec. 12
Jamaica	To-day	Dec. 10
Madeira	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Malta	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
Newfoundland	Too late	Dec. 19
New York	Dec. 17	Dec. 24
San Francisco	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
Sierra Leone	Too late	Dec. 17

For parcels it is necessary in most cases to post a day or two earlier than the times given above.

Fraudulent Reprints of Mexico.

We have pleasure in giving publicity to the following letter from Mr. C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A.:—

In the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of October 25th appears a communication from Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham, in which reference is made to certain reprints of Mexican stamps that emanated from St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A. We regret that Mr. Wilson did not see fit to give the name of the party from whom these reprints emanated.

Failure to do so is very apt to produce an erroneous impression among your readers. The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company are very well known as dealers in Mexican stamps, and being located in St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A., would naturally be affected by such a publication, and in fact the matter has been mentioned to us already by various correspondents.

We should be very pleased to know who is referred to. As to the exposure of these fraudulent Mexicans, we were the first to warn collectors, as you may observe by the clippings which we enclose herewith from our papers of February 24th and March 17th.

From the extracts sent us by Mr. Mekeel we gather that the readers of "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" had very early information of the existence of these new frauds. In the issue of March 17th, we find the following list given:—

Cat. No.	THIN FIGURES.
49	50c. yellow, unperforated.
50	100c. brown, unperforated.
51	100c. brown on brown, unperforated.
55	50c. yellow, perforated.
56	100c. brown, perforated.
57	100c. brown on brown, perforated.
THICK FIGURES.	
60	12c. brown paper <i>error</i> , unperforated.
62	50c. yellow, unperforated.
64	100c. brown, unperforated.
67	12c. brown paper <i>error</i> , perforated.
69	50c. yellow, perforated.
70	100c. brown, perforated.

Also above varieties with "Anotado" added.

The catalogue numbers quoted above are those of "Scott's Standard Catalogue" for 1902.

The Business Side of Philately.

MR. MARCHBANK, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who, as old readers of the *Fortnightly* will remember, succeeded to the stamp dealing business of the late Mr. Paterson of that city, has now had to relinquish his dealing interests on account of ill-health. Mr. A. D. Oubridge has taken over the business and may be addressed at 25, Larkspur Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The "London Philatelist" prints the following curious letter of complaint from some firm of stamp dealers un-named:

"In 1900 we sold to Mr. — a number of Mafeking stamps, to about the value of between £40 and £50, and he took these on the conditions stated in his letter that he should from time to time pay us small cheques on account. We accepted his conditions, and at the same time mentioned that we took it that he would conclude payment within twelve months. Until this present date we have never received a penny from him on account of this, and on pressing him for payment during the early portion of this year, he calmly returned the whole of the stamps to us, on the plea that they were speculative. We returned them to him, pointing out that whether they were speculative or not, he had purchased, and promised to pay for them, and that he must hold to his contract. Since then we cannot get any further replies. We hardly care about carrying the affair further with such an eminent Philatelist, but it does seem rather hard that we should be for such a long time kept without our money, which we could have used over and over again."

Messrs. P. L. Pemberton & Co. are engaged on a new list of stamps, which, we are told, will contain many bargains.

Fouré the "Filoutelist."

Fouré is dead—Fouré the "manipulator," to use no harsher word. Here is his obituary notice in the "London Philatelist":—

We learn from the French philatelic papers of the death of M. Fouré. It is difficult in such a case to observe the old Latin proverb as regards the departed, but it is safe to say that the late M. Fouré was an accomplished Philatelist, and had he chosen to exploit his talents in the legitimate pursuit of stamp collecting, he would have achieved a reputation second to none. His greatest claim to "celebrity" will be his connection with the old German envelopes, the result of his clever and unscrupulous machinations with this once highly esteemed branch of collecting being to administer almost a death-blow to it. The Prussian octagonals, to wit, were so superbly manipulated as to deceive the then best-informed collectors in Europe, and many of the first collectors of the world still hold—to their sorrow—the evidences of the misplaced skill of M. Fouré among these and many other scarce entires. The discovery of these frauds compelled M. Fouré to leave Berlin, where he had lived for many years carrying on his profession as teacher, and he subsequently emigrated to Paris, where he died.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

I HAVE been recently reminded that I have never yet seen or heard of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green reply court card with Dies C+C. Nor of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green reply buff card with B+B. I quite believe these do not exist. Also the large buff $\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown reply with B+C, perf., and the imperf. copy with B+C. The die combinations on these Great Britain cards are a very interesting study, but it is getting difficult to get hold of many kinds already. It may be noted that the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown cards surcharged for Oil Rivers, Zululand, etc., can be collected with die varieties, too.

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Several times lately "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" has called attention to the difficulty the Somerset House people are having in stamping envelopes of large values to order, owing to the objection to putting King's Head and Queen's Head dies on the same envelope. Any compound ending in $\frac{1}{2}$ d. has to be made up of King's Head dies, of which $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 6d. are now in use. Thus an envelope recently stamped for $3\frac{1}{2}$ d. was made up of six 6d. and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.! This is probably unique. The $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. value has to be made up of three $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., whilst 10d. requires 6d. + $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. + $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. (King) or 4d. + 4d. + 2d. (Queen). It will not be long however before all King's Head dies are ready and in use, and this weird method will then at once come to an end.

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I have been much annoyed of late by innumerable requests from people whom I do not know, to exchange post cards with them, Tucks preferred, or B and D's preferred, or locals preferred. Now when one collects, as I do, *real* post cards (or more correctly "postal cards") one doesn't quite like being confused or confounded with picture gatherers. I find that my experience is shared by some of my collecting friends, one of whom strongly denies the right of picture cards to the use of the word "post," seeing that ninety per cent. of those collected don't go through the post and are never intended to. I have nothing to say against the picture cards whatever. They are very pretty, and as souvenirs they are very interesting, and a collection nicely mounted looks very well indeed, and looks worth the trouble of mounting and arranging. But all the same I don't wish my own favourite hobby, my particular study, to be compared to the more trivial pastime of picture card collecting. A post card to my mind implies a card issued by the post office, and to apply this to pieces of card issued by a lithographer is clearly a misnomer. But it is of course too much to hope that picture card collectors will admit this, and post card collectors must therefore put up with the confusion until the picture craze passes away into oblivion.

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Some time ago I commenced making a list in this column of articles concerning entires which I noticed in the philatelic press, the idea being to make some sort of a record of them for reference. Of late I have found nothing to announce in this way, but it is possibly because I do not regularly see all the philatelic journals, and I should be glad therefore to be advised of anything noteworthy that my readers may notice. In the "Weekly Philatelic Era" for October 4th, I notice a very good little article on "Why I Collect Cards" by Mr. Horace E. Carpenter, the newly elected President of the Postal Card Society of America. The reasons of course compel the stating of comparisons with stamps, and Mr. Carpenter is not over tender to the stamp either. He tells us he was a stamp collector years ago and gave it up in utter disgust at commemorations, forgeries and special unnecessaryes and from the general hopelessness of the task. He shows how with 210 countries issuing cards at least 100 countries can easily be *completed* without great expenditure of cash and states that he himself has done it with comparative ease. Comparing this with stamps where large outlay is

necessary to secure completeness in half a dozen countries he triumphantly declares in favour of the card. He poo-poo's the idea of the bulk of the collection being inconvenient, and this (which certainly is a point which deters many) is an absurdly overrated objection is found to disappear immediately one sees a good collection, which even if on the cabinet system is very small indeed compared to that of birds eggs, butterflies or any other special collections.

There is also an article on Finland Entires in the "Ill. Brief. Journal" (Senf's Magazine) for September, by R. Granberg.

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The gradual adoption by all Colonial Post Offices of new King Edward type issues makes my New Issue Lists more lengthy than usual just now.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Austria.—On the occasion of the 14th Convention of German Philatelists in Vienna, Sept. 6th to 9th, a special 5 heller card was issued, being the current card with frame omitted, above the inscription "Correspondenz Carte" appears the following in two lines:—XIV. Deutscher Philatelisten-Tag, Wien, 6, 9 September, 1902." This is printed in red, and Mr. Holmeyer is informed a small number of copies have it in red.

Argentine Republic.—"E.W.S.N." illustrates the stamp on a new 5c. envelope that was issued Oct. 1st, which is said to be the first of a new series of stationery. It is a very neat medallion, head of liberty in circle, name and value on a surrounding circle.

Envelope: 5c. red-brown. (size?)

Bahamas.—A new King's Head envelope and registration are now in use here.

Envelope: 2½d. blue on white laid (151 × 88mm.).

Registration Envelope: 2d. red, inscriptions blue. on white (151 × 95mm.).

British South Africa.—The "Era" has been shown a curiosity in the shape of a piece of postal money which was current in Bulawayo during the late war. A 1/- British South African stamp was pasted on a card, the obverse (?) bearing the uncanceled stamp alone. On the reverse appears the following, typeprinted, except signature. "The Civil Commission Bulawayo. Please pay in cash to the person producing this card the face value of the stamp affixed thereto if presented on or after 1st August, 1900. This card must be produced for redemption not later than 1st October, 1900. (Signed) H. Marshall Hall, Secretary." The card also bears the official stamp of the administrators office and was printed at the "Chronicle" Printing Works, Bulawayo.

Cyprus.—The "M.C." reports the following new stationery with King's Head:—

Bands: ½ piastre green on buff (125 × 300mm.).
10 paras carmine on buff (95 × 275mm.).

Postcards: ½ piastre green on buff (122 × 75mm.).
1 " carmine on buff (140 × 90mm.).

Denmark.—In addition to the two new envelopes chronicled last month there are now two new letter cards, with white interior.

Letter Card: 5 öre pale green on yellowish (140 × 90mm.).
10 öre carmine on " "

Iceland.—The following new values of postcards are reported, 3 aur, 5 aur, 8 aur and 10 aur, and reply cards, but I have seen no particulars as to designs and colours. The old issues are to be on sale until the end of 1903 with the surcharge 1 GILDI '02 — '03

Malta.—The following are added to the King's Head list.

Postcards: ½d. green on buff.
½ + ½d. " "
1 + 1d. carmine.

New South Wales.—In August I chronicled a provisional printing of the 1d. card on a white card. I now learn that the printing on thin buff is resumed, but that during the interim three varieties of white cards were used, first very thick, then medium, and latterly thin.

Orange River Colony.—We are glad to welcome the following new issue, with head of King Edward VII.

Postcards: ½d. green on buff. (122 × 74 mm.)

½ + ½d. " " "
1d. carmine on buff (140 × 90 mm.)

1 + 1d. " " "
Bands: ½d. green on buff (125 × 300 mm.).
1d. carmine on buff.

Registration Envelope: 4d. blue, size F.

Persia.—I now learn that the 2 shahi and 2 × 2 shahi dards have received the overprint "Provisiore, 1319" in frame, like the 5sh. and reply cards as mentioned a few months ago.

Switzerland.—I read in "M.C." of a new 5 centime band, size 125 × 330 mm., on pale yellow without marginal lines (formerly 80 × 360 mm. on dark yellow with marginal lines).

Band: 5 centimes green on pale yellow.

Transvaal.—The following articles are in addition to those recently chronicled. King's head.

Envelope: ½d. green on white laid (137 × 80 mm.).
1d. carmine " (140 × 78 mm.).

Registration Envelope: 4d. blue, size F.

Tunis.—The 10 centime card which was formerly on greenish card is now printed on a cream card.

Postcard: 10c. rose on cream.

Trinidad.—The following new King's Heads are ready for use, but I think not yet in actual circulation:—

Postcards: ½d. green on white (?).
1d. carmine on cream.

Registration Envelope: 2d. blue. Inscript. blue on white.

Band: ½d. green on buff. 5 lines inscriptions.

Victoria.—The 2d. letter card of last year's issue appears to have undergone some alteration. The instructions on reverse have been cut down by the omission of the paragraph relating to enclosures, and the word Postage has been inscribed in the oval on both sides of stamp.

Letter Card: 2d. carmine on grey (94 × 150 mm.)

Stamps not supposed to Exist.

In the "Weekly Philatelic Era's" report of a recent meeting of the Bridgeport Philatelic Club, we read:—

Hayti was the principal topic of the evening. Many new and interesting facts were brought out in regard to the history of this country, and the exhibition of Haytian stamps, which included many blocks and pairs of the hand-stamp varieties, proved to be very interesting. Among the various stamps shown, it was noted that one of the members had a pair of the perforated 16 unused of the so called "counterfeit" type, which M. Moens claims are not in existence. After a careful examination of them we are of the opinion that these sets will have to appear again in the catalogues.

Too Rare to be Catalogued.

Writes Mr. P. G. Gillard in the "I.P.R. and Collectors' News":—

In 1860, when the Jamaica House of Assembly took over the Post Office from the authorities, the first stamps were then issued. These had as a watermark the emblem of the island—a pineapple. They were the 1d. blue, 2d. rose, 3d. green, 4d. orange, 6d. violet and 1s. brown. When newspapers or circulars were posted, the 1d. blue was cut in two diagonally to make a provisional halfpenny, and at one time they ran out of 1d. stamps and were obliged to cut the 2d. rose in the same way. These provisionals are very rare.

They are rare, indeed!—so rare that our cataloguers do not appear to be aware of their existence!

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.

ST. VINCENT.	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1861-66. Perf. 14 to 16. Clean cut perforations.				
1d. rose
6d. green
Ditto, with rough perforations.
1d. rose
6d. bluish green
rf. 11 to 12½.				
1d. rose
4d. blue
6d. green
Perf. 14 to 16.				
1s. slate-grey
Compound Perf. 11 to 12½ x 14 to 16.				
1s. slate-grey
1869. Perf. 11 to 12½.				
4d. yellow
1s. indigo
1s. brown
1871-79. Watermark Small Star. Roughly perforated 14 to 16.				
1d. black
6d. green
Perf. 11 to 12½.				
1s. rose red
Clean cut Perf. 15.				
1d. black
6d. green
Compound Perf. 11 to 12½ x 15.				
1d. black
6d. yellow-green
1s. violet-rose
1s. vermilion..
Perf. 11 to 12½.				
4d. dark blue..
1s. claret
1880-81. Wmk Star. Perf. 11 to 12½.				
1d. grey-green
6d. yellow-green
1s. vermilion..
5s. rose red
Surcharged in red.				
"1d" on half of 6d. blue-green
Unsevered pair
"½d." on half of 6d. yellow
Surcharges in black.				
"One Penny" on 6d. yellow-green
"4d." on 1s. vermilion-green
1881. New type. Wmk. Star. Perf. 11 to 12½.				
½d. orange
1d. slate
4d. ultramarine

ST. VINCENT—Continued.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
1883. De la Rue printing. Wmk. Crown and CA. Perf. 14.				
1d. slate
"2½ pence" in black on 1d. rose
4d. blue
Perf. 12.				
½d. green
4d. ultramarine
4d. dull blue..
6d. green
1s. orange-vermilion
1885. Black surcharge.				
"1d." on the "2½ pence" on 1d. rose
1885-89. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.				
½d. green
1d. carmine
1d. pink
1d. pale carmine
2½d. in black on 1d. pale blue
4d. red-brown
4d. purple-brown
4d. lake-brown
6d. lavender
5s. lake
1890-91. Black surcharge.				
2½d. on 4d. lake-brown
2½d. on 1d. bright blue
Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.				
6d. purple-red
1s. vermilion..
1892. Red surcharge.				
"5 pence" on 4d. lake-brown
1893. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.				
4d. yellow
Black surcharges.				
"Five Pence" on 6d. deep lake
"Five Pence" on 6d. lake-brown
1897. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.				
2½d. blue
5d. sepia
Black surcharge.				
3d. on 1d. mauve
1899. New type. Wmk. CA. Perf. 14.				
½d. lilac and green
1d. " " carmine
2½d. " " blue
3d. " " olive
4d. " " orange
5d. " " black
6d. " " deep brown
1s. green and carmine
5s. " " blue

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In July last, it appears, the remaining stock of the notorious Adrien Champion was sold by public auction at Geneva. M. Huot (a name unknown in Philatelic circles) was the purchaser at £220. "It is surmised," says the "Philatelic Record," that the stock is again in the hands of Adrien Champion. The whole circumstances point to Champion again being on the war path, and it behoves collectors to be on their guard.

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If the catalogue is simply a list of the prices at which its publishers will sell such stamps as they have in stock we can find no fault, it being clearly within any vendor's right to put any price he pleases on his own wares. But if the catalogue is intended as a guide to the true value of stamps any misrepresentation of those values is an injustice to the collectors who rely upon its dictums. So writes Mr. Louis Quackenbush in "Mekeel's Stamp Collector."

Berlin's Postal Museum.

A GLIMPSE OF THE NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTION
OF GERMANY.

MR. W. JOERG thus describes the Postal Museum of Berlin, in an article contributed to a recent number of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News":—

"The building is situated in the very heart of the business district of Berlin, on the corner of the Leipziger and Mauerstrasse. The museum is open free to the public daily, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, during the noon hours; it is most certainly worth the visit of every philatelist stopping at Berlin.

As we enter the building our first impression is that the illumination by sunlight has been well cared for. The sun's rays, diffused in passing through the ground glass of the cupola that surmounts the large rotunda situated in the middle of the building, impart their light in equal share to all parts of the structure. On the farther side of this court stands a marble statue of the late von Stephan, Postmaster-General of the Empire, who did so much for the betterment of his country's postal system. Around the court three galleries rise, one above the other, in which the exhibits are displayed, in glass show-cases or standing by themselves, as the case may be.

The first room we enter on the right is the one which will most interest us as philatelists, for it contains the stamp collection owned by the German Government.

The stamps, neatly arranged according to countries and dated, are mostly in unused condition, especially so the issues of later years, as these were presented in this condition by the different foreign Governments in exchange.

The collection of old German States, stamps of the German Empire and its dependencies is, of course, practically complete. The other countries, however, are by no means neglected. French colonies, with all their numerous and fantastic surcharges, are well represented. The stamps of our own country are there in goodly numbers, too; the later issues all complete, inclusive of those colonies, in unused condition—no doubt a proof of the courtesy of the Department at Washington. The collection of Hayti is in superb condition, containing all the principal types enumerated in the catalogue, but omitting the varieties and sub-varieties.

One stand is especially attractive, although from the scientific point of view it may not be so worthy of attention, for its frames contain original envelopes, mostly sent by the commanders of German warships in foreign ports to their home Government.

Several other frames contain wrappers, envelopes, etc., which must be of great interest to the enthusiast in this branch of philately. Indeed, there is so much to be seen in this room that we could easily remain there, poring over its treasures (as we see many collectors doing, catalogue in hand), during the entire three or four hours the museum is open.

Continuing our way along the gallery on the ground floor we come across an interesting collection of letter boxes. What is our astonishment at meeting here with one of those depositories we are so accustomed to see at home! True, but this letter box has not been kept entirely up-to-date, for, as it was probably presented to the museum some time ago, it is still painted in the old colour, green. There are also representative letter boxes from Great Britain, France, Austria, Switzerland and Denmark. A little further on we stop to look at several large models (they are about four feet long) of mail cars from different countries; and again something familiar greets our eyes, a car bearing the legend, "Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R. R." in which the inner arrangements are clearly to be seen, and which differs so much in its strong and compact construction from the high-bodied and apparently flimsy European cars.

Still further on are models of representative post offices of the larger cities of the Empire—an imposing array, speaking volumes for the thoroughness of the German system. Mounting to the next floor we come across an interesting exhibit illustrating the different methods of mail transportation

in remote and sparsely settled regions. Here we see the Finn gliding over the snow behind his faithful reindeer, there an Eskimo behind his dogs, and, still further on, a South African ox-team wending its way slowly over the burning sand, and even an Arab astride his camel, just as depicted on the triangular stamps of the Somali Coast. Nearby, in glass cases, old uniforms are displayed, which used to be worn by letter-carriers forty years ago, and by the "postillions" who preceded them. The third floor is mainly devoted to the Telegraph Department, which, in Germany, is joined with the Post Office Department, and is, as well as the latter, under the direct control of the Government.

Philately and Geography.

BY "WALLABY."

MANY writers have pointed out in the Philatelic Press the important part that current history plays in philately, but few seem to consider that the study of stamps should go hand in hand with the study of geography.

Taking the great B.P., which of course is divided into philatelists and others—mostly others,—how ignorant on topics geographical all the non-collectors! How many for instance could locate Fiji, Cook Islands, Lagos, or many other more remote parts of our glorious Empire. While as to Djibouti, Nosse Bé of Ponta Delgada, provided you could pronounce them correctly—well the great B.P. never heard of them and—perhaps after all the Great, the superlatively G.P.B. doesn't care.

The usual middle class Englishman and his wife know a few sea-side resorts where they have spent a fortnight's holiday—perhaps a superficial knowledge of a second class Belgium or French watering place—which said knowledge is mostly on the husband's side—and a good idea of the suburb or town in which they reside.

Philately, which nowadays really means specialising a few countries, should not end in a thorough knowledge of the stamps but should include a knowledge of country of origin. Many collectors specialise Australians, and at the same time specialise an intense ignorance regarding anything else Australian.

Why is it that the majority of English people are so thick-headed regarding the Empire of which they form an infinitesimal part?

If the origin of stamp collecting was—as I have seen it stated—that a Belgian schoolmaster pasted the then few European stamps over their respective countries on an atlas, surely by this time, when stamp collecting has reached such dimensions, the study of geography to foster which stamp collecting was commenced should have increased also.

I remember when at school the senior class was learning about the Argentine Republic and at the end of the lesson our master gave each boy an unused copy of the then current Sc.—an excellent idea for it made us take considerably more interest in our future lessons.

If specialists were to take more interest in the geography of their favourite stamp countries they wouldn't suffer quite so much from that tired feeling that so frequently precedes the leaving of Philatelia's ranks.

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Mr. Hausburg notifies us that Mauritius should be included in the list of countries to be shown at the London Society's Exhibition of African Stamps.

An Extraordinary Development is reported in connection with the tragic death of the Rev. W. Bell, of Kilmeen, County Cork. The "Cork Constitution" of Wednesday, December 3rd, a copy of which is sent us just as we go to press, asserts that, as rumours of foul play had been in circulation, the authorities deemed it wise to exhume the deceased rector's remains. "This was done on Monday last, under the superintendence of District Inspector Gordon, and in the presence of Drs. M. O'B. Neville, Ballineen, and R. Smith, Enniskeane. The authorities are reticent as to the result of the medical examination, and no positive information has been disclosed. Extraordinary rumours are afloat regarding the tragic occurrence, which still remains shrouded in mystery."

Our thanks are due to a constant reader of the *Fortnightly*, Mr. Benaert, for kindly making known to us "an infallible means of preventing the changing of stamps in Exchange packets and sheets." The discovery is not his own, but that of a North country correspondent of his. This gentleman's system is simplicity itself. Wishing to send Mr. Benaert a small collection on approval, this gentleman assured himself against loss or mistakes by boldly writing his initials, not above or below the stamps, or on the backs of them, but across the very face of every stamp in the collection, whether used or unused! Mr. Benaert naturally wishes all his fellow philatelists to have early information of this epoch-making discovery. "Needless to say," he adds as a post-script, "the initials are at least half an inch in length! If you should think of starting a subscription to reward him for his discovery, I hold his name at your disposal." Beautiful!

The Making of a Catalogue.

[A CHAT WITH THE COMPILER OF MESSRS. BRIGHT & SON'S NEW "A.B.C."]

THE Fifth, or "King Edward" Edition, of Messrs. Bright & Son's "A.B.C. Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps," has just made its appearance. In lieu of the usual review of the new book, recording the *Fortnightly's* impressions thereof, I thought it would be a good idea to



MR. P. M. BRIGHT.



MR. OLIVER.

ascertain the views and impressions of the compiler of the Catalogue, and on paying a visit to No. 164, Strand, I found Mr. Oliver, the energetic manager of Messrs. Bright & Son's business there, quite ready to tell me all that I wished to know. I had a suspicion already that philatelic catalogue-making is not all beer and skittles, and this view Mr. Oliver fully confirmed.

"The first edition of the 'A.B.C.' Catalogue," remarked Mr. Oliver, "appeared in 1895, so that we have issued five editions in seven years. And that first edition! What a job it was! Mr. Kirkpatrick and I compiled it together, he doing about one-third and I the remainder. How long should you think the work took us?"

I hazarded an unsuccessful guess, but Mr. Oliver quite staggered me when he supplied the real answer.

"Two years it took us," he said quietly. "Of course it is different now, for each successive edition is simply an amplification of the preceding one. Still it's a long job. I commenced this book—taking up the 'King Edward' Edition—in February last."

"Did you indeed? Now can you tell me how you set to work on the compilation of a catalogue. And how do you guard against—such a mistake as leaving out a whole country for instance?"

Mr. Oliver laughed. "Such a mistake could never occur," said he, "for all the type is kept standing from one edition to another. Only in that way could we afford to publish a complete one-volume stamp catalogue at 2s. 6d. Besides, when compiling a new edition, as I say, I work on the old one. I have interleaved copies for that purpose, and as new issues come in I add them to the lists and of course modify the prices of the old according to the state of the market."

"Any startling changes in this new edition?"

"No. Many English and Colonial stamps are up in price, but otherwise no remarkable changes. As you will notice the book has grown a little thicker. The first edition, 1895, consisted of 694 pages. Now the number has grown to 831."

And it is wonderful, I may here interpolate, how Messrs. Bright & Son contrive to get 831 pages into a volume such as one would imagine contained about 200! It is all a question of the paper, which is specially selected to combine clear printing and small weight. A tribute must also be paid to the many excellent new blocks introduced into the catalogue.

"We still keep to our own method of pricing English," Mr. Oliver said in conclusion, "and a glance through the book will show you that many countries have been specially revised—Turks Islands, Chili and others—this being done with the aid of eminent specialists. I think we give the finest and most accurate list of the Turks Island surcharges yet published."

"And you still include 'Entires' in the catalogue, Mr. Oliver?"

"Yes, and find an increasing sale for them!" was the emphatic answer.

Before leaving I made a tour of Messrs. Bright & Son's re-built premises, now a very different place from that occupied by the firm prior to their disastrous fire. The shop is about three times as long as formerly, and behind this are the firm's offices. Below stairs, in a large, well-lighted basement are more offices, store rooms and huge safes.

PERCY C. BISHOP

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.

France.—Mr. W. H. Earl, of Newcastle, Staffs, writes:—“I have just received from Boulogne two new values of what is known as type III. of the current issue. They are the 20 and 25 centimes. From my investigation I find the 10 centimes exists in 3 types, the 15 centimes in the 2nd type only, the 20 centimes in the 1st and 3rd, the 25c. in all 3 types, the 30c. in the 1st and 3rd only. If any reader has others I should be glad to hear from him. The stamps now current are printed in quite different shades from some I had a few months since, the 10c. are almost a pink, the 15c. more orange and the 25c. of 3rd type being light ultramarine in place of chalk-blue.”

Italy.—An error of colour has occurred here, a whole sheet of the 5c. green being printed in the colour of the 2c. stamp—viz., red-brown. A Florentine philatelist, Signor Rosati, has shown a specimen of the error to our French contemporary, “L'Eclio de la Timbrologie.”

Liberia.—Mr. W. S. Hughes, of Sale, Manchester, sends us a specimen of the 1c. green with two overprints—“O.S.” in red and “Ordinary” in black. Presumably the postage stamp that was made official by the surcharge “O.S.” is now restored to its original status by the second surcharge “Ordinary”; but this sort of thing is bewildering, and we hope the poor stamps will not be further molested. If it should be desired to make them “officials” once again, we wonder what would happen then? Possibly there would be a third overprint—“Extraordinary,” perhaps!—in blue!

New Zealand.—From Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., of Dunedin, N.Z., we have received the 6d. rose on “Star N.Z.” paper, perforated 11—just issued. “The watermarked margins of sheets are also used,” say our correspondents, “so that some stamps are found watermarked with a letter such as NEWZ, etc., POS, etc. The corner stamps have no watermark.”

The New Zealand Stamp Company, in sending us a specimen of the ½d. Postage Due of the new set, write “This is the only value we have so far been able to obtain at the Dunedin Post Office.”

Orange River Colony.—A Gloucestershire correspondent writes: “I have had for some time copies of the 3d. blue O. R. Colony, V.R.I., with an inverted figure ‘1’ instead of ‘I’ (the variety just chronicled in ‘Gibbons,’) I have also the 1d. and 2d. with inverted ‘1’ and should be glad to hear what other values this error has appeared in—if any.”

Tasmania.—Mr. W. F. Petterd, of Launceston, Tasmania, kindly sends us “revised” editions of the 1d. and 2d. pictorial stamps. The penny stamp now appears in a new shade of red—a pale washed-out looking thing; and both

this and the twopenny stamp have the watermark sideways. With watermark sideways: 1d. red.
2d. purple.



United States.—We extract from the “New York Evening Post” the following facts regarding the new 13 cents stamp—the first stamp of this denomination America has ever had.

As soon as the die-proof of the first of the new series of United States postage stamps is approved by the Postmaster-General, plates will be made and the stamp issued to the public. Its denomination is 13c.; Benjamin Harrison occupies the centre of the field. This will be the first 13c. stamp ever issued by the United States; up to 1879 a stamp of the value of 7c. had been in use ten years, but was discontinued when the rate of foreign postage was reduced to 5c. The new Harrison stamp will be little used in domestic mails. Its issuance is the outgrowth of the increased foreign registration service; it will cover the postage and registration fee upon a letter of one-half ounce anywhere within the limits of the Postal Union.

Stamp experts who have examined the drawing for the new stamp say it will be one of the finest specimens of a postage stamp ever produced, not excepting the famous Columbian series and the Pan-American set. In addition to the usual “United States of America” and “Postage Thirteen Cents,” the inscription of “Series of 1902,” together with “Harrison” and figures giving the date of his birth and death, appear upon the design. The portrait was selected by Mrs. Harrison, and is said to have been the late President’s favourite.

The foregoing paragraphs were crowded out of the last *Fortnightly*. Since they were put into type the 13 cents stamp has appeared, and we have to thank Mr. E. P. Reynolds, Junr., of Boston, Mass., for kindly sending us specimens. In point of beauty the Harrison stamp certainly justifies its eulogistic “advance notices.” The inscriptions are as given in the press notices above quoted. The colour is a purple-brown.

Victoria.—Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son’s “Monthly Circular” thus describes a recent re-touching:—

The die of the current 1d. Victoria stamp was retouched some time ago, the general effect being the lightening of the oval background. I think the change was made about September, 1901, but I am not sure of this. The points of difference I will describe. (i) Taking as a starting point the horizontal line which if produced would touch the top of the O of ONE, and counting upwards, there will be found in type I., between the 6th and 7th lines, a fragment or beginning of another line. This crowding of three lines where two should be comes out as a dark blotch in some heavy impressions. (ii) In type I., beneath the TO of VICTORIA, the lined oval is finished off with a curved line at the top, thus . In type II. this has been cut through and forms a short line and a long line, thus .

Western Australia.—Particulars are to hand from our Perth friends, Messrs. Hamilton Macrae, Limited, concerning the new 2s. 6d., 10s. and £1 stamps.

The 2s. 6d. stamp is the same design as the present 5d. Victoria, and is printed in blue on pink paper, wmk. V and Crown; perf. 12½.

The ten shilling stamp is of the design of the 1d. green of Victoria, but with, of course, altered inscriptions, and printed in a mauve colour. The paper and perf. are the same.

The £1 stamp, similarly, is fashioned upon the oblong ½d. rose of Victoria and shows the same paper and perforation as that stamp. The colour here is a deep orange.

In a previous letter, dated October 6th, the same firm send us the new 1d. carmine of Western Australia with watermark V. and Crown.

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½, 1d., perf. 14 ..	0/2	" 1c. grn., 2c.	0/½	" 10 ..	0/9	" 10c., 15c. ..	0/2
2½ blue ..	0/6	" 4c. p.pl. & blue	0/2	Figures in Corners.		" 25c. orange ..	0/3
4d. brown ..	1/0	" 5c. ..	0/1	½, 1, 2, 3, 5 ..	0/½	" 40c. ..	0/6
Bahamas.		" 6c. p.pl. & brn.	0/3	5 ..	0/½	" 50c. green ..	0/4
1d. ..	0/1	" 8c. " " rose	0/6	6 ..	0/6	" 1 franc ..	0/6
2½ ..	0/2	" 12c. ..	0/6	8, 10 ..	0/3	1900, 5c.; large ..	0/2
4d. ..	0/4	" 24c. ..	0/10	2c. on 3c. ..	0/1	" 25c. blue ..	0/3
Barbados.		" 48c., pen ..	0/6	2c. rose ..	0/½	" 50c. olive ..	0/5
No value; blue ..	0/4	" 72c., 96c., pen	0/9	2c., map ..	0/1	Curacao or Surinam.	
Star, 1d. blue ..	0/6	1900-2, 2c. rose & lilac	0/1	1901, 20c. olive ..	0/5	1c., 2c. ..	0/1
CC., perf. 12½, ½ ..	0/9	" 2c. brick-red	0/½	Cape of Good Hope.		2½, 5c. ..	0/1½
" " 14 ..	0/4	" 6c. lilac & blue	0/4	CC., ½d. ..	0/4	12½, 25c. ..	0/3
" 1d. blue ..	0/1½	" 48c. blue & slate	—	" (with frame) 1d.,		Dominica.	
" 6d. yellow ..	1/0	1898, Commemoration		4d., 6d. ..	0/4	CC., 1d., perf. 12½, pen	0/3
Head, ½, 1 ..	0/½	" 1c., 2c., large	0/1	" (without frame)		CA., ½d. ..	0/4
" 2½d. ..	0/1	" 2c. on 5c. ..	0/2	" 1d., 4d. ..	0/1	" 1d. rose ..	0/6
" 4d. ..	0/2	" 2c. on 10c. or 15c.	0/4	" 3d. lilac-rose ..	1/0	" 2½d., 4d. ..	1/2
Jubilee, large, ½, ½, 1	0/1	" 5c., large ..	0/4	" 3' on 3 ..	0/4	Dutch Indies.	
" " 2½ ..	0/3	" 10c. ..	0/8	" 3 claret ..	0/3	1, 2, 2½c. ..	0/6
1892, Brit., 2½, ½, 1d.	0/½	" 15c. ..	0/10	CA., ½, 1d. ..	0/2	10c. King or Queen	0/6
" " 2 ..	0/2	1888, Provisional Issue.		" 2d., 3d. ..	0/1	5 blue, 12½ King ..	0/1
" " 2½ ..	0/1	" 1c., 2c. blk. & mauve	0/2	" 6d. ..	0/9	10 on Holland ..	0/1
" " 5, 6, 10d.		" 3c., 4c. " "	0/4	" 2½ on 3d. ..	0/3	12½, 15., 20, 25c. on	
face value		" 6c., 8c. " "	0/6	Anchor, 1888, ½, 1, 2d.	0/½	Holland ..	0/2
Bermuda.		" 1c. on 1, 2 or 3	0/3	" 2½ olive or blue	0/1	Danish West Indies.	
½d.-1d. ..	0/½	" 6c., 8c. " "	0/6	" 4, 6, 1/- ..	0/1	Old type, 1c., 3c. ..	0/1
1d. brick-red, old ..	0/1½	" 1c. on 2 dollars	0/7	" 1893 (no frame),		" 4c. ..	0/3
2d. ..	0/2	" 3 dollars, grn., pen	1/0	" 1/- green ..	0/3	" 5, 10 ..	0/2
2½ ..	0/1	" 5 " " "	1/0	" 1d. on 2d. ..	0/1	" 7c., un. ..	1/3
3d., 4d. ..	0/3	British Honduras.		1896 to 1900		" 10c. on 50c.	1/0
6d. ..	0/5	1c., 2c. ..	0/1	½, old type ..	0/½	1900, 1c. green ..	0/1
1/- ..	0/9	Canada.		½, 1d., new type ..	0/½	" 5c. blue ..	0/3
British Bechuanaland.		1859, 1c. rose ..	0/3	2d. dark brown ..	0/1½	Fernando Poo.	
½, 1d. ..	0/1	1860, 5c. beaver ..	0/3	3d. mauve ..	0/1	† 1901, 5c. vermilion	0/2
2, 4, 6, 1/- ..	face value	" 10c. purple ..	1/6	4d. olive ..	0/1	† " 10c. brown ..	0/4
British South Africa.		" 12½ green ..	1/0	1/- yellow ..	0/1	† " 25c. blue ..	0/8
1891, small ½, 1d. ..	0/2	" 17c. blue ..	2/6	5/- orange ..	0/8	Fiji.	
" " 2d. ..	0/3	" 12½ blue ..	0/8	5/- orange-brown ..	0/8	½d. black, 1d. new	0/1
" " 4d. ..	0/5	" 15c. lilac ..	0/6	Ceylon.		2c. green ..	0/2
1896-98, large ½, 1d.	0/1	1868-93, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5	0/½	2c. green or brown	0/½	4d. lilac ..	0/2
" " 2d. ..	0/2	" 6, 8, 10 ..	0/2	3c. orange or green	0/1	6d. red ..	0/5
" " 3d., 6d. ..	0/5	" 20c. red ..	0/4	5c. ..	0/½	French Colonies, Borneo,	
" " 4d. ..	0/3	" 50c. blue ..	0/8	15c. olive ..	0/1	Ivory Coast, Bonaire,	
" " 8d. ..	1/0	1897, Jubilee, ½	1/0	1899-00, 6c. ..	0/1	China, Guadeloupe,	
" " 1/- ..	0/7	" " 1 ..	0/1	" 12c. ..	0/2	Martinique.	
Small 1898-01, ½d. 1d.	0/1	" " 2 ..	0/2	" 15c. blue ..	0/2	2c. or 5c. of either	
" " 2d. ..	0/2	" " 3 ..	0/½	" 2 on 4c. ..	0/1	Colony ..	0/4
" " 4d. ..	0/4	" " 5 ..	0/5	China.		10c. or 15c. ditto ..	0/1
" " 6d., 4d.; 1/-	0/6	" " 6 ..	2/0	½, 2c. ..	0/½	25c. ditto ..	0/1½
British Guiana.		" " 8c., 10c.	0/9	1, 4, 5; 10c. ..	0/1	Gambia.	
1876, CC., 1c., 2c. ..	0/1½	" " 15 ..	1/0	Cyprus.		1886, ½ green ..	0/2
" " 4c., 8c., 24c.	0/9	" " 20 ..	1/6	1883, ½ pi. ..	0/1	" 1d. red ..	0/4
" " 6c., 1/-, 12c.	0/6	" " 50 ..	1/3	" 1 pi. ..	0/2	" 2d. orange ..	0/6
" " 48c., pen	1/0	1898, Maple Leaves		1896, 30 paras ..	0/2	" 2½ blue ..	0/4
1882, CA., 1c., 2c. ..	0/½	" ½c. 5c. ..	0/1	" ½ pi. ..	0/½	† " 3d. grey ..	0/7
" " 4; 6c. ..	0/4	" 1, 2, 3 ..	0/½	" 1, 2 pi. ..	0/2	† " 4d. brown ..	0/10
" " 8c. ..	0/2	" 6 ..	0/5	" 4 pi. ..	0/6	† " 6d. green ..	1/0

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1d., perf. 12 (pen) ..	0/2	1889-91, 1c. p'pl.-gry.	0/1	1898, 8	0/2	1894, 5c. large ..	0/1
½, 1d., perf. 14 ..	0/2	.. 1c. grn., 2c.	0/½	.. 10	0/9	.. 10c., 15c. ..	0/2
2½ blue	0/6	.. 4c. p'pl. & blue	0/2	Figures in Corners.		.. 25c. orange ..	0/3
1d. brown	1/0	.. 5c.	0/1	½, 1, 2, 3, 5 ..	0 ½	.. 40c.	0/6
Bahamas.		.. 6c. p'pl. & brn.	0/3	6	0 ½	.. 50c. green ..	0/4
1d.	0/1	.. 8c. rose	0/6	8, 10	0 6	.. 1 franc	0/6
2½	0/2	.. 12c.	0/6	2c. on 3c.	0 3	1900, 5c., large ..	0/1
4d.	0/4	.. 24c.	0/10	2c. rose	0/1	.. 25c. blue ..	0/3
Barbados.		.. 48c., pen ..	0/6	.. 2c., map	0/½	.. 50c. olive ..	0/5
No value, blue ..	0/4	.. 72c., 96c., pen	0/9	2c., olive	0/1	Curacao or Surinam.	
Star, 1d. blue ..	0/6	1900-2, 2c. rose & lilac	0/1	1901, 20c. olive ..	0/5	1c., 2c.	0/1
CC., perf. 12½, ½ ..	0/9	.. 2c. brick-red	0/½	Cape of Good Hope.		2½, 5c.	0/1½
.. .. 14	0/4	.. 6c. lilac & blue	0/4	CC., ½d.	0/4	12½, 25c.	0/3
.. 1d. blue	0/1½	.. 48c. blue & slate	—	.. (with frame) 1d.,		Dominica.	
.. 6d. yellow ..	1/0	1898, Commemoration		4d., 6d.	0/4	CC., 1d., perf. 12½, pen	0/3
Head, ½, 1	0/½	.. 1c., 2c., large	0/1	.. (without frame)		CA., ½d.	0/4
.. 2½d.	0/1	.. 2c. on 5c. ..	0/2	.. 1d., 4d.	0 1	.. 1d. rose	0/8
.. 4d.	0/2	.. 2c. on 10c. or 15c.	0/4	.. 3d. lilac-rose ..	1/0	.. 2½d., 4d. ..	1/2
Jubilee, large, ½, ½, 1	0/1	.. 5c., large ..	0/4	.. '3' on 3	0/4	Dutch Indies.	
.. .. 2½	0/3	.. 10c.	0/8	.. 3 claret	0/3	1, 2, 2½c.	0/½
1892, Brit., ½, ½, 1d.	0/½	.. 15c.	0/10	CA., ½, 1d.	0/2	10c. King or Queen	0/½
.. .. 2	0/2	1888, Provisional Issue.		.. 2d., 3d.	0/1	5 blue, 12½ King ..	0/1
.. .. 2½	0/1	.. 1c., 2c. blk. & mauve	0/2	.. 6d.	0/9	10 on Holland ..	0/1
.. .. 5, 6, 10d.	0/1	.. 3c., 4c.	0/4	.. 2½ on 3d. ..	0 3	12½, 15, 20, 25c. on	
.. .. face value		.. 6c., 8c.	0/6	Anchor, 1888, ½, 1, 2d.	0 ½	Holland	0/2
Bermuda.		.. 1c. on 1, 2 or \$3	0/3	.. 2½ olive or blue	0/1	Danish West Indies.	
½d.-1d.; .. 1d.	0/½	.. 1c. on 4 dollars	0/7	.. 4, 6, 1	0/1	Old type, 1c., 3c. ..	0/1
1d. brick red, old ..	0/1½	.. 3 dollars, grn., pen	1/0	.. 1893 (no frame),		.. 4c.	0/3
2d.	0/2	.. 5	1/0	.. 1/- green	0/3	.. 5, 10	0/2
2½	0/1	British Honduras.		.. 1d. on 2d. ..	0/1	.. 7c., un.	1/3
3d., 4d.	0/3	1c., 2c.	0/1	1896 to 1900		.. 10c. on 50c. ..	1/0
6d.	0/5	Canada.		½, old type	0 ½	1900, 1c. green ..	0/1
1/-	0/9	1859, 1c. rose ..	0/3	½, 1d., new type ..	0 ½	.. 5c. blue	0/3
British Bechuanaland.		1860, 5c. beaver ..	0/3	2d. dark brown ..	0/1½	Fernando Poo.	
½, 1d.	0/1	.. 10c. purple ..	1/6	3d. mauve	0/1	† 1901, 5c. vermilion	0/2
2, 4, 6, 1/-	face value	.. 12½ green ..	1/0	4d. olive	0/1	† .. 10c. brown ..	0/4
British South Africa.		.. 17c. blue ..	2/6	1/- yellow	0/1	† .. 25c. blue ..	0/8
1891, small ½, 1d. ..	0/2	.. 1½ blue	0/8	5/- orange	0/8	Fiji.	
.. .. 2d.	0/3	.. 15c. lilac ..	0/6	5/- orange-brown ..	0/8	½d. black, 1d. new	0/1
.. .. 4d.	0/5	1868-93, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5	0 ½	Ceylon.		2c. green	0/2
1895-98, large ½, 1d.	0/1	.. 6, 8, 10	0/2	2c. green or brown	0 ½	4d. lilac	0/5
.. .. 2d.	0/2	.. 20c. red	0/4	3c. orange or green	0/1	6d. red	0/5
.. .. 3d., 6d. ..	0/5	.. 50c. blue ..	0 8	5c.	0 ½	French Colonies, Benin,	
.. .. 4d.	0/3	1897, Jubilee, ½ ..	1/0	15c. olive	0/1	Ivory Coast, Senegal,	
.. .. 8d.	1/0	.. .. 1	0/1	1899-00, 6c. ..	0/1	China, Guadeloupe,	
.. .. 1/-	0/7	.. .. 2	0/2	.. .. 12c.	0/2	Martinique.	
Small 1898-01, ½d. 1d.	0/1	.. .. 3	0 ½	.. .. 15c. blue ..	0/2	2c. or 5c. of either	
.. .. 2d.	0/2	.. .. 5	0/5	.. .. 2 on 4c. ..	0/1	Colony	0 ½
.. .. 4d.	0/4	.. .. 6	2/0	China.		10c. or 15c. ditto ..	0/1
.. .. 6d.-4d.; 1/-	0/6	.. .. 8c., 10c.	0/9	½, 2c.	0 ½	25c. ditto	0/1½
British Guiana.		.. .. 15	1/0	1, 4, 5, 10c. ..	0/1	Gambia.	
1876, CC., 1c., 2c. ..	0/1½	.. .. 20	1/6	1886, ½ green ..	0/2	1886, ½ green ..	0/2
.. .. 4c., 8c., 24c.	0/9	.. .. 50	1/3	.. 1d. red	0/4	.. 1d. red	0/4
.. .. 6c., 1/-, 12c.	0/6	1898, Maple Leaves		.. 2d. orange ..	0/6	.. 2d. orange ..	0/6
.. .. 48c., pen	1/0	.. ½c. 3c.	0/1	.. 2½ blue	0/4	.. 2½ blue	0/4
1882, CA., 1c., 2c. ..	0/½	.. 1, 2, 3	0/½	† .. 3d. grey ..	0/7	† .. 3d. grey ..	0/7
.. .. 4, 6c.	0/4	.. 6	0/5	† .. 4d. brown ..	0/10	† .. 4d. brown ..	0/10
.. .. 8c.	0/2			† .. 6d. green ..	1/0	† .. 6d. green ..	1/0

Gambia—continued.

	Price—each.
† „ 1/- magenta	2/0
1898, 1/2, 1d.	0/1 1/2
„ 2d.-3d.; 2 1/2	0/4
„ 3d. or 4d.	0/5
„ 6d.-8d.; 1/-	1/3
1902, King, 1/2d.	0/1
„ „ 1d.	0/1 1/2
German West Africa, Cameroons (Kamerun) or Togo.	
5 or 10pf.	0/1
20pf.	0/2
Gibraltar.	
1889, 5c., 10c., 25c.	0/1
„ 40c., 50c.	0/8
1895, 1 pesata	1/3
1898, 1/2, 1	0/1 1/2
„ 2, 2 1/2	0/2
„ 4d., 6d., 1/-	face value
Gold Coast.	
CC., 1/2 buff.	2/3
„ 1d. blue	1/6
„ 2d. green	1/6
„ 4d. magenta	1/6
1884, CA., 1/2d., 1d.	0/1
„ „ 2d., 2 1/2d.	0/2
„ „ 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	0/3
„ „ 2/- brown	1/0
1898, 1/2, 1d.	0/1
„ 2 1/2, 3d., 6d.	0/3
„ 1/- green	0/10
„ 2/- rose & green	1/6
„ Prov. 1d. on 2 1/2d.	0/9
„ „ 1d. on 6d.	0/9
1902, King, 1/2d., 1d.	0/1
„ „ 2d.	0/3
Grenada.	
1882, 1/2d.	0/1
1887, 1d.	0/1
1882, 1d.	0/7
„ 2 1/2d.	0/1 1/2
„ 4d.	0/5
† „ 6d.	1/6
1896, 1/2d.	0/1
„ 1d.	0/1 1/2
„ 2d.	0/3
„ 2 1/2d.	0/2
„ 3d., 6d., 1/-	face value
„ 2 1/2 Jubilee	0/4
„ Unpaid, blk. 1d.	0/2
„ „ 2d.-3d.; 3d.	0/4
1902, King, 1/2d., 1d.	0/1
Great Britain.	
1867, 1/- green	0/3
1900, 1/- rose & grn.	0/2
1880, 4d. brown	0/4
1884, 4d. green	0/6
Queen, 4 1/2, 5, 10, 1/-	0/1 1/2
2/6	0/4
5/-	0/6
1902, King	
2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 6d.	0/1 1/2
9d., 1/-	0/2
Hong Kong.	
1890, 2c., 4, 5, 10	0/1 1/2
„ 20 on 30	0/1 1/2
„ 30 green	0/2
„ 50 violet	0/3
„ 1 dol., red	0/10
„ 1 „ black	0/8
1900, 2c. grn., 4c. rose	0/1 1/2
„ 5c. yell., 10c. blue	0/1
„ 12c. blue	0/3
Jamaica.	
Pine, 1d. blue	0/4
„ 2d. rose, 3d. grn.	1/9
CC., 1/2 brown	0/1 1/2
„ 1d. blue, 2d. rose	0/1
„ 3d. bright grn.	0/8
„ 4d. oran., 6d. lilac	0/4

Jamaica—continued.

	Price—each.
CC., 1/- brown	0/9
CA., 1d. blue, 2d. rose	0/3
„ 1d. red, 2d. slate	0/3
„ 1/2d. lilac	0/1 1/2
„ 2d. green	0/1 1/2
„ 2 1/2d. lilac	0/1 1/2
„ 3d., 4d.	0/1 1/2
„ 6d. orange	0/3
1900, 1d. large red	0/1 1/2
1901, 1d. „ blk. & red	0/1 1/2
Official, 1/2, 1, 2d.	0/1
„ 1/2, thin surch.	0/1 1/2
Lagos.	
1882-4, 6d. olive, pen.	1/0
„ 1/- orange	1/0
1885-94, 1/2d.	0/1
„ 2d., 2 1/2d.	0/2
„ 3d., 4d.	0/4
„ 5d.	0/6
„ 6d., 7 1/2d., 10d.	face value
„ 1/-	0/10
Leeward Islands.	
1/2d., 1d.	0/1 1/2
2 1/2d.-1d.; 4d.	0/5
6d., 7d.-8d.; 1/-	1/0
5/-, bankmarked	1/0
1902, Aug., provisionals.	
One penny on 4d.	0/6
„ „ on 6d.	0/6
„ „ on 7d.	0/6
1892, King, 1/2, 1	0/1
Sept. „ 2d., 2 1/2	0/3
Liberia.	
Liberia, 1880, Liberty.	
6c. lilac, unused	0/6
12c. yellow	0/6
24c. rose	0/6
1896-1900.	
1c. violet or green	0/1
2c. olive or red	0/1 1/2
5c. violet or blue	0/3
3c. red, large	0/2
6c., 8c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 20c., 24c., 25c., 30c., 32c., 2 dollars, 5 dollars, all can be supplied unused at face value, 4/2 to the dollar of 100 cents	
Malta.	
1885-90, 1/2d., 1d., 2 1/2d.	0/1 1/2
„ 2d.	0/2
„ 4d.	0/3
„ 4 1/2d., 5d., 1/-	0/5
1901, 1/2d.	0/1 1/2
Mauritius.	
1879-80, CC., 2c. red	3/6
„ „ 4c. oran.	0/1 1/2
„ „ 8c. blue	0/3
„ „ 17c. rose	1/3
„ „ 25c. yell.	3/6
„ „ 50c. grn.	0/9
1882-3, CA., 2c. red	0/3
„ „ 4c. oran.	0/1 1/2
„ „ 25c. bistre	0/3
„ „ Sixteen on 17	0/8
1885-94 „ 1c. violet	0/1
„ „ 2c. green	0/1 1/2
„ „ 4c. rose	0/1 1/2
„ „ 8c. blue	0/3
„ „ 15c. brn.	0/3
„ „ 15c. blue	0/2
„ „ 16c. brn.	0/5
„ „ 50c. oran.	2/6
„ „ 'Two cents' on 4c. rose	0/1 1/2
1895-1900, Arms, 1, 2, 4c.	0/1 1/2
„ 3c.	0/1
„ 6c.	0/1 1/2

Mauritius—continued.

	Price—each.
1895-1900, 6 on 18.	0/3
„ 15 on 36.	0/6
„ 15c. blue, large	0/5
„ 18c.	0/3
„ 36c., long	1/3
1901, 1c. grey	0/1 1/2
„ 2c. lilac, 4c. yell.	0/1 1/2
Montserrat.	
1/2 green, unused	0/6
1d. rose	0/9
2 1/2 blue	3/0
4d. mauve	2/0
Nevis.	
1883-90, 1/2 grn., unused	0/6
„ 1d. rose, used	1/0
„ 2 1/2 blue, unused	2/6
„ 4d.	4/0
1878, Old Type, surcharged Revenue, penm'ked, 1d. red	1/0
„ 4d. orange, ditto	2/6
„ 6d. grey	6/0
„ 1/- green	6/0
1d. lilac, 1882 type	1/0
4d. blue	2/0
6d. green	3/0
1/- lilac	1/6
Natal.	
1/2d., 1d.	0/1 1/2
2d.	0/1
4d., 6d.	0/1 1/2
3d., 1/-	0/2
5/-, bankmarked	2/6
1/2d. on 1d.	0/1
Newfoundland.	
1880-90, 1/2, Dog, red	0/2
„ „ „ blk.	0/1 1/2
„ 1, Prince, lilac	0/9
„ 1 „ green	0/1 1/2
„ 2, Cod	0/9
„ 2 „ yellow	0/2
„ 3 Queen, blue	0/3
„ 3 „ brown	0/1 1/2
„ 3 „ slate	0/1
„ 5, Seal, blue	0/4
„ 6c., Queen, pink	0/5
„ 10c., Ship, black	1/0
„ 12c., Queen, brn.	1/4
Jubilee, Cabot Issue.	
1c., Queen, green	0/3
2c., Cabot, red	0/3
3c., Queen, blue	0/1 1/2
4c.-4d.; 5c.-3d.; 6c.	0/5
8c.-7d.; 12c.-10d.; 24c.	1/9
1898-1901, 1/2c., Prince Edward	0/1
„ 1c., Queen, grn.	0/1
„ 1c. „ red	0/2
„ 2c., Prince, yell.	0/3
„ 2c. „ red	0/1
„ 3c., Princess, orange	0/1
„ 4c., Duchess	0/3
„ 5c., Duke of Yk.	0/3
New South Wales.	
1870, 1d. r.d., 2d. blue	0/1 1/2
1888, 3d. green	0/1 1/2
„ 4d. brown (Cook)	0/1
„ 5d. large, green	0/3
„ 6d. rose, Queen	0/1
„ 8d. lake, Bird	0/6
„ 1/- brn., Kangaroo	0/1 1/2
„ 1/2 grey, 1d. red	0/1 1/2
„ 2d. blue-black	0/1 1/2
„ 2d. light blue	0/1 1/2
1891-8, 2 1/2 blue	0/1
„ 2 1/2 violet	0/4
„ 7 1/2, surcharged	0/8
„ 10d.	0/10
„ 9d. on 10d.	0/9
„ 12 1/2 (sur.) on 1/-	0/9

N.S.W.—continued.

	Price—each.
1891-8, 1/2 green	0/1 1/2
1899, 2 1/2 dark blue	0/1
„ 6d. orange	0/1
„ 8d. magenta	0/6
„ 10d. violet	0/10
New Zealand.	
1882, 1/2, 1, 2d.	0/1 1/2
„ 3d. orange, 2 shades	0/1
„ 4d. grn., 6d. brn.	0/1
„ 8d. blue	0/6
„ 1/- red	0/1 1/2
1891-5, 1/2 black	0/1 1/2
„ 2 1/2 blue	0/1 1/2
„ 5d. grey	0/1
1898-00, Pictures Issue.	
„ small, 1/2 grey, 1d. brown	0/1 1/2
„ 1/2 grn., 1d. rose	0/1 1/2
„ 2d. claret	0/1 1/2
„ 2d. violet	0/1
„ large 2 1/2 blue	0/3
„ 3d. bistre, 4d. rose	0/4
„ 4d. brn. & blue	0/4
„ 5d. brown	0/4
„ 6d. green	0/8
„ 6d. rose	0/4
„ 8d. blue	0/9
„ 9d. purple	1/0
„ 1/- red	0/6
„ 2/- green	1/6
1901, 1d. red	0/1 1/2
„ 1 1/2 large brown	0/2
Niger Coast.—Oil Rivers Protectorate.	
Surcharged on English.	
1/2d., 1d.	0/5
2, 8d.; 2 1/2	0/6
5	1/0
1/-	4/6
1893, 1/2 orange, 1d. blue	1/0
„ 2d. green	5/0
„ 2 1/2 red	1/6
„ 5d. violet	3/0
„ 1/- black	5/0
1894, no wmk., 1/2d. grn.	0/2
„ 1d. red	0/5
„ „ 2d. carm.	2/0
„ „ 2 1/2 blue	0/6
„ „ 5d.	0/9
„ „ 1/- black	2/0
1897-8, CA., 1/2 green	0/1
„ „ 1 red	0/1 1/2
„ „ 2d., 2 1/2 car.	0/4
„ „ 5d. lilac	1/3
„ „ 6d. orange	1/0
„ „ 1/- black	2/0
Niger Coast stamps are now superseded by those of Northern and Southern Nigeria.	
Nigeria, Northern.	
1900, Queen, 1/2d.; 1d.	0/1 1/2
„ „ 2, 2 1/2	0/3
„ „ 5, 6	0/8
„ „ 1/-	1/3
1902, King, 1/2, 1d.	0/1
„ „ 2d.	—
„ „ 6d.	0/7
Nigeria, Southern.	
1900, Queen, 1/2d.; 1d.	0/1 1/2
„ „ 2, 2 1/2	0/3
„ „ 5, 6	0/8
„ „ 1/-	1/3
Orange River Colony.	
1868-96, 1/2 brown	0/1 1/2
„ 1/2 orange, 1d. brn.	0/1
„ 1d. purple	0/1 1/2
„ 2d. mauve	0/2
„ 3d., 4d. blue	0/9

Orange Riv. Col.—cond.
 Price—each.
 1868-96, 6d. carmine 0/6
 " 6d. " " 0/6
 " sur. T.F. 0/6
 " 1/- orange 0/6
 " 1/- " " 0/6
 " sur. T.F. 0/6
 " 1/- brown 1/6
 '96, Halve on 3d. blue 0/4
 Surcharged V.R.I., 1900.
 1/2 orange .. 0/2
 1/2 " thick V .. 0/6
 1d. purple .. 0/1 1/2
 1d. " thick V .. 0/6
 2d. lilac .. 0/4
 3d. blue .. 0/6
 6d. " .. 0/10
 1 1/- brown .. 1/6
 1 5/- green .. 6/6
 Cape Stamps surch.
 Orange River Colony.
 1900, 1/2d. green .. 0/1
 1902, 1d. rose .. 0/1 1/2
 1900, 2 1/2 blue .. 0/4
Persia.
 1899, 1, 5 shahi .. 0/1
 " 2, 10, 12 shahi 0/2
 " 1 kran, red, large 0/4
 " 2 " green .. 0/8
 " 3 " lilac .. 1/0
 " 4 " orange 1/3
 " 5 " brown .. 1/9
 " 10 " blue .. 3/0
 1902, Provisional, square,
 type set.
 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12 shahi
 1 kran, violet .. 1/0
 2 " green .. 1/0
 5 on 5 kran, yellow 2/6
 10 " blue .. 4/0
Queensland.
 1897—00—4 figures.
 1/2, 1d., 2d. .. 0/0 1/2
 1900, 2 1/2 on white .. 1/0
 " 2 1/2 on blue .. 0/1 1/2
 " 3d. brown .. 0/1 1/2
 " 4d. yell., 6d. grn. 0/1
 " 5d. dark brown 0/3
 " 1/- violet .. 0/4
 " 2/- green .. 1/3
 1900, new type, 1/2d. 0/1
St. Christopher.
 1870-79, C.C., perf.
 " 1d. lilac-rose,
 pen. 0/9
 " 6d. grn., post. 1/3
 " 4d. blue .. 3/6
 1882, CA.
 " 1/2 grn., 1d. rose 0/2
 " 1d. lilac-rose,
 pen. 2/6
 " 2 1/2 blue .. 0/9
 " 4d. grey .. 0/6
St. Helena.
 1896-7, 1/2-1d.; 1d. 0/1 1/2
 " 1 1/2d., 2d. 0/3
 " 1 1/2-4d.; 5d. 0/7
 " 1rod. .. 1/0
St. Lucia.
 1891-98, 1/2d., 1d. .. 0/1
 " 2d., 3d.; 2 1/2 0/2
 " 3d., 4d.; 4d. 0/5
 " 6d., 8d.; 1/- 1/0
 1902, 1/2, 1 .. 0/1
St. Vincent.
 1883-5, 1d. grey .. 0/8
 " 1/2 grn., 1d. rose 0/1 1/2
 " 2 1/2, surch. red 0/6
 " 2 1/2 " blue 0/4
 " 2 1/2, not surch. 0/6
 " 1 3d. on 1d. mauve 0/8
 " 4d. brown .. 1/6

St. Vincent.—continued.
 Price—each.
 1883-5, 1/4d. yellow, un. 0/9
 " 1/5 pence on
 6d. red .. 1/0
 " 1/5d. brown .. 1/0
 " 1/6d. purple .. 1/3
 " 1/- vermilion 2/0
 1899, New Type, Queen.
 " 1/2d., 1d. .. 0/1
 " 1 1/2d., 3d. .. 0/4
 " 1/4d., 6d.; 5d. 0/8
 " 1/6d. .. 0/8
 " 1/- green .. 1/4
 1902, King, 1/2d., 1d. 0/1
Sarawak.
 1871, 3c. yellow .. 0/4
 " 4c., 4d.; 6c. 0/6
 " 8c., 7d.; 12c. 0/9
 One cent on 3c. yell. 0/2
 1888, 1c., 2c. .. 0/1 1/2
 " 3c., 5c. .. 0/3
 " 8c., 5d.; 10c. 0/6
 " 12c., 7d.; 25c. 1/0
 1895, 2c. brown .. 0/4
 " 4c. black .. 0/4
 " 6c. violet .. 0/6
 " 8c. green .. 0/6
 1899, surcharged on
 1871 issue.
 " 2 cents on 3c. yell. 0/3
 " 2 " on 12c. red 0/6
 " 4 " on 8c. blue 1/3
 1899, new colors.
 " 1c. blue, 2c. grn. 0/1
 " 4c. carmine .. 0/1
 " 8c. yellow .. 0/3
 " 10c. blue .. 0/4
 " 12c. lilac .. 0/7
Siam.
 1886-99, 2a. .. 0/1
 " 3a., 4a. .. 0/2
 " 8a., 1 1/2, 12a. 0/2
 " 1a. on 64 .. 0/1
 " 1a. on 12 .. 0/1
 " 2a. on 64 .. 0/1
 " 3a. on 12 .. 0/2
 " 4a. on 12 .. 0/4
 " 10a. on 24 .. 0/2
 " 24a.-3d.; 64a. 0/9
 1900, new type.
 " 1a., 2a., 4a. .. 0/1
 " 3a., 8a. .. 0/2
 " 10a. .. 0/3
 " 12a. .. 0/4
 " 24a. .. 0/6
 " 64a. .. 0/9
Sierra Leone.
 1876, C.C., 1/2 brown 1/6
 " " 1d. or 1 1/2 2/0
 " " 2d.-1/6; 3d. 0/9
 " " 4d. blue 1/0
 " " 6d. violet 1/6
 1883, CA., 1/2 brown 4/0
 " " 2d. mauve 1/6
 " " 4d. blue 10/0
 1884-95, 1/2d., 1d. .. 0/1
 " 1 1/2-3d.; 2d. 0/4
 " 2 1/2-2d.; 3d. 0/9
 " 4d.-5d.; 6d. 1/6
 " 1/- brown .. 1/6
 " Halfpenny
 on 1 1/2 2/0
 1896-7, 1/2, 1d. .. 0/1
 " 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2 .. 0/2
 " 3d.-4d.; 4d. 0/6
 " 5d.-6d.; 6d. 0/6
 " 1/- .. 1/0
 " 2/- green .. 2/0
 Provisional surch.
 on long one
 penny revenue 0/9
 Ditto 6d. long reve.

Sierra Leone—cond.
 Price—each.
 nue surch. one
 penny, unused
 (Gibbons 102) 10/0
South Australia.
 1877-97, 1/2d., 1d., 2d. 0/0 1/2
 " 2 1/2 on 4d. grn. 0/3
 " 2 1/2 lilac,
 3d. olive 0/1 1/2
 " 4d. vio., 6d. blue 0/1
 " 5d. on 6d. brn. 0/5
 " 5d. purple .. 0/2
 " 9d. lilac-rose 0/9
 " 1/- brown .. 0/6
 " 2/- crimson .. 0/10
 1899-02, 1/2 green .. 0/0 1/2
 " 1d. red, 2d. vio. 0/0 1/2
 " 2 1/2 blue .. 0/1 1/2
Straits Settlements.
 1868-72, C.C., 2c. brn. 0/3
 " " 4c. rose 0/4
 " " 6c. lilac 0/8
 " " 8c. oran. 0/4
 " " 12c. blue 1/0
 " " 24c. grn. 0/4
 " " 30c. claret 0/8
 " " 32c., 96c. 2/6
 1883-99, CA., 2c. brn. 1/0
 " " 2c. rose 0/0 1/2
 " " 3c. on 32c.
 magenta 0/3
 " " 3c. on 32c.
 rose 0/1
 " " 4c. rose 2/6
 " " 4c. brn 0/3
 " " 5c. blue 0/1
 " " 5c. brn.
 or plum 0/2
 " " 6c. lilac 0/2
 " " 8c. oran 0/1
 " " 8c. blue 0/1
 " " 10c. on
 24c. 0/2
 " " 10c. slate 0/1 1/2
 " " 12c. brn. 1/0
 " " 12c. claret 0/4
 " " 24c. grn. 0/3
 " " Thirty
 on 32c. 0/5
 " " 30c. claret 0/3
 " " 32c. verm. 0/3
 1892-4, One cent on
 2c. rose 0/2
 " do. on 4c. brn. 0/3
 " do. on 6d. lilac 0/6
 " do. on 8c. oran. 0/1 1/2
 " do. on 12c. brn. 0/9
 " do. on 8c. grn. 0/1
 1892-99, new type.
 " 1c. grn., 3c. rose 0/0 1/2
 " 3c. brown .. 0/0 1/2
 " 25c-3d.; 50c. 0/4
 " 4c. on 8c. blue 0/2
 " Four cents on
 5c. red 0/1 1/2
 " 4c. carmine .. 0/1
 1892, King, 1c., 3c. 0/0 1/2
 " " 8c. blue 0/1 1/2
Sandwich Islands.
 1883, 2c. rose .. 0/1
 " 5c. blue .. 0/2
 " 10c. brown .. 0/5
 1892, 2c. violet .. 0/1 1/2
 1893, 2c. vio., surchd. 0/1 1/2
 " 5c. blue .. 0/4
 1894, 1c. yellow .. 0/1 1/2
 " 2c. Harbour .. 0/1 1/2
 " 5c. carmine .. 0/2
 " 10c. green .. 0/5
 1899, 1c. grn., 2c. rose 0/1 1/2
 " 5c. blue .. 0/2

Straits Settlements.
Native States.
 The stamps of the Federated
 Malay States now supersede
 those of the separate States.
Johor.
 Surcharged on Straits.
 Price—each.
 2c. rose .. 0/3
 1892-4, 1c. .. 0/1
 " 2c., 3c. .. 0/2
 " 4c. .. 0/4
 " 3 cents on 4c. 0/4
 1896, 1c. green .. 0/1
 " 2c.-2d.; 3c. 0/1
 " 4c., 5c. .. 0/3
Negri Sembilan.
 Surcharged on Straits.
 2c. rose .. 0/3
 1892, 1c. green .. 0/1
 " 2c. rose .. 0/3
 " 5c. blue .. 0/4
 1896, 1c.-3d.; 2c. 0/6
 " 3c.-2d.; 5c. 0/4
Pahang.
 1891, 1c.-1d.; 2c. 0/2
 " 5c. blue .. 0/4
Perak.
 Surcharged on Straits.
 2c. rose .. 0/2
 1891-5, 1c., 2c. rose 0/1
 " 2c. orange 0/1 1/2
 " 5c. blue .. 0/3
 " 3c. on 5c. rose 0/3
 1895-9, 1c., 2c., 3c. 0/1
 " 4c.-4d.; 5c. 0/2
 " 8c., 10c. .. 0/3
 " 25c. .. 0/6
 " 50c. lilac .. 1/3
 " 50c. green .. 2/6
 1900, one cent on 3c.
 brown 0/1 1/2
 " do. on 4c. rose 0/2
 " do. on 5c. ochre 0/2
 " three cents on
 8c. blue 0/3
 " do. on 50c. grn. 0/6
Service Stamps.
 5c. blue (1891) .. 0/6
 5c. ochre (1895) .. 0/3
Selangor.
 Surcharged on Straits.
 2c. rose .. 0/3
 1891, 1c. .. 0/1
 " 2c. rose or oran. 0/2
 " 5c. blue .. 0/4
 " 3 cents on 5c. rose 0/2
 1895, 3c.-1d.; 5c. ochre 0/2
 " 8c. blue, 10c. oran. 0/3
 " 25c. .. 1/0
 " 50c. lilac .. 1/3
 " 50c. green .. 2/6
 1900, one cent on 5c. 1/0
 " do. on 50c. grn. 0/6
 " three cents on do. 0/9
Sungei Ujong.
 2c. orange .. 0/3
 5c. blue .. 0/4
 1c. on 5c. green .. 0/1 1/2
 3c. on 5c. rose .. 0/4
 1895, 3c. .. 0/3
Federated Malay States.
 1900, oblong, 1c., 3c. 0/1
 " " 4c., 5c., 8c. 0/2
 " " 10c.-4d.; 20c. 0/7
 " " 50c. .. 1/0
Tasmania.
 1870 type, 1/2 orange 0/4
 " Halfpenny on
 1d. red .. 0/4
 " 1d., 2d. .. 0/1 1/2
 " 2 1/2 on 9d. light
 blue .. 0/6

Tasmania—continued.		Price—each.		Price—each.		Price—each.	
1870, 2½ on gd. deep blue .. 1/6		Pole to Waggon.		1882, CA., "one penny" on red .. 0/6		†1899, ½ green, 1d.; 1d. red 0/1½	
" 3d. dark red.. 0/4		1895, 1d. .. 0/0½		" 4d. grey .. 2/6		† " 2½ blue, 4d.; 4d. brown 0/6	
" 4d. bistre .. 0/6		" ½ or 2d. .. 0/1		1883, Queen.		† " 6d. purple, 8d.; 7d. green 0/9	
" 9d. blue .. 1/0		" 3d.-9d.; 4d. 1/6		" " ½ or 1d... 0/0½		† " 1/- brown .. 1/4	
1892, new type, ½d. 0/½		" 6d.-6d.; 1/- 1/0		" " 2½-1½d.; 4d. 0/2		West Australia.	
" 2½ mauve .. 0/1½		1d. on 2½, 1885 type 0/3		" " 6d.-1/6; 1/- 3/0		1865, CC., perf. 12½.	
" 5d. or 6d. .. 0/6		Halve Penny on 1/- ('95) 0/3		" " 5/-, unused (CC) 7/6		" 1d. ochre .. 0/6	
1d. rose, 2d. vio. (1902) 0/1		1896-7, Bi colour issue.		1896, Bi-colour issue.		" 2d. yellow .. 0/4	
1900, Picture Issue.		" ½ or 1d. .. 0/0½		" ½ or 1d. .. 0/0½		" 4d. carmine, or 6d. mauve 1/9	
½d.-1½d.; 1d. or 2d. 0/1		" 2d... .. 0/1		" 2½-1d.; 4d. 0/4		" 1/- green .. 1/9	
2½-3d.; 3d. or 4d. 0/5		" 2½ or 1/- .. 0/3		" 5d. .. 3/0		1872-78, CC., perf. 14.	
5d. or 6d. .. 0/6		" 3d., 4d., or 6d. 0/9		" 6d. or 1/- .. 0/4		" 1d. ochre .. 0/3	
Tobago.		" 1d., commr. 0/6		" 2d., commr. 0/3		" 2d. yellow .. 0/1½	
This Island has ceased to issue stamps, being merged in Trinidad administration.		British occupation, 1900.		1901, 1d. brick-red 0/0½		" 3d. brown, or 6d. lilac 1/0	
1879, CC., 1d. rose, pen. 0/6		Surch. V.R.I. on '96 issue.		Unpaid Letter Stamps.		1882-90, CA., perf. 12.	
" " 3d. blue .. 2/6		½ or 1d. .. 0/2		½d. black .. 2/6		" 1d. ochre .. 0/9	
" " 6d. oran. .. 1/9		2d. .. 0/5		1d.-2d.; 2d.-3d.; 4d. 1/3		" 2d. yellow .. 0/6	
" " 1/- grn. .. 3/6		2½, 3, or 4d. .. 0/7		5d.-6d.; 6d.-3/-; 8d. 2/6		CA., perf. 14.	
1882-96, CA., ½ grn. 0/1½		6d.-9d.; 1/- 1/6		1/- .. 4/0		" 1d. ochre .. 0/3	
" " 1d. rose 0/1½		Surch. E.R.I.		Victoria.		" 2d. yellow .. 0/1½	
" " 2½ blue 0/4		½d. or 1d. .. 0/3		1901, without 'Postage,' obsolete.		" 3d. brown .. 0/4	
" " 4d. grey 0/8		3d. or 4d. .. 0/6		½ green, 2d. mauve 0/1		" 4d. carmine 3/6	
" " 6d. brn. 1/0		Halfpenny on 2d. 0/1½		3d. orange, 4d. olive 0/9		" 6d. lilac .. 0/8	
" " 1/- yell. 2/0		1902, King.		6d. green .. 0/4		1889, CA., type as 1865.	
" " 1/- brn. error 8/6		" ½d. or 1d. .. 0/1		1/- orange .. 1/6		1d. red, 2 grey 0/2	
Transvaal.		" 2d. .. 0/3		1901, June, with 'Postage' added.		1890, new type	
1885 type, 1d. .. 0/0½		" 6d.-5d.; 1/- 0/8		½ green, 1d. rose .. 0/½		" ½d., 1d., 2d. (grey) 0/½	
" ½ or 2d. .. 0/1		Trinidad.		1½ yellow .. 0/2		" 2d. yellow .. 0/½	
" 2½ violet .. 0/4		1864, Britannia, CC., perf. 12½.		2½ blue, 2d. mauve 0/1		" 2½ or 4d. .. 0/1½	
" 3d. mauve .. 1/0		" ditto, 1d. red 0/10		3d. orange, 4d. olive 0/3		" 2½ (1901) .. 0/2	
" 4d., 6d., or 1/- 0/3		" ditto, 4d. violet 2/6		6d. grn.-3d.; 9d. rose 0/8		" 5d.-4d; 6d. 0/2	
1895 type, Shafts to Waggon.		" ditto, 6d. green 1/6		1/- orange .. 0/6		" 1/- .. 0/5	
" ½d.-3d.; 1d. 0/1½		" ditto, 1/- yellow 2/6		2/- blue .. 1/6		Long Revenues used for Postage.	
" 2d.-2d.; 6d. 1/6		1876-82, CC., perf. 14.		5/- carmine & blue 4/0		1d. lilac, 1d.; 2d. 2/0	
		" ditto, 1d. car. 0/4		Virgin Islands.		3d.-3d.; 6d. 0/6	
		" ditto, 4d. grey, 6d. green 0/6		†1883-4, ½ grn., 1d. rose 0/6			
		" ditto, halfpenny on lilac 2/0					

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THE STORY OF A PHILELITIC SISTER.

Written for "The Argosy" by Grace B. Turner, and reprinted here from the columns of the "Metropolitan Philatelist."

"Charlie, Charlie, what shall I do?"

I looked up quickly from my work as my pretty sister sailed into the office, consternation written in every movement.

"What's the matter, sis?" I asked.

"You know that nice correspondent I have in Honolulu, don't you?"

"That I have, you mean," I interposed.

"Well, you are going to have him now, let me tell you, sis."

My sister dropped into an easy chair beside me, leaving me to fathom her meaning as best I could.

Carrie was one of those people with a collecting mania; stamps, postage, and revenue, were the cause of her downfall from the ranks of rational beings.

She had correspondents all over the world, in known and unknown places, for the purpose of exchanging stamps of one country for the different issues of their countries, and had long ago decided on the—to her—brilliant idea of signing my name to all her letters intended for men collectors.

For, as she exclaimed, men thought girls did not know anything about a good collection, and would not exchange as freely with her as they would with me, a rising young attorney.

I had become quite expert at spotting a stamp letter among my others, and would lay it, or them, for they formed the bulk of my daily mail, on one side and take them home to Carrie in the evening.

For myself, I knew absolutely nothing regarding the craft.

I repined that I had become fairly familiar with the Honolulu man, or rather, with his letters; they were large and square and came with regular frequency, and

"Yes, and he wrote lovely letters, and sent so many good stamps, and was always prompt, and now—"

"Well, what now? Has he quit the business?" I asked as she paused.

"Oh, no, it isn't that—it's much worse."

"Has he confiscated some of your valuable stamps?" I could think of nothing worse than that. "That will give me a chance to exert my legal—"

"No, no," stamping her foot. "He isn't that kind of a man, at all."

"You seem to know a whole lot about what kind of a man he is through my correspondence with him. I thought you wrote only about stamps."

Paying no attention to my query, Carrie continued: "In this letter you gave me last night, he says that he will arrive in New York within a few days and will give himself reading 'the pleasure of calling and making your acquaintance'—that is, my acquaintance, but he will call on you—don't you see?"

"It is quite plain; I see perfectly. Mr. — by the way, what is his name?"

"Oh, yes, you see," with a very poor attempt at sarcasm. "You don't understand at all," and Carrie looked nearly ready to dissolve into tears.

"Of course I see," I insisted. "This man is going to call on me. Well, I have had callers before, a few clients and friends, and so on—"

"Charlie you are just as mean as you can be—I think you might at least try to be sensible."

"My dear sis, I am trying. I am aware this man is going to call on me—I do not see anything very awful about that, do you?"

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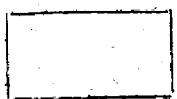
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The "Missionaries" from Hawaii.

THE STORY OF A PHILATELIC SISTER.

(Written for "The Argosy" by Grace B. Turner, and reprinted here from the columns of the "Metropolitan Philatelist.")

"Charlie, Charlie, what shall I do?"

I looked up quickly from my work as my pretty sister sailed into the office, consternation written in every movement.

"What's the matter, sis?" I asked.

"You know that nice correspondent I have in Honolulu, don't you?"

"That I have, you mean." I interposed.

"Well, you are going to have him now, let me tell you, sir."

My sister dropped into an easy chair beside me, leaving me to fathom her meaning as best I could.

Carrie was one of those people with a collecting mania. Stamps, postage and revenue, were the cause of her downfall from the ranks of rational beings.

She had correspondents all over the world, in known and unknown places, for the purpose of exchanging stamps of our country for the different issues of their countries, and had long ago decided on the—to her—brilliant idea of signing my name to all her letters intended for men collectors.

For, as she exclaimed, men thought girls did not know anything about a good collection, and would not exchange as freely with her as they would with me, a rising young attorney.

I had become quite expert in spotting a stamp letter among my others, and would lay it, or them, for they formed the bulk of my daily mail, on one side and take them home to Carrie in the evening.

For myself, I knew absolutely nothing regarding the craze.

I replied that I had become fairly familiar with the Honolulu man, or rather, with his letters; they were large and square and came with regular frequency, and—

"Yes, and he wrote lovely letters, and sent so many good stamps, and was always prompt, and now——"

"Well, what now? Has he quit the business?" I asked as she paused.

"Oh, no, it isn't that—it's much worse."

"Has he confiscated some of your valuable stamps?" I could think of nothing worse than that. "That will give me a chance to exert my legal——"

"No, no,"—stamping her foot—"he isn't that kind of a man, at all."

"You seem to know a whole lot about what kind of a man he is through my correspondence with him. I thought you wrote only about stamps."

Paying no attention to my query, Carrie continued: "In this letter you gave me last night, he says that he will arrive in New York within a few days and will give himself (reading) 'the pleasure of calling and making your acquaintance'—that is, my acquaintance, but he will call on you—don't you see?"

"It is quite plain; I see perfectly. Mr. —— by the way, what is his name?"

"Oh, yes, you see," with a very poor attempt at sarcasm. "You don't understand at all," and Carrie looked nearly ready to dissolve into tears.

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I immediately telephoned to my sister to order dinner for seven guests, telling her that her Honolulu man had arrived.

Dinner for seven strangers and only three hours' notice! I knew I would catch it, but thank goodness it was all her fault—he was her correspondent. I told her to order the dinner from the caterer, as it would be impossible to get up a suitable spread at this late hour, and missionaries were always underfed, I reflected.

I was late in getting home, and almost directly after my arrival the door bell rang and Mr. Lawrence was announced—but no missionaries.

He made no reference to his absent friends, and neither did I, thinking it was his place to excuse them, or perhaps they were to come later.

Carrie kept looking at me inquiringly, for I had not had time to tell her anything about our expected guests before Mr. Lawrence arrived. He was the only one of the three who was at ease—with the least reason to be—I thought.

After waiting a considerable time, I nodded to sis to order dinner; we would delay no longer. Missionaries or no missionaries, I was not going to spoil a good dinner by keeping it waiting.

My sister and Mr. Lawrence were getting on famously, much better than he and I had, for he was really a very pleasing young fellow and a good talker, and probably out of regard for Carrie's supposed ignorance of the subject, he made no reference to his hobby.

The dinner table set for nine, was certainly enough to induce him to offer some explanation for the non appearance of his friends, but as he still refrained from apologizing, I decided that I would not be the one to open the subject. So poor Carrie simply said that we had expected guests who had not arrived—quite an obvious fact, I thought.

After dinner Lawrence and I left the table with Carrie, for I did not wish to be alone with our friend, as he would surely start on the subject that I was beginning to dread more than anything else in the world.

As we were passing from the room, Carrie made the opportunity to draw me to one side and ask, "Who in the world did you invite, and why didn't they come?"

I whispered that she must have misunderstood me over the 'phone, and made my escape.

Soon after we reached the library Mr. Lawrence said, "Now we can look over our treasures, if your sister will forgive us," with an appealing glance at Carrie.

I knew she was wild to see the stamps, so I made an excuse that I had to leave them for a while—had to draw up a will for a dying client—but perhaps Carrie would show him my collection, and possibly he could get her interested in our very entertaining pastime, I was extremely sorry—perhaps another evening I could see them?

I hoped not, but he cheerfully answered that he would be in the city for some time, and would have plenty of opportunity to show his specimens to me, and did not wish to bore my sister—

She eagerly denied that it would tire her, and I left them to make the best of the situation, trusting Carrie to get herself out of the predicament.

Returning in about an hour, I found them together at the table, a great litter of stamps, catalogues, albums, and all the other accessories considered necessary to the successful collector, scattered about.

They were both deeply interested.

Lawrence looked over his shoulder, apparently not relishing my interruption any too well, and said, "So glad you have induced your sister to take up the study of philately—she has made wonderful progress for such a short time, hasn't she?"

"She has indeed," I answered with a meaning glance at Carrie, who had the grace to blush.

I was forced to admire the collection, and know I did it in a perfectly idiotic manner, for Mr. Lawrence soon took his departure; as soon as he was gone, sis began to rave over him.

"He was perfectly lovely—so well read—knew his stamps better than any one I ever met!"

I said nothing, for I was not feeling as friendly towards our late guest as she was.

At breakfast it was the same thing. Carrie served up Mr. Lawrence with the toast and coffee, and all through the meal. She felt so well acquainted with him already through her—she meant my—long correspondence with him. She ridiculed me unmercifully about my forced admiration of the stamps the previous night.

"Why, you never even noticed—didn't even look at those beautiful old missionaries—"

"Those what?" I nearly yelled.

"Those missionaries; they were quite the—"

"The missionaries? What are you talking about? They didn't come. And I don't think much of your new friend—not much. He invited those six missionaries to dinner or forced me to invite them, then never ever apologized for their not coming—after my ordering a good dinner for the whole crowd, too!"

I left the table in disgust.

A choking sound behind made me turn and glare at Carrie. She was simply convulsed with laughter.

"Funny, is it? I don't see it myself." I said in what I fondly hoped was a sarcastic voice.

"Charlie, Charlie, you dear old goose! You'll be the death of me yet!" and she went off into another fit of laughter.

"Say, will you kindly stop that racket and tell me what you think is amusing you?"

I was losing my temper.

"He ordered dinner for six—missionaries! I can't help it! Charlie don't shake me! You old blockhead they were stamps—stamps, didn't you know?" and she had another convulsion.

I was beginning to feel a little bit cheap, so tried to be most superior!

"Will you kindly tell me how a person is to know that you are talking about your crazy old stamps when you speak of missionaries, ministers, and so on?"

"He didn't say a word about ministers," I know, she declared indignantly. "Missionaries are very rare old stamps used by the missionaries in the H. I. long ago, and the ones he has are beauties, and worth a pile of money, too."

"That evening Carrie said that Mr. Lawrence had called during the afternoon. I consigned Mr. Lawrence to some other place, so she dropped the subject.

The next day I met Mr. Lawrence and my sister out driving. Came to see me, did he? It looked like it.

The third evening Carrie had some company in his honour, stamp cranks, and I was decidedly out of it.

Three days later Mr. Lawrence called on me at my office and asked my permission to pay his addresses to my sister, telling me he was in love with her!

Quick work, that, I thought, but as he had brought some first-class letters from friends of my father, and altogether he seemed to be a very fine young fellow, so I gave him my consent—knew I might as well, for sis would do as she pleased in a matter of this kind.

Thinking to get even with the little minx for the fun she had enjoyed at my expense, I started to tell him the whole story of our correspondence, but I was frustrated by his remarking:

"Yes, Carrie has told me about it, and I am so glad she loves collecting; it will be such a pleasure to us both."

My permission to pay his addresses?

I wondered what he had been doing. Just as he was about to leave the office, he said, "She told me all about the dinner—"

I threw a blotting pad at his quickly retreating head and heard him laugh all the way down stairs.

I retaliated at the wedding, however, by inquiring of Carrie whose name she was getting married under, mine or her own.

Spencer had three months' leave of absence, and they were married just before his return to the Islands, and Carrie was delighted with the prospect of hunting up old missionaries for herself.

The death has been recently announced of Mr. Henry C. Merry, the popular stamp auctioneer of New York.

When Philately Was Young.

"NOTES AND QUERIES" MAKES A FURTHER ENQUIRY INTO THE EARLY HISTORY OF OUR HOBBY.

WE recently quoted the first portion of a long article on Stamp Collecting contributed to that evergreen periodical, "Notes and Queries" by Mr. P. J. Anderson of Edinburgh. Mr. Anderson proved, by means of an advertisement published in the "Times" as long ago as 1841 that stamp-accumulating as distinguished from Philately proper, was practically as old as the postage stamp itself. We now follow this gentleman to the further stages of his essay:—

It yet remains, writes Mr. Anderson, to fix with something like accuracy the date when stamp collecting in the true sense (*i.e.*, the collecting of different varieties of stamps) first began to attract general attention in Britain. Judge Suppantchitsch, of Vienna, claims to have unearthed a reference to collecting in the "Family Herald" for 22nd March, 1851. The "Philatelic Journal of America" for March, 1885, asserts that advertisements from English dealers appeared as far back as 1857. I have been unable to obtain confirmation of this assertion, but probably the advertisement pages of the early volumes of the first series of Beeton's "Boy's Own Magazine," 1855-62, if anywhere accessible, might yield some result.

In the "Museum" (Edinburgh, James Gordon) for July, 1861, appeared an article on "Education through the Senses," by the author of "Rab and his Friends." Dr. Brown urges the propriety of interesting children in occupations requiring the use of their own hands and eyes, and remarks incidentally:—

"Even the immense activity in the Post-office-stamp line of business among our youngsters has been of immense use in many ways, besides being a diversion and an interest. I myself came to the knowledge of Queensland, and a great deal more, through its blue twopenny."

The earliest printed matter devoted exclusively to collecting appears to have been:—

1. A list of stamps (12 pp., no title) issued privately in September, 1861, by M. Oscar Berger-Levrault, Strassburg (second edition in December).

2. "Catalogue des Timbres Poste crees dans les divers Etats du Globe," issued in December of the same year by M. Alfred Potiquet, Paris (44 pp.; second edition in March, 1862).

3. "Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres Poste et Nomenclature generale de tous les Timbres adoptes dans les divers Pays de l'Univers," published in January, 1862, by M. J. B. Moens, Brussels (72 pp.; second edition in same year). A sketch and portrait of M. Moens will be found in the "Philatelic Record" for December, 1893.

In 1862 English philatelic literature made a fair start. In April there appeared "Aids to Stamp Collectors: being a List of English and Foreign Stamps in Circulation since 1840," by a Stamp Collector, Brighton, H. & C. Treacher. This volume was little more than a translation from the works of Potiquet and Moens. Second and third editions of the "Aids" rapidly followed within the same year, the title-page bearing the name of the author, Frederick Booty. Mr. Booty also brought out a "Stamp Collector's Guide" (same publishers and year), the earliest illustrated catalogue. The lithographs of stamps, some 200 in number, are said to be the result of Mr. Booty's own artistic skill, and are at least recognizable.

In May, 1862, appeared a book which, though not more systematic than Booty's, gained a much wider popularity, "Catalogue of British, Colonial, and Foreign Postage Stamps," by Mount Brown. London, Passmore (second edition in June; third, December; fourth, May, 1863; fifth, March, 1864). Mr. Brown originally based his list on the collection of the Rev. F. J. Stainforth, Perpetual Curate of All-hallows, Staining, one of our earliest collectors, who died in 1866. The number of varieties described rises from 1,200 in the first edition to 2,400 in the fifth. Of the latter fifty copies were printed on large paper, forming decidedly the handsomest specimens of early English philatelic literature. An American piracy of the first edition was published in 1862 at Philadelphia by A. C. Kline, under the title of "The Stamp Collector's Manual: being a Complete Guide to the Collectors of American and Foreign Postage and Despatch Stamps." This seems to be the earliest American philatelic publication. A more remarkable proof of the popularity of Mr. Brown's work was afforded by the appearance of a "Catalogue of nearly Two Thousand Varieties of British, Colonial, and Foreign Postage Stamps," by a Collector, Gloucester, 1863. This was simply an almost verbatim reprint of Mr. Brown's third edition. It was suppressed at his instance, and is consequently very scarce. A sketch and portrait of

Mr. Mount Brown will be found in the "Philatelic Record" for December, 1894.

In the number for June, 1862, of "Young England" (London, Tweedie) the late Dr. John Edward Gray, of the British Museum, began a series of articles entitled "The Postage Stamps of the World."

"The collecting of postage stamps," writes Dr. Gray, "having lately become a fashion, especially among the young persons at school, it certainly will be interesting to the readers of "Young England" to have as complete a list of them as I have been able to form. . . . I may state that I began to collect them shortly after the system was established, and many years before it had become the fashion, simply because I believe that I was the first that proposed the system of a small uniform rate of postage, to be prepaid by stamps, having satisfied myself that the great cost of the Post-office was not the reception, carriage, and delivery of the letters, but the complicated system of accounts that the old system required, and that the collection of money by stamps was the most certain and most economical. But I found there was little chance of getting any attention to the plan without I could devote the whole of my time and energy to the development and the agitation of it. Fortunately Mr. (now Sir) Rowland Hill, who had leisure at his command, undertook the question, and with the assistance of Mr. G. Moffatt, Mr. Henry Cole, and sundry merchants and members of Parliament, whom they induced to interest themselves in the question, they carried the measure after great exertion."

Further instalments of Dr. Gray's contribution appeared in "Young England" for July, August, and September, 1862, and the substance of these articles was reprinted in book form as "A Hand Catalogue of Postage Stamps for the Use of Collectors," London, Hardwicke (second edition, 1863; subsequent editions, having the title altered to "The Illustrated Catalogue," &c., in 1865, 1866, 1870, 1875). The claim of priority of suggestion set forth by Dr. Gray was not allowed to pass unchallenged. An interesting correspondence on the subject, embracing letters from Sir Rowland Hill and Mr. Charles Knight, will be found in the "Athenæum" for 13th, 20th, 27th December, 1862; 3rd and 10th January, 1863.

In "All the Year Round" for 19th July, 1862, is given a short sketch, "My Nephew's Collection," descriptive of "the last new mania."

In the number for 26th July, 1862, of "Cassell's Illustrated Family Paper" (series ii. vol. x p. 140) appeared the first of an extended series of illustrated articles under the heading "Postage Stamps." The articles are anonymous, and the present editor of "Cassell's Magazine" states that it is now impossible to trace the authorship. The articles were continued in vol. x. xi. xii. xiii. xiv., and in series iii. vols. iii. and iv. Unlike Dr. Gray, the writer does not seek to give a complete catalogue of known postage stamps, but rather inclines to dwell on the collateral topics suggested by the emissions of each country. He was probably indebted for some of his details to two similar series of articles which appeared in the "Magasin Pittoresque," Paris, 1862-6 ("Les Timbres-poste de tous les Etats du Globe," by M. Natalis Rondot), and in the "Bazar," Berlin, 1862-4 ("Beschreibung aller Briefmarken der Erde").

In September, 1862, the first number of the "Monthly Intelligencer" was published by William Macmillan, Birmingham. It was largely, but not exclusively devoted to stamps, and ceased with the tenth number. A more important periodical was the "Monthly Advertiser," published by Edward Moore & Co., Liverpool—the true literary progenitor of the copious philatelic press of the present day. No. 1 was dated 15th December, 1862. "Towards the middle of the year 1862," writes Mr. T. W. Kitt in the "Philatelist," vol. i. p. 31.

"when philately was becoming very popular, appearances led me to conclude that a periodical entirely devoted to that subject would prove a great boon to collectors, and also a lucrative investment to its proprietors. Accordingly, in the summer of the year named, I inserted an advertisement in the 'Boy's Own Magazine,' requesting any gentlemen who were of a similar opinion to join me in the undertaking. This advertisement was productive of innumerable replies, requesting further information: but not so many as half-a-dozen of them spoke favourably of my scheme. In order to 'leave not a stone unturned' for the attainment of the end in view, I had personal interviews with many of the leading English collectors residing in or near London: and in consequence of its being 'Exhibition year' I was also enabled to meet several from the country; but public opinion seemed so much against me, that I reluctantly abandoned the enterprise, thinking it folly to undertake what my superiors in the knowledge of philately thought so unpromising. My voluminous correspondence on the subject, and earnest endeavours to bring about the consummation of my wishes, were, however, rewarded with success; for Mr. A. Perris, of Liverpool (one of the few gentlemen who thought favourably of my plans), entered warmly into the matter, but from reasons above stated I declined rendering him any pecuniary assistance.

though I placed my pen at his service, of which he availed himself. However, *finis coronat opus*—on December 15th, 1862, the harbinger of a new style of literature made its appearance, in the shape of the "Monthly Advertiser," afterwards known as the "Stamp Collectors' Review."

From the outset the late Mr. E. L. Pemberton was the leading spirit of this magazine, contributing to it the first sketch of his "Forged Stamps: How to Detect Them," together with much general criticism. When the second volume began in January, 1864, he was formally installed as editor. In June of the same year the "Review" came to an untimely end "through the folly of the proprietors," writes Mr. Pemberton in the "Philatelic Journal," vol. i. p. 217; "we have the MS. for the July number by us as written for publication."

The prepared stamp album, like the catalogue, had its origin in France, and the only example that fails to be mentioned here is the English reproduction of the well-known "Album-timbres-poste orne des Cartes," par Justin Lallier. Both French and English first editions were published in Paris in 1862. This handsome book—in spite of many errors that were persistently left uncorrected, notwithstanding much adverse criticism in the English journals—long retained a hold on public favour, thirteen editions appearing in 1863-76.

It remains to speak only of the price lists of dealers, of which 1862 produced a plentiful crop. Among the more important were those of C. Gloyn, Manchester; T. W. Kitt, London; E. Moore & Co., Liverpool; E. L. Pemberton, Birmingham; Stafford Smith & Smith, Bath; J. J. H. Stockall & Co., Liverpool; G. Swaysland, Brighton; H. R. Victor, Belfast; J. J. Woods, Hartlepool; B. York & Co., London.

Mr. Ingleby inquires as to the highest price ever paid for a postage stamp. I believe that the record is held by the 1d. and 2d. "Post Office" Mauritius of 1847. Only 1,000 copies of these stamps were printed, 500 of each; and only twenty-one are known to survive, twelve of the 1d. and nine of the 2d. The pair that had formerly been in the collection of Dr. Legrand (1d. used, 2d. unused) was acquired in 1897 by M. Jules Bernichon at the enormous price of 48,000 fr. (£1,920). The British Museum possesses a pair in the collection bequeathed to the nation by the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P. Not far behind the Mauritius stamps comes the Sandwich Islands 2c. of 1851. Only ten copies are known, one of which, used, changed hands in 1837 for £700. But of a still higher degree of rarity is the British Guiana 1c. of 1856. Of this stamp only a single copy is believed to be in existence, in the collection of M. La Renotiere, Paris, who obtained it many years ago for what would now be considered a ridiculously small sum.

Hair-Splitting Specialism.

BY W. B. EDWARDS.

I AM glad to see the *Fortnightly's* protest against the hair-splitting specialism which is so destructive to our hobby in the long run. I am sure that the intricacies of paper, perforation, gum and watermark, which now-a-days permit of so many varieties of the same stamp, must often deter some from taking up stamp collecting.

Look, for instance, at South Australia in Gibbons' Catalogue. I know of a case where the multiplication of varieties in this country caused the collector to lose all interest in it. To a specialist, it would be of great value; but I maintain that a catalogue is not got up for the specialist, but for the ordinary general collector, who is after all, the mainstay of philately.

The present ½d. and 1d. New Zealand exist on four different papers, and with four varieties of perf., owing to changes in the nature of experiment; but a general collector cannot be expected to acquire all these.

The high-water mark of absurdity has surely been reached even in specialism, when a weekly contemporary refers to the plating of a certain Railway Stamp, by such marks as "No. 35—faint white dot at top of '2' under 'N' of Single"!

I think a protest should also be raised against the collection of such countries as Labuan and Borneo, which make such an obvious misuse of their opportunities. Their genuine requirements could have been met by an issue once in five years, at any rate. However, collectors are not blind altogether, and are able to recognise that when stamps are made for them, they are best avoided: they have an excellent guide to go by in the "Seebeck issues" of South America.

Our Review of Reviews.

A Bit of Early Bolivia.

The Rev. R. R. Thiele, whose stray notes on sheets of stamps are always interesting, has this to say concerning the early stamps of Bolivia:—

The first issue of Bolivia has always had a peculiar fascination for collectors; the very crudeness of these stamps form their attractiveness. They were local products and their appearance testifies to the low estate of the engraver's art as existent in Bolivia at the time. Reproducing processes were not yet known down there at the time, and hence each stamp on the plate was engraved separately, thus forming as many varieties as there are stamps in the sheet. The sheet of the 5c. contained 72 stamps, arranged in six horizontal rows of 12. The plate was re-engraved a number of times—five, as usually given—but did not change its size. The 10c. was from a larger plate; the sheet contained 78 stamps in six horizontal rows of 13. Both these sheets evidently have no relation whatever to the currency and probably owe their peculiar arrangement to the size of the plates employed for engraving. The 50c. and 100c. are both from smaller plates; the sheet of either value contains 30 stamps in six horizontal rows of five. The lower four rows (20 stamps) of these two plates were later used for making the fraudulent reprints which appeared on the market a few years ago.

Typewriter Surcharges in South Africa.

Mr. Geoffrey Norris contributes an interesting bit of South African postal history to a recent issue of "The Bazaar":—

About July, 1900 [he writes] while the Union Fusilier Brigade was in occupation of Krugersdorp, a Staff officer took quantities of Transvaal and Orange Free State unused stamps to the Civil Post Office at Krugersdorp, and caused them to be surcharged "V.R.I." with a Yost typewriter in use at the office. They were surcharged in different ways, many with the letters inverted, or with some letters on a higher level than the others. Every alternate stamp was postmarked with the Krugersdorp Civil Cancelling Stamp, in use at that time, which was the old Transvaal cancelling stamp, reading "Krugersdorp, Z.A.R."—different dates were inserted in this stamp. The Staff Officer gave some of the stamps to the military clerk in the post office, who did the actual surcharging, and he, using some of them on his own correspondence, they were noticed by the authorities, and an official came to Krugersdorp to make enquiries. The clerk was brought before the magistrate and told he must not do any more. Whether the Staff Officer had to attend before the magistrate or not, I do not know.

I have an envelope bearing the embossed penny (English) stamp with six of the halfpenny Transvaal stamps surcharged in this way, which has come through the Field Post Office to England; but I believe very few were actually used through the post. I also have the 1885 Transvaal halfpenny stamp, with this typewritten surcharge, postmarked with the Krugersdorp Civil Cancelling Stamp; but though this stamp, from its appearance (it is not on a cover), might have been used, it is more probable that it was cancelled at the time of surcharging.

I believe there were several values surcharged, but beyond the above two I have only seen the penny Transvaal and penny Orange Free State.

"The Bazaar's" comment on the above letter may also be given:—

We have never seen any of the stamps in question, but of course our readers will understand that they cannot be considered an "issue" in any sense of the word. According to our correspondent's account, they were simply a speculation, promptly disowned and suppressed by the authorities. As to the English embossed 1d. envelope, bearing six of the labels in question, it is hardly necessary to point out that it was the English stamp and not the "provisionals" which franked the letter.

We have received the twelfth annual edition of the penny "Philatelists' Almanack," published by Mr. J. W. Palmer. It contains, as usual, a great deal of J. W. Palmer and very little philately.

Counterfeits of the current 10pf. stamps have appeared at several places in Saxony. There are seven points of difference, of which the most important are darker colour, differences in the shading on the neck of portrait and differences in the figures of value. The general appearance of the counterfeits is inferior to the genuine and not so bright and clear.

From the Auction Rooms.



THREE 1s. New Brunswicks, three 1s. Newfoundland, and three 1s. Nova Scotia's all in one sale! Such, we gather from a new Transatlantic journal, the "Philatelic World," is the unusual showing made by one of the American auctioneers.

Some very fine Colonials, especially Ceylons, Capes and West Indians, are included in Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's Sale on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, December 9th, 10th and 11th.

Another great sale at "Puttick's" on January 6th and 7th next, will see the dispersal of a very large private collection of some 30,000 specimens, of which, we are told, the condition is superb. In British such things as the 6d. and 10d. octagonal, *mint*, are included, and there are imperf. Ceylons, some fine early Guianas, and many grand unused Australasians. Nor are Colonials the only good things, for the collection is rich in United States and early Europeans.

In an article on philatelic auctions the "Morning Leader" remarks:—"One suspects that there is a pre-arranged code of signals between the dealers and the auctioneer. How else can it be known that the raising of an eyebrow means a willingness to go 5s. higher? A pencil tap a desire to advance 2s. 6d.? and a scarcely perceptible nod of the head an additional shilling? Yet these things the auctioneer understands, and a stamp goes uncannily from 7s. 6d. to £3 without so much as a single word from the long table."

In the following realisations * signifies unused.

Messrs. JOHN EDWARDS and Co.'s Sale, October 30th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Bahamas CC., perf. 12½, 1/- green, mint, perfs. clipped*	4	10	0
Brazil, 1844, 600 reis on yellowish paper	4	15	0
British Guiana, 1853, 1c. vermilion	2	4	0
Do. 1876, perf. 12½, 4c. blue, fine	2	8	0
Fiji, 12c. on 6d., S.G. No. 19	2	4	0
Great Britain, 1854, 7 large crown, perf. 16, 2 blue, fine*	8	15	0
Bergedorf, 1861, ½sch. black on lilac, fine*	4	0	0
Do. do. 3sch. black on rose, and fine*	5	0	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 6½d. scarlet*	5	10	0
New South Wales, 1855, imperf., 5d. green, superb	3	15	0
Nova Scotia, 1/- violet	8	10	0
Oldenburg, 1861, 2gr. red*	2	12	6
Philippines, 1863, 1 real violet with "Habilitado" surcharge	2	12	6
Tuscany, 1860, 3 lire yellow, fine*	44	0	0
Victoria, 1850, 3d. blue, a horizontal pair rouletted horizontally, imperf., vertically used on original.	3	5	0
Trinidad, 1855-6, lithographed dull blue, a pair on original	5	0	0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, Nov. 10th, 1902.

Great Britain, a superb mint block of 119 of the 1d. black, being the lower half of plate 1 .. 112 0 0

Messrs. PUTTIK & SIMPSON'S Sale, November 11th, 12th and 13th, 1902.

Gibraltar, 1886, 1/- brown, mint*	2	10	0
Do. 1889, 10c. carmine, the error, with value omitted, mint*	14	0	0
Great Britain, 1840, 1d. black, V.R., mint, superb*	10	5	0
Do. do. 10/- grey on white, fine	1	13	0
Do. 1883-84, 2/6 lilac on <i>bleu</i> , mint, and very fine*	3	3	0
Do. I.R. Official, 1885, 5/- rose, fine	2	10	0
Do. do. 10/- blue, "Accounts" cancellation, very fine	3	0	0
Hanover, 1859-63, 10 gros. green, fine*	1	8	0
Naples, 1860, ½ tornese blue, arms, superb	11	10	0
Do. ½ tornese blue, cross, superb	3	2	6
Roumania, Moldavia, 1854, 81 paras blue on blue, with gum and very large margins*	200	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Saxony, 1850, 3pf. red, large margins and very fine, on piece of original	5	10	0
Ceylon, 1857-59, 4d. rose, very small defect	9	10	0
Do. 8d. brown, a fine copy	10	10	0
Do. 9d. lilac-brown, good margins and fine	4	5	0
Do. 2/- blue, a superb copy	6	10	0
India, 1854, ½a. red, very fine*	5	15	0
Do. 1856-64, no wmk., 2a. yellow-green, mint*	2	10	0
Labuan, 1879, 12c. carmine, fine	3	7	6
Do. do. 8c. on 12c. carmine, with original value pencancelled in red, mint*	4	0	0
Do. 1885, 2 cents on 16c. blue, mint, very scarce*	5	5	0
British Bechuanaland, 1888, 10/- green, mint*	11	0	0
Do. do. 2/- green, mint*	3	12	6
Do. do. 2 6 green, mint*	5	5	0
Do. do. 5/- green, mint*	8	0	0
British Central Africa, 1891, £1 blue, mint*	4	2	6
Do. do. £2 rose-red, mint*	4	0	0
Do. do. £5 green, mint*	5	5	0
Do. do. £10 brown, mint*	11	5	0
Do. do. £1 orange, mint*	3	0	0
Do. do. £10 vermilion, mint*	11	11	0
Do. do. £25 blue-green, mint*	24	0	0
Do. 1896, £1 black and blue, fine with part gum*	3	3	0
British East Africa, 1891-95, MS. provisionals, "½ anna A.B." on 2a. vermilion, fine	4	12	6
Do. do. hand-stamped provisionals, "½ anna A.D." on 2a. vermilion, fine	5	0	0
Do. do. "½ anna A.B." on 4a. brown, ditto	6	0	0
Do. 1835 (July), 2a. vermilion, ditto	2	10	0
Do. 1897 (Nov.), 20 rupees green, ditto	1	11	0
Do. do. 50 rupees lilac, ditto	3	11	0
British South Africa, 1896, One Penny on 3d. grey, very fine	4	7	6
Do. do. One Penny on 4. grey, ditto	2	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock 1d. blue, error, very fine margins and on piece of original	54	0	0
Do. do. 4d. dark blue, fine	5	0	0
Do. do. 1d. scarlet, fine	3	7	6
Do. 1900 Mafeking Besieged on British Bechuanaland 1/- on 6d. lilac on red	5	0	0
Gold Coast, 1875, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 1d. blue, in mint state*	2	4	0
Do. 1891-94, wmk. CA., 20/- green and red, with gum and very fair*	5	15	0
Lagos, 1874, wmk. CC., 1/- orange, value 15½mm., fine*	2	10	0
Do. 1884-87, 2 6 olive-black, mint*	4	5	0
Do. do. 5/- blue, mint*	7	0	0
Do. do. 10. purple-brown, mint*	10	10	0
Mauritius, 1854-61, Britannia, imperf., four pence black and green, mint, fine*	3	5	0
Niger Coast, 1893-94, half penny in vermilion on 2½d. purple (on blue, fine, mint*)	4	7	6
Do. do. half penny in green on 2½d. purple on blue, mint*	2	2	0
Do. do. one shilling in vermilion on 2d. green and carmine, mint*	4	0	0
Do. do. 5/- in violet on 2d. green and carmine, used and very fine	7	0	0
Do. do. 10/- in vermilion on 5d. lilac and blue, mint*	8	10	0
Do. 1893. ½ in red on half of 1d. blue, on piece of original, very fine	2	4	0
Do. 1894. ½ in blue on half of 1d. vermilion, very fine	2	8	0
Sierra Leone, 1897, Provisionals, 2½d. on 2/- lilac, type d, mint, one of the rarest of these provisionals	11	0	0
Do. 1894, wmk. CC., half penny on 1½d. lilac, mint*	3	12	6
Zululand, 1894-96, £1 purple on red, mint*	6	7	6
Do. do. Postal Fiscals, £1 green, mint*	12	0	0
Do. 1888-92, 5/- carmine, mint*	3	7	6
Canada, 1888-92, 12d. black, good margins, lightly cancelled and exceedingly fine	75	0	0
New Brunswick, 1851, 1/- mauve, good margins, lightly cancelled and superb	14	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Newfoundland, 1857, 1/- orange, lightly cancelled and fine	10	0	0
Do. do. 4d. scarlet, very fine ..	4	4	0
Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1/- purple, lightly cancelled and very fine ..	9	0	0
United States, 1861-66, 5c. ochre, very fine* ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 24c. deep purple, very fine ..	3	3	0
Do. do. 90c. dark blue, mint* ..	4	4	0
Do. do. 20 dollars, used and fine ..	7	5	0
Grenada, 1888, 4d. on 2/- orange, with upright "d," mint, very fine* ..	7	15	0
Nevis, 1861, perf. 13, 4d. rose on bluish, fine but no gum*	3	17	6
St. Vincent, 1880, wmk. star, 5/- rose, mint and very fine*	9	7	6
Do. 1880-81 Provisionals, 1d. in red on half of 6d. blue-green, mint*	4	12	6
Do. do. One Penny in black on 6d. yellow-green, fine ..	2	4	0
Do. do. 4d. in black on 1/- vermilion, very fine	8	0	0
Tobago, 1879, wmk. C.C., 5/- slate, fine*	2	0	0
Do. do. £1 mauve, mint, very fine*	8	15	0
Do. 1882-84, wmk. CA., 6d. ochre..	5	0	0
Turks Island, 1881, provisionals, 2½ on 1/- lilac, type 6, mint*	3	0	0
British Guiana, 1850, 12c. blue, a fine cut square copy ..	14	0	0
Do. 1856, 4c. magenta, a very fine and brilliant copy ..	11	0	0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, 3 pesos green, very fine ..	3	3	0
New South Wales, Sidney Views, 2d. blue, plate 2, early impression ..	4	0	0
Do. 1854-56, diadem imperf., 5d. green, large margins, fine ..	4	0	0
Victoria, 1862, 6d. orange, a little off centre but very fine..	4	10	0

Messrs. GLENDINING & Co.'s Sale, November 14th and 17th, 1902.

Sicily, 1859, 5 francs brown-red, mint ..	1	5	0
Sweden, 1872, 20 ore vermilion, the Tretio error ..	6	0	0
Hong Kong, 1882, 10c. blue-green, mint ..	3	3	0
Straits Settlements, 1868, 96c., C.C., perf. 12½ ..	5	5	0
Do. 1879-82, 5c. on 8c., a mint pair ..	3	0	0
Do. 1883, 4c. on 5c. blue-black sur., mint ..	2	2	0
Negri Sembilan, 4c. on 8c., double surcharge, Gibbons' No. 19, mint ..	4	4	0
Perak, 1894, Service, 5c. blue, mint ..	5	15	0
Selangor, 1895-98, \$10 green and purple, mint ..	2	10	0
British Central Africa, 1896, £1 blue, mint ..	3	10	0
British South Africa, 1891, ½d. to 8d., a mint set	5	10	0
Griqualand, 1874, manuscript surcharge, 1d. on 4d.	2	12	6
Niger Coast, ½d. on 2½d., Gibbons' No. 24, mint ..	4	7	6
Do. 10/- on 5d., Gibbons' No. 32, mint ..	8	12	6
Do. 1/- on 2d., Gibbons' No. 28, mint ..	2	6	0
Transvaal, 6d. blue, Gibbons' No. 2, mint, fine ..	3	15	0

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, November 18th and 19th, 1902.

Bahamas, 1859, imperf. thick paper, 1d. deep red, a superb copy ..	1	18	0
Barbados, 5/- rose fine ..	1	4	0
British South Africa, 1896, 1d. on 3d. black and green, mint	3	10	0
Do. do. a fine used copy ..	4	0	0
Do. do. 1d. on 4/-, fine ..	2	12	6
Do. do. another mint ..	2	5	0
Buenos Ayres, 5 pesos yellow-brown, a nice copy ..	4	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, triangular 1/- dark green, a mint pair	5	17	6
Great Britain, 1840, 2d. blue, a very fine block of 4, with red postmark ..	1	8	0
Do. do. 2d. blue, a nice horizontal strip of 6 on piece ..	1	5	0
Do. Anchor, £1 on bluish, fine ..	2	15	0
Naples, 1860, ½t. pale blue, a nice copy with wide margins	2	2	0
Nevis, 1883-90, green, mint ..	3	15	0
Newfoundland, 8d. carmine-vermilion, a superb mint block of 4 with wide margins, very rare ..	3	0	0
Do. 1/- orange-vermilion, cut close and a little thinned ..	4	0	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, laid paper, the top stamp, which is superb, being the variety hill unshaded, the lower stamp is slightly damaged at corner; with dated postmark. Previously unknown in a pair	11	10	0
Nova Scotia, 1/- violet, a fine lightly postmarked copy ..	8	5	0
Orange River Colony, 1900, V.R.I., raised stops, 2½d. on 3d., mint ..	3	7	6

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

"STAMPS" EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

SINCE our last report appeared the following packets have been despatched:—

	£	s.	d.
October. Colonial ..	608	12	8½
European ..	111	4	9½
General ..	260	12	4½
November. Colonial ..	471	0	6½
European ..	124	4	5½
General ..	210	18	7½

The May, June and July packets have also all been returned, and sheets returned to their respective owners. The April, May, June and July credits have all been paid out, although all the debits have not yet been received by the Secretary.

Sales were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
May. Colonial and European ..	47	5	7½
General ..	11	14	1
June. Colonial and European ..	38	1	7½
General ..	11	14	4½
July. Colonial and European ..	36	3	8½
General ..	9	3	3

Collectors desirous of joining the Exchange should write for particulars and copy of the Rules from the Secretary, F. L. HEYGATE, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

THE first meeting of the season 1902-1903 was held at the Earl of Crawford's residence, No. 2, Cavendish Square, on Friday, October 24th.

The chair was taken by the Vice-President, the Earl of Crawford.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Tilleard, read a letter from Lieut.-Colonel G. Chicester resigning his membership of the Society, and it was resolved that the resignation should be accepted with regret as from the end of the present year.

A letter was also read from Mr. E. P. Airlie Dry, who tendered his resignation in compliance with Rule 11 of the Statutes, he having entered into active partnership with a stamp dealer, and his resignation was accepted.

An adjournment being made to another apartment, the members present inspected the numerous volumes of the Earl of Crawford's very valuable collection.

The proceedings having become somewhat informal, the members dispersed without passing any further resolutions, but the evening (we read in the "London Philatelist") was one which in all probability will be long remembered by those who were able to be present.

SHEFFIELD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THERE was a capital muster of the members at the meeting held on Wednesday, November 19th, at the Wharnccliffe Hotel to hear Mr. G. H. Hunt give his "Reminiscences of Stamp Collecting." Mr. Hunt's paper was most interesting, and the racy anecdotes in which it abounded were fully appreciated by the meeting. Mr. J. S. Nowill, the president, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and Mr. J. F. Peace and Mr. R. Sneath in supporting the same, were able to give many amusing incidents from their own experiences.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Society held their usual Monthly Meeting, on the 19th inst., at the Oriental Cafe, Morley Street, Manchester, Mr. R. J. Richel presiding in the absence through illness of the President.

It was unanimously resolved that the S.C.F. should continue to be the official organ of the Society, and it was further decided to increase the subscription from 2/6 to 3/- per annum.

The meetings lately have not been attended by the full strength of members, but now that some new members have joined and the season for Philately has fairly started, it is to be hoped that more interest will be shown by all members.

The next meeting will take place on the 17th December, of which further advice will be given.

Gentlemen residing in the vicinity of Manchester desirous of becoming members can obtain full particulars from the *Secretary*, W. T. Hughes, 10, Victoria Road, Sale.

"CALEDONIA" STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE September packet has now returned from circuit and all cash due to members paid. Since last report thirteen new members have been admitted. It is proposed to divide the Club packets into two sections, probably at the new year. It is considered advisable to have a Colonial and British Section and also a General one for the stamps of all countries. In consequence of this division, a few extra members can be admitted. Will members kindly note that they can contribute to both sections, and also see both if they wish.

JOHN JOHNSTON, *Hon. Secretary*, Moss-side, New Deer, Aberdeenshire, from whom Rules, etc., can be had.

TRAVELLERS' STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE September Packet of this Amateur Club returned showing excellent sales in British Colonials. All credit balances paid within 14 days. The November Packet contained 30 sheets value £383 2s. 2d., and is specially rich in rare British Colonials. The hon. secretary will be pleased to send a copy of the rules, and furnish any information desired to collectors, but only those who are amateurs and can give the highest references will be entertained.

Hon. Secretary, LEICESTER A. B. PAINE, Longsdon, near Stoke-upon-Trent.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

The following programme of events has been arranged:—

Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—8 p.m. Paper, "What kind of Minor Varieties should be included in a General Collection?"
MR. FULCHER.

Wednesday, Jan. 14th.—8 p.m. Paper and Display, "Travelling through the Great Unknown. Fascination of Virgin Ground, or Fiscal Stamp Collecting," MR. W. SCHWARACHER.

Wednesday, Feb. 11th.—8 p.m. Paper, "What is Limited Specialism? The President," MR. H. R. OLDFIELD.

Thursday, March 12th.—7 30 p.m. Lantern Display.

Wednesday, April 8th.—8 p.m. Display, "British East Africa," MR. H. L. HAYMAN.
" " Display, "India States Surcharged Issues," MR. JOSELIN.

" May 13th.—8 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

BRITISH EMPIRE STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE September packets results are as follows:—

Colonial, 256 stamps ... £ 9 10s. 7d. nett.
General, 429 " ... £20 1s. 2½d. gross.

A few more members (having good duplicates to dispose of at reasonable prices) will be heartily welcome. One member in September packets contributed £7 2s. 7½d. nett. and stamps to value of £3 14s. 0d. were annexed by other members.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 164, Loughborough Park, Brixton, S.W.

THE ONE AND ALL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE August "A and B" packets have been returned from their respective circuits but rather late, owing to several members delaying same. The sales were not so large in the B packet owing to many of the members being on their holidays, nevertheless 359 stamps were sold from this packet valued £15 11s. 9d. The August A packet contained 24 sheets valued £239, and from this packet 593 stamps valued £26 8s. 11d. changed hands.

November packets were dispatched and the values were:

A section, 24 sheets, value £186 12s. 7d.
B " 29 " " £ 96 7s. 1d.

A deal below the general value of the packets sent out, owing to the very serious illness of one of the best contributing members not being able to contribute thereto. Forty-eight persons will see the A packet and 40 persons the B packet before they return. Vacancies exist for a few good buying and selling members, and Rules free with pleasure from the *Secretary*, J. G. STEVENS, Stanley House, Redruth.

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

FOLLOWING are the arrangements of this Society for the remainder of the present season:—

Dec. 16.—Display of West African Stamps, by J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
Jan. 6.—Display of Pictorial Stamps.

" 20.—Display of non-British West Indian Stamps.

Feb. 3.—Display of British Stamps, of values 8d., 9d., and 10d.

" 17.—"At Home" with Rev. C. H. Spurrell, and Display of United States Stamps.

Mar. 3.—Paper by F. A. Padgett, on "Local Stamps of North America."

" 17.—Lantern Exhibition or Paper by W. K. Skipwith.

April 7.—Paper by Oliver Firth.

" 21.—Display of Stamps of British India.

May 5.—The Annual Meeting.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

OCTOBER 16th. At the invitation of Mr. C. A. Smith-Ryland the members visited Barford, to see his collection. The party travelled by saloon from Birmingham to Warwick, where carriages were awaiting them. A pleasant drive of 3½ miles, the reception by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith-Ryland, the inspection of rare Japanese curios and the conservatories, the lovely views from the house which was formerly the home of Miss Ryland, Birmingham's greatest benefactress, and lunch occupied a very interesting couple of hours.

When we haven't great rarities ourselves it is very nice to see them, especially when friends have them so that when it was announced that carriages were waiting to catch our train the time seemed all too short for examining such trifles as Cape error wood blocks, errors on Saxony, 3 lire Tuscany, and early Swiss. It was a splendid social success and is just what is wanted in our societies and would do more for philately than lots of writing and preaching.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

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Mons. Albert Coyette's Happiest Moment.

THE "Philatelic Record's" latest biographical article deals with the life of Mons. Albert Coyette, President of the leading French Philatelic Society, "and perhaps more especially known to our readers" (the "Record" adds) "as the originator and energetic Secretary of the Paris Exhibition of 1900." Our contemporary's article gives a chatty account of Mons. Coyette's philatelic career, and one notable fact therein is that this gentleman still retains the first collection he ever formed!

If Mons. Coyette were asked to mention the happiest incident in his life, the "Record" thinks he would point to the moment when he was certain that all the valuable stamps entrusted to him for exhibition in Paris were safely back in the possession of their owners, without damage or loss of any kind!

Why Mr. Smith Ryland is still a Philatelist.

Mr. Smith-Ryland, who is member No. 1 of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, once retired from philately, and only touched stamps again in order to form a collection for his son; but when once the old fascination came back to him—and he is as keen a philatelist as ever!—The "Stamp Collector" thus relates the story:—

Mr. Smith-Ryland commenced a second collection for the purpose of interesting his son. The Stamps proved so fascinating, that when Mr. Smith-Ryland, junr., commenced collecting for himself, our host deferred transferring his collection to his son's care, in fact, to this day the second collection remains in the hands of the father. When eventually the Albums pass to Mr. Smith-Ryland junr., he will be the recipient of a collection fully worthy of the trouble and expense it has cost to get together.

How true is the old saying "Once a collector, always a collector!"

What the Connell Stamp cost Connell.

What an interesting chapter of philately is that dealing with the famous Connell Stamp of New Brunswick. Connell, the Postmaster of the Colony, placed his own portrait on the 5 cent stamp, and the Government, indignant at this defiance of authority, deprived him of his post, worth £600 a year. The incident gave rise to the couplet:

"Six hundred pounds to see his face
Posting around from place to place."

Poor Connell! he little thought then that the time would come when single specimens of the stamp bearing his head would change hands at £20 apiece.

Wanted to Buy at Way-Back Prices.

The Boston correspondent of the "Weekly Philatelic Era" tells a diverting story:

"A few days ago," he writes, "a party called upon one of the Boston dealers and desired to purchase some stamps. He produced a Scott's catalogue of the *Twenty-Fifth* edition and expected to buy with this as a basis for prices, and this modern Rip Van Winkle was much disappointed when he found the dealer would not do so."

The present edition of "Scott" is the Sixty-First!

A Joke of Don Pedro of Brazil.

The story is a little ancient, but good enough to be re-told. We quote it from one of Dr. Hugh Richardson's chats on stamp collecting.

"The Emperor of Brazil, coming from the continent of republics and revolutions, was once taken round an electrical exhibition. They showed him a dynamo running 1500 revolutions a minute. "Ah," he said, that is worse than it is at home."

A Lover's Dose of Original Gum.

In a recent breach of promise case it transpired that the once devout lover had swallowed the postage stamp of his innamorata's letter. The "Pall Mall Gazette" uses the story as the subject of one of its delightful editorial paragraphs:—

Was it literal fact or merely a lover's hyperbole which prompted a Welsh porter to swallow a postage stamp? We have heard of people swallowing postal and telegraphic grievances. The population, in fact, seems to thrive on this kind of diet; and the Post Office grows no worse in the process, possibly for the quite sufficient reason that it couldn't. At any rate, the new Postmaster-General should be satisfied that his penny Royal portraits are innocuous, and may be taken with just as little effect as many patent medicines. In the porter's case the adhesive dose would even seem to have had a sobering effect, for, after sending his sweetheart letters of the conventional Sam Weller type, he suddenly perceived the error of his ways and married another girl. We think, in case there are any curative properties in postal gum, Mr. Henniker Heaton will admit this as a point against him.

Good-Bye to the Dominican Map Stamps.

So the offending map stamps of the Dominican Republic have been destroyed. These stamps, so the story goes, brought the two "Black Republics" to the verge of war, because, if you please, the boundary line separating Hayti from Dominica was slightly misplaced so as to make the Dominica Republic look a little bigger than it really is. Now according to an official announcement, translated by the "American Journal of Philately," some 28,452 specimens of the "Map" stamps have been solemnly "incinerated" at San Domingo in the presence of a whole army of officials. So that's all right. War is averted, and we breathe once more.

Quite Dirty Enough to be Genuine!

Mr. Charles Jenney, in his "Notes Pertinent and Impertinent," in "The Adhesive," tells this story of a visitor from the land of the Pyramids:—

"A turbaned Egyptian, just from the basin of the Nile, walked into my office the other day and displayed a lot of the stamps of Djibouti mostly cancelled and some on the entire envelope. They included the higher values, which I had never seen before. An offer of Scott's Catalogue prices for unused was scornfully declined. The Egyptian wanted about ten times that amount. Perhaps he was in the right, for used Djiboutis must be scarce indeed. However, my knowledge of cancelled-to-order tendencies in those latitudes made me too suspicious to raise my bid, although some of the envelopes were dirty enough to be O.K.!"

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Mauritius, Post Paid, two superb copies of the early 1d. *used* together on piece of original.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

The Philatelic Society's African Exhibition.

WHEN the Philatelic Society's first African Exhibition was held—in November 1901—a delicious fog, of the variety known as a "London particular" settled down on the metropolis. Last Saturday, the day fixed for the "Private Exhibition of the Stamps of the African Colonies, other than those directly affected by the late war," the air was moderately clear, but to make up for this we had an almost incessant drizzle of rain. It seems, however, that the best efforts of the British weather are insufficient to keep philatelists away from a show of this description. From eleven o'clock in the forenoon up to the time of closing the doors of the Society's rooms, there was a constant coming and going of stamp men of all sorts and conditions.

The Exhibition it is safe to say, was one that no other society in the world could have promoted and carried through "entirely off its own bat." From British Central Africa through the alphabet to Zanzibar, all the issues falling within the pur-view of the Exhibition were most worthily represented, and the total value of the stamps contained within the four walls of the London Society's headquarters must have been something colossal. (About £20,000 according to one authoritative estimate). Indeed it was a subject of remark that the mere face value of the unused stamps would alone amount to quite a comfortable sum. The exhibits may be briefly detailed as follows:—

British Central Africa.—An exhibit of some very curious Registered Envelopes by the Society's President, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The exhibits of the Prince of Wales (B.C.A.) and Mr. H. J. White (Sierra Leone) were not received in time to be included in the official list.

Mr. Avery's wonderful specimens of the early stamps of Mauritius naturally attracted much attention, for it is not every day that one can look upon the coveted "Post Office" pair, to say nothing of many splendid unused specimens of the "Post Paid" issue.

Another magnificent and extremely valuable lot were the Niger Coasts shown by Mr. C. J. Daun.

The Gambias and Gold Coasts of Mr. Vernon Roberts were a fine exhibit, showing great thoroughness and care. It is interesting, by the way, to note how the curious defect in the plate of the sixpenny stamp of Gambia (the malformation of the upper portion of the top right-hand corner stamp of the sheet) runs through the whole series of the sixpenny stamps of the colony, proving that the same plate was used for issue after issue of the value in question.

In Mr. Eliot Levy's exhibit of British East Africa visitors to the exhibition had an opportunity of studying "Microscopical Philately" in its acutest form. Mr. Levy showed a great range of varieties of the surcharged series, such as a letter slightly raised, a space between two letters, a thick "t" in the word "East," and so on *ad infinitum*. Mr. Levy showed all these in unused horizontal pairs, drawing the remark from one philatelist present that if only the single stamp were shown one would want a telescope to find the variety! Nevertheless, high praise is due to Mr. Eliot Levy for his really wonderful accumulation of these stamps and also of the issues of British Central Africa.

The Earl of Crawford's exhibits were a treat to look upon, not alone for the stamps shown but also for the great care and neatness in their arrangement. Many members of the

Philatelic Society appear to look with disdain upon used stamps, and in their view the only true philately lies in the accumulation of panes and sheets of mint unused specimens. The new Vice-President, in our opinion, has better caught the true spirit of philately. He collects both used and unused, and, what is more, he places them side by side, his used specimens being in every case such lightly postmarked copies that they in no way mar the artistic appearance of his albums. From many of those present at the exhibition we heard eulogisms of the Earl of Crawford as a most painstaking and enthusiastic follower of philately.

Space will not permit us to describe all the exhibits in detail. Major Evans, we may note, exhibited a great variety of those veritable "chest plasters," the British Vice-Consulate stamps of Madagascar, while the contribution sent by Mr. E. Beveridge gave us our first opportunity of examining large blocks of those very crude and primitive postage stamps, the type-written and type-set issues of Uganda.

We shall not attempt to give any list of the many philatelists, London and provincial, whom we saw at the Exhibition. It would occupy too much space. For the show as a whole one can find nothing but the highest praise. It is to be hoped that these enjoyable annual exhibitions by the London Society will become a fixed and recognised feature of the philatelist's year.

"Free Postage for Life."

THE death is announced of Mrs. Grant, the widow of the ill-fated President Ulysses S. Grant. Mrs. Grant, it will be remembered, was one of the ladies to whom the American Government accorded the privilege of free postage for life, in addition to a state pension of £1,000 per annum. Possibly Mrs. Grant, in time to come, will be immortalised on one of the women's postage stamps of the United States.

The Fate of the Rev. W. Bell.

THE latest news would appear to indicate that there *was* solid cause to suspect foul play in connection with the tragic death of the well-known Irish philatelist, the Rev. W. Bell, of Kilmee, County Cork!

Andrew Moore, a labourer, has been arrested on a charge of murdering the reverend gentleman, and has been remanded in custody by the Cork magistrates.

Moens Pere and Moens Fils.

REMEMBERING the much-talked-of "retirement" of Mons. Jean Baptiste Moens some two years ago, we rubbed our eyes "considerable" on receiving by a recent mail a price list bearing the imprint, "J. B. Moens, Brussels!" True, the list deals only with "Philatelic Publications," and these are to be supplied "only by correspondence," but it affords solid evidence that Mons. Moens must still be counted a force in Philately.

"Like father, like son!" It seems that the stamp-dealing talent of the aforesaid J. B. Moens has descended to his son, for, accompanying the father's list of publications we have received a priced list of Congo and other stamps offered for sale by "Monsieur Alexis Moens, Fils!"

The Business Side of Philately.

To think of the firm of Alfred Smith & Son, nowadays, is to think of the famous "Rowland Hill" packet of foreign and colonial stamps. In these days dealers must specialise as well as collectors, and Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son have shown much shrewdness and skill in the development and improvement of their particular speciality, the perennial and popular "Rowland Hill" packet collection. An announcement on the subject will be found in our advertising columns.

Messrs. John Boulton & Co. have shown us a curious post-card from Yorkshire, asking for stamps on approval. At the head of the card is the printed inscription: "From _____ Esq., Mexborough, Yorkshire." The "Esq." is probably used as a reminder that high class stamps are wanted, for the writer of the card says: "English Queen's Heads, unused, are specially desired."

"Hair-Splitting Specialism."

A REPLY TO MR. W. B. EDWARDS.

I MUST disagree with that part of Mr. W. B. Edwards' article in which he speaks of the "absurdity" of "referring to the plating of a railway stamp by such marks as No. 35—faint white dot," etc.

Collectors have just as much right, if they wish to, to "plate" railway letter stamps as they have to plate Sidney views, and surely any information which a stamp journal can give on such points must be useful to the specialist, while the general collector is neither asked nor bound to read it. There is, moreover, further reason for somewhat minute description of certain varieties of these Railway Letter Stamps—viz., that as in most cases they are free from watermark or change of perforation, the surest way of distinguishing successive issues is by noting slight peculiarities of printing, which do not, in the least, attach a "dotty philatelic" value to any one stamp of an issue above its fellows, but merely serve to distinguish one issue from another. The observance of these details in these homely and easily obtained stamps can but give the eye a training in the nice points of lithography and engraving that may frequently prove invaluable, not only in the detection of forgeries and classification of more valuable stamps, but also in many other pursuits, such as the collection of prints, books, coins, etc., that so often go hand in hand with Philately.

M. CONNOLLY.

THE TYRANNY OF THE CATALOGUE.

In the last number of the *Fortnightly* you printed some interesting observations of Mr. W. B. Edwards' on the subject of "hair-splitting specialism." Among other things he remarks "I maintain that a catalogue is not got up for the specialist but for the general collector, &c." The bearing of the sentence is that the stamps being catalogued they must be collected or that at any rate the "general collector" feels, that if he has not got them, his collection is liable to be remarked on by other collectors as incomplete.

I believe this slavish following of the catalogue is the bane of intelligent philately. So long as a variety is not catalogued the collector is quite happy, and should he come across an uncatalogued variety he does not feel bound to add it to his collection. It becomes a matter of choice, and if it does not conveniently fit in the page it is laid aside and each new catalogue eagerly scanned in the hope that it may be mentioned. When it is—and, may be, priced 2d. more than the normal—a place is quickly found for it.

This dependence in the catalogue has the further disadvantage of deadening the faculty for original research. The "general collector" prefers to let the "other fellow"—the specialist—do the thinking, and waits for the result before adding stamps to his collection.

The point of view that a man may be daunted at the outset of collecting by the enormous number of varieties listed by Gibbons is very comprehensible. The beginner has no knowledge and cannot be expected to discriminate. For him are the excellent A.B.C. Catalogues of Bright and others of similar class.

But anyone who has been collecting a few years, and finds each year's catalogue more and more comprehensive, has simply to take a pen and strike through all those varieties which are unnecessary in an otherwise representative and for all practical purposes complete collection, and the difficulty vanishes.

The collector must exercise judgment, an action he seems singularly averse from.

"PRAXIS."

Philately on the Lecture-Platform.

MR. FRED J. MELVILLE, the Philatelic Lecturer, is in the thick of a busy season. On November 26th he gave his chatty anecdotal lecture, "Stamps with Stories," at the Town Hall, Petworth; on December 8th he lectured on "His Majesty's Mails" before the "Social Settlers" of Ipswich, and on Thursday evening last he fulfilled perhaps his most notable engagement of the season, addressing a good meeting at the London Institution.

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

THE little invitation at the foot of these Notes brings each month some few enquiries about the class of stamp treated of therein, and I am always pleased to hear from those who are becoming interested in the subject. This correspondence is, however, rather too one-sided, and it might be as well to say that communications likely to be of general interest would be very welcome. Collectors of fiscals are very badly served in the matter of the reporting of new issues, and we should much appreciate the favour if readers resident abroad would make a point of sending us particulars of such soon after their appearance. Presumably there will shortly be issued a considerable number of British Colonial sets with King Edward's portrait, and I should be glad to receive early specimens of any pence values so that they may be promptly announced in this place.

I have received two letters asking for further information about the unused Transvaal stamps referred to last month. One correspondent suggests that the Boer Generals who recently visited our shores may have brought over a quantity and placed them on the market, and the other falls into the mistake of supposing that I was writing about postage stamps. I hope that no one else assigned my remarks to anything but the last regular Transvaal fiscal issue—the one of which the 6d. value is well-known with the overprint of "POSTZEGAL."

Another item from my post-bag is contributed by a non-collector of fiscals through whose hands a large number pass without sticking. He kindly writes to the effect that he has just seen a novelty in the form of a 6d. blue, perforated, adhesive, of oval shape, used on a Bill of Lading. It is a recent issue, and if anyone can recognize the description and produce a copy, I should be glad to see it.

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Quite a large number of "Well known Philatelists," whose careers have recently been sketched for us in the "P. J. of G. B." have confessed to a personal interest in fiscals, but this month's subject boldly states that his collection of postage stamps has been locked up at his banker's, and not looked at for the last two years, during which time he has been energetically extending his collection of revenues. This is a strange statement to fall from the lips of one of the most regular attenders at the London Society's meetings, but it must be admitted that it is a healthy sign of the times, and collectors of fiscals will be grateful to Mr. Schwabacher for bearing such public testimony. He tells his interviewer that "there is so much to be learned and found out at a relatively moderate outlay, the stamps are so beautiful, and the danger of meeting forgeries is so small, that anyone who takes up this brand of philately soon becomes an ardent devotee."

Collectors will be interested to hear that, including shades and varieties of perforation, there are nearly 30,000 specimens in Mr. Schwabacher's collection, and that he has recently refused an offer of £1,000 for it.

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Those who are interested in the Collegiate stamps of the Spanish Universities should obtain the current (December) number of "El Filatélico Español," in which appears a long and illustrated article on the fiscal emissions of the Colegio de Procuradores of Barcelona. The handsome design reproduced on page 59 of the new Spanish Catalogue is not the only one of the series, which indeed appears to have commenced in 1856 and to be still in use, a fresh printing having just been made with some slight modifications.

It is pleasant to note that philatelists in various lands are beginning to give careful study to the revenues of their own countries, and in this connection I may say that the Librarian of the Fiscal Society would be glad to receive copies of papers containing fiscal articles, as we need to get together all the information we can that has reference to our branch of philately.

Collectors who are not omnivorous, and who find it necessary to draw a line somewhere, may well be puzzled as to just where that line should be drawn in several instances. The tendency to amalgamate the postal and fiscal emissions now so evident in our Colonial administration, whilst it affords a common ground of interest for collectors of both ranks, may be regarded with some hesitation by the fiscalist as unduly enlarging his field of operations, and as likely to lead him to a position where he will find that a great many of his spaces will have to be occupied either by unused or by postally used copies. As an illustration of this we may look at New Zealand, which had five pence values in its fiscal series, but now issues ten stamps under a shilling inscribed "Postage and Revenue." All of these are doubtless available for fiscal purposes, but it is equally certain that some of them do not singly represent any specific tax or duty, and, therefore, would never be used as revenue stamps except by chance in multiples or in combination with other values to make up a different amount. Supposing for instance, as I believe to be the case in New Zealand, that there is no duty of a halfpenny or of any amount ending with a halfpenny, can the double-barrelled label of that value be strictly regarded as a revenue stamp? It may be said that it is such because it is so inscribed and may be used with another on a receipt, but, on the other hand, it is not required and would never have been issued for revenue purposes only. So far as I can tell, I gather that most fiscalists do include in their collections all "postage and revenue" stamps, and because it unites those two classes it seems very desirable that they should do so, but I think that the position should be clearly understood and faced, and that collectors should realize that they must either draw the line *above* the postal emissions, or reconcile themselves to the usually distasteful appearance of a "mixed multitude." Personally, I prefer to choose the former course, and this for two reasons not connected with the above argument. In the first place, like most general collectors, I find the world quite large enough, and on that account am disposed to leave out of my scope anything that may reasonably be disregarded; and, secondly, the great charm of fiscal stamp collecting to some of us lies in the pioneer work to be done, and it is unnecessary to say that, for every philatelist who is studying obscure fiscal issues, there are hundreds who will receive all the postage and revenue sets automatically from some distributing agency, and be kept fully informed of the slightest change that may take place in any specimen.

Even when looked at in this way the subject is not quite disposed of, for having settled the lower postal end of the series whose character is being discussed, we find that the dilemma possesses a second horn in the higher fiscal portion, for it must be even less correct to call a £100 label a postage stamp than to style an unnecessary halfpenny one a fiscal. I suppose that the overwhelming majority of 20/- stamps, and ninety-nine *per cent.* of higher values, that are used do duty as revenue stamps, and are really nothing else, so one might perhaps very rationally regard all stamps of the value of 20/- and over as fiscals, their occasional postal use entitling them to the term of postal-fiscals. A line thus drawn, though arbitrary, would, I think, be substantially just, and I throw out the suggestion as a possible way out of what is rather a difficulty.

This matter has cropped up just now in connection with the quantity of high value British South African stamps in the market. I see that of the £5 and £10 of the first issue, over eighty copies of each value, a rather smaller number of the £1, and a couple of dozen of the £2, are up for sale at an auction that will be over by the time these lines appear. Presumably the owner of these would not be altogether willing to subscribe to the proposition I have just made, for I suppose that a really scarce postage stamp used fiscally would be likely to fetch more than a moderately good fiscal with its usual cancellation.

Communications in respect of this department should be sent direct to Mr. A. PRESTON PEARCE, 12, Edgcombe Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

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THE STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY is published on alternate Saturdays. Henceforth the journal will be published (on behalf of the proprietors) by Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at their Offices, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London.

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We thought that with the termination of a certain police court case we should have seen the last of a certain class of advertisements offering collections of stamps for sale. Such, however, is not the case. We have had many letters pointing to announcements framed something in the following manner:—

STAMPS.—Collections in album, containing 1,643 stamps; price only 11s. 6d. Too cheap for approval.—Address, &c.

Or to give another example:—

STAMP Collection for Sale.—Album with 1,257 stamps; price, 12s., carriage paid.—Write—
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Now, while such advertisements may be perfectly straightforward and bona-fide, it cannot be denied that they leave a nasty taste in the mouth. The suspicious points about them are many. In the first place the average collector wishing to dispose of his album, would not be likely to state the number of stamps it contained with such exactitude; it is far more probable that he would take the nearest "50" and say "containing 1650 stamps" or "containing 1250 stamps." The expression "too cheap for approval" may perhaps be passed over, but for our part such an expression would not raise the advertiser in our favour. Now take the second form of advertisement we have quoted. Here one is offered a collection of 1257 stamps, in album, for 12s., and at the end of the announcement, after the address, appears the notice: "No callers." We can think of no satisfactory explanation of the use of these words. True, the advertiser might be a person frequently away from home, and to go further, he might not desire that the subject of his advertisement should be discussed on the doorstep. This exhausts all the feasible explanations, without, we think, touching upon the true one. It is by no means improbable that the address given in such an advertisement would prove, on enquiry, to be that of an "accommodation" letter bureau, where letters, parcels, telegrams, &c., are taken in for all and sundry at a small fixed charge.

We think it well strongly to advise all readers of the *Fortnightly*, in the case of advertisements of this class, to stipulate that the goods be sent on approval and, above all, to part with no money until satisfied as to the standing and bona-fides of the advertiser.

A Merry Christmas, readers all!—and the best of fortune in the Coming Year!

Mr. Heginbottom draws attention to the omission of the St. Vincent id., no wmk., rose, compound perf. 11-12½×14-16, from the last instalment of our "Collectors' Guide to Values." We cannot now account for the omission, but since the omission was made, let us see whether it cannot be remedied by our readers themselves. Give us your views, gentle readers (per post card, if you like) as to the values used and unused (in the four classifications of our "Guide to Values") of the "St. Vincent id., no wmk., rose, compound

perf. 11-12½×14-16." 'Twill be of no use turning to Gibbons or to Bright for inspiration, for in neither catalogue is any kind of price whatever quoted for this stamp.

The Venezuela Farce, it is to be hoped, will soon be over. We have no room for politics in the *Fortnightly*, but we do sincerely hope that the Allies won't affect a landing and surcharge the Venezuela stamps "E.R.I." or "Hoch der Kaiser!" or anything of that sort. Better peace with honour than war with surcharges! We philatelists already have one serious grudge against Venezuela. Is it not the country that gave us Tomasso Coelho?

Elsewhere on this page of the *S.C.F.* will be found a small philatelic prize competition, over which our readers may pore in the intervals of eating, drinking and making merry this Christmastide.

A World's Reply Stamp.

Denmark, as we note elsewhere, has entered the field of suggestion concerning the problem of a universal stamp. According to the newspapers Denmark's proposal is that a reply stamp be designed for international use—a sort of double stamp (if we understand the suggestion rightly) one portion of which would bear the name of the country of origin, while the other portion would be marked "Réponse" and would be available in all countries.

As the suggestion stands it is ridiculous on the face of it, and to Great Britain, as the owner of the soundest and strongest currency in the world, it must be particularly unacceptable. Such a system would open the door to a depletion of our postal revenue by millions sterling, because, under it, the 'cute Britisher (who would enjoy nothing better than an economy in his postage bill) would buy all his 2½d. stamps in Spain at a little over 1½d. apiece!

A Puzzle for Philatelists.

CAN YOU NAME THE TWELVE STAMP-ISSUING COUNTRIES INDICATED HERE?

"**BONBON**," a reader of the *Fortnightly*, very kindly contributes the following Philatelic Puzzle for solution.

To encourage our readers to think the matter over we offer a prize of ten shillings in cash for a correct solution. Possibly more than one, possibly many, readers will succeed in naming the twelve countries. In such an event the prize will go to the sender of the first correct solution opened by the Editor of the *S.C.F.* on December 29th next. All solutions much reach the offices of the *Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C., not later than the first postal delivery on the 29th.

Now for the puzzle:—

Here we have a dozen stamps,

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**Trim with care your Sphinxian lamps,
Find their native strands.**

- (1) A textile coarse. (2) A textile fine.
- (3) A well-reputed kind of wine.
- (4) A bird that lays us golden eggs.
- (5) A larger fowl attention begs.
- (6) A nut ('tis here a nut Sphinxitic).
- (7) Book-binding rich, to suit the critic.
- (8) A liqueur with a subtle flavour.
- (9) 'Twill aid your pickle-bottle's savour.
- (10) A lacquer bright. (11) A coin here seen.
- (12) A well-beloved and noble Queen.

A CONSOLATION PRIZE FOR POETS.

To the sender of the best poetical solution we will award a copy of the last bound volume of the *S.C.F.*—or, if preferred—any previous volume. In the event of the first prize being carried off by one of the poets, that particular versifier will be out of the running for this consolation award.

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.



Albania.—We give an illustration of the surcharged Italian Stamps now being used in the Italian Post Offices in Albania. We gave an illustration of the overprint at the time the stamps were first issued. The values so far received are: 10 para on 5 centesimi, 35 para on 20c., and 40 para on 25c.

Argentina.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a specimen of a new stamp issued on October 26th, and valid for that day only. This is a very lengthy oblong affair, issued to commemorate the inauguration by the President of the Republic of the new port at Rosario. The design illustrates the new port, and is inscribed "Republica Argentina, Puerto del Rosario, 26 de Octubre de 1902."

Commemorative stamp. 5c. blue.

Cayman Islands.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the 1/4d. green of the King's Head series, just to hand.

Colombia.—Illustrations are given of recent novelties from this prolific Republic, comprising the new 50 centavos and 1 peso adhesives and the "A.R." and "Retardo" issues, already described. There is also the new 20 centavos stamp



hailing from the province of Bolivar, and showing a view of the "pia de la Popa." To this there is to be a companion stamp (we gather from "Mekeel's Weekly")—a 10 centavos, carmine, showing a view of the iron pier at Savanilla. Probably this iron pier at Savanilla is quite one of the sights of Bolivar, but in our deplorable ignorance we had not previously heard of it!

France.—"On reading Mr. W. H. Earl's query about the current French stamps in the last *Fortnightly* (writes Mr. M. Connolly, of Coventry) I looked up some of my old journals, and find it stated in the 'Stamp Collector' for July, 1901, that Dr. H. Voisin saw the 20 and 30 centimes stamps being printed in one operation, so that there can be no doubt of their existence in this state, which I suppose is the '2nd type' to which Mr. Earl refers. The difference between types 1 and 2 is not nearly so marked in these values, however, as in the 10c. and 25c., and as far as I can see, is only discernible from the perfect centering of the numerals in the 2nd type. It seems to be generally agreed that the 15c. only exists so far in type II. (including the variety with long serif to the figure 1), but 500,000 sheets have just been printed in type III."

Guatemala.—The ornate new set of adhesives has been duly listed and described in the *Fortnightly*, but we have

not yet given any illustrations. Appended are the designs



of the 1c., 2c., 5c., 10c., 20c. and 50c. values. To the list of these stamps first published a new value of 75 centavos, in violet and black, must be added.



Guinea.—An illustration is now given of the type of the new stamp of Guinea.

Hayti.—Three values of the surcharged series ("Mai Gt. Pre. 1902") already described are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Surcharged "Mai Gt. Pre. 1902": 1c. blue.
2c. orange.
5c. brown.

Iceland.—Various of our contemporaries give the following list of values and colours of the new issue with head of King Christian:—

3 aur, orange.	16 aur, red-brown.
4 " rose and grey.	20 " blue.
5 " green.	25 " green and brown.
6 " grey-brown.	40 " lilac.
10 " red.	50 " steel-blue and grey.

1kr. brown and blue.

India (Portuguese).—We give an illustration of one of the many recently overprinted stamps of the Portuguese



Empire, but have not attempted to list the whole of this appalling flood of surcharged stamps.



Morocco.—The overprinted stamp for French Morocco shown in our illustration will serve as a type of all the new French Foreign Offices series recently listed.

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Orange River Colony.—"I notice (writes Mr. C. Williams) the remarks by one of your correspondents on the variety of O.R. Colony V.R.I. showing an inverted figure '1' instead of the capital letter 'I.' I have a used copy of the 5s. stamp with this variety of surcharge, which appears to exist only in conjunction with the thick 'V.'"



South Australia.—In the type of the large 9d. stamp (now illustrated here) there have been several further issues:—

- 8d. ultramarine.
- 2s. 6d. pale lilac.
- 5s. pale rose.

"Ewen's Weekly" has some interesting remarks on this and other South Australian issues:—

The 3d. of the small type is obsolete, as also the handsome 2/- carmine. Apparently the Perkins-Bacon plate has now been abandoned and the impressions on Crown SA. paper should become scarce. The whole of the long series inscribed "Postage and Revenue" is also obsolete and is being replaced by two distinct series, one inscribed "Postage" (values will only go up to £1) and the other "Revenue." The first stamp of the latter series is a hideous production, with perhaps the worst portrait of King Edward which has yet appeared on any stamp.

By the same mail which brought us the new 5/- "Postage," we have a few specimens of the 5/- "Postage and Revenue" in an exceptionally deep shade, much darker than that of the new printing of this value noted in "E.W.S.N., No. 161. The 1/- wmk. Crown SA. also came over in a distinct shade, so that we now have three variations on this paper, all perf. 11½, 12½ and compound. The first shades may be described as dark red-brown and red-brown, whilst the latest is what for want of a better name we term "rose-brown." The watermark shows pink on the back.

We are informed on good authority that the Adelaide Post Office is selling "complete sets" of the provisional postage due series chronicled already under Australian Commonwealth. They are only obtainable postmarked to order (nevertheless face value is charged) and only in sets. Enquiry shows however that the

so-called complete sets contain only the ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 5/- values (see under Australian Commonwealth).

Philippine Islands.—Some interesting correspondence is published in the "Weekly Philatelic Era" regarding the issue of provisional stamps from the 5th to the 16th of September. Dr. J. C. Perry, of Manila, wrote the postal authorities on the subject and received the following reply from Mr. C. M. Cotterman, Director-General of the Department of Posts in the same city, under date September 19th.

Your letter of the 17th instant to the Postmaster at Manila relative to the use of postage due stamps for the payment of postage has been forwarded to this office. In reply, I beg to state that the supply of 1c. postage stamps ran very low about the 5th instant. Therefore, owing to the fact that a further supply would not be received until the arrival of the next transport, the Postmaster at Manila was directed to economise on one cent stamps as much as possible, by using the 1c. postage due stamp on matter for the Philippine Islands presented at the stamp window to be stamped. About four thousand 1c. postage due stamps were used for this purpose. No formal order on the subject was issued.

Somaliland.—We give an illustration of the new series of stamps already described. Meantime, another value has appeared, and the list up-to-date reads:

- 10c. carmine and orange.
- 15c. brown, yellow and blue.



Switzerland.—We are informed of the issue of the new 1 franc stamp in bright red.



Uruguay.—Rather late in the day we illustrate the type of the new Postage Due stamps of this Republic.

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Should we Boycott Surcharges?

MR. LOUIS QUACKENBUSH'S "VENTURE INTO HERESY"—
RECOLLECTIONS OF THE ANTI-SURCHARGE ASSOCIATION.

A very remarkable article on the subject of surcharged stamps appears in the latest "magazine number" of that breezy Western weekly, "Mekeel's Stamp Collector." It is headed "A Venture into Heresy," and its writer is Mr. Louis G. Quackenbush—now, we are glad to note, a joint Editor of the journal under notice. The subject matter of Mr. Quackenbush's article will not commend itself to the average philatelist, for the proposal is that we should revert to the sentiments that animated the promoters of the abortive "Anti-Surcharge Association" and eschew, so far as general collections are concerned, all overprinted stamps! In the *Fortnightly*, however, we like to hear all sides, and though the majority of our readers will regard Mr. Quackenbush's proposal as inexpedient, not to say impossible, yet we feel sure his closely-reasoned paper will be read with interest by all.

THE STORY OF THE SURCHARGE.

Among all the changes which have taken place in philatelic opinion during the past dozen years there are few that are more striking than that in relation to surcharged stamps. In 1889, 1890 and 1891, the question of whether or not surcharged stamps should be collected at all was very seriously agitated and could it have been foreseen at that time to what extent surcharged stamps would figure in the collections of the present day, it would have caused very general amazement. The general idea during the era I speak of was that the backbone of surcharge collecting was broken. The press of that day was almost unanimous in deeming it inadvisable to collect them. Such authorities as Major Evans in England and J. W. Scott in America were heart and soul in the crusade against them. Abroad, an Anti-Surcharge Association was formed, whose members pledged themselves not to pay more for any stamp bearing a surcharge than for the same stamp without it. And there can be no question that the general sentiment of the day was overwhelmingly in favor of dropping surcharged varieties *in toto* from the philatelic lists.

This being so how is it that the surcharged variety has not only held its own, but continues to wax strong in its hold upon collectors in all the years that have passed? To-day, no one dreams of not collecting surcharges. An enormous number of surcharged varieties belong in the rarity column, and are sought after with a much greater zest than those which lack an overprint. In every notable collection, whether general or special in its scope, the surcharge is prominently present. Everywhere, its name is legion and its fair fame evidently secure. This is in some ways a strange state of affairs. It is a complete change of front on the part of the collecting world. And we may well ask ourselves whence comes this radical reversal of opinions, or at least of practice; for it may be that many who really feel no great esteem for the surcharging principle are in effect forced to collect surcharges through the sentiment of the times.

THE GOD-CHILDREN OF SPECIALISM.

In the first place it may be well to recognize the fact that the surcharged variety is in every respect a legitimate variety, because it does convert a stamp created for a certain purpose—to pay a certain letter rate of, for use in a certain country—into a stamp serving an entirely different purpose. But we may question if its status has been the determinant of its popularity. The growth of surcharge collecting may be set down as due to and coincident with the growth of the specialistic idea in Philately. The whole trend of the times for the past decade has been to enlarge the number of collectable varieties by every possible means. Specialism has made important every discernible variation from the normal and with varieties of type, paper, watermark, perforations and the like receiving so vast a degree of attention it is not to be wondered at that surcharges, whose degree of variation is so much greater and more clearly marked than any of these, have come in for constantly increasing study. It may seem a mistaken classification to thus place the varieties produced by overprinting with those which owe their origins to changes of detail in the manufacture of the stamp itself. But for the purpose of these remarks it is not necessary to make such fine distinctions. All these sub-varieties have risen to their present importance together. And specialism has been their God-father.

If special collecting had not become *par excellence* the chosen field of the leading collectors of modern times, it is altogether likely that

surcharges would by now be very little collected, except by the philatelic millionaires. It is true that generalists are to the full as keen as specialists in annexing them to their collections. But the fact is that generalism nowadays copies and adapts to itself a very great many of specialism's methods. A great many of us are trying to collect the stamps of all countries on specialistic lines. We pursue and include in our collections numbers of the varieties which specialism has created for its own uses—a thing particularly noticeable in the case of surcharges, which I venture to believe are much better left out of a general collection.

ATTACKING AN ESTABLISHED BELIEF.

This last statement is, I need scarcely say, the heresy foreshadowed in the title of this essay. It is a thankless task to attack established beliefs, either in Philately or elsewhere. But it is sometimes a task which there is a crying need for some one to take in hand. Such I believe to be the present case in respect to surcharges. The old hue and cry against them has almost wholly died out. Even those who innately detest them, passively accept them. Not a voice is heard in the land to suggest to the budding collector that all the myriad surcharges which that collectors' bible which we call a catalogue stamps with its sanction are not really an essential part of a collection. With surcharges thus generally accepted, heresy will probably appear in the eyes of most of those who read this as none too strong a term for an utter disbelief in their philatelic utility.

It may seem late in the day to reopen what was once called the surcharge question. It may be argued that philatelists have agreed to collect them and that that is all there is to it. But in reality there is very much more reason why surcharges should be tabooed by generalists to-day than there was in the early nineties. The number of varieties confronting the general collector has within that period increased enormously. Catalogues have almost doubled in thickness. The cry is going up all over the world for a practicable and logical method of curtailing the number of varieties which constitute the generalists' field without essentially effecting its unity and completeness. We are seeking to separate the sheep from the goats—to distinguish the non-speculative from the speculative—and diminish our task by eliminating the latter from our calculations; but we are overlooking the most feasible means of accomplishing it. Three-fourths of the speculative varieties in existence to-day are surcharged stamps. No need to quote examples for their number is almost endless. From its first inception the surcharge has been the one cheap and convenient method of producing speculative varieties. Engravings cost money, but printing offices and type are ready to work for comparatively little wages in every land and practically every island of the sea.

ARE SURCHARGED STAMPS MOSTLY SPECULATIVE?

Look down the mammoth lists of surcharged varieties born within the last decade and convince yourself, if you can, that ten per cent of the total were actually rendered necessary by pressing postal needs. The philatelic world would not be one whit the poorer if every surcharged variety in existence were suddenly blotted from the face of the earth. There are some which owe their being to some important historical crisis, and possess, therefore, very great intrinsic interest, but the number of these is as nothing compared to the number that would never have been were it not for the hope that they would transport philatelic coin into official pockets. The surcharge question and the speculative question are inextricably interwoven. It is very strange that in all the years when the latter has been such a live and burning issue, the former should have lain in such deep neglect. Here is the quick and effective stroke by which the general collector can at once rid himself of three-fourths of all speculative issue troubles, and at the same time cut down the limits of a great number of countries in such a manner that what was before a complete and extensive maze becomes now a clear and straightforward path. To place all surcharges under the ban and cease collecting them cannot appreciably affect the intrinsic interest of any general collection. The cases in which surcharges mark great historic events are very, very few in number. Artistically they certainly add nothing to a stamp, and, indeed, in most instances may be considered a defacement. Surcharge collecting is a duplication of design—a thing as highly undesirable for the general good of any collection, as would be "bloating" in one country when many other pages are deserts of unoccupied space.

The abandonment of surcharges in general collection making is solely a matter of expediency. It is to be assumed that every general collector desires as complete a showing as possible of all existing stamp designs. If his interest is to obtain every possible variation in certain countries and leave others represented scantily or not at all, he is in effect a specialist and not really to be classed among general collectors. The general collection aims at a representative showing

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How then can it be advisable for any generalist, lacking many of the unsurcharged varieties no dearer in price, to spend his money on varieties of overprint? It is true that printed albums provided spaces for them, and that the acquisition of a surcharged stamp "fills a space" just as surely as any other. But the time must come with every generalist of broad ideas when printed albums will cease to satisfy and the remounting of his treasures in a blank album "as the heart within" is the natural result. And then what becomes of the argument that a surcharge is a as good a space filler as any other? The best collectors are doing something more than filling up spaces, they are building up collections—collections which shall represent whatever of history, biology, or human interest the postage stamps of this globe of ours afford. Can they afford to spend time and money in collecting that which at best only represents the existence of occasional irregularity and miscalculation in postal supplies.

Surcharged stamps are one of the collector's burdens. Their authenticity is, in a vast multitude of cases, a problem that only an expert can solve, and without doubt many surcharges have been pronounced "all right" by experts that are really the vilest of unauthorized concoctions. It is true that study has to some degree minimized the dangers from false surcharges. But anything whose character leaves its imitation at the mercy of so universal a commodity as printing type can never be really safeguarded from plausible imitation by any amount of study.

Let the specialist collect surcharges, if he will. They undoubtedly have a place in specialism, and one of no small importance. But for the generalist to favour them with his attention is, with very few exceptions, a frittering away of money on varieties not of primary, but of very secondary importance. It may be said, as it very often is, that the prime purpose of all collecting is for pleasure, and that it matters not what is collected so long as that end is attained. This is unquestionably true; but, at the same time the fact must be con-

sidered that enduring and permanent pleasure in Philately very largely depends on avoiding all things which make collecting, when a certain stage is reached, a difficult task. That the inclusion of surcharges in a general collection does thus complicate the collector's task by very largely adding to its magnitude there can be no question. Nothing of pleasure will be lost if that task is simplified by placing all surcharges on the ineligible list.

How they come and go, these Transatlantic stamp papers. The "Fortnightly Philatelist" is the last to give up the ghost.

Five French Colonies, poor things, are without postage stamps. As a contemporary remarks, what a lost opportunity!

Many of those new philatelic journals, remarks a writer in "Mekeel's Weekly," only speak the cold truth when they say they are here to stay, for they never get any further!

A Maltese banker is said to have bought up over a thousand pounds worth of the Malta provisional "One Penny" on 2½d. as a speculation. As his lot includes presumably over 4,000 of the "Penny" errors, collectors (writes Mr. E. J. Nankivell) will do well to bide their time till present prices climb down.

No collector looks at the blank spaces in his album but he dreams of the day when he can afford to "buy everything." When that day comes he is so busy making money that he hires a secretary to fill out the blank spaces. The chances are that one's present means and opportunities afford more pleasure than any circumstance that may be forecasted.

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The series just obsolete will in time be found somewhat difficult to get in superb used condition, both on account of the heavy obliteration ordinarily employed, and the fugitive nature of the green colour used. The 4½d. green and scarlet is fairly common, yet how many copies do we see before coming across a really fine one? The 1- green, if fine, is certainly worth its catalogue value of 3d., for most of them were used on parcels, and received the usual daub of ink. Even the 2d. value is usually found badly treated, although it is of course a common stamp, and will always be so.

The writer ventures to predict that in ten years time certain values will be really scarce, although millions and millions of the stamps must have been used. It is curious to find the 1/- green already in demand unused at double face. How is it that collectors omitted to buy it, when they had 15 years in which to do so? It is the usual case of something which can be done at any time, and is therefore never done at all!

Turning to the Official Stamps, which are naturally far less used, the same difficulty of condition is met with. Here we have the surcharge partly obliterating the stamp, as it were, and the cancellation usually completes the damage. The Government Parcels of '83-'86 are already scarce in fine state, and even the recent 9d. and 1/- values are by no means to be despised. The writer is in a position to see large numbers of used Army Official stamps. The ½d. and 1d. current are mostly used in blocks, and the ink smudged on so as to render them quite useless to collectors. One in twelve represents the probable proportion of fine to poor copies. The 6d. just obsolete had a short life, but is never so badly treated as the lower values, the proportion of fine to poor copies being about one in six. It was not required to anything like the same extent, however, and the cat. value of 9d. is low for perfect and lightly postmarked copies. The present 6d. takes its obliteration very badly by reason of its pale colour, and is mostly used on parcels.

The early I.R. Officials are as a rule found in good condition, but the later ones are treated like the majority; the 1/- green and scarlet will be a very desirable stamp in the course of a few years, even now it is next to impossible to get, as comparatively few are used.

A few collectors have lately brought to notice the fact that these surcharged stamps exist with broken letters, but these are in nearly every case due to particles of dust or foreign matter preventing the ink from doing its duty, and not to genuinely defective type. If such be considered collectible varieties, the days of philately are numbered, for it would be possible to get together a thousand or so of all the combinations of these so-called broken letters, and nothing is so detrimental to our hobby as this hair-splitting specialism.

The stamps of Great Britain form an ideal field for the collector, and to get every genuine variety in a state of absolute perfection is the work of a life-time, without troubling about microscopic minutiae.

The appearance of the new U.S.A. 13c. stamp is causing all kinds of comment in the newspapers, says the "Weekly Philatelic Era." One writer refers to it as the "hoodoo" stamp, and predicts a disastrous year for the Post Office Department. Of course, no doubt, these remarks are written in a joking strain, but to a good many the number "13" is the forerunner of some disaster, intentional or accidental. We hope in this case that no collector will suffer by adding the 13 cents stamps to his collection.

From the Auction Rooms.



IN America the stamp auction is evidently solidly established as one of the essential features of philatelic life. From the catalogues we receive we should imagine that Boston, Mass., is one of the head-centres of American philatelic auctioneering. The leading firms who conduct sales at that "Hub of the Universe" are the J. M. Bartels Company, Mr. Frank P. Brown and Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co. By this time the last named firm will have held their one-hundredth sale, the catalogue of which runs to seventy pages.

These remarks are prompted by a reader's suggestion that we should give, from time to time, a few realisations at the American auctions. We think we will do so, but only in a small way at first, in order to ascertain the feeling of our readers regarding this innovation. Our own view is that if London auction reports are of interest and value to *Fortnightly* readers—and on that score there is little room for doubt—then the results of sales in other countries should also be worth recording.

From the "Glasgow Evening Times" we extract the following paragraph:—

"Messrs. Robert M'Tear & Co., auctioneers, Glasgow, disposed of an extensive and valuable collection of foreign postage stamps, jubilee medals, and coins. Among the higher prices secured for stamps were 15 Barbadoes (Jubilee issue, &c.), 11s.; 20 Falkland Island, Grenada, St. Helena, and others, 10s. 6d., and 19 Trinidad, St. Vincent, &c., 10s. 6d. An album containing about 500 foreign stamps realised 3s. 6d., and a cigar box containing over 1000 foreign stamps fetched 2s. 3d."

The prices given scarcely justify the expression, "valuable collection of foreign postage stamps"!

In Edinburgh, on November 8th, the first half of the stock of the bankrupt stamp dealer, Mr. T. A. Ferguson, of Queensferry, was sold by auction, while the second portion came under the hammer on Saturday last, December 13th. The prices realised were poor, though there was a fairly good attendance at the sale. A set of British penny plate numbers, including No. 225, realised 7s., a Mulready envelope, 6s. 6d.; a Newfoundland 4d., used, 15s., and a ditto 6d., unused, 26s. Certain Virgin Islands stamps were regarded as "doubtful," and were so described by the auctioneer, the 4d. and 1s. 1867-68, realising, together, the noble sum of one shilling in consequence!

In the following realisations * signifies unused.

The J. M. BARTELS COMPANY'S Sale (Boston, U.S.A.),

November 19th.

	£	s.	d.
Cuba, "Y ¼" orange red, fine	4 4 0
Egypt, 1879, 5 paras on 2½ piastres, inverted surcharge, mint	0 12 6
Fernando Poo, 1884, 50c. blue on 5c. grey blue, used	1 16 0
Do. 1894, 50c. blue on 1c. green, used	2 15 0
Do. do. 50c. on 1c. green, black surcharge, used	2 14 0
Luxemburg, error 1 franc, o.g.	1 15 0
Porto Rico, 1876, 25c., inverted surcharge, not catalogued, used	2 6 6
Do. 1879, 10c. brown, block of 4, o.g.	18 6
St. Vincent, 1/- orange, C.A., perf. 12½, o.g.	16 0
U.S.A., Baltimore Local, 1c. red (the 1 cent "Washington City" with "Washington" erased)	4 15 0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale,

November 25th and 26th, 1902.

Great Britain, 1854-57, wmk. large crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, plate 6, a fine block of 12, mint .. .. .	..	..	7 10 0
Do. 1855-57, 4d. pale carmine, wmk. large garter, a fine block of 4, mint .. .. .	..	..	4 7 6

	£	s.	d.
Nova Scotia, 1/- purple, good margins, lightly cancelled, v.f.	12	0	0
New Zealand, 1855, London Print, 1d. carmine, fine ..	1	10	0
Victoria, 1868, 5/- blue on yellow, fine ..	3	7	6

**Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale,
November 27th and 28th, 1902.**

Ceylon, 1888, five on 15c. olive, a mint vertical pair, the lower stamp being the error without word Revenue	4	10	0
Gambia, 1880, C.C., 1/- green, fine ..	1	12	0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, 1/- vistre, mint ..	2	7	6
Great Britain, 1855-7, white paper, medium garter, 4d. rose*	7	10	0
Do. 1867-72, Maltese Cross, £1 brown-lilac, fine	1	10	0
Do. do. Anchor, £1 brown-lilac, fine ..	3	0	0
Do. do. I.R. Official, £1 green, fine ..	1	14	0
Grenada, 1886, 1d. postage on 1½d. green and orange, surcharge inverted, mint ..	2	0	0
Nevis, 1878, lithographed, 4d. orange with gum *	4	0	0
Do. 6d. grey, fine, with gum *	3	15	0
New Brunswick, 1/- violet, fine colour and very light postmark but a little cut on two sides ..	6	0	0
St. Vincent, 1880, 5/- rose-red, a very fine copy ..	8	10	0
South Australia, perf. x roulette, 4d. lilac, fine ..	2	0	0
Do. 1672, ditto, perf. 12½ by roulette, 9d. grey	2	0	0
Switzerland, Geneva, 1850, 5c. red and black, fine*	4	15	0
Zululand, 1888, 5/- mint ..	3	3	0

**Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale,
Dec. 2nd and 3rd, 1902.**

Bolivia, 9 stars, 500c. black, a nice copy ..	1	9	0
British East Africa, 1890-1, on Company's stamp, 5 rupees, mint ..	2	12	0
China, 1900, hand-stamped surcharges, 3p., 5p., 10p., 20p., 30p. and 80p., the mint set ..	5	5	0
Do. 3, 5, 10, 20 and 30 perf., on entire, postmarked Tientsin, 16.2.01 ..	2	16	0
Do. 5, 10, 20, 30 and 80 perf., on an ordinary China (German) 10 pf. Postcard, postmarked Tientsin, 22.2.01 ..	3	5	0
Great Britain, the V.R. stamp with nice margins, but a trifle thinned* ..	5	5	0
Do. 1854, embossed 10d. brown, fine* ..	3	3	0
Newfoundland, 1897, a mint block, with margins, of the surcharge ONE CENT on 3c., including two of the very rare type, S.G. 82 ..	4	12	6
New South Wales, 1860, perf. 1½, 1/- rose, nice copy with gum*	2	10	0
Nova Scotia, 1851, 1/- violet, with very good margins on 3 sides and light postmark, fine ..	8	0	0
Queensland, 1868-74, Truncated Star, perf. 12, 2d. deep blue*	7	7	0
Trinidad, O.S., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1/- and 5/-, all mint ..	3	0	0
Victoria, 1854, litho. 2d. red-lilac, a very fine horizontal pair, with wide margins, one stamp being the TVO. error (creased across) ..	5	0	0
Do. rouletted 6d. orange, Serpentine, very fine ..	1	16	0
Do. serrated, x serpentine, fine ..	2	10	0
Victoria, 1854-61, rouletted, 1/- blue, very fine ..	2	6	0
Do. 1862, 6d. orange, fine ..	3	0	0
Do. 1864, 1d. green, wmk. 8, mint ..	4	7	6
Do. do. wmk. 6, mint ..	4	10	0
Do. registered rouletted, off centre, but otherwise fine, rare ..	2	10	0

**Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,
December 4th and 5th, 1902.**

Gibraltar, 1889, the carmine stamp, with value omitted, mint* ..	16	0	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 1/9 green, very fine* ..	3	10	0
Labuan, 1891 Provisionals, "6" inverted (Cents omitted) on 8c. mauve, mint* ..	2	0	0
Do. 1891-2 Provisionals, 6c. on 8c. green, a fine horizontal pair, one stamp having the error "c" of cents inverted* ..	2	18	0
Seychelles, Provisionals, 12c. on 16c. chestnut and blue, with inverted surcharge, mint* ..	3	15	0
Do. do. 15c. on 16c. chestnut and blue, with inverted surcharge, mint* ..	2	2	0
Bangkok, 1st issue, "B" on 32c. black on yellow, Straits Settlements stamp, original, fine ..	8	5	0
British Bechuanaland, 1st issue, ½d. black, with double overprint, in red and in black* ..	2	16	0

The Dutch Postage-Due Issues.

MR. WILHELM KÜHN contributes to our latest new contemporary, the curiously-named "I.P.R. and Collectors' News," a chatty history of "The Postage-Due Stamps of the Netherlands":—

As directed by a ministerial decree, dated s'Gravenhage, 23rd April, 1870, a set of two postage-due stamps appeared on the 15th May, 1870. The 5c. stamps were printed in brown on orange paper (there is also a much rarer yellow paper), and the 10c. valves in violet on blue paper. Every sheet is composed of 200 specimens. They were printed, like all Dutch adhesives, at the Royal Works at Utrecht. The perforation of both stamps is in small holes, a mere pin perforation, measuring 13; later on the 10c. was perforated 12½ in the usual way.

It is interesting to note that on the 13th of August, 1870, permission was given to postmasters to sell these stamps, at face value, to any one who, out of curiosity, as it quaintly expressed, or for the purpose of collecting, wishes to possess these new-fashioned stamps.

In the course of time a larger variety of denominations was urgently required, and consequently the decree of 4th March, 1881, ordered the issuing of a new set of postage-due stamps of the following values: 1, 1½, 2½, 5, 10, 12½, 15, 20 and 25 cents, also 1 gulden; they came out on 1st April, 1881.

Mr. Kühn then proceeds to deal with the type varieties of these interesting stamps.

"If you compare the first postage-due stamps, the 5 and 10c. of 1870," he goes on to say, "you will notice the chain encircling the value contains in the case of the 5c. 37 links, and the 10c. only 32 links. Now, in the new set, we have no fewer than four types, chiefly distinguishable by the number of links, and I am rather surprised to find only one catalogue (Bright's) arranging the type numbers analogous to the progressive number of links (or loops, as others call them), that is, 32, 33, 34 and 37 links.

"According to types there is also a marked difference in the shape and position of the letters of the top inscription, usually mentioned in catalogues, as follows: 't' of 'Betalen' is placed a little to the left of the uppermost chain link, this is Type I.; the 't' is directly over the junction of two links, Type II.; in Type III. it is exactly over the centre of a link; Type IV. has the 't' more to the right. In the last case the word 'Port' is also visibly larger than in any of the other types. I found it, however, best and safest, though pretty tedious to count the different chain links. Type IV. is very scarce, extremely so in the 2½, 5, and 10c. values, catalogued up to £4, and in the 10c. not priced.

"I must confess to having been under the belief that the various types represented whole sheets of one and the same die, but after reading a study on the stamps of the Netherlands by J. M. Ente van Gils, in 'Die Post' (No. 14, 1898), where full tables of all the values were given, I find that all four types are mixed up on every sheet. As a striking example of the comparative rarity of Type IV. two of his summaries are here reproduced, showing the number of types in a sheet of 200 stamps:—

15, 20 and 25 cents.		5 and 10 cents.	
Type I.	100	Type I.	110
Type II.	43	Type II.	43
Type III.	44	Type III.	44
Type IV.	13	Type IV.	3
	200		200

"A re-adjustment of the dies took place in 1893, and after December 1st of that year no more printings of Type IV. were issued."

An American newspaper reporter, in his article on the Pacific Philatelic Society's Exhibition, describes philately as "a hobby worth at least \$250,000, and ridden by men from both coasts of the United States and also by a few women."

The term "Unpaid Letter Stamp," Mr. Wilhelm Kühn points out, is frequently a misnomer, because many a postal packet requiring one of these stamps is not unpaid but only insufficiently paid. The term "Postage-Due Stamp" is far preferable.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE third meeting of the 14th session was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, Liverpool, on Monday, Dec. 1st, 1902, there being 16 members present. The evening was devoted to a sale of stamps, the result of which was that several interesting lots changed hands, apparently with mutual satisfaction.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 15th, when Mr. F. Von Sobbe has kindly consented to exhibit his specimens of Greek stamps.

W. HALFPENNY, *Hon. Secretary*, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool.

UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE October packet has returned and its contents dispersed. This packet contained 16 sheets, £122 18s. 1d. gross value. From this amount, 306 stamps, gross value £16 12s. 10d., have changed ownership.

December packet sent off on the 15th, with about £100 gross value.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 164, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Saturday, 6th December, at Clapham Hall. The usual sale and exchange was conducted by Mr. C. B. James and the third part of Mr. Heginbottom's collection of Great Britain was displayed. The following members also displayed their collections: Mr. R. Halliday, Mr. C. B. James and Mr. C. J. Patman.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 20th December, when Mr. A. R. McCullum will read a paper entitled "The Manufacture of a Postage Stamp."

H. F. JOHNSON, *Hon. Secretary*, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held at 22, Hurles Crescent, Clifton, when Mr. P. J. Lloyd presided. After various business matters had been disposed of Mr. Lloyd showed an interesting display of English stamps and also old Spanish.

HENRY ALSOP, *Hon. Secretary*, 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Nov. 6.—Mrs. Barry May, Lt.-Col. A. St. L. Burrowes, Messrs. R. Ehrenbach, Langton Bayly, W. R. Sefton-Fiddian, G. Young, H. Baron, R. G. Way, T. H. Burd, H. E. Noakes, G. H. Fox, W. de Quinze, E. Moser, O. Weismann, H. Dethloff, Rev. E. F. M. Vokes, Capt. A. Von Hoffman, Sig. Marino Lusy and Prof. Dr. Schoch were unanimously elected members—a record election as far as our society is concerned.

Col. E. B. Coke, Mrs. Livingston, J. S. Higgins, G. Fowler were thanked for donations to the Permanent Collection as was Mr. W. Brown for his offer to contribute £5 worth of our wants. Messrs. H. G. Brown and H. Grindall were thanked for donations to the Library.

Messrs. R. Hollick and W. Pimm then showed N.S.W. Sydney Views and Laureated, and gave notes and particulars of same.

Nov. 20.—Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. T. W. Peck and W. Pimm for contributions to the Permanent Collection, and to Messrs. D. Davis, W. Morgan (who included Miraband's splendid work on Swiss Stamps in his donation) W. Morley, J. E. Joselin, and D. Benjamin for donations to the Library.

Messrs. W. Pimm and C. A. Stephenson then showed their fine Collections of British North America and gave notes on them.

Hon. Secretary: G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

THE PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE October Packet finally has returned from circulation, the total amount of sales being £10 7s. 9d.

The December Packet was put in circulation punctually on the 5th, and from all accounts seems to be doing exceedingly well. There are 35 members seeing this packet, and on account of this number it has been decided to make up two packets, and the postal list of one packet being reversed in order that members will have an equal opportunity of seeing the packets early.

We now have 48 members on the roll. The revised Rules are now ready, and copies will gladly be sent free to any reader desiring same.

I shall be glad to welcome new members, as it is our endeavour to make this Club one of the foremost in England. There is no subscription or entrance fees, and this Journal is sent *post free* to all members. Fullest particulars will be given on application to the

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The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Mr. W. Buckland Edwards, from whose pen we print, in this number, an exceedingly interesting article on "Condition" in British Stamps has some further remarks to offer on the subject of Labuans and Borneos. He mentions that one of our contemporaries "comes out with the astounding dictum that as the Company has spent large sums of money in making beautiful stamps for collectors, therefore collectors should buy them; that in fact it is their duty to support such enterprise!"

I do not for an instant suggest (Mr. Edwards proceeds) that merely because a stamp is a picture, it should be rejected by the serious collector, or we should have to dispense with the New Zealand series; but I do most emphatically say that where stamps are made primarily for collectors, and secondly for postal purposes, they should not be admitted to our collections or catalogues. No one can suppose that the changes in the issues of these two countries are necessary; they are made with the evident intention of making money out of collectors, who should now decline to be any longer an easy source of revenue.

Well, the *Fortnightly* said its say on Borneo long, long ago. Even the veriest novice in Philately must surely know the true character of these stamps. If not, he has an excellent object lesson in the latest edition of Gibbons' Catalogue, which prices Borneo stamps in two columns—"Postally Used" and "Postmarked-to-Order." The collector, being a free and independent citizen, collects just what he pleases, but as regards the non-inclusion of Borneos in our catalogues, that is a point which we can scarcely expect the dealer-publishers issuing the same to concede. The catalogue, if we are to regard it as a guide to the world's stamps, must necessarily include all stamps properly issued under Government auspices in all the countries of the world. The Borneo Company is the Government of Borneo, and its postal issues are Government issues.

At the same time it is a pity that within the British Empire we have a country whose postal administration is modelled upon the system invented by the late Nathan F. Seebeck.

To many readers we have to return thanks for kindly letters regarding our Christmas Number in particular and the *Fortnightly* in general; and to W. G. S. (Manchester) for a suggestion which is now engaging our attention.

Mr. R. T. Morgan, we are glad to note, is making great strides with the Palace Exchange Club, of which he is Secretary.

I am exceedingly pleased with the results obtained since the *Fortnightly* has acted as its official organ, and I can safely say that the new comers are due to the influence of your columns. I am hoping, with a little hard work, to make the Palace Exchange Society one of the foremost in England. I trust that the "S.C.F." will continue to uphold me in this, for with a good journal at the back of the club I think that I can safely spell success.

From Mr. J. Johnston, Secretary of the Caledonian Exchange Club, we have received a long and most interesting letter on the subject of Philatelic Exchange Societies; but we feel that we cannot further try the forbearance of our non-exchanging readers by reverting to this subject. There is, however, one point in Mr. Johnston's letter which certainly

demands a hearing. He speaks of the collector who has no duplicates to send to the exchange packet, and is simply a buyer. Is it fair, Mr. Johnson asks, that because he is only a buyer and has nothing to sell he should be placed low down on the postal list—away back behind all those who have contributed sheets?

"It is said in defence of this," Mr. Johnson goes on, "that the system encourages members to send in sheets, but then a member cannot send in what he has not got, no matter what encouragement he may receive!"

Very true. It is a legitimate grievance, but one that Exchange Club Secretaries find much difficulty in remedying. Mr. Johnston's own favourite method of arranging the order of the postal list is by dividing the members into groups. He thus describes the plan:—

In an exchange where 25 members see packets I would divide them into five groups and list them upwards in groups. Thus the five members who have top place would next month go to the bottom, and the second group would have top place, they in turn giving place to group three next month and so on. In this way the members, no matter in what group they might be placed, would find themselves in the top group every fifth month. Then in order that each individual member might have the same chance of getting absolutely first view, it would be necessary as each top group fell to the bottom, that the top member of that group fell to the bottom of his group, as well as to the bottom of the exchange as a whole.

I am not aware of any exchange being worked upon this principle, but believing it to be an improvement on the present systems, I have resolved to give this way of seeing packets by groups, a fair trial in the Caledonia Exchange commencing in January, 1903, and if the members are convinced that it is an improvement we shall stick to it.

In conclusion Mr. Johnston invites any *Fortnightly* reader who can devise a better plan to describe it. Our columns are open for the purpose, but it must be distinctly understood that we cannot re-open the controversy regarding the 50% discount and the nett systems of pricing.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

Philately at the British Museum.

THERE has been an interesting addition to the Philatelic Section of the British Museum. The copper plates used by Messrs. De la Rue for the production of the stamps of the late Orange Free State are now housed in the great institution at Bloomsbury, where they will form an interesting addition to the philatelic treasures already on view.

The Kilmeen Mystery Deepens.

WE are indebted to Mr. J. Dixon, of Cork, and other correspondents, for news clippings relating to the tragic death of the Rev. W. Bell, of Kilmeen.

The Dunmanway correspondent of the "Cork Evening Echo" writes that since the arrest of Andrew Moore, the police have been unusually active in the vicinity, but are reticent as to the results of their research. Rumour is rife in the district that some important steps are about to be taken by the Constabulary, which will, it is believed, have a very material bearing on the case, and probably in a few days sufficient material will be forthcoming to solve the mystery of the Rev. Mr. Bell's death. On Wednesday, December 17th, a large bunch of keys, 35 in number, of various and useful sizes, were found hidden in the garden wall of the Rectory, and a few yards from the house of Andrew Moore, but no information is forthcoming as to whom they are alleged to belong, or what bearing this discovery might have on the case.

To deepen the mystery, there has been a rumour that the body found in the barn was not that of the Rev. W. Bell!

Later news still is that on December 22nd a special court was held at Ballineen for the purpose of taking evidence in the charge preferred by the Crown at the prosecution of District Inspector Gordon against Andrew Moore, of Kilmeen, who stands charged—"That on the 1st day of November, 1902, he did, at Kilmeen, in the County of Cork, unlawfully, wilfully, and of malice aforethought, kill and murder the Rev. Wm. Bell, of Kilmeen, in the said county."

The presiding magistrate was Mr. B. R. Purdon, R.M. Mr. H. T. Wright, Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Crown to prosecute. The prisoner was undefended.

At the opening of the proceedings, Mr. Wright asked that in the interests of justice the case should be heard in camera, and this the presiding magistrate assented to, even the Press being excluded.

"It has transpired (says the 'Cork Constitution') that the six witnesses were examined, and that the accused was remanded to the 31st instant."

Philatelic Exhibition of Plymouth.

To the credit of the Plymouth Society must be placed a very presentable Stamp Show, held in the local Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday, December 17th. The exhibition attracted a large gathering, who were delighted with a very fine display. Owing to limited space a number of the stamps sent could not be shown.

The chief exhibitor was Mr. E. J. Heggibottom, of Rochdale, who showed very fine copies of the first issue imperforate Ceylon, including the 4d., 8d., and 2s., and in the case of India he exhibited the only known used copy of the two annas green, no water-mark. This stamp was accompanied by a certificate from the Philatelic Society of London as to the genuineness of its obliteration.

Although small in number, the sheets sent by Baron A. de Worms were conspicuous for excellence and variety of the specimens. The collection included six of the earliest unused English, and among the stamps were a pair of the well-known and keenly sought-after "V.R." penny blacks; pairs of all varieties of dies, water marks, and perforations of the penny red series. The twopenny blues, included a magnificent specimen of the large crown. There was also a perforated 16, a pair of 10d. embossed (mint), an 8d. brown, and an excellent show of the early issues of Mauritius.

Mrs. Livingstone, Torquay, sent a representative collection of Cape of Good Hope, Newfoundland and Tonga.

Mr. C. E. Russel Rendle displayed the official surcharged issues of Great Britain, including nearly all the varieties of

Government parcels, inland revenue, office of works, &c. Mr. Rendle's collection included a rara avis, in the shape of a penny Government parcels with inverted surcharge,

Mr. C. P. Rogers, R.E., Pembroke, had a very specialised line of Barbados, which he gathered when stationed in the West Indies. Mr. Rogers was fortunate enough to detect the bleute and white papers of the Jubilee issue, and secured an ample supply of both varieties.

There was an excellent attendance at the exhibition, and a large number of visitors were delighted. Several New P.P.S. members were enrolled, and Mr. C. H. Dymond, 5, Cotehele-terrace, Stoke, will be glad to receive further names. The exhibition hon. secretary was Mr. H. Scott Tucker, who was ably assisted by the president (Mr. R. Tyeth Stevens), Mr. C. E. Russel Rendle, Major Hailes, R.M.L.I., Messrs. Dymond, Walker, and Boyes-Fowler.

The Stampless Sunday.

THE inconvenience arising from the inability to obtain postage stamps on Sundays and after certain hours on week days is one which philatelists, perhaps, feel quite as acutely as any other class, especially if they dwell in the suburbs or in country districts. In order to meet the difficulty, Mr. H. C. Hamlyn, of Crouch-end, submitted a suggestion to the Postmaster-General that the sender of a letter might be permitted to enclose it in an unaddressed envelope, marked with a large X, together with the necessary money for postage, and that the Post Office officials should open envelopes so marked and place the necessary stamp on the letter enclosed. Such a plan, Mr. Hamlyn pointed out, would benefit those in country places who live closer to a pillar box than a post office. The following reply has been received: "I am directed by the Postmaster-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to express his regret that he is unable to entertain your suggestion with regard to the treatment of unstamped letters posted with coin attached for postage. The Postmaster-General considers it very undesirable that coin should under any circumstances be dropped into a letter box, and he is opposed to any arrangement which would conduce to such a practice."

The "Christian Globe" on Philately.

"THE PHILATELIST," remarks the "Christian Globe," "may be called a patron of the fine arts, since the stamps he loves are usually the rarest, therefore oldest, therefore most beautiful. He is also a microscopist of rank, spending hours at his instrument in the hope of discovering some minute difference in identical stamps. The faintest blurring of a line, the slightest deviation of a letter—he has discovered a new variety and is immortal. The amazing sway of the stamp cult is shown by the fact that the bits of coloured paper shown last week were valued at some £20,000, that the Prince of Wales exhibits a set of registered envelopes from British Central Africa which have acquired a unique worth because the local P.M.G. ran short of the 4d. variety and filled the value in with a pen, and that nowadays a bankrupt Government can almost pay for a war or a revolution by issuing a new set of stamps with a letter upside down or a corner smudged and selling them to philatelists."

The Eternal Catalogue.

"UNBELIEVER" has a grievance against philatelic cataloguers. (N.B.—He is not the only one!) "The following comparison" (writes "Unbeliever") "of the valuation of a certain European stamp, as given in two well-known catalogues, hardly increases the faith of the collector regarding catalogue values. I will call the catalogues 'A' and 'B.' There are three varieties of the stamp and the values given for used copies are:—

In A:—4d.	3d.	3d.
In B:—1/6	1/-	4d.

The difference in the first two values seems somewhat remarkable!"

It does indeed!

THE COLLECTORS' GUIDE TO VALUES.

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Compiled by a
COMMITTEE of INDEPENDENT PHILATELISTS.

	Unused mint	Unused average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
SARAWAK.				
1869. Perf. 11.				
3 cents brown on yellow	.. 1/6	1/	4/	2/9
1872. Perf. 11½.				
2 cents mauve on mauve	.. /9	/6	1/4	1/
3 " brown on yellow	.. /3	/2	1/4	1/3
4 " " "	.. /4	/3	1/6	1/4
6 " green on green	.. /7	/5	2/	1/6
8 " blue on blue	.. /8	/6	1/9	1/6
12 " red on rose	.. /9	/6	1/9	1/6
<i>On laid paper.</i>				
12 cents red on rose	.. ..		
<i>Variety showing stop after "three."</i>				
3 cents brown on yellow	.. 4/	3/	5/	3/9
1889-91.				
2c. purple and red	.. ..	/2	/3	1/2
3c. " and blue	.. ..	/2	/3	1/2
4c. " and yellow	.. ..	/6	/8	1/5
5c. lilac and green	.. ..	/3	/3	1/2
6c. purple and brown	.. ..	/8	/9	1/6
8c. green and carmine	.. ..	/4	1/4	1/3
10c. green and mauve	.. ..	/5	1/6	1/4
12c. green and blue	.. ..	/6	/8	1/6
25c. green and brown	.. ..	1/	1/3	1/9
<i>Provisionals.</i>				
2c. on 8c. green and carmine	.. ..	/3	1/4	1/3
5c. on 12c. green and blue	.. ..	/6	1/6	1/4
<i>Variety with large "C."</i>				
5c. on 12c. green and blue	.. ..	15/	15/	11/6
1892.				
1c. on 3c. brown and yellow	.. ..	/2	/3	1/2
"one cent" on 3c. purple and blue	.. ..	/2	1/4	1/3
"One cent" on 3c. purple and blue	10/		4/	3/
1c. black and purple	.. ..	/2	1/2	
1895. New Type.				
2c. red-brown	.. ..	/4	1/4	1/3
4c. black	.. ..	/3	1/3	1/2
6c. violet	.. ..	/4	1/4	1/3
8c. dark green	.. ..	/6	1/8	1/6
1897. Type of 1889.				
16c. green and orange	.. ..	/6	1/8	1/6
32c. green and black	.. ..	1/	1/3	1/
50c. green	.. ..	1/6	2/	1/6
1 dollar, green and black	.. ..	3/	4/	3/
1899. Black surcharge on the issue of 1872.				
"2 cents" on 3c. brown on yellow	.. ..	/3	1/3	1/2
"2 cents" on 12c. red on rose	.. ..	/6	1/9	1/6
<i>Red surcharge.</i>				
"4 cents" on 6c. green on green	.. ..	1/6	1/6	1/
"4 cents" on 8c. blue on blue	.. ..	1/6	1/6	1/
1899-1900.				
1c. blue and rose	.. ..		
2c. green	.. ..		
4c. carmine	.. ..		
8c. yellow and blue	.. ..		
10c. ultramarine	.. ..		
12c. lilac	.. ..		
16c. brown and green	.. ..		
20c. bistre and mauve	.. ..		
25c. lilac and blue	.. ..		
50c. green and rose	.. ..		
1 dollar, carmine and green	.. ..		
This issue should be obtainable at about 20% over the present value of the silver dollar.				
1902. With wmk. of Quatrefoils.				
2 cents, green	.. ..	1/		1/

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

QUOTE the following from the "Weekly Philatelic Era" on the first McKinley rejected die cards:--

Mr. J. M. Bartels has made a genuine find, nothing more or less than substantially all the commercial copies of the rejected die of the present McKinley postal card. This die was accepted by the department officials and a supply of cards printed. Upon the arrival in Washington, however, of printed samples, it was seen that the portrait was very unsatisfactory. It was nearly full face and lacked the strong characteristics which were familiar to those who knew him. Therefore a new die was ordered and at the same time the destruction of the printed cards from the first die was provided for. It has been previously stated that only 18 of these cards got out, and that these all bore the words "Rejected Die" written across the face. This number, however, is now thought to have been incorrect, but the number so distributed is known to have been small.

A recent letter from Mr. Bartels to the Department asking about the cards printed from the rejected die, brought forth a statement that all except the few marked as above were supposed to have been destroyed. Inquiry at the factory was answered in a similar manner.

Nevertheless it came to Mr. Bartels attention that some of these cards were in existence without the surcharge. He investigated and found that one box of 500 cards had been received at the Produce Exchange Branch Office in New York City with others and had been sold to a New York business firm. They had been printed on both sides and then issued in the regular course of business, being used for filing reports. Before they were discovered to have a philatelic value, about 350 of them had been used. Mr. Bartels has secured the remainder and hopes to be able to secure the used copies when the necessity for reference is done away with.

This will undoubtedly be one of the rarest of United States postal cards, and it will be interesting to see what value the philatelic world will place upon them.

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For those recent collectors of entires who find it difficult to get pieces now that so few dealers stock them, there is an excellent Exchange Club, called the Chelsea Entires Exchange, conducted by my friend, Mr. Warhurst, at 15, Paulton's Square, S.W., where all classes of postal stationery can be had and exchanged. Having been a member myself for three years I can speak to its excellence and effectiveness with some authority. I don't know the actual figures as to the turnover in money value of the pieces, but believe the amount would astonish those who look upon entires as an inactive subject of study.

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I understand that some interesting articles on minor varieties, with detailed list of all envelopes and cards of India has appeared in the "Philatelic Journal of India" about August or September. But as I have not yet seen a copy I cannot add fuller or more definite particulars.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Argentine Republic.—An official decree has been published authorising the use of private postal cards.

The size of the 5 centavos envelope, chronicled last month, is 150×120mm., is on white wove, and has dark grey pattern printed on the inside.

Bahamas.—"E.W.S.N." chronicles the following King's Head cards, of which "specimen" copies have been seen.

1d. carmine on cream, 140×89mm.
1d. + 1d. " " " "

The type is of course the usual Colonial setting.

France.—The 15 centimes envelope, says the "M.C.," is now in use with the corner inscription like the new postcards.

A 10c. letter card is also reported in the retouched Mouchon type, perf. 10½, date 244.

Letter card. 10c. red on grey.

Gambia.—It appears that no ½d. card has been issued for this Colony, as chronicled in my last list. The latest new King's Head card is the 1d. value which was seen some time ago.

German Empire.—"Le T. Belge" announces two new cards for use in Wurtemberg with heading

DRÜCKSACHE.

2 pf. grey-blue on cream.

3 pf. brown " "

It is explained that these are not exactly post cards, but forms intended to receive on their back notices of meetings, booksellers orders, etc., and are accepted and transmitted at book-post rates.

India.—A "specimen" copy of the following Registration Envelope has been seen.

2 annas. blue on white, (83×134 mm.)

Lagos.—New King's Head type of cards are being chronicled.

1d. carmine on buff (140×90 mm.)

1 + 1d. " " "

Leeward Islands.—"E.W.S.N." reports a new ½d. wrapper with King's Head, and new cards as below:—

½d. green on buff (125×300 mm.)

½d. green on cream (or buff?) (122×75 mm.)

1d. carmine " " (140×88 mm.)

1 + 1d. " " " "

Mexico.—Mr. Dunning reports to the "Era" that he has seen an entire envelope (Scott's No. 730) with the impression inverted.

Nicaragua.—The four cards chronicled October on the authority of an American contemporary, appear to have been merely a re-issue of the 1899 set.

Portugal.—A reply letter card has been issued.

Letter card. 25 + 25 green on chamois surfaced card, reverse white. Perf. D. Outer card 130×80mm. Reply card 109×70mm.

Russia.—Mr. Dunning has shown to the "Era" a card for Russian-China. The card bears a regular 1 kop. stamp surcharged China in Russian characters.

St. Vincent.—A new registration envelope for this Colony is reported. King's Head type.

2d. blue. 152×95mm.

Turkey.—The surcharge of 20 paras on 1 pi. envelope appears to have been a fraud. Officials deny the existence of any surcharged envelopes.

Tunis.—The 10c. envelope is now reported in rose, instead of black.

Envelope 10 centimes, rose on bluish.

Uganda.—Messrs. Scott & Wilson have shown me the 1 anna card of British East Africa with UGANDA in sans-serif capitals surcharged on stamp. I do not remember having chronicled this before.

1a. card. (B.E.A.) Carmine on buff.

Western Australia.—The following new stationery is chronicled by "E.W.S.N." except the 2d. Letter Card for which the "M.C." is my authority.

Envelope. 1d. carmine. Swan type.

2d. yellow. Type of Victoria 2d.

Registration Envelope. 3d. claret. Type of Victoria 3d.

Wrapper. ½d. green. Swan.

1d. carmine. Swan.

Post Card. 1d. + 1d. ?

1½d. + 1½d. blue. Type of Victoria 1½d.

Letter Card. 1d. rose on pale blue. Type of Victoria 2d.

2d. lake " " "

The 1d. letter card is "for use within Western Australia" and is said to be an error as the postal authorities say it does service for 1½d. and charge same for it.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

From Mr. Ernest Heginbottom, of Rochdale, we have some interesting facts relating to what is known in postal circles as "the Rochdale experiment." *Fortnightly* readers will have noted in their newspapers that the postal authorities at Rochdale, as an experiment, tried a new mode of dealing with the heavy Christmas mail. Senders of Christmas cards were invited to hand them over the counter of the post office, instead of posting them in the ordinary way, and letters so left were kept at the offices for delivery to their addresses on Christmas morning. The experiment appears to have answered well, and it is possible that it may be extended to the whole of the United Kingdom next year-end. The point of philatelic interest is the special postal obliteration applied to these advance postings of Christmas cards. This obliteration is of oval shape and bears the inscription: *Posted in advance for delivery on Christmas Day.* Letters bearing ½d. stamp, so far as Mr. Heginbottom is aware, all bore this postmark in red, while on the penny envelopes the obliteration is in black.

From Bridlington Quay a reader of the *Fortnightly* writes us as follows:—

I have recently come across a Transvaal 1d. surcharged E.R.I. (Stanley Gibbons 342), but the postmark is dated "17 Mar. 03." I shall be greatly obliged if you could give me any information as to this, also as to its value.

We can suggest no other solution of the mystery than a somewhat extraordinary mistake made by the postal official charged with the duty of adjusting the type of the metal post-marker. There are doubtless other instances of time being "taken by the forelock" in this involuntary way.

An interesting letter comes from Mr. W. H. Earl, agent varieties of Gambia:—

With respect to your account of the Philatelic Society's African Exhibition, held in London on the 13th inst., there is one statement to which I must take exception—it is that "the curious defect in the plate of the sixpenny stamp of Gambia (the malformation of the upper portion of the top right hand corner stamp of the sheet) runs through the whole series of the sixpenny stamps of the Colony." In 1897, I bought three sheets of sixpenny amongst other values, two of them being slate-green and the other bronze, with a glazed surface. The latter only shows the defect noted and further, it is not only the upper right hand corner stamp, but the left hand corner one also shows a considerable drop towards the lower outer edge. The right corner certainly shows the defect most, but both the corner stamps are out of the square. The only other defect in this issue I notice is in a sheet of the halfpenny stamps, the prolongation of the right stroke of the M on the top corner right hand stamp and the same on the left side of the M on the 2nd left upper stamp on another sheet of halfpenny stamps.

Our Philatelic Puzzle.

PRIZES FOR PROSE AND POETIC SOLUTIONS.

In our last issue we published the following puzzle:

Here we have a dozen stamps,

From as many lands:

Trim with care your Sphinxian lamps,
Find their native strands.

- (1) A textile coarse. (2) A textile fine.
- (3) A well-reputed kind of wine.
- (4) A bird that lays us golden eggs.
- (5) A larger fowl attention begs.
- (6) A nut ('tis here a nut Sphinxitic).
- (7) Book-binding rich, to suit the critic.
- (8) A liqueur with a subtle flavour.
- (9) 'Twill aid your pickle-bottle's savour.
- (10) A lacquer bright. (11) A coin here seen.
- (12) A well-beloved and noble Queen.

Readers of the S.C.F. were invited to name the twelve stamp-issuing countries indicated here. The response has been good, over a hundred letters being received. The first letter opened by the Editor of the *Fortnightly* when the closing date arrived, proved to contain a correct list of answers. Accordingly, by the terms of the competition, as printed in our last number, the cash prize of ten shillings goes to the sender:

MR. W. A. DEEKS,

c/o Mrs. Barrance,

Mildenhall, Suffolk.

The correct answers, by the way, as fixed by "Bonbon," the author of the puzzle, are as follows:

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| 1. Holland. | 7. Morocco. |
| 2. Cashmere. | 8. Curacao. |
| 3. Madeira. | 9. Chili. |
| 4. Cochin. | 10. Japan. |
| 5. Turkey. | 11. Guinea. |
| 6. Brazil. | 12. Victoria. |

On opening the remaining letters we were greatly surprised to find that only a very few competitors had got all the names correct, No. 1 was a great stumbling block, most of our readers taking the "textile coarse" to point to "Angola," while others hazarded "Saxony" and "Nankin."

Our invitation to the poets to take a hand in the game induced eleven philatelists to embody their ideas in verse, and not only is their poetry good and amusing, but they are stronger on the facts than the prose solutionists. Out of the eleven poetic solutions, four are absolutely correct. The Rev. P. E. Raynor contributes a catching and amusing bit of verse:—

The Muse awoke from forty winks,
And thus resolved the dubious Sphinx.

- (1) A Holland bib, a Cashmere shawl
- (3) Stain if you let Madeira fall.
- (4) A Cochin's egg may look like gold,
- (5) But won't buy Turkeys (as they're sold.)
- (6) Nuts of Brazil make small boys ill,
- (7) Morocco books your shelves may fill;
(Or Russia binding if you will.)
- (8) Much Curaças will turn men silly;
- (9) They'd better stick to pickled Chili.
- (10) Japan's volcanoes make it hilly.
- (11) To various funds their guineas giving
- (12) Men keep Victoria's memory living.

or

A Venezuelan Bolivar

May help to pay the cost of war.

P. E. RAYNOR.

But as the use of alternatives is inadmissible in a competition of this kind we must look beyond Mr. Raynor for the winner. Of the four who are absolutely correct we prefer

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.

British South Africa.—The new 2½d. stamp, of the same type as the current ½d. and 1d., is now to hand. Messrs. W. A. Bois informs "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" that the stamp was first issued on November 18th, in good time for the reduction of the letter rate to 2½d., which came into force on December 1st.

2½d. light blue.

France.—Mr. W. H. Earl, of Newcastle, Staffs., sends us a further interesting communication regarding the types of the present eventful issue:—

"I have just received the 15 centimes (Droits de L'homme), type III. printed in pale pink—the same shade as some of the 10 centimes of same type. At the same time I obtained the 20 centimes in what I take to be type II. printed in a deep chocolate brown, the same shade as the figures were printed in on type I. So far as I can make out the series now stand as follows:—

10 centimes, type I., II., III.	25 centimes, type I., II., III.
15 " " " II., III.	30 " " " I., III.
20 " " " I., II., III.	

The various types are also dated in the sheet with 0, 1, 2, standing for 1900, 1901, 1902, respectively.

At the same time we must thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for a specimen of the 15 centimes in pale pink, mentioned in Mr. Earl's letter.

Iceland.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have received a full set of the new Icelandic stamps, with head of King Christian:—

3 aur orange.	20 aur blue.
4 " red and grey.	25 " green and brown.
5 " green.	40 " violet.
6 " brown.	50 " black and grey.
10 " carmine.	1 krona brown and blue.
16 " brown.	

One cannot say much for these stamps on artistic grounds. They compare miserably even with the unattractive issues they supersede.

Liberia.—Of the new provisional stamp, 75 cents on 1 dollar blue, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us an interesting pair showing a dual variety in the red overprint—a large thin "C" in the "75C." and a comma instead of a full-stop after the "C."

75c. (red surcharge) on 1 dollar blue.

New South Wales (Railway Stamps).—From an American contemporary "Ewen's Weekly" quotes the following regarding new N.S.W. railway and parcel stamps:—

(i)—For Newspapers. Central design, a locomotive. Upright rectangle, 13 × 18mm.

1d. blue, 3d. purple, 6d. green, 1/- vermilion. Horizontal rectangle, 18 × 13mm.

2/6 yellow, 5/- bistre-brown.

(ii)—For parcels. Central design, figures and letter of value on a shield.

3d. blue, 6d. vermilion, 1/- purple.

The engraving of the 2/- and 5/- newspaper stamps (adds "Ewen's Weekly") is said to be much superior to that of the lower values. The parcels stamps are more striking, and have the figure and letter of value in white upon a network shield, surrounded by a broad coloured circle with "Government Railway—New South Wales" in white block letters.

Paraguay.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the 8 cents of the lithographed series surcharged in black "Habilitado en 5 Cent." The surcharge exists in two varieties—"reading upwards" and "reading downwards."

Turks Island.—We read in "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" a statement to the effect that all the Queen's Head remainders were bought up by a local firm when the new stamps came in in 1900, and are now being offered to the trade. The 1d. have become exhausted but the ½d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s. are offered in larger or smaller lots.

United States.—"The Optimist," Washington correspondent, has seen the design of the forthcoming new 10 cents stamp and is pleased with it. It is a simpler design than the 13 cents, and the bust of Webster is "an especially sturdy one." "The Martha Washington stamp," adds the same correspondent, "was issued the first of this week to a few postmasters, although none are thus far on sale at the local post office. The stamp is a most attractive specimen, if not the most beautiful ever issued by this Government. The colour is somewhat similar to that of the thirteen, although the latter is more of a blackish tint, while the light is a cold lilac."

A Philatelic Literature League.

Collectors who are interested in the accumulation of literature devoted to our hobby, or who intend devoting attention to the formation of a philatelic library, should join the Philatelic Literature League now being organized, remarks "Mekeel's Stamp Collector." The preliminary work has been done through the "Philatelic Inter-Ocean," a small sheet published by Messrs. Cook & Jones. Fees are high, as the membership will of necessity be limited. Address letters of inquiry to Mr. J. A. Cook, Waterloo, Iowa, U.S.A.

The Two Dies of the Seychelles.

"Morley's Philatelic Journal" may be forgiven for pluming itself on the fact that the discovery of the two dies of the Seychelles, first introduced to the philatelic world in general by Mr. O. Firth in the first and second volumes of that journal has now been confirmed by Mr. R. Ehrenbach, who read a paper on the subject recently at the London Philatelic Society.

Mr. Ehrenbach (proceeds our contemporary) not only confirms the existence of the two dies but extends the discovery to all the colonies which employ the De la Rue "POSTAGE—POSTAGE" type such as St. Helena and Turks Islands for example. Collectors in general will have to await the publication of Mr. Ehrenbach's paper for further details, but those who read Mr. Firth's articles and possess the two dies of the Seychelles stamps as far as they exist, will have reason to congratulate themselves on having acquired copies of the rarer die—for probably one will be found rarer than the other in each value—before prices go up. Now they will be ready to join in what will be an eager hunt for the two dies of the other colonies which use this type of stamp.

Coming Stamp Shows in Brooklyn.

From the "Weekly Philatelic Era," "Mekeel's Weekly," and others from over the pond we gather that a series of three open competitive exhibitions will be given under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. There will be silver medals and other desirable prizes.

The First Exhibition, to be held on January 23rd, shall be an open competition for the best 50 Different Cancelled Stamps, condition, not rarity, to count. The total of 300 points may be scored as follows: For each stamp, one point for colour or brilliancy, two points for centring, and three points for cancellation. Legible town cancellations shall count three, ordinary town cancellations shall count two, bar or cork cancellations shall count one. No damaged or repaired stamp can score any point. Pairs or blocks count as one stamp.

The Second Exhibition, to be held on February 27th, shall be for the best exhibit of stamps of any one of the following countries:—Chili, Hong Kong, Belgium, Jamaica, Netherlands, Egypt.

The total of 10 points may be scored as follows:—Three points for condition, three points for rarity, three points for numbers, and one point for general effectiveness and skill in arrangement.

The Third Exhibition, to be held on March 27th, shall be for the best 50 different unused stamps of the Catalogue value of £2 and under.

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And nuts from *Brazil* give us bad indigestion.
Morocco bound stamp albums cost a good deal,
While *Curacao's* comforting after a meal.
In *Chili* the ladies all carry a fan,
And forged stamps in thousands are made in *Japan*.
On watchchains a *Guinea* is frequently seen,
And *Victoria*, of course, was the name of our Queen.

At the same time we must compliment several other rhymesters, including the Rev. Haymen Cummings, Mr. W. H. Earl, Mr. G. C. Morris, Mr. E. Stoddart, and Mr. A. C. Constantinides on their ingenious efforts.

And once again many thanks to "Bonbon," the constructor of the puzzle, who put himself to considerable trouble to provide a little entertainment for his fellow readers of the *Fortnightly*.

From the Auction Rooms.

ONE need not be much of a prophet to predict a bumper auction and a bumper attendance at Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's, Leicester Square Rooms, on January 20th & 21st, when the splendid unused collection formed by Mr. G. Owen Wheeler, a member of the London Philatelic Society, will be dispersed. Mr. Wheeler is one who likes his stamps in only one condition—the best, and those who have seen the many beautiful "lots" to be included in the sale under notice declare that they never saw such an accumulation of brilliant mint specimens. Some of the choicest things to be included in the sale are to be found detailed in an advertisement in this number of the *Fortnightly*.

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & OOPER'S Sale, November 21st, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Great Britain, wmk. Maltese Cross, £5 orange, mint, v.f.*	5	0	0
Do. wmk. 3 Crowns, £1 brown-purple, fine*	4	0	0
Bulgaria, 1882, 5st. rose and pale rose, error of colour, fine	5	15	0
Afghanistan, 1902, Abasi black, a very fine strip of 3*	3	15	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, wmk. C. & C.A., 2½c. purple-brown, mint*	6	10	0
India, 1886, 6 annas purple, surcharged "POSTAGE" in green, a fine strip of 4, mint*	3	17	6
Philippine Islands, 1st issue, 1 real blue, the error "CORROS," fine	7	0	0
Straits Settlements, 1st issue, 12 cents in red on 4 annas green, twice surcharged, mint*	3	0	0
Egypt, 1st issue, 5 piastres rose, with error of overprint*	5	0	0
Orange River Colony, surcharged V.R.I., 2½d. blue, block of 4, mint, showing the varieties Roman I. and antique 2 in ½ and square stop after letter R, fine*	4	0	0
Seychelles, 1893 provl., 15 cents on 16c., chestnut and blue, with inverted surcharge, mint*	2	0	0
Transvaal, 1878, surcharged "V.R. Transvaal," 1d. red on blue, fine roulette, mint, very fine*	1	10	0
Zanzibar, on Indian, surcharge in blue, ½ anna, green, fine	1	16	0
Do. 1 anna, plum, ditto..	2	0	0
St. Vincent, 1880, perf. 11 to 12½, 1½ vermilion*	3	10	0
Do. "Surcharge Postage," 1d. on 8d. grey-brown, mint*	4	0	0
Montserrat, Wmk. C. and C.A., 4d. blue*	7	0	0
Trinidad, The Lady McLeod, very fine	12	12	0
Turks Islands, Provisional, "½" on 1/- lilac, twice surcharged, mint*	2	10	0
Peru, 1st issue, medio peso, rose-red, very fine	7	15	0
Victoria, 1854, lithographed, 2d. brown-lilac, a very fine horizontal strip of 3, mint*	5	5	0
Western Australia, 1st issue, 1/- brown, a fine vertical strip of 4 on entire	5	0	0
Do. 1857, rouletted 2d. brown-black on bright red, a fine vertical pair, with full roulettes, with an ordinary imperforate 2d.	22	10	0
Do. 6d. black-bronze, with full roulettes, fine.	4	12	0

Mr. Wm. HADLOW'S Sale, Nov. 24th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
British Guania, the cent on 1 dol. with double surcharge	1	0	0
British Central Africa, the embossed 1d. blue and red, imperf.*	5	5	0
Canada, 2c. International Postage (map) block of 4 imperf.	2	5	0
Ceylon, perf. 14 + 12½, 8c. orange with gum	1	16	0
Danish West Indies, block of 4 of the 4c. perforated, mint, errors, wmk. inverted*	2	14	0
Grenada, Half penny on 2/-, doubly surcharged*	3	3	0
United States, Columbus issue, the 4c. printed in the colour of the 1c. mint	2	17	6

Messrs. PUTTIK & SIMPSON'S Sale, November 25th and 26th, 1902.

Great Britain, 1867-69, 2/- deep blue, mint*	2	10	0
Do. 1880, 2/- brown, mint*	4	4	0
Do. 1884-88, £1 purple-brown, wmk. crowns, mint*	3	7	6
Do. O.W. Official, 1902, 5d. lilac and blue, fine	4	17	6
Ceylon, imperf., 8d. brown, good margins, very fine	9	9	0
Do. wmk. C.C., 2d. emerald, a very fine pair, mint*	2	17	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, Woodblocks, 4d dark blue, lightly cancelled, very fine	5	10	0
Do. Mafeking Besieged, 1900, on Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1d. on ½d., with inverted surcharge, fine	9	0	0
Do. do. on British Bechuanaland, 1/- on 6d., very fine	5	5	0
Griqualand, 1847, 1d. in red on 4d. blue, mint, very fine*	1	16	0
Niger Coast, 1893-94, half penny in vermilion on 2½d. purple on blue, mint, very scarce*	4	0	0
Transvaal, 1878-9, 1s. green, a fine corner block of 4, mint*	3	5	0
Do. 1887-90, £5 green, mint, very fine, with corner margins*	3	3	0
Do. 1900, V.R.I., 2½d. blue, with inverted surcharge, very fine	2	5	0
Zanzibar, 1895-96, 2½ in red on 1½a. sepia, the error "Zanzibar," very fine	9	0	0
Do. do. 2½ in red on 1½a. sepia, the error "Zanzibar," ditto	8	10	0
Do. do. 2½ in red on 1a. plum, mint*	2	4	0

Mr. B. L. DREW'S 100th Sale, Boston, Mass., U.S.A. November 24th and 25th, 1902.

U.S. Pan-American, 1901, 1c. inverted centre*	3	10	0
Do. do. do. 2c. do. do. do.	27	16	0
Do. do. do. 4c. do. do. do. marked specimen	12	0	0
Do. Documentary, 1898, 100 None as yet priced in } 500 Scott's Catalogue. All } 1000 have cut cancellation. }	1	4	0
Do. do. do. 1901, 50 grey and black	7	5	0
Hawaii Numerals, 1909-05, 2c., Scott's No. H11	3	17	6
Do. do. do. 1c., do. H23*	1	17	6
Do. do. do. 2c., do. H26*	2	8	0
Philippine Islands, 1854, 10c. fine	2	12	0
Do. 1870, 200m. mint	2	18	0
Do. 1877-9, 10c. do.	3	8	0
Austrian Newspaper, 1851-6, 30kr. rose	12	1	0
Argentina, 1901, 20 peso, off centre	2	1	0
Bavaria, 1850-62, 6kr., broken circle, fine	0	5	0
Brazil, 1843, 30 reis, a fine pair	1	12	0
British Guiana, 1850, 1c. magenta, fine	5	12	6
Canada, 1857, 6d. perf., off centre	3	15	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1853-64, 1d. red, a fine block of 4	1	0	0
Do. 1861, Woodblock 4d. dark blue	4	7	0
Ceylon, 1857, 9d. imperf., fine	5	2	0
Do. 1861, 8d. yellow	4	8	0
Danish West Indies, 1873-6, 14c.*	1	9	0
Do. 1901, 2c. on 3c., old type error	2	9	0
France, 1850, 1fr. vermilion	5	4	0
Great Britain, 1854-5, 2d., a fine strip of 3	0	10	0
Do. 1882, £5, fine	1	1	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & OOPER'S Sale, December 4th and 5th, 1902.

British Central Africa, 1st issue, £5 sage-green, fine	5	5	0
Do. do. £10 brown, fine*	10	10	0
British East Africa, 1897, 20 rupees, mint*	1	10	0
Do. do. 50 rupees, mint*	3	17	6
Cape of Good Hope, woodblocks, 1861, 4d. blue, mint, slightly thinned*	16	0	0

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

A MEETING of the above Society was held on Saturday, December 20th, 1902, at Clapham Hall, when Mr. A. R. McCallum read a paper on "The Manufacture of Postage Stamps." Another meeting will be held to-day (Jan. 3rd), when the usual sale and exchange will be conducted, and the fourth part of Mr. E. Heginbottom's collection of Great Britain will be displayed, after which there will be a debate on "Should particulars of forgeries be published?"

H. F. JOHNSON, *Hon. Secretary*, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A VERY successful meeting of the Liverpool Philatelic Society was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, on Monday, December 15th, 1902.

By arrangement Mr. Ferdinand Von Sobbe very courteously consented to exhibit his collection of Greek stamps.

The collection in question is one of undisputed excellence, and the exhibits were viewed by the members of the society with an interest and appreciation, which found utterance in the very hearty vote of thanks which was accorded to Mr. Von Sobbe at the close of the meeting, and to which the said gentleman suitably replied.

The Committee are desirous of thanking Messrs. Bright & Son for kindly presenting the society with a copy of the 5th (King Edward) Edition of their Catalogue.

The next meeting of the Society will be held on January 12th, 1903.

Hon. Sec., W. HALFPENNY, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool.

THE FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE sales from the September packet amounted to £31, the value of sheets circulated being £251. For the July-September quarter the sales were £88, from a total circulated of £651, which, considering this was the "off season" quarter, is fairly satisfactory.

For the December packet sheets have been sent in amounting to £194, which is below the average, but as many desirable stamps are in the selections, the sales will probably be good.

During the last twelve months the value of the monthly packets has been over £3,000 and the sales nearly £500, which is rather convincing that there is interest and value in fiscals.

Fiscals may be disposed of through the Club. For rules and other information apply to the *Hon. Sec.*, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, Kensington, W.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND STAMP CLUB.

THE October packet credit accounts are all paid, but several debits are rather overdue. The Secretary would impress upon members the importance of *prompt* payment of accounts. December packet started on the 5th inst. Net value over £108.

N.B.—Prices remain nett in this Club and in the *Beginners*, by vote of large majority of members, more than three-fourths voting strongly in favour of the nett system.

Secretary, MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

THE BEGINNERS' STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE October packet was received by Secretary December 9th, and all debit accounts were sent out on the 13th. At the date of writing, 23rd inst., all credit accounts are paid though there remain a few debits not yet settled. The Secretary would remind the members that all debts should be promptly paid. Prices remain nett.

The packet for December was a very good one, value over £70 nett. No vacancies at present.

Secretary, MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THIS Society held their last meeting of the year at the Oriental Café, on Wednesday, the 17th December, 1902. Mr. Harrison presiding. Owing to the scarcity of members only a general conversation was indulged in, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the 21st January, when members are earnestly requested to attend.

W. S. HUGHES, *Hon. Secretary*.

THE PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE December Packet, which is in two parts, totals to the value of £140 17s. 8d.

The November Packet has returned from the first circuit and has now been sent out to various new members.

We shall be pleased to welcome new members, and rules will gladly be sent on receipt of application to the Secretary. There is no entrance fees or subscription. This Journal is sent free to all members.

Secretary, R. T. MORGAN, 14, High Street, Selhurst.

ONE-AND-ALL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE September A and B packets have been returned from their respective circuits. The sales were not so bad. In the A section there were 22 sheets, valued £220 12s. 8d., and from these sheets were sold 530 stamps valued £22 0s. 4d. In the B section, there were 20 sheets, valued £90 4s. 6d., and 607 stamps valued £14 10s. changed hands.

December packets were despatched on 16th Dec. and their values were:—A section, 25 sheets, value £125 10s. 5d.; B section, 30 sheets, value £48 3s. 6d.

These packets are a deal below the usual value of the packets sent out, owing to several deaths having taken place in the families of the best contributing members.

Four new members joined the Exchange for December packets, viz., Messrs. Bois, Phillips, Naylor, and Mrs. Schindler.

Secretary, J. G. STEVENS, Stanley House, Redruth.

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The following may be mentioned amongst other scarce things (*all being unused unless otherwise stated*):—

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| <p>Great Britain, 6d. and 10d., octagonal, mint, superb, and 10/- and £1, wmk. cross, ditto.</p> <p>Ceylon, imperf., 8d. (2) and 9d. <i>used</i>, superb, and 10d. (2), 1/9 (2) and 2/-; perf., star, 1/9 (2) and 2/- (2 pairs); no wmk., 9d. (2) and 1/-; wmk. CC., 2d. emerald (block of 4 and a pair), 5d. purple-brown (block of 4), and a magnificent lot of other mint pairs and blocks of the Pence issues.</p> <p>Mauritius, Post Paid, two superb copies of the early 1d. <i>used</i> together on piece of original.</p> <p>Canada, imperf., 7½ and 10d. and perf. 6d., mint, &c., &c.</p> <p>Bahamas, no wmk., perf. 14-16, 4d. and 6d., and perf. 13, 6d.; wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 1/-, mint.</p> <p>St. Vincent, wmk. star, 5/-, &c.</p> <p>Grenada, broad star, 2½d. and 4d., blocks of 4 of each; 1883, "Postage" on half of 1d., a strip of 6; 1886, 4d. with upright "d," all mint, and a superb lot of pairs, strips and blocks of the early issues.</p> | <p>Barbados, a very fine lot, including wmk. large star, rough perfs., 1/-, and clean cut perfs., 4d. and 1/-, small star, 5/- rose (3), all mint, &c., &c.</p> <p>St. Lucia, 1st issue, 1d., 4d. and 6d., a block of 6 of each, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 1/- orange, block of 4 of each shade, wmk. C.A., 1/- orange (surcharged), block of 4, all mint, &c., &c.</p> <p>British Guiana, 1852, 1c., a superb pair and a single; 1856, an enormous copy of the 4c., and 1862, 2c. (3) and 4c., all <i>used</i> and superb, &c.</p> <p>Victoria, a very nice lot of various unused, a fine range of shades of the 1862 to 1876 issues (including two of the 4d. rosine and the 5/- blue on yellow), &c.</p> <p>Western Australia, 1854, 1d. (2 pairs), 4d. (3 pairs and 5 singles, 1/- 13 pairs and 10 singles, various shades), 1857, 2d., 1860, 6d., all unused, and 1857, 2d. and 6d. (5, two are gold-bronze), and several values rouletted, all <i>used</i> and very fine, and a splendid lot of unused blocks, &c., of the later issues.</p> |
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Philately at Home and Abroad

A Coming Change in British Stamps.

WE are able to state that a new series of British postage stamps, showing a real portrait of the King, instead of an effigy that everyone criticises, is being projected, though no definite arrangements have yet been made for the change of issue. The scheme for a worthier British postage stamp is one in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has greatly interested himself.

Philately in India.

WE have received—too late, we regret, for insertion in its proper place in this issue—the annual report of the Philatelic Society of India. With great pleasure we note that all is well with this admirable society. Mr. W. E. Wetherell well deserves the special vote of thanks accorded him for his conduct of the Society's magazine, the "Philatelic Journal of India," a work which Mr. C. Stewart Wilson, Hon. President, will undertake for 1903. We shall give the full report in our next number.

The Stamp Album of To-Day.

ALTHOUGH Mr. F. M. Sexton has recently demonstrated to *Fortnightly* readers that the stamp album of to-day is not perfect, one is tempted to retort that some of the excellent books placed on the market by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, are as near perfection as we are likely to get. With this issue of the *Fortnightly* Messrs. Gibbons circulate an

eight-page pamphlet describing all their latest albums. The "King's Own," a blank album for collectors of "King's Head" Colonials is a particularly interesting innovation, which we hope and believe will "catch on" and by an abundant sale reward the enterprise of its publishers.

Napoleon on an American Stamp!

A PICTURE of the first Napoleon on an American stamp! It seems an unlikely thing, but it appears to be brought within the bounds of possibility by statements made in the American stamp journals to the effect that a set of special stamps may be issued for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904. "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" is responsible for the original statement, and a writer in the "Weekly Philatelic Era," commenting upon it suggests "that a portrait of Napoleon I. be placed upon one of the stamps, as it was through his means that the treaty was made and Louisiana became a part of the United States."

With Another Man's Stamps.

ANOTHER alleged theft of a stamp collection! One Philip Herbert Scott, describing himself as a veterinary surgeon, is under remand on the charge of stealing the stamp album of his employer, Mr. Lucien Savournin, veterinary surgeon, of Long-lane, Smithfield. The stamps are valued at £50.

It is asserted that, during Mr. Savournin's absence in Paris, Scott, who had been discharged from his employ, called at the shop in Long-lane, representing that he wanted some linen he had left behind. He was allowed to go upstairs, and while there he entered Mr. Savournin's private room, and stole the collection of stamps. He subsequently sold the book, said to be worth £50, to a dealer in the Strand for £7 odd.

The accused was arrested by Detective Charles Smith, late on Friday last, the 9th, and on Saturday at the Guildhall the Alderman granted a remand.

The Pre-Philatelic Man.

SATURDAY last, January 10th, was the sixty-fourth birthday of the penny post. "Its becoming more difficult every year," writes a correspondent, to understand how men worried along without postage stamps and the postal system."

The story of our lack of postal facilities before Rowland Hill devised his uniform scheme sounds to-day incredible. To send a single sheet of paper weighing half-an-ounce from London to the country cost from fourpence to one and eightpence, according to

distance. If there were two sheets in the letter it was charged double, and if it weighed over half-an-ounce the charge was four-fold. Thus a Londoner sending a very moderate-sized note to his friend in Scotland might find over 14s. demanded for it.

When Rowland Hill demanded that letters should go anywhere in the kingdom at a uniform charge of a penny per half-ounce officials were aghast. The Postmaster-General declared in horror that if this took place the post would increase twelvefold, and the walls of the Post Office would fall in with the rush of correspondence.

The first part of the prophecy has been much more than fulfilled. For every one postal communication sent by our grandfathers we send forty. For every letter posted then we send a telegram now, and with a margin of a million or two to spare on the total. In Christmas week alone we send twice as many as seventy years ago were sent in an entire year. But the walls of the Post Office have not yet fallen in, although it has been found necessary to strengthen the foundations of St. Martin's-le-Grand.

In the late thirties the total outlay of the Post Office came only to £696,000. The profit of the department now is four millions sterling, and the expenditure between ten and eleven millions. The total number of persons employed by the Post Office was a few thousand; now it is 180,000. When the penny post first came men thought it a marvel that for a copper coin a missive could be taken 500 miles to Scotland. To-day for the same sum you can send it 15,000 miles to New Zealand, across the Atlantic and right over the American continent to Vancouver, or to India and the Far East.

Postal reformers looking further ahead hope for a halfpenny town letter post at home, for sixpence a word telegrams and penny letters to America, and a penny a word telegrams to the Continent of Europe. Meanwhile, what is immediately wanted is a more expeditious transmission of inland telegrams.

Lost, a Collection of English.

MISS HAYNES, the Secretary of the Ladies' Stamp Exchange, requests us to draw attention to the loss of a book of stamps, containing a collection of English, &c. The book was lost somewhere between Notting Hill Gate and Uxbridge Road, and anyone taking the same to Miss Haynes, at Westwood House, Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush, will receive a reward of £5.

Philately at the Free Library.

OFFICIALS of public institutions greatly vary in their degrees of courtesy towards the public. It is a great pleasure, therefore, to record an act of signal consideration towards philatelists by one of the librarians of the Borough of Southwark, who, in connection with Mr. Fred J. Melville's recent lecture "Postage Stamps with Stories" at St. Saviour's Library issued a leaflet showing the principal books and magazine articles on postage stamps to be found in the Southwark public libraries in Blackfriars Road, Borough Road, Southwark Bridge Road and Walworth Road—four of the leading public libraries in a very densely populated quarter of London.

News-Notes from All Quarters.

Mr. W. Williams, of Northampton, has added yet one more to the list of philatelic exchange clubs—the Northampton British and Foreign Stamp Exchange. We wish him all success.

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A writer in the "Weekly Philatelic Era" draws attention to the ridiculous bids sometimes received by auctioneers. He mentions an instance of a bid of 4s. for a specimen of the 12 pence of Canada!

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Further extracts from the Irish newspapers, kindly sent us by Mr. J. Dixon, of Cork, show that the man, Andrew Moore, alleged to have murdered the Rev. W. Bell, of Kilmeen, has been further remanded by the Balineen magistrates.

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It appears that Adrien Champion, otherwise Henri Bauche, of Geneva, Paris, the Old Bailey, and elsewhere, rather questions the taste of various Press references to his interesting self, and threatens a libel action against one of the continental philatelic journals.

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	Used average copy	Used very fine	Used average copy
SEYCHELLES ISLANDS.				
1890. Wmk. C.A. Perf. 14.				
2c. green and carmine	1/1	1/2	1 1/2
4c. carmine and green	1/2	1/3	1/2
8c. purple-brown and blue	1/4	1/4	1/3
10c. blue and brown	1/8	1/1	1/9
13c. blue and black	1/9	1/3	1/10
16c. red-brown and blue	1/1	1/3	1/10
48c. yellow and green	3/3	4/1	3/3
96c. violet and carmine	7/1	9/1	7
1892. With black surcharge.				
3c. on 4c.	1/2	1/3	2
12c. on 16c. red-brown and blue	1/9	1/9	1/6
15c. on 16c. red-brown and blue	1/6	1/9	6
45c. on 48c.	5/1	5	3/9
90c. on 96c.	6/1	5	3/9
With inverted surcharge.				
3c. on 4c.
12c. on 16c.
15c. on 16c.
Variety without the word "Cents."				
15c. on 16c.
1893.				
3 cents violet-brown and orange	1/1	1/2	1
12c. bistre and green	1/3	1/4	1/3
15c. olive and violet	1/4	6	1/4
45c. bistre and carmine	1/9	2/6	1/9
1896.				
18c. on 45c.	1/9	1/9	6
36c. on 45c.	3/6	4/6	3/6
With double surcharge.				
18c. on 45c.
1897.				
2c. orange and green	1/1	1/2	1 1/2
6c. carmine	1 1/2	1/2	1 1/2
15c. ultramarine	1/4	1/6	1/4
18c. ultramarine	1/4	1/6	1/4
36c. brown and carmine	1/1	1/3	1/1
75c. yellow and ultramarine	1/3	2/1	1/6
1 rupee mauve and red	1/7	2/1	1/6
1r. 50c. grey and carmine	2/4	2/9	2/3
2r. 25c. lilac and green	3/9	4/6	3/9
1901. With black surcharge.				
2 cents on 2c. green and carmine	1/1	1/2	1/1
3 " on 16c. red-brown and blue..	..	1/1	1/1	1/8
3 " on 36c. brown and carmine..	..	1/6	1/6	1/4
3 " on 10c. ultramarine and bistre	..	1/4	1/6	1/4
6 " on 8c. violet-brown and ultra.	..	1/3	1/6	1/4

Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

THESE is an important article in the "Monthly Journal" for December that should be read by all fiscal philatelists who do not exclude Africa from their field of operations. It is from the pen of Mr. Emil Tamsen—whose recent contributions to "Morley's Philatelic Journal" afforded pleasing evidence of the working of the fiscal leaven—and it deals with the stamps of the New Republic.

It is evident from Mr. Tamsen's article that this interesting little Republic, in its brief existence of just over four years, managed to mix up its stamp issues to such an extent that no specialist has yet succeeded in sufficiently unravelling the tangle to be able to definitely separate the fiscals from the postals. It would, indeed, almost appear as though to some extent they could not be separated, but it is very evident that some important discoveries remain to be made with respect to the original intentions of the authorities responsible for the production of the stamps, and I would draw special attention to the fact that we have here a situation in which the evidence of collectors of revenues may be not only helpful but possibly decisive. Unfortunately, few fiscalists in this part of the world are likely to be able to throw much light on the subject, but those in South Africa may well see to it that no opportunity is lost of adding to the sum total of the knowledge gained on both sides.

The curious makeshift impressions first issued in this region, some specimens of which recently came under my observation, are stated to have been purely fiscals, though it has been claimed that they have done postal service. Of this issue the only values known at present to members of the Fiscal Philatelic Society are the comparatively high ones of 7/6, 13/- and 20/-, the denomination being written in the centre of the design; doubtless Mr. Tamsen could do us the service of adding other values to our list. Coming to the later issues it is well known that most values are found on both yellow and blue papers, both papers being sometimes employed for the same printing, as is shown by the dates which formed part of the earlier design. Later still some values on both papers were embossed with the arms of the Republic, and, although a very indiscriminate use appears to have been made of all these varieties, it is thought that originally there was an intention to make in one or both of these ways a distinction between the postal and fiscal issues; should this be so, it is most desirable that the real facts should be elicited.

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Before my next batch of notes comes to be written collectors will probably have received the 1903 edition of Scott's Catalogue, the revenue pages of which are usually scanned with a good deal of interest. Some, of course, are chiefly concerned with the degree to which the pecuniary value of their holdings has been affected; but, generally, it is felt that the constant rise in prices betokens a steady growth in the number of collectors, and a more just appreciation of the difficulty of obtaining the rarer specimens. I do not know to what extent the Custom-house clearance in California has affected the supply of old revenues, but if the bulky parcels of documents recently sold were well stamped it may make a temporary difference.

For some months I have been missing my American mail, and so feel rather behind the times in this direction, but the service has just been resumed, and from the number of "Mekeel's Weekly" last to hand I extract the following auction realisations of recent issues not priced in last year's catalogue. The \$100, \$500 and \$1000, of 1898, fetched respectively \$6, \$46 and \$36, and the \$50, grey and black, brought the very respectable sum of \$22.20. An advertisement in the same paper offers a fine uncut copy of the \$1000 for \$45, and the set of revenues overprinted Porto Rico, 1 cent to \$50, unused, for \$85.

I have not heard what the high value British South Africans referred to last month averaged out at, but one fiscal lot in the same sale did not bring in an exorbitant return, despite the prominence given to it. It was described as:—

Lot 87. SIRMOR: Entire court fee stamp papers, 1867, 8 annas with signature of the Rajah in full; later issues, 1, 2, 6, 12, annas, 1 (2), 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20 rupees, a valuable lot.

The Lot of 16 stamps was knocked down for 2/-. and the explanation lies in the fact that all the impressions were non-adhesives.

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A couple of months ago I chronicled a few Basutos that I had been fortunate enough to get hold of, and I have since received a few more from the same source. They are of the type given last in my list, with the overprint in thin black block caps, 21 x 2½, horizontally on the figure of Hope, and the values are 3d., lilac and yellow; 6d., lilac and violet; 1-, lilac and blue. There was also a block of 1d., lilac and pink, containing one stamp without stop after the word **BASUTOLAND**.

On turning up the previous note on this subject, I regret to find that the 3d. stamp listed therein is given as lilac and green, instead of lilac and yellow. The mistake probably arose (either in copying my rough notes or in setting up the type) from the close proximity of the 3s., which is printed in the colours wrongly given for the 3d.

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There is an article in the last number of "Morley's Philatelic Journal" devoted to the current 3d., Bank Draft stamps of the Orange River Colony. The stamp employed is the old Free State 3d., blue, postage, overprinted at the top V·R·I., across the centre B·D., and at the bottom the value, all the stops being raised. When chronicling this issue some time ago I noted the fact that the letters in the centre varied in size, and as it appears that there are two types of each of them, and that the top overprint occasionally shows the thick V variety, the result is that seven varieties were found in the pane examined. Three of these were represented by one specimen each, a fourth by four, a fifth by six, a sixth by fourteen, and the commonest by thirty-three.

The writer states, as a most remarkable feature, that although each stamp bears an overprint with five stops not one of them is out of place, so that there are no "mixed" varieties, but he mercifully forbears to surmise that this may be due to the fact that the compositor knew that he was not setting up postage stamps. However this may be, I can add a variety to those enumerated in the article, for Mr. Maunder has shown me a pair, the right hand stamp of which has no stop after the D. I cannot say what precise position it occupied in its pane, but it is in the second vertical row from the left.

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Mr. A. E. Lawrence, of New York, who worthily represents America on the administrative body of the Fiscal Club, has just communicated an interesting discovery to "Morley's Journal." He has noticed that there are varieties in the type of some at least of the values of the first issues of Queensland, and he has sent over two copies of the 1/- green with a list of the differences between them. On making an examination of my own stamps the fact of there being differences is at once apparent, and though I do not find exactly all the features mentioned, I can produce a horizontal pair of the 1/- which shows most of the differences, as well as some others, such as the distance between the crown and the top of the oval containing the portrait, and the curious fact that the eyes of one portrait are placed much more obliquely than those of the other, which gives quite a different appearance to the pose of the head. Similar differences are discernable in the case of other values, and once again we are face to face with the fact of how easy it is not to see many obvious things until they are pointed out to us.

The stamps referred to are, of course, those first listed and illustrated under the heading of postal fiscals in Gibbons.

Communications in respect of this department should be sent direct to Mr. A. PRESTON PEARCE, 12, Edgcombe Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

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The "Referee" leaves the Field.

The "Philatelic Monthly Referee" has joined the great majority. Poor "Referee!"—its whistle will be heard no more. Some months ago, Mr. R. T. Morgan sounded the "Half-Time," and now, under Mr. J. T. Bolton's editorship, the final goal is kicked, and the "P.M.R." becomes part and parcel of the "P.J.G.B." It was a sound, honest, straightforward paper, and one which probably failed only because it never had an Editor with sufficient leisure to put into it the steady hard work it needed. The readers of a philatelic journal seldom realise what an infinitude of troublesome detail work there is to be done in running even a small "class" magazine, and the bitter complaints of lukewarm support sometimes made by the Editors of our contemporaries are by no means unjustified. Against the few who give a philatelic journal their whole-hearted and cordial support one must set the many who accord only a grudging and grumbling countenance to the efforts made to instruct and entertain them. For our part, we have always striven to look on the brighter side of things, and we can assure our readers that the pleasure derived from editing and publishing the *Fortnightly* has been, more than once, the determining factor in maintaining our paper at its customary standard. We happen to know that the *S.C.F.* is very keenly appreciated by many philatelists, both at home and over-sea, and that is a thing that counts for much. But though the *S.C.F.*—alone, we think, among British philatelic journals—shows a profit, and a good profit, on the capital invested, it is a sure and certain thing that there is no great fortune to be won from a philatelic journal—a fact which is quickly discovered by the proprietors of new ventures in philatelic publishing.

The "Young Stamp Collector," "Postal Cards and Covers," the "Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly," "Stamps," the "Philatelic Monthly Referee"—these are but a few of the ghosts that grin mockingly at us as we grab together the scattered sheets of our copy for the next *Fortnightly*. We are not going to let them daunt us, however. In 1950, though we may not live to dodder through its "Editorial" and its "Philately at Home and Abroad," we hope and believe there will still be a *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* to do its little best for the philatelic hobby and its devotees.

We are getting on towards the end of Volume VIII., and with No. 208 of the *S.C.F.* the concluding number of the volume, many subscriptions become renewable. May we appeal as usual to subscribers in distant countries and colonies to take time by the forelock and remit their renewal subscriptions (3s. 3d. per annum, postage paid) *forthwith*, so that there may be no break in the delivery of the journal.

A Word to the Editors of our contemporaries! We must explain that the late delivery of "exchange copies" of the last *Fortnightly* was not due to late publication (the "*S.C.F.*" always comes out "on time," and always means

to!), but to the fact that we have been revising and rearranging our "Exchange List." We have made a point of sending this present issue of the *Fortnightly* to all philatelic editors at home and abroad, whether on our Exchange List or not. We are desirous of exchanging *regularly* with all publications everywhere, even though they be as pro-Boer, as the "Virginia Philatelist," or as Anglophobe as some of our Continental contemporaries.

The "Post-Dated" Postmark referred to by a Bridlington Quay reader in the last *Fortnightly* has brought to us a brace of interesting communications. Messrs Whitfield King & Co. write:—

"We possess a curiosity in the shape of a postmark which easily beats that of your Bridlington Quay correspondent. As you might perhaps like to see this curiosity we enclose it for your inspection. It consists, as you will see, of a block of four Northern Nigeria 2s. 6d. Queen's head type, dated October 3rd, 2019!! The fact that the figure '2' is upside down shows how the mistake happened. No doubt the figures '02' dropped out, and in replacing them the clerk held the postmarking stamp upside down, and inserted the figures at the wrong end of the date. If you turn the stamps up side down the date is 6102!!"

On the same subject Mr. John Harms, of Cricklewood, writes:—

I think the enclosed pair of Seychelles stamps "go one better" as regards "taking time by the forelock" than the stamp mentioned by your correspondent at Bridlington Quay.

The postmark reads Praslin G P and Anse (one of the Seychelle Isles) and the date: Jan. 4th, '20 (or rather 4, '20).

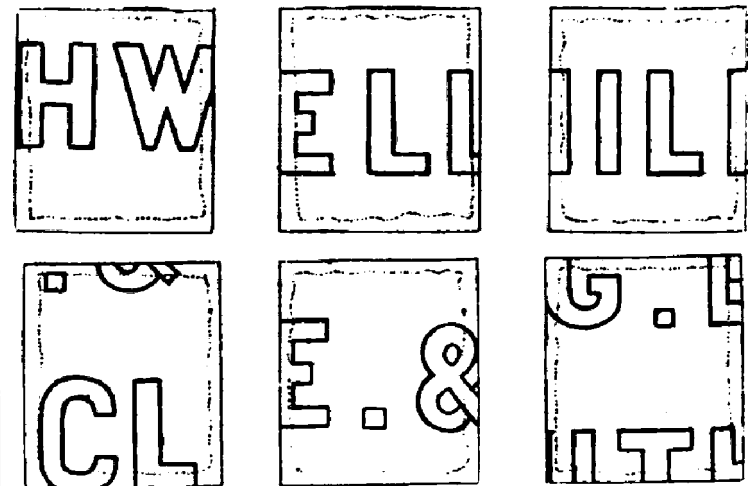
Certainly the Seychelles time is a few hours ahead of ours, but apparently this would indicate a difference of 18 years.

The postmark in this case is certainly a most remarkable effort, showing as it does a combination of two distinct mistakes on the part of the postal official who "set" the date of the postmarker that day. But the date—the fourth day of the New Year—speaks eloquently in the man's defence. A good many Christmas revellers are only just approaching convalescence at that time of the year.

The "Bothwell" Watermark of Canada.

SOME INTERESTING EXAMPLES.

WE have been reading a most interesting article in a recent issue of "L'Echo de la Timbrologie," on the subject of the Canadian stamps of the large issue of 1868.



The writer, "J.B.," remarks that the "watermark of large letters" (*vide* the current Bright's Catalogue) found on that issue was supposed to be of the same character as many of the marginal watermarks of British Colonial stamps, which so often creep on to the stamps themselves. This of course is now known not to be the case. The full watermark, consisting of the name of the manufacturers of the paper, reads "E. & G. Bothwell—Clutma Mills" in two lines of large double-lined type. The six examples shown here of the portions of watermark found on individual stamps are reproduced from our French contemporary.

The Stamps of Gambia, 1886-87.

SOME STRAY NOTES BY A STUDENT.

JUST about the time that Stanley Gibbons, Limited, issued their Catalogue for 1895-96, my interest in stamps, which had long lain dormant, began to revive, and among my earliest favourites were the bright and attractive Gambias of 1886-87. It was my good fortune to secure a fair number of these, and at first I took great pride and delight in them, but, after the publication of Gibbons' Catalogue for 1897, they suddenly became the plague of my life, and ever since I have done nothing but wear out my eyes and patience in vain attempts to try and make them tally with catalogue descriptions.

Those readers who like myself are interested in these stamps will perhaps remember that in the Gibbons' 1895-6 Catalogue they were described as follows:—

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| ½d. green. | 3d. grey. |
| 1d. crimson. | 4d. brown. |
| 2d. orange. | 6d. olive-green |
| 2½d. ultramarine | 1s. mauve. |

On that showing I flattered myself I held a full hand, and lived on in happy ignorance till the 1897 Catalogue appeared, when I had a rude awakening, for now the stamps were described after this fashion:—

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| ½d. olive-green. | 6d. sage-green. |
| 2d. orange-yellow. | 6d. pale sage-green. |
| 1d. crimson. | 4d. brown. |
| 2d. orange. | 4d. deep brown. |
| 2½d. pale ultramarine. | 1s. violet. |
| 2½d. deep ultramarine. | 1s. deep-violet |
| 3d. grey. | |

Nor was this Gibbons' last word, for in 1900 were added the ½d. described as myrtle-green and grey-green, the 1d. as crimson and pale crimson, the 3d. as grey and pearl-grey, the 6d. as slate-green, olive-green and bronze-green.

Now, if my hair has turned prematurely grey, don't you think, Mr. Editor, I have a good ground for action against Stanley Gibbons, Limited, for thus boxing the compass of colours—*e.g.*:—

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| ½d. green, olive-green, myrtle-green and grey-green. |
| 6d. olive-green, sage-green, pale sage-green, slate-green, olive-green and bronze-green. |
| 1s. mauve, violet and deep violet. |

I might think so myself but for one thing, to wit, that after careful study of these stamps and the purchase direct from Stanley Gibbons of specimens for comparison with my own, I am convinced that "age cannot wither nor custom stale the infinite variety" of Gambia shades. Indeed I was quite agreeably surprised to find no further developments in Stanley Gibbons' latest.

My own study of these stamps has led me to note three main points of difference in them, namely, a difference in paper, a difference in shades and a difference or rather an indifference in embossing.

To begin with the difference in paper, I think it will be found that the ½d. myrtle-green, the 1d. crimson, the 2d. orange-yellow, the 3d. pearl-grey, the 4d. brown and deep brown, the 6d. slate-green and the 1s. in both shades are on toned paper, while the rest are on white paper.

There is not much to be said with regard to shades, except that the 4d. and 1s. are to be found in shades not catalogued. In other words, there is a medium shade in both values which differs distinctly from the light and dark shades quoted by Stanley Gibbons. This medium shade by the side of the light looks dark, and yet by the side of the dark it looks light. So too there is a lighter and brighter 6d. slate-green than Stanley Gibbons' No. 32.

The embossing, as I have hinted, is very indifferent and uneven. I have examined quite a number of unused sheets, and generally speaking have found the embossing flat and indistinct. In the case of the 1/-, pale violet, I find instances of double profiles, the first stamping having evidently turned out badly. The Queen's head too in many of these stamps appears with the tip of the nose worn away. As far as my own specimens go, the best embossing is found in the 4d.

brown of all three shades and the 6d. pale slate-green. Some of the ½d. myrtle-green stamps are particularly well embossed, while others again are very flat.

If any of the *Fortnightly's* readers have made a special study of these stamps, it might be interesting to others to hear what they have to say in the matter. I note the quotation from Mr. W. H. Earl's letter, and while I can say nothing about the 6d. bronze green, as I only hold singles, I can fully confirm his conclusion in regard to the slate-green 6d. being without the defect in question. With respect to the defect he mentions as found on the halfpenny stamps, I may say that on one and the same sheet I find both defects named by him, while on another sheet I find only the defect in the top corner right hand stamp.

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.

Argentina.—We now illustrate the "Puerto del Rosario" stamp, which is at least notable for one thing—its novel shape. The stamp is finely printed, and as we have before remarked we ought to be grateful for Argentina for her moderation in charging only 5 centavos for a commemorative issue. The perforation is 11½, and the stamp shows the "large suns" watermark.



Bahamas.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., notify us that the new King's Head set from ½d. to £1 has just appeared. The colours and values are:—

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| 1d. carmine. | 6d. ochre. |
| 2½d. blue. | 1/- grey and carmine. |
| 4d. orange. | 5/- lilac and blue. |

£1 green and black.



Columbia.—An illustration is now given of the 2 centavos of the oblong pictorial series.

New South Wales.—Mr. John Harms has kindly shown us a specimen of a 1d. stamp received from the Government Railways Department of New South Wales, but unlike other departmentals this stamp is perforated with the letters "G.R."

St. Lucia.—Mr. Bertram Poole writes:—"This is the latest of our Colonies to issue a pictorial stamp. The value of this label is 2d. and it is printed in two colours—the centre, deep green, and the border brown. The centre-piece is a view of the Pitons—large rocks near the Island standing 3,700 feet above sea level. The border is highly ornamented. At the top is '1402-1902' and then 'St. Lucia' immediately above the centre. In the border on the left is a bird of the parrot persuasion and on the right side a snake is shown. On each side at the base the value '2d.' appears in a circle and between in two scrolls are 'POSTAGE AND REVENUE' and 'TWO PENCE.'"

We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, and Messrs. Winch Brothers, Colchester, for specimens of this stamp.

Tasmania.—Mr. W. F. Petterd, of Launceston, Tasmania, has shown us specimens of the 1d. pictorial issue, in the dull red shade, perforated with the letter "T" for official use. We must thank Mr. Petterd also for a copy of the departmental form of requisition for these stamps, showing that the stamps to be used officially range from ½d. up to 10s.

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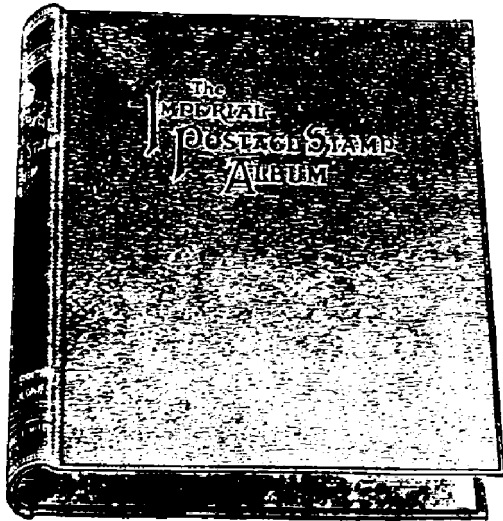
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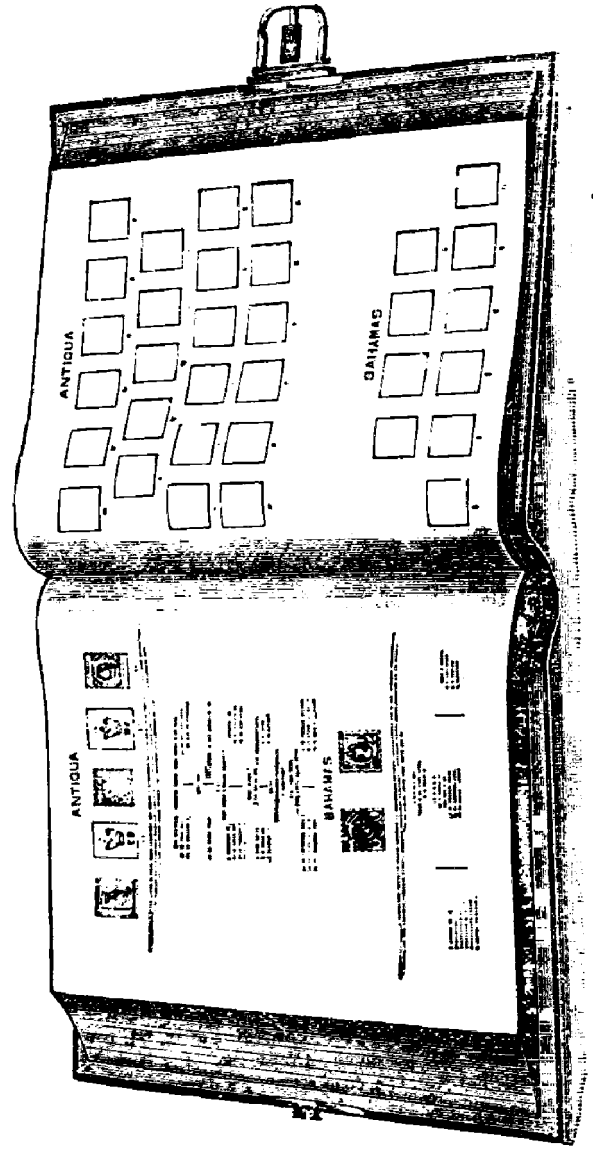
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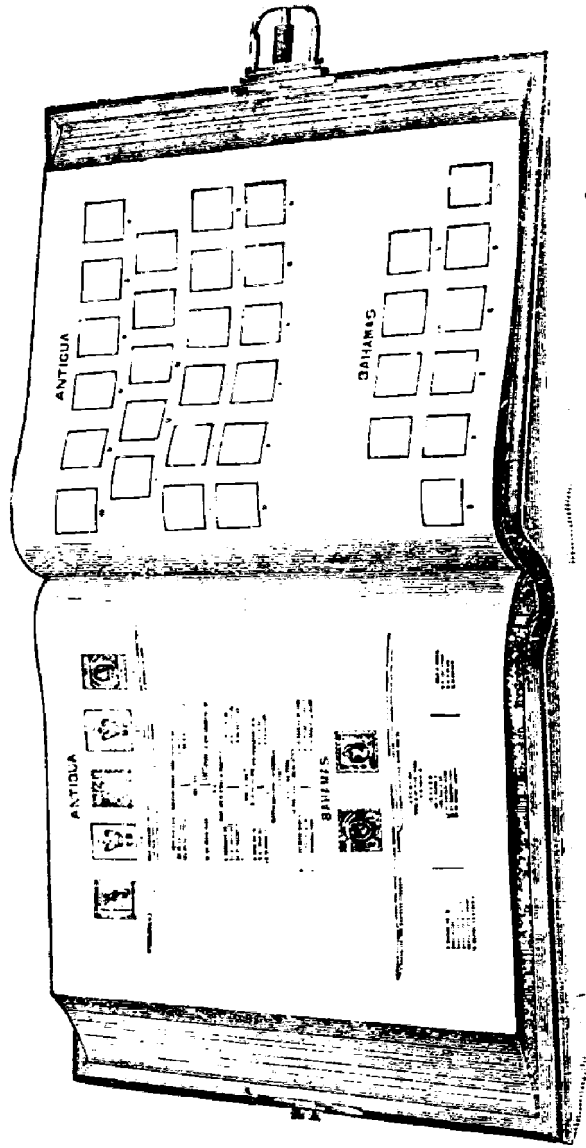
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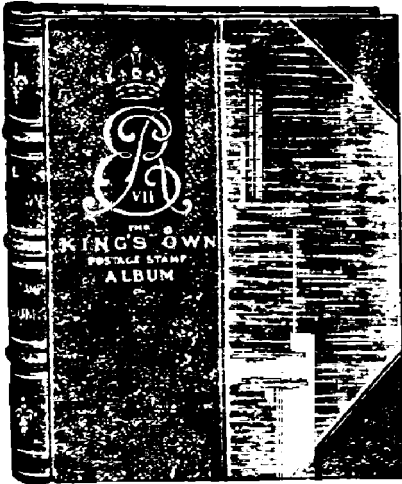
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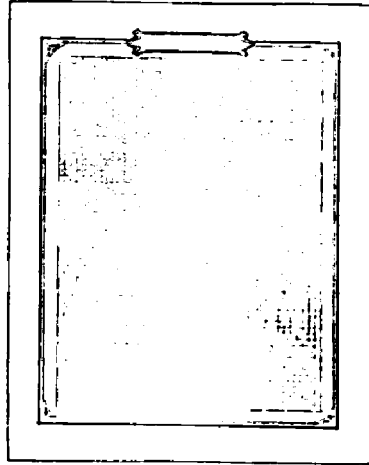
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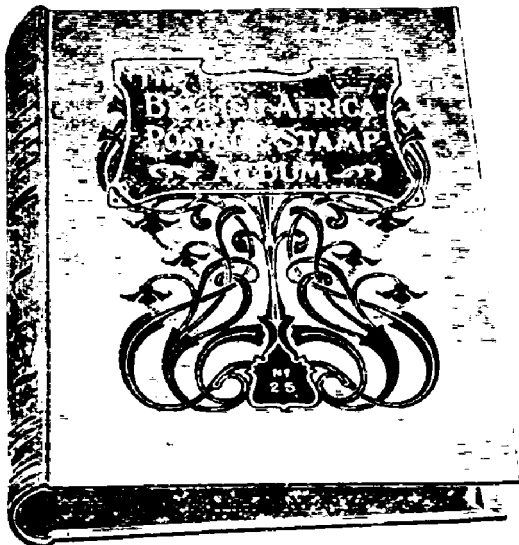
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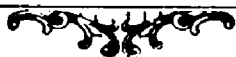
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St. Vincent, 1d. on half 6d., blue-green, an unsevered pair, with full gum, fine* ..	11	0	0
Do. 4d. on 1/- vermilion, mint, very fine* ..	14	15	0
Do. 1885, 4d. red-brown, mint, very fine ..	5	15	0
Turks Island, 2½d. on 1/- lilac, type 6, fine* ..	3	3	0
Do. Provisionals, 4 on 1d., dull red, type 15, with full gum, fine* ..	2	2	0
South Australia, 1867-70, perf. 11½ x roulette, 4d. purple, very fine ..	3	7	6
Tasmania, 1st issue, 1d. blue, very fine ..	2	0	0

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Great Britain, 1840, 1d. black, V.R., a pair ..	12	0	0
Do. 2d. deep blue, and very fine* ..	2	0	0
Do. 1847-54, octagonal, 1/- bright green, mint ..	7	10	0
Do. 1854-57, wmk. small crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, mint ..	11	0	0
Do. do. wmk. large crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, a fine block of 6, mint ..	5	5	0
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Do. 1880, 2/- brown, mint ..	3	15	0
Do. do. 1/9 yellow-green, mint ..	4	0	0
British East Africa, 1895 (July), 2 rupees, red ..	2	6	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1853-58, triangular, 1d. red on bleute, mint ..	3	0	0
Do. do. 6d. slate-lilac, mint ..	3	10	0
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Lagos, 1874, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 1/- orange, value 16½mm., mint ..	3	10	0
British Columbia, 1865, imperf., 10c. blue, a superb pair, used with a 5c. rose, perf., on piece of original ..	6	0	0
Do. 1863, no wmk., perf. 11½-12, 1/- bright mauve, superb ..	2	6	0
New South Wales, 1850-8, Sydney Views, 2d. dull blue, plate 2, early impressions ..	3	0	0
Do. 1860, Diadem, perf. 12, 1/- pale red, without gum, torn* ..	3	15	0
New Zealand, 1855, imperf., London print, white paper, 1d. carmine, very fine ..	2	15	0
Do. 1856, blue paper, imperf., 1d. red, a superb pair ..	4	12	6
Do. do. 1/- green, very fine ..	2	6	0
Do. 1863-6, wmk. Star, perf., 3d. brown-lilac, very fine* ..	2	0	0

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 86th meeting of the Board of Governors was held on December 8th, 1902. Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Luff, Morgenthau, Scott and Perrin.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Entertainment Committee be requested to provide an entertainment at the Club, on the evening of January 17th next, and that \$100 be provided for expenses.

Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg was elected a subscribing member.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York City, U.S.A.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting was held on January 8th, at 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol, Mr. R. Dalton presiding.

The Hon. Treasurer's balance sheet showed a satisfactory balance in hand. The officers for 1903 were elected as follows:—President: Mr. P. J. Lloyd; Vice-President: Mr. J. Perrett; Committee: Messrs. R. Dalton, J. H. Reynolds, J. W. Stooke, Gyde Heaven, D. H. McPherson and G. Harrington; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. Henry Alsop, 2, Archfield Road, Cotham Park, Bristol.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* was again chosen as the Society's official organ, and the journal will be sent free to all members.

Special attention is directed to the Bristol and Clifton Society's Exchange Department, in connection with which it should be noted that the commission of 5% is charged only on the nett balances of sales over purchases—a very advantageous arrangement from the point of view of the average member.

The subscription to the Society is only 2s. 6d. per annum, a very small fee considering the advantages offered. Readers of the *Fortnightly* at Bristol or Clifton who are not already members of the "B. & C.P.S." should communicate with the *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. ALSOP, at the address given above.

PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE January packet was duly despatched to 12 seeing members on the 9th inst. Total value £126 18. 1d., made up of 30 sheets. New members will gladly be welcomed, especially those that can buy well. We are circulating some excellent stamps.

Rules and fullest information will gladly be sent by the *Secretary*, R. T. MORGAN, 14, High Street, Selhurst, S.E.

BRITISH EMPIRE STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

OCTOBER packets have returned. Results as follows:—Colonial: £12 9s. 5½d. nett sales; General: £13 11s. 10½d. gross sales.

The January Colonial packet, containing 24 sheets, £62 5s. 5½d. nett, was sent off on New Year's Day. January General packet, 23 sheets, £136 9s. 8½d. gross, sent off, January 10th. H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 164, Loughborough Park, London, S.E.

THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON.

The programme for the remaining part of this season is as follows:—

Saturday, Jan. 17th.	8.0—	Beginners' Night. Lantern Display.
" Feb. 7th.	7.0—	Fourth Annual Conversazione & Dance in Raleigh Hall, Saltoun Road, Brixton.
" Feb. 21st.	7.45—	Sale and Exchange.
" "	8.15—	Display—Great Britain. Part V.
" "	8.30—	Paper, "Bisected Stamps Used Provisionally," by Bertram Poole, Esq.
" Mar. 7th.	7.45—	Sale and Exchange.
" "	8.15—	Display—Great Britain. Part VI.
" "	8.30—	"Ten minutes with my best Stamps."
" Mar. 21st.	8.0—	Paper and Display, "Entirely about Entires," by B. W. Warhurst, Esq.
" "	8.30—	Debate, "The Pricing of Stamps in Exchange Packets."
" Apr. 4th.	7.45—	Sale and Exchange.
" "	8.15—	Display—Great Britain. Part VII.
" "	8.30—	Paper, "How to make Stamp Exchanges more popular," by C. J. Patman, Esq.
" Apr. 18th.	8.0—	Paper and Display, "The Stamps of France," by William Darwen, Esq.
" May 2nd	7.45—	Sale and Exchange.
" "	8.15—	Display—Great Britain. Part VIII.
" "	8.30—	Ten Minute Papers. Any Subjects.
" May 16th.	7.30—	Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers. Revision of Rules. Reception of Reports.

IMPERIAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Society will hold its next meeting at the Headquarters, on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock. Members are earnestly requested to attend prompt. W. S. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

COUNTY OF STAFFORD EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE November packet has returned from circuit and most of the sheets have been returned to members.

Commencing with the February packet it will not be necessary for members to send with their monthly sheets a stamped addressed envelope for their return. Also all members will now be supplied annually with 25 official sheets containing two inside pages and with member's name and address printed on front.

The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* (official organ) is now supplied at a much reduced annual subscription. JAMES SPIBEY, *Secretary*, Winona, Corporation Street, Stafford.

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

FOLLOWING upon Mr. J. Johnston's interesting remarks on the grouping system in Exchange Clubs. Mr. B. W. Warhurst writes in support of this method of arranging the postal list. Mr. Warhurst is able to speak from long experience of the system in actual working.

From its formation three years ago (he writes) the Chelsea Entire-Exchange divided members into geographical groups, the last group one month being first next time; eight packets a year, six weeks' circuits, August holiday, 20 to 24 on postal lists, so that every member gets among first three once, or in first five twice a year. First of each group is the largest buyer in it the previous month, so no favouritism is possible. All senders are restricted to two lots (or sheets) of fixed maximum size.

To "G.B." who comments upon the fact that no special space is devoted to "Answers to Correspondents" in the *Fortnightly*, we would say that we prefer as a general thing to deal with the most interesting letters received from our subscribers under the heading "Twixt Editor and Reader." Space given up to "Answers to Correspondents" is, in our view, space badly used. We say this in no churlish spirit, but merely because we take the view that no part of the space belonging by right to all readers in common should be given up to the few who have questions to ask. An "Answer to a Correspondent," if given in the conventional manner so long considered the proper thing in a popular newspaper, interests that one correspondent alone. It cannot interest anyone else unless the question as well as the reply is printed. We are always glad, none more so, to hear from our readers, and to help them when it lies in our power. But in the interests of all, we strive always to make the *Fortnightly* of general value and interest from beginning to end.

In this connection it may be well to mention that we have serious thoughts of re-starting an old and very popular feature of the *Fortnightly*, the "Asked and Answered" column, with small money prizes to those who furnish the best replies to the queries sent in.

From that doughty champion of the used stamp as against the more "fashionable" unused, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A., we have received a most eloquent plea for a more generous recognition of the collectors of cancelled stamps. We have not the space unfortunately to give Mr. Heginbottom's remarks in full, but we are fully in sympathy with what he says. Particularly in regard to exhibitions of stamps is there good ground for Mr. Heginbottom's complaint that undue preference is shown towards unused specimens.

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GOLD COAST, perf. 12½, 1d. and 4d., wmk. C.A., 20/- green and carmine, &c., &c.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA, imperf. 10c. and the perf. 12½ and perf. 14 issues complete.

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BRITISH GUIANA, 1853, 4c. deep blue; 1862, 1c., type 6, and a splendid lot of the scarce varieties of the 1860-75 issues, &c., &c.

BRITISH HONDURAS, a very fine lot, almost complete.

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NEVIS, perf. 13, 4d. (2); 6d. and 1/-; perf. 15, engraved 4d. (2) and 1/- (2, one is the rare yellow-green); lithographed, 4d. (3); 6d. (3) and 1/- (4); wmk. CA., 6d. green, &c.

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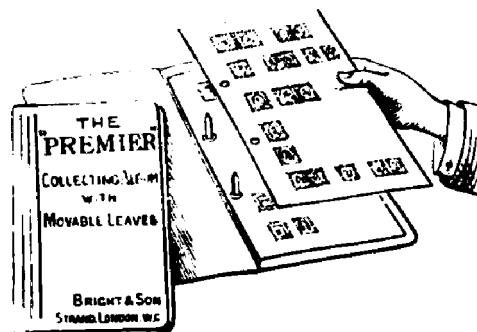
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Philately at Home and Abroad

Are the Benadir Stamps a Fraud ?

UNDER date January 16th Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. write us as follows :—

No doubt you have seen or heard of so-called postage stamps for Benadir (Italian Somali Coast), which are being sold by a trading firm at Milan. Having in mind certain past experiences with Brunei, Nyassa, Sedang, and other bogus stamps, we have always looked upon these labels of Benadir with suspicion, and have up to the present refused to buy them: we have, however, been making enquiries by writing letters direct to the place, all of which remained unanswered until we sent an Italian bank note to purchase the stamps; this note has just been returned to us with a letter from which we extract the following :

"There are no postmasters here, and it is forbidden to us officials to have anything to do with postage stamp dealers, the stamps can only be obtained from the Company's office at Milan."

We think this is quite sufficient to condemn these labels, and we may add that the letter received had on it a stamp of British East Africa, and was posted at Kismayu. If any additional evidence were required it is furnished by our envelope, which was returned to us, after having been sent to Mombasa, Djibouti and Aden. It is endorsed in French, "No Postal Service with Benadir."

Sheffield Society's Exhibition.

THE contents of the tables at the Cutler's Hall on Wednesday, January 21st, presented an interesting study. The occasion was the fifth conversazione and exhibition of the Sheffield Philatelic Society. There was a large attendance, including members of neighbouring societies.

The Master and Mistress Cutler had hoped to be present, but they telephoned at the last minute regretting their inability to attend.

Mr. J. S. Bartlett's exhibit consisted entirely of the stamps of Great Britain, and was complete with few exceptions.

Mr. F. Bathe had two sheets framed in an artistic manner. Mr. J. H. Chapman's exhibit was the most extensive, and included several complete sets of European countries. Mr. H. Hawley's collection included British Colonies and South American States; Mr. J. G. Hawley had a large collection of old stamps of Great Britain, and also a Mafeking stamp used during the notable siege, with a representation of Baden-Powell. Mr. F. H. Metcalfe had a good collection of Great Britain and the Colonies. Mr. J. F. Peace's collection numbered over 5,000, including a complete set of King Edward stamps. Messrs. A. T. Nixon, R. Sneath, J. R. Sutton, had good collections on exhibition, and the society's exhibit included picture post-cards, and a collection of stamps showing changes of colour produced by chemicals.

On the social side the conversazione was very enjoyable. Music, provided by Mr. Callum's band, agreeably alternated with discussions on the merits of the exhibits, and refreshments provided in an adjoining room gave opportunity for pleasant reunion.

The Poet and Martha Washington.

ONE of the minor poets of America, we gather from "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," has "let himself go" in the pages of the "Daily Nonpariel," of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the Martha Washington stamp :—

The day of days has come at last
 And woman shouts with glee,
 Her time of bondage now is past
 And she is wholly free;
 Both politics and law she's graced,
 She's fooled with wisdom's lamp,
 But now the climax comes—they've placed
 Her picture on a stamp!

At last she's free to roam the earth
 And tenderly to bear
 Its tears, its sorrows and its mirth
 'Neath her protecting care;
 On land and sea you'll find her now,
 In palace and in camp,
 And postmen to her bidding bow—
 Since she is on a stamp.

But there's a drawback to her joy,
 As you will sure agree,
 For every man and every boy
 Is likewise now made free,
 And every man with temper quick,
 And every graceless scamp
 Will now possess the right to lick
 A woman—on a stamp.

The Double Green of Geneva.

A PHILATELIC "QUEER STORY" FROM "TRUTH."

THREE men sat at dessert in a notably comfortable dining room in Harley Street. They had been close friends at College, and, though they were all nearing 40, the friendship was cordial still. Hubert Denison, the successful artist, had made an awful matrimonial mistake that had resulted in a cause celebre and freedom. Stanley Hesselstine, the rising barrister, had been badly jilted in early youth, and had very reasonably concluded that he had had enough of women for the rest of his days.

As to Frank Sebastian, first of living surgeons, according to his many friends, who proclaimed the fact loudly, and his few enemies, who allowed it with reservations, he was a bachelor. He told meddling outsiders he was not a marrying man, but he had admitted to this special conclave that the true reason was that he had never succeeded in falling in love. He was handsome—tall, active, with keen blue eyes, and a trim beard just touched with grey; but he was much quieter than usual on this foggy Feb. 14.

"What's the matter, Frank?" asked Denison, filling his glass, with the satisfactory certainty that the port was thoroughly good. "Are we to drink the health of 'Valentine,' as on so many anniversaries made memorable by this divine '58?"

"No," said Frank Sebastian, shortly; "for 'Valentine' is dead."

Denison put down his full glass with an amazed exclamation.

"Plumbed the mystery after fourteen years! Impossible!" said Hesselstine, whose legal mind disliked mysteries, and who had always been especially anxious to get to the bottom of the case.

"I expect you both remember Valentine's day fourteen years ago," began Sebastian, with a certain hesitation. "Hesselstine was briefless then, and was sitting to you, Denison, for Alcibiades."

"Before he grew fat," parenthesized the artist, with a laugh.

"How I tore into the studio with bank notes for £400 crackling in my pockets—money sent anonymously, money that let me go to Germany and make my fortune by three years' study under old Von Gleich—'From Valentine, so that you may work and attain.'"

"And, by Jove, you've done both, old man," said the friends simultaneously.

"Yes, I have found out a few things, helped a few unfortunates. But for 'Valentine' I must have drudged away in some out-of-the-way hole in the country. I was no good till I had leisure to work and think without bothering about the bread and cheese."

"Cherchez la femme was always my advice, only you never took it," said Denison.

"You were right, for it was a woman; and now she is dead, and I can never even thank her for letting me rise to the very height of my ambition."

"They say only women do those Quixotic things. But to hold her tongue for fourteen years—that's the bit of the story I can't credit."

"First story I've heard with a woman in it who didn't want a quid pro quo."

"You two are misogynists. You've also got a right to be. So perhaps I won't read you this, as, somehow, I half intended."

Denison had loved his wife well, despite her utter heartlessness, and he rejoined:

"Read it. Let us have something sentimental, something prettily tender and ideal, just to put away the flavor of London. I'm not a sham cynic to-night. It looks like a very human document."

Sebastian moved his chair out of the radius of the red-shaped candles, and with a deepening shadow on his grave face, began to read:

THE VICARAGE, CHERRINGTON-ON-TARN.

DEAR SIR: By request of my deceased sister I send you the enclosed. She has been for many years companion to Lady Ida Fitzroy, and died at her house from the effects of influenza.

Yours faithfully, HENRY BRADENHAM.

The enclosure was in a delicate neat writing, upon several yellowed sheets of paper, and Sebastian's firm hand shook a little as he held up the first of them. It had no formal introduction, and Sebastian began to read abruptly, thus:

"This will not reach you till I am dead. Perhaps never, if you should die first. So I may say that I love you with my whole soul, and have followed every footstep in your career—the career of which I have been so proud, because I helped to make it. I dare say you will be disappointed to hear that 'Valentine' was no one interesting. Just a plain, homely girl, to whom you have forgotten you were kind once.

"Do you remember fourteen years ago a certain Mary Bradenham at the hotel at Newquay, companion to a harsh old aunt, who was handsome and clever, and hard on her niece because she was neither? She was middle-aged, and yet all the men liked to talk to Miss Sinclair, because she had seen everything and been everywhere. She was the last woman in the world to have been accredited with a romance, but we all have one—even I. Hers had ended very badly. Her lover had gone abroad, married some one else, and corresponded with her, even borrowed money of her, all the time. Till she found out. After that she lost all faith in men.

"She chose me to be her companion—the family hoped her heiress. She even promised to provide for me if I never made a fool of myself by falling in love. I thought I was quite safe. I was so very ordinary that no one ever seemed to know even that I was present. And not clever—not a bit. Nothing.

"I did not mind so much till the day in August I first saw you. You were playing bowls and laughing with a lot of ladies. There was a girl in white, with a blue band. I can remember even that. I watched. Afterward you came and talked to my aunt, and you always spoke to me. Once you joined me when I was walking out to the Headland. I have only to shut my eyes and see the great curling, green breakers. I heard them booming on the rocks and I was happy.

"You never guessed all the mischief you did because you pitied the dull companion who looked on when they danced in the hall, and stayed behind when the picnic parties drove merrily away. I loved you, and with love came the bitter, dreadful longing to be as these others. Once you were smoking on the verandah and talking to a friend. I listened, and I heard you say how poor you were, and how 'just a few hundreds, and you could do something.'

"I thought I had kept my secret all my own—my only treasure. I used sometimes to let myself think of you; and the thought of the wild water, the wet sea breeze, the blue Cornish sky, would bring tears to my eyes that were not unhappy. I loved I was a woman indeed now, and even the utter hopelessness did not take all the glamour, all the glory away. My aunt found out. She had eyes like a hawk, and a tongue that hurt cruelly. 'You in love; you harbouring stupid dreams!' she said, with a scornful laugh. 'I was an heiress, a beauty, a wit; yet I could not hold a man to his allegiance. What can you use to win a man's heart, much less to keep it?

"My aunt's fearful temper made life with her purgatory. I had not much longer to bear it, for within a year of our meeting she died. There was no mention of me in the will, but in the codicil it said, 'And to my niece, Mary Bradenham, I give and bequeath the Japanese box, and all it contains, she having disobeyed my injunction, and forfeited all other claim.' There were no jewels in the shabby box; nothing but an immense bundle of dingy old letters; and my brothers and sisters, who had all married into the church unprosperously, were angry with me for playing my cards so badly. I had to get another situation. But I utterly refused to tell why my aunt had broken her promise. I had been companion long enough to have learned to be silent.

"I had glanced at the letters, the false, lying letters written from Geneva to my aunt by her lover, in 1843, when she had been staying at some village near. I did not burn

them, though I scarcely knew why. Then I went to Paris with Lady Ida, and one day, when I was idly looking in at a shop window, I saw two small foreign stamps put up for sale—'Double vert de Geneve, tres rare, mille francs.' Something made me look again, and as I did so my heart beat hard. For I was sure that this queer stamp, like two joined together, was on those many letters that lay unregarded, faintly scented with Japanese camphor wood. I was right. I took no one into my confidence, and there was such a rage for collecting that I sold twenty for £400.

"You see, I had always meant to send some money to you, if aunt ever left me any. Only it would have been difficult, because the family would have wanted me to account for every penny. But to get it all like this was so much more enchanting. All my own: actually willed to me! Providence was very kind to frustrate her cruel device and to make me rich enough, after all, to have my bright minute of romance to make sunshine for all my grey life.

"It was only by chance that I remembered it to be February 13th, when I was in London, and had, after, oh! such trouble, found out your address, I sat in my little dull room, the happiest woman in England, when I wrote 'From Valentine, so that you may work and attain.' I kissed the letter before I posted it. How lucky it would be, taken into your hands, meeting your eyes!

"I only once saw you. You passed me in the street. But I heard of you, and always, as I knew I should, heard of your growing fame and brilliant ability. And when it got into the papers first that an English surgeon had been summoned to an illustrious imperial patient, and there had been a wonderful operation performed with the utmost success, I guessed first that it was Frank Sebastian, and I was glad to think I had helped the man whose discoveries have saved so many precious lives.

"Forgive me for telling you. When you marry—for surely you will—give her this to read. She will understand it better than you do, because only women know what love really is. You had other things, but, believe me, love is still the best of all."

Sebastian's voice faltered slightly. He was full of an immense compassion, a baffling sense of wonder as to what was this strong motor that influenced hearts to be so brave and so unselfish.

Back to Denison came the haunting memory of the faithless wife, and he was silent.

Hesseltine hated sentiment, or, rather, hated showing that there was such a thing in his organization. "Women are not all Violet Trehermes," he said to himself; but aloud he only remarked, "As a very enthusiastic stamp collector, perhaps you will forgive my writing to the reverend brother at Cherrington to see if by any sort of chance his poor sister had kept just one double vert de Geneve, 1843. I am ready with my thousand francs if she did."

Our Friend the Platypus.

Mr. C. A. Howes writes most interestingly in the "American Journal of Philately" on "Some Stamp Designs."

Before leaving Tasmania (he writes) we must not forget the duck-billed platypus, that curious animal which is pictured on the duty stamp. He rejoices in the scientific name of *Ornithorhynchus paradoxus* and the following description of him will certainly justify the second latin term. The platypus or mullingong, as the natives called it, is a small animal, being hardly two feet in length. It resembles the beaver in shape and in its amphibious habits, and has likewise a soft thick fur of a glossy dark brown colour. But the most remarkable appearance is produced by a veritable duck's bill where we should anticipate the usual animal's mouth. The feet also are webbed, giving them a strong resemblance to those of a duck, and, to cap the climax, we find the creature laying eggs and hatching them in true duck fashion, but nursing the young after they are hatched! The eggs are white, about the size of pigeon's eggs, and have a soft shell like turtle's eggs. They are laid in a nest at the end of a long burrow in the river bank, and every burrow has two openings, one above and one beneath the water. The animal is nocturnal in its habits and so is not often seen even where it may be common. It not only inhabits Tasmania but also the south-eastern part of Australia, but this is the only part of the world where animals of this character are found.

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

It has become quite a common occurrence for me to receive regular periodical enquiries respecting Fry's Catalogue of Post Cards. What is the price, where is it obtainable, and is it a work of value etc., etc. Now the price I fancy was 1/6, what it is now I don't know. It was published in 1886 by Messrs. Pemberton, Wilson & Co., 220 pages 8vo., but is now altogether "out of print," and difficult to obtain. It was a work of very great value, a monument of painstaking and hard work. But to-day it is not an indispensable though a desirable addition to one's works of reference. The very excellent illustrated Catalogue issued by Gibbons in 1900 is perhaps the best handbook to post cards now. Being without illustrations (except stamp illustrations placed together at back of book) the long descriptions necessary are somewhat prosy and tiresome. But the portions devoted to Bavaria, Roumania, Germany, Luxembourg, etc., are valuable as guides to the very many confusing errors and type varieties etc., and it may be noted that these countries have never been better catalogued. I propose to make an illustration of this—in my next contribution to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*—by reprinting a portion, taking the first issues of Roumania as my choice. I think a number of my readers will take a pleasure in rearranging their specimens to this excellent list. No doubt copies of the book are to be had if diligently searched for—and it is certainly worth while.

NEW ISSUES AND NOVELTIES.

Jamaica.—M. Maury chronicles the following, King Edward type:—

P.C. ½d. green on cream.
¼ + ½d. " " "

Leeward Islands.—It should be noted that in my last list the item "½d. green on buff" (125×300mm.) was a wrapper, not a card as at first sight would appear. I understand that there are now a new 1d. Wrapper and a Registration Envelope with King's Head.

W. 1d. carmine on chamois (125×300mm.)
Regd Env. 2d. blue on white (151×95mm.)

Soudan.—A new envelope is chronicled with Camel type of stamp.

Env. 5 mill, rose.

United States.—Mr. Bartels has shown the "W.P.E." two new wrappers in the current type. They are the 2c. carmine on manilla, 8×12in., and 4c. brown on manilla, 10×15in. Both are on paper much heavier than the wrappers now current. These are surcharged specimen, and it is understood they are not to be issued to the public until printed with new dies now in preparation. The new set of envelopes soon to be issued will number 56 substantially the same as the current set, and three wrappers, the 1c. to be the same size as now current.

A "Stamp Exchange Medium."

TO MR. R. H. MURRAY, of Trinperley, Cheshire, must be given full credit for an attempt to bring "genuine and honest stamp exchangers" into closer relations. To this end he has published "The British Empire Stamp Exchange Medium," which is a classified list of stamp collectors at home and abroad, with their specialities and a list of the stamps they want and the stamps they offer. So far the book is of very meagre proportions, and seems dear at the price of 1s. 6d. asked for it by Mr. Murray; but we read that in a second edition it is hoped to include many more names.

One very satisfactory sentence catches the eye in Mr. Murray's preface. "The insertion of the names of dishonest collectors," he writes, "will be at once stopped upon receipt of proof." If this and other good intentions are adhered to there should soon be a wide circle of patrons for "The Stamp Exchange Medium."

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The Fear of the Forger.

The stamp forger is a great deal too busy just now.

The discovery of forged specimens of the British 10s. and £1 stamps with anchor watermark is reported in this number of the *Fortnightly*.

Mr. E. D. Bacon, in a letter to the "London Philatelist," issues a warning against some very dangerous fakes of the early Chilean stamps. These are the first 10c. with forged watermarks "20" and "5" (large "5" with long neck) and the 5c. with forged watermark "1."

Again, in the last issue of the "Australian Philatelist" we find the following warning:—

We have to warn collectors to be on their guard against certain stamps with forged perforations which have been placed in circulation in Sydney for some considerable time. Chief amongst these, in order of supposititious value, are the Queensland perf. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, 1d, 2d, and 1/- . These stamps are very close imitations of the originals, being of course genuine specimens of the ordinary stamps, perf. 12, with the horizontal perforations removed, and a larger gauge substituted. The large holes of the $9\frac{1}{2}$ gauge are somewhat irregular in shape, there are also other variations from the genuine article. The imitation is so close that a very careful examination is necessary to detect the fraud, but the point we refer to will aid detection.

Amongst other stamps which have been treated by the same hand are the 6d. black Victoria, "postage stamp" at sides, which has had the usual wide margin on one or more sides carefully perforated to match with the other sides, thus converting a badly centered stamp into a well centered one. There are also the 2d. bottle green and 4d. blue Van Diemen's Land; 6d. and 1/- Tasmania all perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$, postmarked, made from imperforate specimens; 2d. blue New South Wales (1862 type on small N.S.W. Crown paper) perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$ unused; 3d. yellow green wmk. 3, perf. 12; 8d. orange wmk. 8, perf. 12; 6d. registered wmk. $12\frac{1}{2}$; 1d. blue and 2d. green (V.R. in monogram), Fiji, perf. $10 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ and 12×10 ; 4d. and 5d. perf. 10; also some South Australians and others, including even common stamps of various denominations, which could scarcely pay for the trouble of manipulation.

Besides the faking of perforations, other stamps have been cleaned, and in some cases postmarked or re-gummed, and passed as unused; notably the Fiji 5/-.

It is abundantly clear, then, that the forger and the faker are by no means exterminated as certain ultra-saguine writers have contended for a time. The prosecutions of the early nineties discouraged the faking fraternity for a time—but only for a time. Now they are at their old tricks again in Paris, in New York, Berlin, Boston, Barcelona, and, of course, many of the Italian cities. And what of London? We are not at all sure that London has been swept clean of those who seek a nefarious living by faking and forging stamps.

It is quite evident that we need another strong campaign against the forger. Who will lead it?

At an early date the *Fortnightly* will issue a Spring Special Edition, which in size and scope will, we think, beat anything ever attempted in British philatelic journalism.

Hands across the Sea! The Editor of the *Fortnightly* is gratified to learn, from a card just to hand, that he is elected an honorary member of the Nebraska Philatelic Society. His only regret is that there will not be time to pop over to Nebraska to attend meetings "between numbers"—until the Pierpont-Morgan Aero-Car Trans-Atlantic Three-Day-Trip Trust gets to work. And when will that be?

More British Forgeries.

THE 10S. AND £1 ANCHOR.

Beware of Clever Imitations of These Exceedingly Scarce Stamps.

AGAIN has the forger attacked British postage stamps—and this time he has turned his attention to those scarce varieties the 10s. and £1, anchor watermark, on white paper. We have not yet seen specimens of these latest imitations, but we have positive information of their existence from various sources. Mr. Charles Nissen, that lynx-eyed detector of British counterfeits, is now keenly on the look-out for the forgery—and the forger! If the manufacturer of these latest frauds should be passing the neighbourhood of 77/78, High Holborn, W.C., he is cordially invited to pay Mr. Nissen a visit, and to take with him samples of his handiwork.

The forgeries of the 10s. and £1 Anchor would at first glance appear to be complete imitations of those stamps—paper, print, perforation and watermark. But as to this there is a doubt, because it would be practicable to a skilled forger to secure sheets of some of the penny lilac Inland Revenue stamps, drive out all the colour, and then print the spurious 10s. and £1 stamps on the sheets thus "albinoed," so to speak. The fiscal stamps referred to, as is well known, bear the Anchor watermark, and are of the same perforation as the rare postage stamps which have now been counterfeited.

Whatever may be the truth as to the process of production it is certain that these imitations are marvellously well done. So far as we know they are all in the uncancelled state, and an idea of the fidelity with which the originals have been copied may be gathered from the fact that at least one philatelist, usually able to take very good care of himself, has been "let in" for a substantial amount for a specimen of the £1.

The high philatelic value of these stamps in the unused state would naturally induce the forger to forego one of the oldest tricks of his fraternity—the placing a well got-up postmark over the weak places in his work—but at the same time it is quite possible that specimens of the counterfeits have been postmarked. In this condition it is probable that they would be still more dangerous to philatelists.

That Canadian Watermark.

In our short article in the last *Fortnightly* on the "Bothwell" watermark of Canada a misprint occurred. The name of the paper mills should read "Clutha," not "Clutma" Mills. We must thank Mr. C. J. Sidey for pointing out the error.

For Collectors of British Colonials.

ONE of the finest lists of British Colonial stamps we have ever seen is that recently published by Messrs. P. L. Pemberton & Co., to whose business enterprise it affords striking testimony. Fifty double-column pages of closely-printed matter, and with prices for nearly every item in the list—think of the work that represents. We trust that Messrs. Pemberton's industry will bring its own reward, for there can be no doubt that the publication of such lists as this does much to foster interest in Philately.

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.

Bussahir.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have received specimens of the new 1/2 anna pink, both perf. and imperf.

Cape of Good Hope.—We now give an illustration of the new 1d. King's Head stamp, already chronicled.



THE LATEST KING'S HEAD AND OTHER COLONIAL ISSUES.

France (Foreign Offices).—We show a further instalment of the multitudinous new issues brought out for the service of the French Foreign Post Offices—



namely, those for Port said and Levant.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the latest novelty for French Morocco, being the 10 centime red stamp recently issued with a black overprint, "10 centimos."

Guatemala.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, write:—"On a close examination of the new 6 cent Guatemala postage stamp, which bears a view of the Palace of Minerva, we have made a very interesting discovery. Along the facade of the building there is an inscription, every letter of which is perfectly formed and distinct, and can be clearly read with the aid of a good magnifying glass. This inscription reads as follows:—Mannel Estrada Cabrera Presidente de la Republica a la Juventud Estudiantina." The whole inscription, which is in one continuous line, occupies a total length of only three-eighths of an inch, and is the smallest readable inscription on any postage stamp ever issued. It is a marvel of minute engraving."

Portugal.—We are indebted to Mr. W. Lacey, of Brighton, for a specimen of the Portuguese "Volunteers' stamp" in the new colours—green and brown.

Saint Lucia.—The new pictorial stamp, already described, is illustrated above.

Sierra Leone.—Among the British Colonials illustrated on this page is the first of the "King's Head" issues to hand—the 1/2d. green.

South Australia.—From Messrs. Whitfield King we have received a specimen of the 10d. stamp of the large series now appearing.

United States.—The 8 cents "Martha Washington" stamp has made its appearance and is much praised for its general get up. It has been so much written about in advance that we need do no more than announce its arrival. Another novelty, a new 10 cent "Special Delivery" stamp, of the usual oblong shape, is kindly sent us by Mr. E. P. Reynolds, Junior.



We now illustrate the 13 cents stamp already fully described in the *Fortnightly*.

The Russian Levant Stamps of 1865.

The "London Philatelist" in an interesting occasional note:

"These most interesting and quaint stamps are certainly among the classic issues of Europe. . . . The number of types known to exist has, according to the Moens theory, which no one has yet impugned, been hitherto placed at sixty-three in nine rows of seven. The late Mr. Tapling succeeded in getting a considerable number of the types, and we ourselves have put together some twenty types; but the expensive nature of the stamp, and the assumed large number of types, have apparently acted as a deterrent to others.

"We read, however, in the minutes of the Berlin Philatelic Club of October 6th an important statement hereon, which, if authenticated, will set this vexed question at rest. At the meeting of the Club a letter was received from Mr. F. Breitfuss, of St. Petersburg, saying that he had made an interesting discovery in the collection of Herr Mertens, of that city. This gentleman's collection included numerous vertical strips of four showing wide margins above and below, showing that there were only four rows, and the plate as reconstructed (failing one specimen) consisted of twenty-eight stamps, in four rows of seven each. We presume this refers to both the 10 paras and 2 piastres, and that the overlapping pairs horizontally confirm the seven stamps only in a row; if so, this vexed question is solved. It would be very interesting to get photographs of Herr Mertens' plate. These stamps have been dangerously forged, and the sooner all the types are verified the better for the experts!"

A Philatelic Gamble in "Futures."

One of the readers of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" propounds the following problem:—

"A promises to sell B a certain stamp at the price another specimen brings in an auction sale that is advertised for a future date. The sale is duly held and the particular stamp sells at a low figure. A lives up to his agreement, but as he sells the stamp he says that practically he is giving it away. B answers this complaint by saying that he is perfectly justified in accepting the stamp at the auction price, which represents the market value, and is under no obligation to A in consequence. What has the 'Weekly' to say?"

A single price for an ordinary stamp, one of a kind that is sold commonly, is no guarantee of its real worth, says the Editor of the "Weekly" in reply. A single sale does not set the price, but a general average of the prices realized at many sales does. The value of a stamp is what it will bring, not under extreme or unusual conditions, but in the ordinary course of commerce. One of the fallacies of the day is to point to the auction price of an unexceptional stamp as being standard or the market value. A general average of auction prices on one stamp is an index of market value, but a single price is not necessarily standard, for it may be much too high or too low."

He might have added that a man who enters into a sporting bargain has no right to squeal when the luck goes against him.

Martha Washington, heroine of the newest U.S.A. postage stamp, was, of course, the wife of the first President of the States. Before she became Mrs. Washington, in 1758, she was a wealthy young widow named Martha Curtis. She died in 1802—three years after her famous husband.

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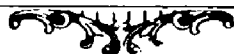
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From the Auction Rooms.



THE collection of "Great Britain and the British Colonies in Europe, Africa and the West Indies," formed by Mr. G. L. Edwards, a member of the London Philatelic Society, comes under the hammer at "Puttick's" on February 24th and 25th, and the sale is well calculated to attract a big attendance of buyers. A perusal of the selected list of stamps published in Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's advertisement will show what a galaxy of Colonial gems are comprised in this sale. The catalogue is now

ready and will be forwarded by all applying to the Auctioneers.

An extremely attractive sale was that held by Messrs. Plumridge & Co. on January 27th and 28th at their usual rendezvous, the Arbitration Room, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane. A large and very fine collection was broken up for this sale, and many good things in grand condition figured in the list. A report will appear in due course.

Messrs. GLENDINING & Co.'s Sale.

December 9th, 11th and 12th, 1902.

	£	s.	d.
Monaco, 1885, 5 fcs. carmine on green; fine*	2	4	0
Tuscany, 1853, 9 crozia, lilac-grey; superb	2	4	0
Ceylon, 1857-9, 1/- pale lilac; fine, with good margins: a scarce stamp in this condition*	5	15	0
India, 1856-64, 2 anna pale yellow-green; fine, with gum*	2	8	0
Pahang, 1890, 8c. orange	2	8	0
New Brunswick, 1/-	6	0	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale,

January 6th and 7th, 1903.

	£	s.	d.
France, 1861-70, 5 francs lilac, mint	0	15	0
Gaboon, 1889, 15 on 30c. black, mint	1	8	0
Luxemburg, 1882, surcharged S.P., 5 francs brown-orange, fine and scarce	1	8	0
Oldenburg, 1855, 3/8gr. black on green, fine	2	6	0
Russia Levant, 1865, 20 kopecks blue and red, fine	4	0	0
British Central Africa, 1895, One Penny on 2d. green, with double surcharge, mint	3	5	0
British East Africa, 1890, 4a lilac and blue, mint	1	10	0
Do. 1891-95, MS. Provisionals, "1/2 anna A.B." on 2a. vermilion, a pair, very fine	6	15	0
Do. Handstamped Provisional, "1/2 anna A.D." on 2 annas vermilion, very fine	4	10	0
Do. 1896, 2 annas vermilion, mint	2	0	0
Do. 1897, Zanzibar stamp surcharged, 1a. blue, with red surcharge, mint	5	5	0
Niger Coast, 1894, One Half Penny on 2 1/2d. blue, used and fine	2	2	0
Do. do. another. the error O I E, very fine	2	0	0
U.S.A., Justice, 90c., mint	4	4	0
New South Wales, laureated, no wmk., 3d. emerald green, with full original gum*	15	10	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,

January 8th and 9th, 1903.

Cyprus, 1st issue, 6d. and 1/-, fine*	2	0	0
France, 1862-70, 4c. grey, a horizontal tête bêche pair	2	10	0
Ceylon, 1st issue, 4d. rose, imperforate, fine	10	0	0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown, imperforate, fine	3	0	0
Do. do. 2/- blue, imperforate, fine	4	10	0
Do. do. wmk. Star, perf., 8d. brown, clean cut perf., fine	2	12	0
Philippines, 1863, 1rl. reddish violet, very fair, and 2rls. blue, fine*	4	0	0
Do. A similar lot, used and surcharged, "HABILITADO POR LA NACION"	4	12	6

	£	s.	d.
Fernando Poo, 1st issue, 20c. de esc. brown, very fine	1	0	0
Griqualand, small G in black on 5/- orange, mint*	2	16	0
Do. 5/- orange, each twice surcharged and showing two types, mint, pair*	11	5	0
Lagos, 1884-86, 2/6 olive-black, fine	3	3	0
Do. 5/- blue, very lightly postmarked	4	5	0
Do. 10/- lilac-brown, very fine	8	10	0
Maurit us, large fillet, 2d. blue, fine and rare	8	0	0
Do. Greek border, 1d. red, fine, with splendid margins all round	3	0	0
Natal, 2 1/2d. on 4d. brown, "PENGE" error, surcharge inverted, mint	4	4	0
Transvaal, 1874, surcharged "V.R. TRANSVAAL" in red, 3d. mauve, very fine	4	12	6
Do. do. 6d. blue, fine	4	15	0
Do. 1878, 1d. red on orange, slanting V.R., fine roulette, fine	4	4	0
Newfoundland, 6 1/2d. carmine vermilion, very fine*	7	15	0
Brazil, 1844, slanting figures, 300 reis black, fine	3	0	0
Do. 600	3	17	6
Buenos Ayres, steamship, 3 pesos green, fine	3	10	0
Colombia, 1862, 20c. red, fine	3	3	0
Dominican Republic, 1/2 real black on pale green*	2	0	0
Mexi. o. 1864, eagle, 3c. brown, error twice surcharged*	5	5	0
Queensland, 1st issue, 2d. blue, imperf., fine	3	17	6
Do. 1881, 2/6 scarlet, postally used	1	10	0
Do. do. 10/- brown	2	15	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale,

January 13th and 14th, 1903.

Great Britain, 2/- brown, fine	2	2	0
Do. £1, Anchor, fair	2	7	6
Do. 1884, £1, Crowns, a fine vertical pair	1	1	0
Hong Kong, 20 on 30 green, 50 on 48 lilac, 1 dollar on 96 grey, rare errors with native inscription surcharged on each side, mint	0	19	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 2d. deep blue, early state	3	17	6
Nevis, 1882, CA 14, 4d. blue, a mint block of four	6	0	0
Niger Coast, 1893-4, 3/4d. in blue on 2 1/2d. (S.G. No. 25), fine*, with gum; 1/4d. in vermilion on 2 1/2d. (S.G. No. 24), mint and rare	3	7	6
Tuscany, 1851-2, 60 crazie, red	4	0	0
Do. do. 9 " lilac-grey, mint, fine	7	12	6
United States, 1869, 90c. red and black, well centred, mint	2	12	6
Do. do. Justice, 90c. violet, mint	3	7	6
Virgin Islands, 1867, perf. 15, 6d. dull rose *	3	4	0

Messrs. GLENDINING & Co.'s Sale,

January 15th and 16th, 1903.

Iceland, 1873, official, perfs. 14 by 13 1/2, 4/- green	1	0	0
St. Helena, 1864-74, 4d. perf. 12 1/2, words 19mm. mint	1	5	0
Zanzibar, 1895, 1a. blue surcharge	2	0	0
Hawaiian Islands, 2c. blue, Gibbons' 214*	2	6	0
New Zealand, 1862, serrated perf., 6d. black-brown	2	8	0
South Australia, 2/- carmine, rouletted with departmental surcharge C.O., a block of 6*	5	5	0
Western Australia, 1854, rouletted, slate blue, fine	1	15	0

The death is recorded of Mr. W. Herrmann, the well known philatelic expert, at the age of seventy-five.

The labourer, Andrew Moore, charged with the wilful murder of the Rev. W. Bell, at Kilmeen, County Cork, has been committed for trial.

Preparations are now almost complete for an International Stamp Exhibition, with a special department for the stamps of Alsace-Lorraine, to be held at Mulhausen, Alsace, at Easter. The exhibition will be open for five days. On the jury are Baron A. de Reuterskiold, Carl Willadt, Hugo Krötzsch, and M. P. Mahé.

A correspondent of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," writes that he has about sixty shades of the current 2c. stamp of the United States.

A distinct variety in the current U.S.A. 2c. is reported in the "Weekly Philatelic Era." This is a specimen on which the triangle in the upper right corner contains no lines whatever.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

DECEMBER 4TH.—Auction of 227 lots, nearly all of which were mint colonials. After the sale the following were unanimously elected members:—Prince de Nissole, Messrs. D. P. Masson, J. Bryson, Watkin Watkins, W. Batty Mapplebeck, C. H. Goulden. Messrs. Bright and Son were thanked for a copy of their new catalogue.

January 8th.—Discussion, N.S.W. 1854-1883 and a display of these issues by Messrs. Pimme, Peck, and Wadams. Further details will be published after the next discussion.

Messrs. H. Wade, P. D. Gelling-Hayton, W. Hart, A. Bishop, W. J. Newton, M.A., F.R.G.S., W. Johannides were unanimously elected members.

Messrs. H. L. Hayman, P. Fabri, H. Dethloff, A. Sewpad, W. M. Thompson, and Prince de Nissole were thanked for contributions to the permanent collection, and W. Morley for a number of periodicals and catalogues.

The next auction will take place on Feb. 26th and 27th for which a very fine lot of stamps has already been sent in. Any others must reach the *Hon. Sec.* by January 26th.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., *Official Address*, 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the meeting held on Thursday, January 8th, 1903, M. J. Leschevin (Belgium) was elected a member, and under Rule 4 M. Lalour has ceased to belong to the Society.

The fiscals of New Zealand were discussed and catalogued, and an addenda to the published list compiled.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th, 1903, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street, Without, London, E.C., when the fiscals of Niger Coast, Orange Free State, and Queensland will be studied.

Sheets have been returned from the Continental section which is now in good working order. From the October packet 185fr. *nett* was taken from sheets sent by Home members, and 228fr. from the November packet. The January contribution totalled to 946fr., and the Home packet to £158.

All interested in fiscal stamps should apply for rules, &c., to *Hon. Sec.*, A. B. KAY, 2, Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London, W.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE ordinary meeting of the above Society was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, Liverpool, on Monday, January 26th, 1903, and in the course of a highly interesting meeting several very nice lots of stamps changed hands.

I take this opportunity to remind members that at the next meeting, which will be held on Monday, February 9th, there will be a general Display of Stamps.

Future arrangements made will be duly notified.

W. HALFPENNY, *Hon. Secretary* 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool.

PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE November packet has now returned, and shows a total sale of £25 6s. 3d., which averages more than 25% of the amount circulated. If this splendid support can only be maintained in each of the packets now going out, we shall have much need to congratulate ourselves. Very few clubs average this amount. Members are urged to make it a habit to contribute good sheets, and of as much variety as possible, when better sales may be witnessed. We shall gladly welcome any new members, and especially any that reside in the S.E. district of London. No subscription or fees of any kind.

Further particulars from the *Secretary*, R. T. MORGAN, 14, High Street, Selhurst, S.E.

CITY STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE December Packet contained eighteen sheets, value £45. Packet was returned early in January, and accounts cleared and sheets returned to members within ten days. January packet not so good, but several new members joined. There are a few more vacancies, and the *Secretary* will be glad to hear from anyone desiring to join an inexpensive Club. Address:—S. F. BICKERS, 7, Richmond Terrace, Cork, Ireland.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Mr. Larmour's residence, Calcutta, on Friday, Dec. 10th, 1902, at six o'clock, Mr. C. F. Larmour being in the chair. A provisional statement disclosing a satisfactory financial position was presented, and a few minor alterations made in the rules which, as amended, were ordered to be published in the *Journal*.

Mr. E. W. Wetherell was accorded a special vote of thanks for his editorship of the *Philatelic Journal of India* during 1902. The

Hon. Mr. D. P. Masson was invited to publish his series of articles on the stamps of Afghanistan, which have appeared in the *Journal* during the year, in the form of a handbook, and the fact was noted with pleasure that the fiscal issues of India are at last receiving careful attention as evidenced by the instructive articles by Mr. C. H. Crosse in course of publication in the *Journal*.

A discussion on the subject of an exhibition in Calcutta in the cold weather of 1903-04 was adjourned to the March meeting.

A souvenir of interest to Philatelists to be issued with the Delhi Durbar Postal Guide was announced. It consists of a complete collection of the whole of the adhesives (both Victorian and Edwardian) now on sale at the post offices throughout India. The stamps (of all values from 3 pies to 5 rupees) bear an official overprint (it can hardly be termed a postmark) indicating the special circumstances of their appearance. The guide would only be procurable at Delhi at noon on the 1st January, 1903, and its issue should aid very considerably in reducing the stock of remainders of the stamps of the last reign.

The following honorary officers were appointed for 1903:—President: Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson, I.C.S. (Lahore); Vice-Presidents: The Right Honorable the Earl of Crawford, K.T. (London); Mr. W. Dorning Beckton (Manchester); Mr. C. F. Larmour (Calcutta); and the Honorable Mr. D. P. Masson, C.I.E. (Lahore); Secretary: Mr. W. Corfield (Calcutta); Treasurer: Mr. D. P. Masson (Lahore); Librarian: Mr. T. Hoffmann (Calcutta); Editor of the *Journal*: Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson (Lahore); Council: The above *ex-officio* and Lieut.-Col. G. F. A. Harris (Calcutta); Lieut.-Col. C. P. Lukis (Agra); and Messrs. G. A. Anderson (Bombay); W. James (Calcutta); F. N. Schiller (Calcutta); P. A. Selve (Calcutta); and E. W. Wetherell (Bangalore).

W. CORFIELD, *Hon. Sec.*, Calcutta, 20th Dec., 1902.

ROCHDALE "LIT. AND SCI." SOCIETY.

BEFORE the Rochdale Literary and Scientific Society, referred to by an irreverent local Press as the "Lit. and Sci.," Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A., gave the second portion of his paper on philately on Wednesday, January 8th. Mr. W. H. Pennington presided.

Mr. Heginbottom pointed out that the hobby of philately, after being in existence for over 40 years, was in a stronger position than ever. Most large towns have philatelic societies, but Rochdale, he was sorry to say, was not one of them. A large attendance listened appreciatively to Mr. Heginbottom's remarks, and at their close a cordial vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of Mr. E. Lyon Taylor, seconded by Mr. F. J. Schroder.

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- GAMBIA,** imperf., no wmk., 4d. (2) and 6d., wmk. CC., 4d. and 6d. (pair and single), perf. CC., 1/- green (3) &c.
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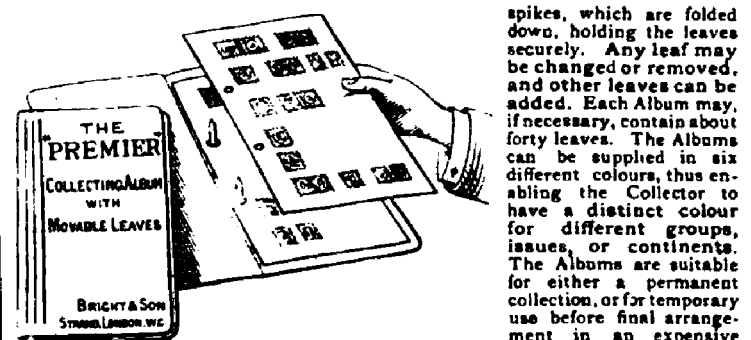
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Philately at Home and Abroad

An Esquire of Philately.

Mr. J. E. L. STEVENS, of Redruth, Secretary of the One and All Stamp Exchange, requests us to warn philatelists against a certain Malcolm Campbell, for whose arrest Mr. Stevens has caused a warrant to be issued on the charge of obtaining stamps by fraud. Applications for stamps on approval are likely to be made by this same Malcolm Campbell, probably from some place in Scotland. "Avont the Tweed," however, there are probably many Malcolm Campbells, and in justice to the innocent ones we hasten to add that Mr. Stevens' complaint is against a Malcolm Campbell who was lately located in a large town in the Midlands, and whose playful habit it is to have a printed heading to his postcards reading "M. Campbell, Esq."

Concerning the "Perfect" Specimen.

THE "Metropolitan Philatelist," in a recent article, advises philatelists not to be too great sticklers for perfect specimens. Buy only good specimens, advises our contemporary; but if one sticks out for absolutely perfect specimens, then there is a fear that one may die before the collection is half complete. "It is better," adds the "M.P.," "to build and complete a cottage then dig the collars and lay the foundation of a palace. . . . We know one gentleman who has been fifteen years trying to get a perfect set of the U.S.A. 1869 issue: he now has three-quarters of them. We hope he may live to the biblical three score and ten, and finally complete the set."

British Official Stamps Unused.

WHAT is the legal position of those philatelists who are so fortunate — or so unfortunate — as to possess unused speci-

mens of British official stamps? A Brighton correspondent writes us as follows:

"I have a Queen's Head 1d., 2d., 6d. and 9d. Govt. Parcels, all of which the Post Office omitted to cancel. As I took them off different parcels which had been through the post I should like to know if these are of any value as of course it is impossible to get them in any other way unused, and they are not priced unused in any catalogue. Yet unused 'Army Official' are priced! If it is unlawful to have the former in your possession why is it not unlawful to possess the latter?"

We were never good at conundrums from birth up; but if any *Fortnightly* reader has a solution to offer we shall be delighted to hear from him.

A Supplement to "Gibbons."

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS, Limited, are adopting a sensible course, and one that we feel sure will be popular, in deciding to issue periodical supplements to their catalogue. Already—how time flies—an appendix has been sent out comprising additions to the "Colonial" and "Foreign" catalogues, bringing both volumes up-to-date. The appendix is in the same size and style as the catalogue themselves, but we submit that the Colonial and Foreign parts should have been issued singly. It would then be a simple matter to slip each into the "parent" volume, so to speak. Probably this was duly considered by Messrs. Gibbons in making the new departure, and perhaps we may yet see the idea carried out in connection with future appendices.

More Philately for Johannesburg.

MR. AD. SOX, erstwhile Secretary of the Stamp Trade Protection Association, has soon made his influence felt in his new headquarters—Johannesburg. He is now inaugurating, in the "Gold Reef City," a branch office of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, and has taken temporary office premises at 5, Albany Chambers, Main Street.

Mr. Nankivell's Transvaals.

THE best of friends must part. Mr. Nankivell has parted with his Transvaals, and Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, the purchasers, have parted with a good round sum in payment for same. Mr. C. J. Phillips, in his "Notes and News" writes:—

I have much pleasure in announcing that our publishers have purchased the celebrated collection of Transvaal stamps formed by Mr. E. J. Nankivell during the past twenty-three years.

The collection is one that we have long coveted, but owing to the high value placed upon it by Mr. Nankivell we have not been able to come to terms at an earlier period.

Only a year ago the late owner spoke of £6,000 as the lowest sum he would accept for his treasures, but at length a favourable investment in land presented itself, and Mr. Nankivell allowed us to take his six volumes at what was a fair price to all parties.

The scope of the collection is as follows:—In each set or printing of the old stamps Mr. Nankivell takes a row of four picked shades of single stamps, unused. If there are four values in a set, we find on the first pages of each issue four stamps of each value, unused, then a page of the same stamps with the fine roulette, then a page of wider roulettes, more or less, according to variety. Following the unused single stamps we find one or more pages, as may be necessary, of unused pairs, strips and blocks of four, and the collection is very strong in this respect.

Next we have just the same repeated in *used* stamps.

After this there come several pages of "varieties," such as *l'le-bêche*, inverted surcharges, defective lettering, &c., &c.

In fact, this collection may be said to consist of four ordinary unused collections, plus four used collections, plus an unused collection in pairs and blocks, plus a used collection in pairs and blocks.

The great charm about the collection is the exquisite condition of almost every stamp—each one with large margins, well centred, carefully selected shades, so much so that there seems no redundant copy in the whole collection.

This collection ranks worthily with two other well-known specialised collections, viz., the British stamps of Mr. H. J. White, and the Ceylon of Baron A. de Worms.

The collection is a marked example of the "survival of the fittest," as for many years Mr. Nankivell has weeded out his collection a poor copy whenever he could replace it by a better one.

It will be a great pity if this collection should have to be broken up, and for the present we offer it only as a whole. The price of the collection is £5,250 net.

It will be seen that the exact price paid for the collection is not revealed, but as Mr. Phillips is willing to re-sell for £5,250 it is fair to assume that the figure paid was somewhere between £4,500 and £5,000. Well, one can buy a good strip of land for that money, and every true philatelist will wish Mr. Nankivell good fortune in his new venture. We trust the land is well centred and that it will yield its new owner a good wide margin of profit!

Meanwhile, there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it; likewise, Transvaals are not the only pebble on the beach!—the meaning of all this mixed metaphor being that Mr. Nankivell will probably not be saying good-bye to philately altogether.

The Candid Stamp Speculator.

The "Metropolitan Philatelist" tells us that Mr. George Brosnan, of Philadelphia, is one of the successful speculating collectors.

He has just cleared up twelve hundred dollars as the result of careful auction buying during the past three years, and is now on his way to have a good time enjoying the results of his foresight.

Mr. Brosnan's plan was to buy very fine stamps of which he did not have more than two copies that went cheap and thus kept three collections running at once. He never had more than two thousand dollars expended, and yet by judicious purchase managed to have three beautiful collections. Two he sold to collectors and the best went at auction with the results before stated, without counting the pleasure derived from three years' stamp hunting.

We attribute his success (the "M.P." adds) to the fact that he never looked for any particular stamp, but was always open to buy desirable stamps when they could be had cheap. Buying on this plan makes a very ragged collection for the first year or two, but after a while the blanks begin to fill up, with the nett results that the buyer has secured better specimens at a lower price than it is possible to purchase when special stamps are only wanted at any particular time. Buy when you can get the goods cheap and wait for time to consolidate your purchases.

Stamp Exhibitions are to be held at the Collectors' Club, Fourth Avenue, New York, on March 9th (U.S. Documentary and Revenue stamps), April 13th (Russia, Finland and Poland) and May 11th (Egypt and Soudan).

Mr. G. H. Dannatt sends us the "Report for 1902" of the Otterdale Stamp Exchange Club—a very able and interesting compilation. A reference is made to the "Gross v Nett Prices" controversy, Mr. Dannatt remarking that he has "nothing to add or withdraw" on the subject.

From the Auction Rooms.

SPECIAL attention is drawn to the Sale announced by Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper for March 5th and 6th next, at that firm's usual rendezvous, the Blenheim Room of the Hotel Cecil. The sale will consist of the fine collection formed by the late Judge Masterman, including, among a fine lot of other Colonials, some of the greatest rarities of British Guiana. We should advise all buyers of British Colonials to apply for a catalogue of this sale to Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, 35, Old Jewry, E.C.

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Do. blue, mint	..	1	7	6
Do. 1865-67, 9d. straw, mint	..	12	12	0
Do. 1867-82, wmk. Cross, 10/- grey, mint	..	17	17	0
Do. do. £1 purple-brown, mint	..	1	12	6
Do. 1870, ½ rose, plate 9	..	2	5	0
Hanover, 1859-63, 10grs. green, mint	..	3	12	6
Naples, 1858, 50 grana, pale lake, mint	..	1	11	0
Odenburg, 1859, 1grs. black on blue, mint	..	4	17	6
Do. do. 3grs. black on yellow, mint	..	1	10	0
Wurtemberg, 1851-52, 18kr. black on violet, mint	..	2	0	0
Ceylon, 1857-59, imperf., wmk. Star, 1d. blue, mint	..	13	0	0
Do. do. 9d. lilac-brown, do.	..	3	15	0
Do. do. 10d. vermilion, mint	..	4	10	0
Do. do. 1/9 green, mint	..	22	0	0
Do. do. 2/- blue, mint	..	2	17	6
Do. 1861, wmk. star, rough perfs., 4d. rose-red, mint	..	3	3	0
Do. do. 1/9 green, mint	..	5	2	6
Do. do. 2/- blue, a superb pair, do.	..	6	10	0
Do. 1860, no wmk., 9d. brown, mint	..	8	15	0
Do. do. 1/- violet, mint	..	3	0	0
Do. 1864, wmk. star, perf. 12½, 10d. orange-red do.	..	5	12	6
Do. 1863-67, wmk. CC., 2d. emerald green, a mint block of 4	..	11	10	0
Do. do. do. 5d. purple brown do. do.	..	18	0	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1848, 1d. deep orange, two magnificent copies	..	2	17	6
Orange River Colony, 1882, 3d. on 4d. blue, type E, a mint pair	..	1	10	0
Canada, 1852-57, imperf., wove paper, ¾d. rose, mint	..	10	0	0
Do. do. 7½d. green, superb, mint	..	8	0	0
Do. do. 10d. blue, on thick paper, superb	..	10	10	0
Do. do. 6d. purple-brown, mint	..	2	10	0
United States, 1855, 2c bright lilac, mint	..	3	10	0
Bahamas, 1859, imperf., 4d. dull rose, do.	..	3	5	0
Do. 6d. grey-lilac, mint	..	6	15	0
Do. do. perf. 11½-12, 1d. carmine-lake, do.	..	5	0	0
Do. perf. 13, 6d. lilac, ditto	..	5	0	0
Do. 1863-75, wmk. CC., 1/- green, mint	..	4	0	0
Barbados, 1858, 6d. rose-red, mint	..	3	5	0
Do. 1863, wmk. large Star, clean cut perfs., ¾d. green mint	..	8	10	0
Do. do. rose-red, mint	..	2	2	0
Do. 1875-78, wmk. CC., perf. 12½, 1/- purple, mint	..	5	5	0
Grenada, 1863-71, wmk. Small Star, rough perfs., 6d. vermilion, a mint strip of 3	..	4	12	6
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Do. do. 4d. blue, a ditto	..	3	0	0
Do. 1883, Postage in tall capitals, 1d. orange, a mint pair	..	22	0	0
Do. do. Postage diagonally in small capitals on half of 1d. orange, a mint strip of 6	..	8	10	0
Do. 1888, 4d. on 2/- orange, a mint strip of 3, centre stamp being the variety with upright 'd'	..	4	15	0
St. Lucia, 1860, wmk. Star, 1d. lake, a superb block of 6	..	21	0	0
Do. do. 4d. blue, a ditto	..	26	0	0
Do. do. 6d. green, a ditto	..	4	4	0
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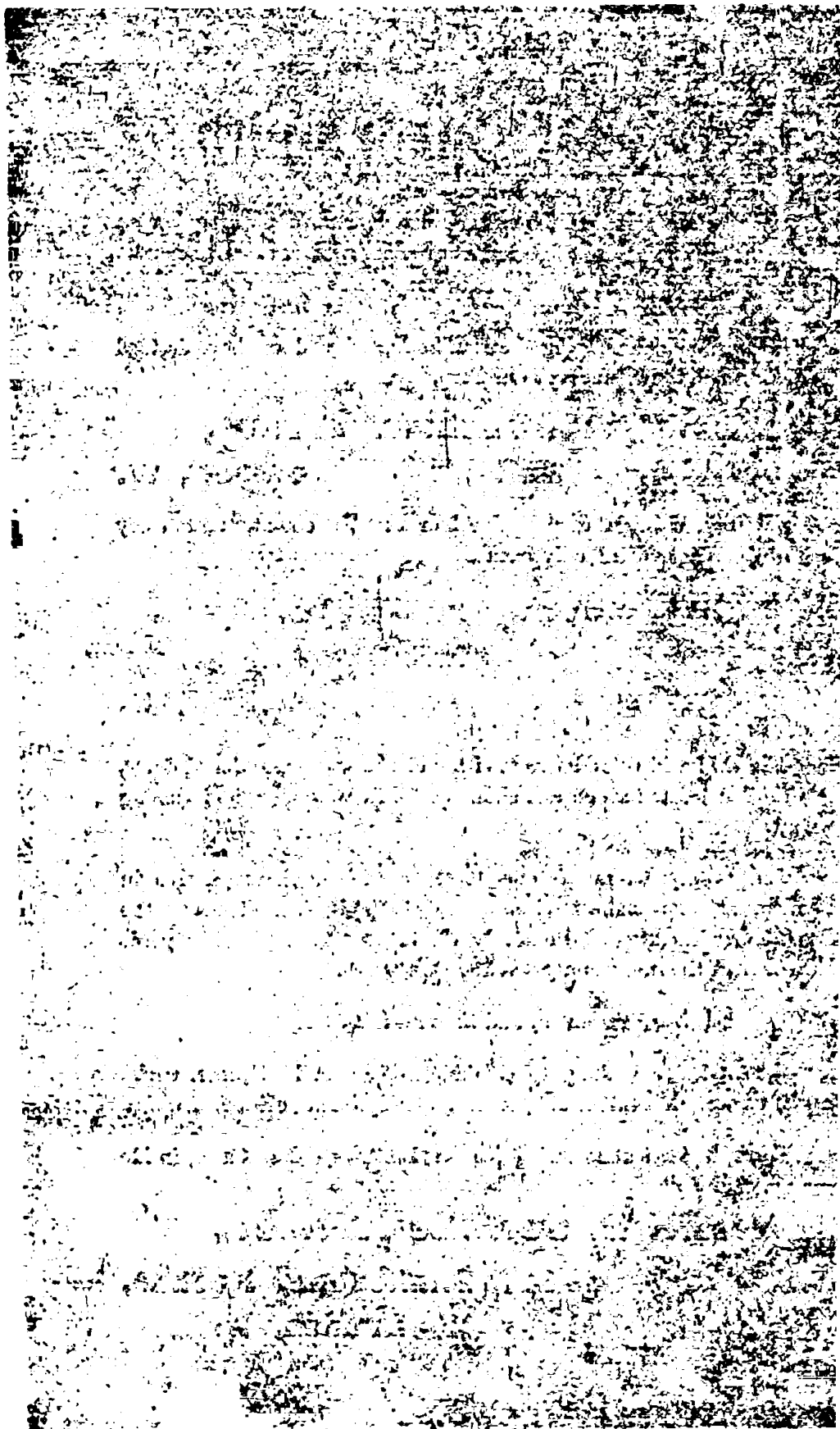
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Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.

CONTRIBUTED BY A. PRESTON PEARCE.

() NE large holder of the revenue stamps of the United States who had not heard of the great turn-out of old documents from the Californian Custom House felt somewhat alarmed at the reference to it in one of my last month's notes. By this time, however, he has been reassured by the receipt of Scott's Catalogue, and the relief at finding that out of the hundreds of quotations there is but one small reduction in price will probably compensate him for any disappointment that may be experienced by the failure to find any advances.

"On and after December 1st, 1902, British Colonial stamps will be sold in London at face value." This notice, followed by a list of thirty-three places and groups whose issues are referred to, recently appeared in a philatelic journal, and as nearly two-thirds of these places issue special series of fiscals I should like to ask if these also are procurable. I do not suppose for a moment that they are, but should they happen to be on sale it is just as well that the fact should be known. Perhaps some London collector will make an application and notify the result!

From my intercourse with fiscalists in all parts of the world I have arrived at the conviction that the collector of revenues takes more interest in what his stamps stand for than does the average postage stamp collector of my acquaintance. No doubt this is largely due to the multiplicity of causes that have brought the objects of his search into existence, some of them, naturally enough, possessing historical significance of much importance.

It must, however, be admitted that about the most interesting of the causes that add varieties to our collections is one that appeals to both classes of collectors with almost equal force. The reference is to those occasions where an occupation of territory by an invading force is marked by the conversion of stamps seized by the enemy and used by them for their own benefit.

Very naturally, also, the pages of our albums that exhibit stamps of this kind are those that appeal most strongly to the thoughtful non-philatelist, and are, therefore, most likely to induce him to enter our ranks. We have thus an additional reason for paying special attention to issues of this kind, and a communication just to hand from Mr. Schwabacher, to which I shall have occasion to refer presently, has brought the matter specially to my mind, and has induced me to take it up as the chief subject for this month's Notes.

Happily the number of instances in which a procedure of the kind under review has taken place is but small; indeed I can call to mind no more than three of real importance, and two of these are affairs of yesterday. There are, however, one or two minor instances of the same kind of thing, and one very curious case which merits special notice as being, I believe, historically the first instance in which the stamps of one nation were compelled to display the preponderating influence of another.

The case referred to is that of Croatia, and although it is not an instance of the seizure of stamps previously in use and then overprinted, it is very nearly so, for the territory was in the military occupation of Austria at the time of the promulgation of the new Constitution in 1867 that gave autonomy to Hungary, and it is on that account that we have those extraordinary specimens of the first issues of Hungary to which the device of the Austrian double-headed eagle has been added in such fashion that the heads and claws appear prominently in the four corners of each stamp. The necessity for this hybrid production ceased early in 1872, but before that date arrived a genuine case of appropriation and conversion had taken place in an adjoining Empire, with results likely to provide occasional employment for philatelists for some time to come.

The reference in this case is, of course, to the German invasion of France, and her subsequent retention of the

provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. Unfortunately, we have as yet but little definite knowledge of the extent to which the French fiscals found in the territories occupied were employed. A list of the varieties known to me appeared in the April, 1901, number of "Stamps," and three fresh ones are described below, but I feel sure that some of the advanced German collections could throw a good deal of light on the doings of a difficult period. So far as I am aware, only the *Dimension* set was impressed into the invader's service, and a curious feature, common to every variety that has come under my notice, is that all the German overprints are circular and struck at the juncture of four stamps, so that a single specimen shows but one quarter of the whole.

For the next instance we have to turn to the New World, one page of our Peruvians bearing testimony to the presence of a Chilean Army of occupation, which left its mark for us in the form of the Arms of its country printed upon the 1880-81 issue of the subjugated nation.

Another minor example of the usage under consideration is furnished by the employment of Stellaland Revenues after the absorption of that little Republic. The stock of fiscals in hand appears to have been taken over by the British and used until the regular issue was ready, but there is no evidence of the application of any regular overprint to denote the change in the proprietary. Some specimens in my collection have the "Republiek van Stellaland" struck out and "British Bechuanaland" inserted in ink, others omit the new designation, and the majority of the colonially used specimens can only be distinguished from the genuine republicans by the date or other cancellation. When no longer required, the remainders of this issue appear to have been sold at giving away prices.

Next in point of time come the emissions occasioned by the United States occupation of the Philippines—truly typical of what such circumstances are likely to produce. So far as my information goes, all the stamp duties of the Spanish *régime* were continued in force, and the revenue stamps seized by the invaders were overprinted or initialled by the revenue officers, and used until fresh designs could be prepared and stamps printed. The Spanish *Giro* stamps for Bills of Exchange, the *Sello* for Policies, Contracts and other Deeds, and the *Timbre Movil* for Receipts, were initialled and issued in small quantities at a time, and specimens of the first and third of these are known with the overprint of U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE. Appealing as they must inevitably do with special force to the imagination of the American collector, it is easy to foresee that these provisionals will be highly esteemed.

Finally, we have the military occupation of the late Orange Free State and South African Republic, with the consequent overprinting of their respective postal and fiscal issues with the magic letters V.R.I. A reference to one of these appears in last month's notes, and the general particulars are too well known to need recapitulation.

Mr. Schwabacher's communication, referred to at the beginning of the previous note, has reference to some newly discovered varieties of the German occupation of Alsace Lorraine overprinted on French *Dimension* stamps. So far as they can be made out the overprints appear to be:—

- F. (a) MOSEL DEPARTEMENT.
- (b) UNTER PRAEFECTUR SAARGEMUND.
- G. (a) MOSEL DEPARTEMENT.
- (b) UNTER PRAEFECT CHATEAU-SALINS.
- H. (a) UNTER PRAEFECTUR VON AARSUR MOSEL.
- (b) DEUTSCH-LOTHRINGEN.

(a) represents the circular inscription surrounding (b) which latter appears in two or three straight lines.

The letters F G and H are attached to connect these varieties with those listed in "Stamps." It will be noticed that those now described emanate from the Department of Moselle, which was partitioned between France and Germany, and has not previously been heard of in this connection.

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Between Ourselves

The "Fortnightly's" Spring "Special."

Announcements will be found elsewhere in this issue regarding the Special Spring Number of the S.C.F. to be published a fortnight from to-day.

It will be our aim to make the "Spring Special" the most remarkable issue of the *Fortnightly* ever sent to Press. Our readers, who have so often helped us in the past, can render material aid now by sending us during the coming week the names and addresses of one or more stamp collectors or intending stamp collectors who are not at present numbered among our regular subscribers. In this way the Special Spring Number of the *Fortnightly* might be made to do much useful missionary work in the cause of philately. If every reader of the S.C.F. would send us at least *one* name and address—on a post card—what a splendid circulation we could get for our Special Spring Number!

To get a man interested in a stamp paper is to get him interested in stamps; and the more people we get interested in stamps the better for philately. So send along those names and addresses, please! and trust us to make the Special Spring number an issue worthy of the occasion.

A feature of the "Spring Special" will be a review of the Stamp Trade and of Philately generally at this important season of the year. For this column interesting items of news are solicited from those who have such information to impart. Dealers, Publishers and others will kindly note.

But enough of our Spring Special. The number will be out in a fortnight's time and we shall leave it then to speak for itself.

The New "Scott" Catalogue.

The new edition of the "Standard Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps" (Scott Stamp and Coin Company, New York) is just to hand. It is just the same old "Scott." The colour of the cover is changed, the number of the Editions is altered from 61 to 62, but otherwise there are no radical changes—save here and there slight alterations of the prices. Certainly no stamp dealers' catalogue in the world changes so little as "Scott," perhaps for the reason that no catalogue stands so little in need of change. As hitherto, Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Birmingham, acts as agent for the sale of the catalogue in this country. In this number we can do no more than acknowledge receipt of the new edition, but we may have more to say regarding the prices, &c., in our next issue, the Spring Special.

Frauds and Forgeries Everywhere.

We fear that the *Fortnightly* too often proves melancholy reading for those who would like to see the philatelic hobby well rid of all fraud and evil-doing. In this number, again, it is our unwelcome duty to report the sensational disclosures of serious and systematic stamp fakery in Sydney, New South Wales. What seems to be needed nowadays is some great International Philatelic Protection Association, with a long purse and large powers—a society prepared to take a firm hold of evil-doing wherever found, and by stern, swift, merciless measures prevent any recurrence of these frauds on their fellow philatelists. The sooner the world's greatest stamp men meet in conference and settle on the details of such a scheme the better for Philately!

Concerning Speculation in Stamps.

By EDWARD J. NANKIVELL.

REPLYING to an article by "Oliver Crinkle" in "Mekeel's Stamp Collector," Mr. E. J. Nankivell, with his usual vigorous optimism, speaks his mind, in the journal already mentioned, on the subject of "Speculation in Stamps." Space forbids a full reprint, but a few characteristic passages may be selected:—

"Is stamp collecting becoming to many a sort of gambling game?"

Undoubtedly it is (retorts Mr. Nankivell). Stamp collecting has so much need of the trader that prices now bulk largely in the business. The trader is the middleman, the collector's agent. In order to carry on his business he has to embark considerable capital in the undertaking. Then the middleman competes with the middleman, and he speculates in the buying of large stocks of promising stamps, and now and again one retires with a fortune to enjoy life freed from the responsibilities and cares of business. In the wake of the dealer in every class of business there inevitably follow hangers-on of the amateur-dealer class hankering after a share of the profits that are so obviously gathered in by the successful dealer. The amateur-dealer, perhaps better known in stamp collecting circles as the collector-dealer, picks up a crumb here and there and if he makes a haul now and then he chortles loudly and lets his little world know that speculation in stamps is a paying game. Ergo, to many, stamp collecting is becoming a sort of gambling game.

"Can it be that philately is becoming more of a sport than a study?"

Can it be that an earnest philatelist asks this question? (asks Mr. Nankivell in his turn.) It is true there is a great deal of the sporting element about, but was there ever a time when the study of philately was being lifted into a higher plane than now? Was there ever a time when so many great specialists were giving time and unlimited means to the deeper study of stamps than now? Was there ever a time when so many splendid works were being published?

"Will our magazines be filled with matter bearing a strong resemblance to the turf-tipster's column in the large city dailies?"

Who can say? Let us hope not, at all events. (Mr. Nankivell proceeds) if the great body of influential collectors supported their stamp journals as they should in their thousands, instead of in their dozens, our stamp journals would be able to spend lavish sums in the glorification of stamp collecting. But they are literally starved, and but for the business enterprise and generosity of their proprietors we should look in vain for a satisfying stamp journal. I challenge anyone to go through our leading stamp journals and gather from their pages anything that will justify the fear that they are treading towards the degradation of the turf-tipster's column!

Destruction of Queen's Head St. Vincent's.

There has been a bonfire of all the St. Vincent Queen's Heads. Mr. W. C. Prondfoot supplies "Ewen's Weekly" with the following particulars:—

On the 5th January the Government destroyed all the Queen's Head stamps on hand on the 31st December. It may interest you to know that the following numbers were destroyed:—

		Value	£	s.	d.
2½d.	..	37,668	392	7	6
3d.	..	36,233	452	19	9
4d.	..	18,000	300	0	0
5d.	..	18,364	382	11	8
6d.	..	10,887	272	3	6
1/-	..	3,704	185	4	0
5/-	..	2,662	665	0	0
			127,518	£2650	6 5

The above information can be relied on, having been obtained from official sources. It will be published in the Government Gazette in about two weeks time. In addition to the above, 1,368 ½d. Post Cards, 456 1d. single Post Cards, and 2,175 Registration Envelopes were also destroyed.

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.

Canada.—We do not appear to have chronicled a new Canadian stamp of the value of 7 cents. Colour, greenish yellow. Another promised new value, the 4 cents, is not yet to hand.



Cape of Good Hope.—Further King's Head stamps are coming over from the Cape. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. report the receipt of the ½d. and 1s. values.

Cyprus.—The first of the King's Heads for this island is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

King's Head design, ½ piastre, carmine and yellow.

Germany.—The experimental Official stamps, which, it now appears, are to be used only in the Kingdom of Prussia, are fully described in "Der Philatelist." They bear the overprint, "Frei Durch Ablosung Nr. 21," and the values used will be the 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 pfennig.

Morocco (Spanish).—"Ewen's Weekly" lists a new issue of four stamps for use at Spanish Post Offices in Morocco. These are the stamps of Spain surcharged "Correo Espanol—Marruecos" in script, reading from lower left to upper right hand corner.

Overprint in carmine on 4/4c. green.
 " " " " 5c. green.
 " " black on 10c. red.
 " " carmine on 25c blue.

On the quadruple stamp ¼ centavos the surcharge is applied to each of the four quarters.

Natal.—The 2d. King's Head type, Mr. Bertram Poole informs us, has just been issued. The design is similar to that of the other values already chronicled, and the colours are bright carmine for the head and olive-green for the border.

New Zealand.—The ½d., 6d. and 1s. values, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have learned, are now being printed on a new paper, with watermark of single-lined "N.Z." and Star. In "Ewen's Weekly" the 2d. is chronicled in a similar state.

Orange River Colony.—Specimen copies appear to have been circulated of the first of the King's Head stamps for Orangia—viz., the 1d. carmine. The design shows the King's Head in an oval, under a curved label bearing the name, "Orange River Colony." In the lower part of the stamp one gets a glimpse of the veldt with a couple of animals that look like a springbok and a gun. It is not a conspicuously successful bit of designing.

Various readers of the "Monthly Journal" having asked questions as to Orange Free State postage stamps surcharged "V.R.I." and "B.D.," it is pointed out that the second overprint stands for "Bank Draft," and converts the stamps into fiscals; and whether any stamps thus surcharged (adds the "Monthly Journal") have ever been used for postage or not we cannot say, but we do not suppose that their use for such a purpose was ever authorised. We hope not, at all events, for we learn from "Morley's Ph. J." that there are several varieties with small "B" and large "B," little "D" and big "D," ingeniously combined. We have not, however, yet seen a variety overprinted "U.B.D." which has been mentioned to us, and we cannot imagine what those letters would imply.

Paraguay.—A specimen of the latest provisional comes to us from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. This is the current 28 cents stamp overprinted "Habilitado—en cinco—5 cent.

5" in three lines of black type. Of this stamp our correspondents have noticed two varieties—one with comma instead of period after the word "cent," and one without a stop of any kind.

Western Australia.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a specimen of the newest version of the penny stamp—on paper watermarked "V and Crown."

1d. carmine, wmk. "V" and Crown.

United States.—We must thank Messrs. P. L. Pemberton & Co. for sending us specimens of the two latest additions to the "Series of 1902."

2 cents, carmine (*George Washington*).

5 cents, blue (*Abraham Lincoln*).

Like the others of the series already chronicled they are beautiful stamps.

We read, by the way, in "Mekeel's Stamp Collector" that there is an intention to issue a 25 cents value at an early date, as business men greatly feel the need of some value between 15 and 50 cents.

Zanzibar.—Mr. B. W. H. Poole has a variety of the surcharged Indian stamps which is not noted in Gibbons' Catalogue, nor in Mr. Phillips' lists. It is the 2 annas with the inverted "q" for "b," and the second "z" in "Zanzibar" normal. The variety (remarks the "Monthly Journal") would come after No. 54 in the Catalogue.

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THE "FORTNIGHTLY'S" SPRING "SPECIAL."

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SENSATIONAL STATEMENT BY MR. FRED HAGEN.

AN ASTOUNDING LETTER.

A STORY of systematic stamp fakery comes from Sydney, N.S.W. The last issue to hand of Mr. J. H. Smyth's paper, the "Australian Journal of Philately," brought a somewhat cryptic mentioning:—

- (1). The discovery of a number of Australian stamps with faked perforations.
- (2). The fact that suspicion rested on Mr. F. W. Reid, the Sydney Dealer.
- (3). The hurried departure of Mr. F. W. Reid to America.

Now comes the other Antipodean stamp journal, the "Australian Philatelist," containing a long and, to say the least of it, sensational statement from the pen of Mr. Hagen:

In July, Mr. Hagen writes, I received information that for some considerable time certain stamps had been sold by a dealer as genuine, whereas the perforation of these stamps had been faked, thereby enhancing their apparent value.

I referred the matter shortly afterwards to Mr. Maney-Lake, the President of the Sydney Philatelic Club, and we decided that in the interest of Philatelists, it would be best to keep the matter secret, until we were able to thoroughly investigate it. We examined a number of stamps bought over an extended period, from Mr. F. W. Reid. The majority of these stamps had their perforations denoted in figures on the backs, in Mr. Reid's handwriting, the stamps were compared with undoubted genuine ones, and also examined in a very careful manner, and we proved conclusively that the stamps in question were undoubted fakes.

On the 22nd August, we consulted with Mr. Acting Judge Montgomerie Hamilton, a prominent member of the Sydney Philatelic Club, and endeavoured to devise some means of sheeting home the guilt to the person manufacturing them. We were informed that although a person may be guilty of uttering fakes, it does not prove that he manufactured them, consequently it was a most difficult subject to prove. Finding no sure means of quickly bringing the guilty person to book, I thereupon early in November informed Mr. Basset Hull of the matter, who advised bringing the matter before the Club. At the meeting held on the 19th November, I moved that a sub-committee be appointed, consisting of the President, Mr. Maney-Lake, the Vice-President, Mr. Pettifer, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Gilles, and Mr. A. F. Basset Hull and myself, to investigate a matter of grave importance to the Club.

AN ASTOUNDING LETTER.

The sub-committee met the following day, a number of faked perforations were examined and their irregularities as compared with the genuine noted, and the committee were unanimous in their decision that the stamps in question were undoubted fakes.

I then stated to my colleagues that the sale of these fakes had been spread over a period of four years, and were still on sale. I also produced a letter written by Mr. Reid on the 25th March, 1898, from Brisbane, to a friend in Sydney. Amongst items of a personal nature, several referred to stamp matters: these I now quote, viz: "Re American grill—it is a good field, but great care has to be taken to get it only on the Nat. B.N. Co's stamps. A year or two ago, when these marks were first discovered, dealers, in looking over their stocks, found "grills" of every company, and, of course, this showed wholesale forging. I never had the remotest idea of trying to make "O.S." as I know it would be as impossible as for you to play 'The Last Rose of Summer' on my violin, but I thought I could get a rough canceller just to obliterate with. I wish we could work together in Sydney in some way, and, besides, get up some paper, &c., Australian Stamp Co., or something, and ship your (?) work into America and England. I know hundreds of collectors and dealers in America and we could, by advertising in American papers, &c., sell all you could make."

Mr. Reid shortly afterwards came to Sydney, and in November, '98, advertised a Queensland 1s. perf. 9 x 12, for sale, which, my informant states, was a fake, and which Mr. Reid later on referred to as such.

The sub-committee decided that Mr. Pettifer (who proposed Mr. Reid as a member of the Sydney Philatelic Club) should wait upon Mr. Reid and place the result before him.

THE DEMAND FOR AN EXPLANATION

Mr. Pettifer called upon Mr. Reid and told him that he had been selling fakes, and that the stamps had been expertised on and proved to be frauds. Mr. Reid admitted having sold the stamps in question, but stated he was not aware that they were bad, that he sold them as received, but if the experts had decided they were fakes, he supposed they were; at the same time he said: "If they were fakes, how was

it that Hagen, who had bought a 9 x 12 Queensland four years ago, had not discovered it was a fake?" No mention had been made of the 1s. sold four years ago, so by his statement he virtually admitted his knowledge that the stamp in question also was a fake. A copy of the letter written by him from Brisbane was read. He admitted having written a letter to the person, and that it was his signature, but out of revenge for a split in the camp, my informant had altered some of the contents. He did not attempt to put a different construction on the letter, which was possible, but simply said the original matter had been removed and the damaging statement inserted by his one time friend. The letter was written on both sides of a thin sheet of ordinary letter paper, the ink marks showing through both the sides, and to remove matter with a view to insert the paragraph above detailed, would require both sides of the paper to be chemically treated. The letter on careful scrutiny showed no signs of having been tampered with.

Reid was informed the best thing he could do was to resign from the club. He was, however, strongly advised by Mr. Pettifer to give an explanation, and that the committee would give him an opportunity of clearing himself. However, he saw fit not to accept the opportunity, and within an hour sent in his resignation.

A prominent collector who had purchased extensively from Reid, upon examination found a good number of fakes amongst his stamps. He returned these stamps to Reid and got a refund of the money. No doubt some of the stamps returned were genuine, but the collector preferred to rid himself of stamps that were bought in doubtful company.

Mr. Smyth states that Mr. Reid declined to take steps to clear himself on the ground of private and personal reasons. These private and personal reasons, which Mr. Smyth imagines were due to domestic affairs, were proved not to exist.

Mr. Smyth also states he received a letter from Mr. Reid, intimating his departure from Sydney to America. This letter was received some hours after Mr. Reid had left Sydney, and not before as the paragraph would infer. Another dealer in the city, who owed a small account to Reid, also received a letter after the latter had left, stating that he would forward an address from America, where the money due to him could be sent.

MR. F. W. REID'S HURRIED DEPARTURE.

Mr. Reid's most intimate friends were not aware of his hurried departure. The Oceanic mail steamer left on Monday, 8th December, at 1 p.m. sharp. One of his friends was speaking to Mr. Reid at half-past 12 at his place of business in the Markets, a 15 minutes' drive from the steamer. Mr. Reid made no mention of his departure. Upon enquiry at the shipping office the name of F. W. Reid did not appear on the passenger list, but an intimate friend has since received a letter written at Auckland and posted at Auckland, apologising for his hurried departure, but explaining nothing.

One of the dealers of the city having some 10 x 12½ N.Z.'s in his possession took them to Reid to ask if the perf. had been faked, as Reid's figures were on the back—12½ rather large and the 10 somewhat lighter. Reid stated that the 10 had been added after the perforation had been put on!

The following are some of the fakes that I have seen and heard of, and for which money has been refunded. There may be others:—

- NEW SOUTH WALES.—*Dindem*, perf. 12, 3d. (rare shade) 8d.
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Official, perf. 10 x 11½, 4d. and others of which a list has not been kept, including perfs. of both stars and O.S.

Referring to the subject of grills, which Mr. Reid mentions in his letter, my informant states that a number of these were sold by Mr. Reid to a collector in Sydney, who has them in his collection at the present moment. Probably these also were sold unknowingly (?)

Such are the facts of the case, I leave my readers to draw their own conclusions.

Philatelic Societies' Reports.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 87th meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Club House, on Wednesday, December 10th, 1902. Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Dewing, Luff, Morgenthau, Scott and Perrin.

The meeting was called to order at 9.30 p.m., with Mr. Scott in the chair.

Mr. J. M. Andreini was nominated and unanimously elected President for the ensuing year, Mr. P. F. Bruner, Vice-President; Mr. J. W. Scott, Treasurer; Mr. Albert Perrin, Secretary.

Moved, seconded and carried that the offer of the National Philatelic Society to turn over to the club all their furniture and money in the Treasury in settlement of their debt be accepted for full payment.

The Secretary read the resignation from the Board of Mr. H. E. Deats, which was accepted with regrets. Mr. M. H. Lombard was appointed on the Board to fill the vacancy.

Various committees were appointed by the President to serve during the ensuing year.

ANNUAL MEETING: On the same evening the Annual Meeting of the Club took place, when reports were presented, considered and accepted. Messrs. Andreini, Luff, Morgenthau and Dewing were elected Governors.

A special meeting (the 89th) of the Board of Governors was held at the club house on Saturday evening, January 17th, 1903.

The Secretary read the resignation of Mr. H. L. Calman as Governor. Accepted with regrets.

The name of Mr. Jos. S. Rich was placed in nomination for Governor by Mr. Perrin and seconded by Mr. Scott, to fill the vacancy on the Board. There being no other nominations the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote and the chair declared Mr. Rich unanimously elected.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A MEETING was held on Feb. 7th at 17, Cranbrook Road, Mr. MacPherson in the Chair.

Four new members were elected.

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BRITISH EMPIRE EXCHANGE CLUB.

NOVEMBER packets returned. Sales from the Colonial packet amounted to 301 stamps, £13 5s. 2d. nett value being disposed of, over 20% as total value of the packet was only £62 12s. 2½d. nett.

General packet, 393 stamps, value £13 13s. 3½d. out of £102 18s. 5d.; this averages out very fair.

February packets sent off on the 2nd, Colonial with 27 sheets, value £80 15s. 3d. General packet on the 10th, including a fine selection of Greek (nearly complete) and many other good stamps.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 164, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

"UNUSED" EXCHANGE CLUB.

NOVEMBER packet has returned. Sales, 197 stamps, value £10 7s. 2d., sold out of £86 7s. 8½d. January packet sent off on January 15th, 15 sheets, value £113 2s. 5d. gross.

This ought to have been in the last number S.C.F.

December packet has returned. Sales, £9 os. 4d. out of £82 2s. 3d. sent in. February packet will be sent off on February 16th, the 15th being Sunday. A few enthusiastic members can still be received as members.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*, 164, Loughborough Park, London, S.W.

BEGINNERS' STAMP EXCHANGE.

JANUARY Packet contained 32 sheets value nett £70 16s. 9d.

February Packet contains 35 sheets value £52 8s. 1d.

The November Packet has returned and all accounts (except two debits) are settled. No vacancy at present. Members are requested not to enclose their stamps in card or book covers, as these add greatly to the weight of the packet.

Secretary: MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

SOUTH ENGLAND STAMP EXCHANGE.

JANUARY packet contained 30 sheets, value £76 5s. That for February was much better, with 35 sheets, value £110 4s. 6d., nett prices.

The November credit accounts are all paid, and the Secretary would again impress upon the members that debit accounts should be paid within seven days. There are a few vacancies for thoroughly reliable purchasing members. Rules for ½d. stamp from the *Secretary*, MISS FLORENCE E. SMITH, S.E.P.S., Winfrith, The Crescent, Bedford.

PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

THE February packet, which is in two parts, started punctually on the 5th, carrying a total value of £368 18s., the largest amount ever sent out in one month. The number of members seeing these packets is 57. We are still making excellent progress many new members having joined us. Still there is room, and early application is necessary. Perfectly free. No subscription. Further particulars on application to the *Secretary*, R. T. MORGAN, 14, High Street, Selhurst, S.E.

Answers to Correspondents.

W.N.G. (Blackpool).—Many thanks for the cutting, which we have used.

H.A. (Bristol).—The subscription to the S.C.F. is 3s. 3d. per annum to any part of the world.

G.B.J.—Yes, thanks.

H.A.P.—Very well, we shall hold the matter in abeyance until hearing from you again. We strongly advise you to press the matter vigorously.

The latest new stamp paper hailing from New York is called the "Literary Philatelist." With a name like that it should have come from Boston.

As regards those stamps which will not bear immersion in water the "American Journal of Philately" suggests that a list of these should be printed in every stamp catalogue for the benefit of the beginner.

From New York the death is reported of Mr. W. Alexander Smith, Junior, at the early age of twenty-nine. Mr. Smith was an active member of the various American Societies and the Collectors' Club, New York, as well as an Ex-President of the New York Philatelic Society.

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Philately at Home and Abroad

The Next New Catalogue.

We have been privileged to glance through the advance proofs of the greater part of the Fourth Edition of Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s "Standard Catalogue." The well known policy of that useful book is still adhered to, only the standard varieties of stamps being listed and priced.

A Northern Nigerian Puzzle.

It does not seem to be generally known (remarks Mr. W. H. Earl in a note to the *Fortnightly*) why the stamps of the Queen's Head issue of Northern Nigeria are so difficult to obtain. From what I consider a reliable authority I hear that one lot only were printed, and when these were exhausted the Post Office authorities issued stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate until the King's Head type arrived. This also explains the unexpected flood of the "Protectorate" series, after we thought they were done with!

***Ware this man from Japan!**

Just recently we have been shown large sheets of paper with a printed heading on which are displayed a series of Japanese stamps of all issues, and mostly forgeries. As an interesting sequel comes the following letter from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., describing the source of the supply:

"A man has just arrived in London from Japan (write our correspondents) with a large number of sheets, each containing 79 varieties of Japanese postage stamps, from the first issue

to the current. All of these except the common recent issues are forgeries. We have to-day been offered 2000 of these sheets. Please sound a note of warning in this week's *Fortnightly*."

For a Good Little Boy.

ONE of the newspaper correspondents of Rome tells a pretty story of the Queen of Italy (who was Princess Elena of Montenegro) and of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, the American Ambassador and "Ambadressess" at the Quirinal.

Queen Elena, it seems, when receiving Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, asked most kindly about their family, and on hearing that their only son, a boy of twelve, is an enthusiastic stamp collector, she said, "Is it so? Well, it is a fine study for children, and one easier understood than coin collecting."

The last part of the remark was made with a smile, for it is well known that coins are the present King of Italy's passion, and that he is rather apt to forget that others are not so much interested in numismatics as he is.

A few days later a gorgeous functionary appeared at the doors of the American Embassy with a mysterious parcel, which was to be given at once, with the Queen's compliments, to "Master Meyer." Great excitement reigned until the dainty wrappings were carefully taken off by eager fingers, when two really magnificent stamp albums were revealed, one of which contained a complete set of Montenegrin stamps.

The Curse of the Gumpap.

MR. P. R. NEWMAN, of Wimborne, Dorset, pens a vigorous protest against the gumpap-ridden Republics of Central America.

"May I be allowed through the columns of your valuable paper," writes Mr. Newman, "to express my opinions and those of my stamp-collecting friends on the subject of Nicaragua and Salvador stamps.

"The only aim of these States seems to be the issuing of fresh stamps. On every possible occasion a new issue is made, and it is simply impossible to get together a representative collection. Unless it paid these Republics to issue the stamps the nuisance would soon come to an end. I know for a fact that this has so disgusted some collectors that they have withdrawn from active interest in Philately.

"The matter is wholly in the hands of collectors themselves. Why not boycott Salvador and Nicaragua stamps *altogether* in an unused state?

"If you would print this letter in your spring number perhaps it would arouse philatelists on this question, for I feel sure that most collectors will think the same as I do."

Experiments in Forgery-Detection.

A REPORT BY AN EMINENT SCIENTIST WHICH MAY PROVE OF INTEREST TO PHILATELISTS.

HOW fraudulent alterations are carried out on business papers, and how such trickery may be detected, formed the subjects of an enquiry set on foot some time ago in connection with the Belgian Academy of Medicine. The matter may not inconceivably be of interest and value to philatelists in considering the subject of faked stamps. Professor Bruylants thus reports the results of experiments and investigations carried out in conjunction with Professor Leon Gody:

"Although my experiments were not carried on under the most favourable circumstances their results were satisfactory. A piece of paper was handed to me for the purpose of determining if part of it had been unequally and greatly wet, and if another part of it had been manipulated for the purpose of erasing marks upon it; in other words, whether this part had been rubbed. The sample I had to work upon had already gone through several experiments. I had remarked that the tint of paper exposed to the vapour of iodine differs from that which this same paper assumes when it has been wet first, and dried afterward. In addition to this I realized that when sized and calendered paper first partially wet and then dried, is subjected to the action of iodine vapour, the parts which had been wet take on a violet tint, while those which had not been moistened became either discoloured or brown. The intensity of the colouration naturally varied according to the length of time for which the paper was exposed to the iodine.

"There is a very striking difference also when water is sprinkled over the paper, and the drops are left to dry off by themselves in order not to alter the surface of the paper, complete dissipation being produced at a temperature of 212°.

"Thorough wetting of the paper will cause the sprinkled parts to turn a heavy violet blue colour when exposed to the vapour, while the parts which were untouched by the water will become blue.

"If, after sprinkling upon a piece of paper and evaporating the drops thereon, this piece of paper is first thoroughly wet, then dried and subjected to the action of iodine, the traces of the first drops will remain distinguishable whether the paper is dry or wet. In the latter case the traces of the first sprinkling will hardly be distinguishable so long as the moisture is not entirely got rid of, but as soon as complete dryness is affected, their outlines, although very faint will show plainly on the darker ground surrounding the space covered by the first drops.

"In this reaction water plays virtually the part of a sympathetic fluid, and tracing the characters with water on sized and calendered paper, the writing will show perfectly plain when the paper is dried and exposed to the action of iodine vapour. The brownish violet shade on a yellowish ground, will evolve to a dark blue on a light blue ground after wetting. These characters disappear immediately under the action of sulphurous acid, but will reappear after the first decoloration, provided the paper has not been wet and the decoloration has been effected by the action of sulphurous acid gas.

"This process, therefore, affords means for tracing characters, which become legible and can be caused to disappear, but at will to re-appear again, or which can be used for one time only and be cancelled forever afterward.

"The usual method of verifying whether paper has been rubbed, is to examine it as to its transparency. If the erasure has been so great as to remove a considerable portion of the paper, the erased surface is of greater translucency; but if the erasure has been effected with care, examination close to a light will disclose it, the erased part being duller than the surrounding surface because of the partial upheaval of the fibres.

"If an erasure is effected by means of bread crumbs instead of india-rubber, and care is taken to erase in one direction the change escapes notice, and it is generally impossible to detect it, should the paper thus handled be written up again.

"Iodine vapours, however, show all traces of these manipulations very plainly, giving their location with perfect certainty. The erased surfaces assume a yellow brown or brownish tint. If, after being subjected to the action of the iodine, the paper on which an erasure has been made is wet, it becomes of a blue colour, the intensity of which is commensurate with the length of time to which it has been under the action of the iodine, and when the paper is again dried the erased portions are more or less darker than the remainder of the sheet. On the other hand, when the erasure has been so rough as to take off an important part of the material exposure to iodine, wetting and drying result in less intensity of coloration on the parts erased, because the erasing, in its mechanical action of carrying off parts of the paper, removes also parts of the substances—fecula sizing—which in combination with iodine, give birth to the blue tint. Consequently the action of the iodine differs according to the extent of the erasure.

"When paper is partially erased and wet, as when letters are copied, the same result, although not so striking, follows upon exposing it to the iodine vapour after letting it dry thoroughly.

"Iodine affords in certain cases the means of detecting the nature of the substances used for erasing. Bread crumbs or india-rubber leave yellow or brownish-yellow tints after iodination, and these are distinguished by striae or more intense coloration, erasure by means of bread crumbs causing the paper to take a violet shade of great uniformity. These peculiarities are due to the upheaval of the fibres, caused by rubbing. In fact this upheaval creates a larger absorbing surface, and consequently a larger proportion of iodine can cover the rubbed parts than it would if there had been no friction. When paper upon which writing has been traced with a glass rod, the tip of which is perfectly round and smooth, is exposed to iodine vapour the characters appear brown on yellow ground, which wetting turns to blue. This change also occurs when the paper written upon has been run through a supercalender. If the paper is not wet these characters can be made to appear or be blotted out by the successive action of sulphurous acid, and iodine vapour.

"Writing done by means of glass tips will show very little, especially when traced between the lines written in ink. The re-action, however, is of such sensitiveness that where characters have been traced on a piece of paper under others they appear very plainly, although physical examination would fail to reveal their existence, but a somewhat lengthy exposure to iodine vapours will suffice to show them.

"If the wrong side of the paper is exposed to the iodine vapour, the characters are visible, but, of course, in their inverted position.

"If the erasure has been so great as to take off a part of the substance of the paper, the reconstruction of the writing, so as to make it legible may be regarded as impossible; but even in this case subjecting the reverse side of the paper to the influence of the iodine will bring out the reverse outlines of the blotted out characters so plainly that they can be read, especially if the paper is placed before a mirror. In some instances when pencil writing has been strong enough, its traces can be reproduced in a letter press by wetting a sheet of sized and calender paper in the usual way that press copies are taken, placing it on paper saturated with iodine to be reproduced, and putting the two sheets in a letter book under the press, copies being run off as usual copying letters. The operation, however, must be very rapidly carried out to be successful. As a matter of fact the certainty of the reactions depends entirely upon the class of paper used. Paper lightly sized or poorly calendered will not show them, while manipulations of which I think description would be superfluous here can interfere very materially with the results mentioned above.

"Another point consists in knowing how long paper will retain these reactive properties. In my own experiments the fact has been demonstrated that irregular wetting and rubbing three months old can be plainly shown, as after this lapse of time characters traced with glass rod tips could be made conspicuous. I have noticed that immersing the written paper in a water bath for three to six hours will secure better reactions, but although these reactions are very characteristic they are considerably weaker."

On Postal Cards and Covers.

BY A SPECIALIST.

IN accordance with the promise made last month, I give herewith a "sample" article from Fry's Catalogue of 1886. This very excellent list of Roumanian errors will serve to show the thoroughness and carefulness of the author, who it must be remembered was working in the days when philatelic research had great difficulties to overcome. The completion of the article shall be given next month.

ROUMANIA.

1873 (June). Stamp with large numeral in right upper corner Arms (20 mm) wide) of Roumania in left upper corner. Inscription in these lines in upper centre, 1st, CARTA DE POSTA in fancy capitals with ornamental dash beneath, 2nd, "Destinata circula deschisa in totu interioral Roumania," 3rd "degia din 31 Martie 1873." two long and two short dotted lines for address, the first preceded by D and the third by la. The lower part of the card which is separated from the upper by a thick ruled line, is devoted to five paragraphs of instructions divided into two columns. Arms and inscriptions in black stamp in colour on white or azure white card $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ in. 140×90 mm.

5 bani, blue.

Varieties.

- 1a. Accent over 'a' in 'circula,' none over 'a' in 'deschisa.' Period after POSTA over 't' in 'exacta' below.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis,' over 't' in 'este' below.
- 2b. Period after POSTA over first (?) 'a' 'exacta' below. No period at end of first paragraph.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis' in space between 'este' and 'reservat' below.
- 3c. Period after POSTA over first 'a' in 'exacta' below. No period at end of first paragraph.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis' in space between 'este' and 'reservat' below.
Par 5, 'scrissox' for scissorile.
- 4d. Period after POSTA between 't' and 'a' of 'exacta' below.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis' between 's' and 't' of 'este' below.
Par 5, 'potu' with only half a 't.'
- 5e. Period after POSTA over 'c' in 'exacta' below.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis' over 's' of 'este' below.
.. 3, no accent over 'a' in 'scrisa.'
- 6f. Period after POSTA over last 'a' in 'exacta' below.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis' between 's' and 't' of 'este' below.
Par 3, the 'i' of 'si pe' is wanting.
- 7g. Period after POSTA over last 'a' in 'exacta' below.
Par 2, 'p' in 'permis' over last 'e' in 'este' below.

1873 (July). Cards same as previous issue, but on dark brown card.

5 bani, blue.

Varieties.

8a. With period after CARTA DE POSTA.

9b. Without

NOTE.—The above are the principal varieties, but these cards are on such rough paper that many other slight differences, such as want of punctuation or accents are to be found.

1873 (Oct.) Cards same as 1873 (June), but arms reduced to 18 mm. in width. Buff card.

5 bani, blue.

Varieties.

- 10a. Ornament under CARTA DE POSTA has four rays issuing from the diamond.
Par. 3, lamurta for lamurita.
.. 3, posibil for possibil.
.. 4, no period at end of paragraph.
.. 5, scisorila for scissorili.
- 11b. Same as a, but par. 4 has a period at the end.
- 12c. Ornament with rays.

Par. 1, ca for la and no period at end of paragraph.

.. 2, decât for decat; n in numai badly formed.

.. 3, posibil for possibil.

.. 4, second 'i' in 'nimicu' bad, or wholly missing.

.. 5, scisorila for scissorile

13d. Ornament with rays.

Par. 2, 'decât' for decat.

.. 3, posibil for possibil.

.. 5, pot for potu; scisorjle for scissorili; platynduse for platinduse.

14e. Ornament with rays, period at end of third line of inscription is inside the bracket.

Par. 2, ecri for seri.

.. 5, scissorjle for scissorili; platynduse for platinduse.

15f. Ornament with rays; accent over first I of OBSERVATII instead of over second I.

Par. 2, decât for decat.

.. 3, posibil for possibil.

.. 5, badly formed accent over 'a' of Cartuli; platynduse for platinduse.

16g. Ornament with rays.

Internal for interioral in 2nd line of inscription.

Par. 3, posibil for possibil.

.. 5, recomada for recomandă; scisorili for scissorile.

17h. Ornament without rays.

Par. 1, no period at end of paragraph.

.. 2, decât for decat.

.. 3, cât for cat.

NOTE. With these exceptions this last is a perfect card.

18i. Ornament without rays.

Par 1, no period at the end of paragraph.

.. 2, decât for decat; sometimes t of correspondentă has no cedilla under it.

Par 3, cât for cat.

.. 5, first two or three letters of scissorile badly formed.

19j. Ornament without rays.

First and second lines of address are ruled, the third is partly ruled and partly dotted, and the fourth is dotted.

Par 1, no period at end of paragraph.

.. 2, decât for decat.

.. 3, cât for cat.

.. 5, first two or three letters of scissorile badly formed.

(To be continued.)

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.

Argentine Republic.—The 15 centavos letter sheet issued about December, 1901, was not a very useful piece of stationery and apparently has had a small sale. It has now been reduced by a surcharge in red of a large figure "5" the previous value figure 15 being blocked out.

A new letter card has appeared with the new medallion stamp like that on the envelope described recently, only not embossed. The value is 4c. and the colour orange-red on buff, white inside. A news wrapper same series is also announced. "E.W.S.N." copies a statement from a German paper that in December last a 4c. green postcard was issued in fourteen varieties, each of which shows on the back a map of one of the fourteen provinces. No further description is given.

Postcard. 4c green (on ?). 14 varieties of maps on reverse.

Letter Sheet. 5c. on the 15c. pictorial, issued end of 1901.

Letter Card. 4c. orange red on buff, inside white, new series.

Wrapper 1c. blue on manilla.

Australia.—The "London Philatelist" speaks of a new ½d. wrapper for the Commonwealth, being the first issue since the union. No particulars are given.

Austrian Crete.—The Austrian 10 heller card has been surcharged for use in Crete.

Postcard. 10c. on 10h. rose. Surcharged in black.

Bolivia.—The "Metropolitan Philatelist" chronicles a new envelope "same type as adhesive."

Envelope. 20c. violet and black.

Canada.—A note in the "W.P. Era" speaks of the discovery of an old damaged specimen of the first issue 1c.

Letter Card (black on blue) in which the bottom perf. runs to side perf. only instead of crossing it. This card has long been known to us, but appears to have escaped the chronicler. Therefore I write it down.

Letter Card. Issue of 1895. 1c. black on blue. Perf. C.

Cyprus.—"E.W.S.N." chronicles a "King" Registration Envelope.

Reg. Envelope. 2 piastres, blue. Size G, 152 x 98mm.

Danish West Indies.—The following figures which refer to the surcharged postcards are stated to be official by Messrs. Senf.

1c. on 3c. 1901	Local surcharge.	900
1+1 on 3+3c. 1902	" "	1500
1 on 3c. 1902	" "	3000
1 on 3c. 1902	Copenhagen sur.	7000
1+1 on 3+3c. 1902	" "	700

Gibraltar.—A "King" Registration Envelope.

Reg. Envelope. 2d. dark red. Size F. 135 x 83mm.

Great Britain.—The 1d. embossed envelope size "C" (5 x 3in.) has been discontinued, and no more will be made. A new size of envelope with 1d. stamps has been issued (Feb. 9th) which are foolscap size, 9in. x 4in. and will be sold in packets of 20 at 1/10½ per packet. I imagine these will be very popular. The discontinued size C, with King's Head should soon become rare as they have only just been in use twelve months.

Leeward Islands.—Two King's Head envelopes have appeared.

1d. carmine, 120 x 93mm
2½d. blue "

Who Invented the Post Card?

THE question having been recently raised by a reader. "Who was the Inventor of the Post Card?" it may be of interest to reproduce the following letter, addressed some years ago to the Editor of "Tit Bits," by Mr. Fred. Geo. C. Lundy:—

Mr. Hill is, no doubt, correct in his statement that open correspondence on the reverse side of a card had often been used before post cards came into existence; but neither he, nor Mr. Ellison, nor Mr. Gamble were the inventors of the post card because they once posted a card with a penny stamp on it.

Postcards were first issued by Austria, and our British one on 1st October, 1870. The person who really brought post cards into use as a system was my own father, which can, no doubt, be vouched for by hundreds of his former customers, who cannot have forgotten the circumstances.

He was a large chemical colour manufacturer in Leith, with offices in London, and his firm issued thousands upon thousands of cards between 1860 and 1870, the same size as the present post cards, with the firm's address on the face, a square in the corner printed inside "Stamp," and on the foot, "This card requires no envelope." The reverse side was printed with the names of packages, such as bags, boxes, casks, etc. The customer, on returning empty packages, only had to put his address and the numbers on the reverse side, and stick a penny stamp where it was indicated.

Having a large factory, with many intricate chemical processes to superintend, he desired to save his time reading useless letters, and his customers time also. Finding the purpose answered, he conceived the idea that one halfpenny was sufficient instead of the penny for postage, and commenced to agitate for its accomplishment, and interested the then M.P. for Leith (Mr. Robert Macie) in the project.

A deputation of members, headed by Dr. (now Sir) Lyon Playfair, pressed the matter upon the then Postmaster-General. I have a letter in my possession, dated from the House of Commons, in May, 1870, to my father, informing him that he would see from the newspapers that there had been an official announcement in the House that night that official halfpenny post cards would be issued, and complimenting my father on the accomplishment, as author, of the scheme he had agitated for.

It is not claimed that my father invented correspondence by cards; but that he was the inventor and cause of the institution of halfpenny post cards there is no doubt.

What is Doing in the Stamp Trade.

LATEST NOVELTIES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STRAND, THE CITY, AND ELSEWHERE—A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE TRADE FOR READERS OF THE "FORTNIGHTLY."

THE Stamp Trade just now is at its busiest, both in London and the provinces. In fact one merchant in a large way of business has made the incautious confession that he is "doing better than he ever did before!" That such a terrible admission should be wrung from the lips of a stamp dealer is an event that should mark the season 1902-1903 as a red-letter epoch in the annals of the stamp trade.

To be quite serious, the stamp trade, as a whole, but especially the stamp trade in London, is just now displaying a great deal more enterprise than formerly. A few brief references to "what is doing" in dealerland may perhaps be of interest to readers of the *Fortnightly*. One thing we may definitely state at the outset, none of the dealers are giving their stamps away. They are still selling them. Moreover, the price of a "Post Office" Mauritius is as high as it was a twelvemonth ago, only more so!

MR. W. H. PECKITT.

Now that he is comfortably settled in his spacious new shop and offices (so well calculated to impress the foot and 'bus passengers in the Strand with a due sense of the importance of Philately) Mr. Peckitt must wonder, if he has any time for wondering, how he managed to find sufficient space for his business in the comparatively cramped quarters he recently vacated on the other side of the way.

Now that he has more "elbow room" his large business is evidently going to see a further development. As an earnest of this Mr. Peckitt has already placed on the market a very interesting and useful novelty in the shape of a series of small celluloid dust-proof stamp cases and trays with transparent lids. These range in size from a very tiny pocket case up a long trays of six or more divisions suitable for desk or table use. Directly we saw samples of these dainty and useful stamp cases we realised that another long felt want had been supplied. They are things that must be seen to be appreciated, and we advise readers of the *S.C.F.* to see them. The prices are very moderate, ranging from a few pence upwards.

MESSRS. WHITEFIELD KING & Co., IPSWICH.

The annual price list of this enterprising firm is solid evidence of a substantial and growing business. It lists hundreds of useful items and gives one an idea of the vast extent of Messrs. Whitfield King's stock. By the way, the new edition of this firm's "Standard Catalogue" is announced for publication at an early date.

MESSRS. ALFRED SMITH & SON.

The "Rowland Hill Packet Collection," like the poor, is always with us. Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son announce a "1903 Supplement," and issue in connection therewith an interesting booklet, which we have no doubt will be forwarded to any philatelist who makes application as a reader of the *S.C.F.*

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS, LIMITED.

That Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, are busy, is one of the things that go without saying, they always are busy. The firm's albums are going off with a rush, from that old-established favourite the "Imperial" down to the firm's newest creation, the "King's Own." This latter, by reason of its title and its artistic get-up, has taken a firm hold of the public fancy. We can imagine no nicer book for a medium collector's Colonials than the edition-de-luxe of the "King's Own" Album.

MESSRS. G. HAMILTON-SMITH & Co.

Albums—while we are on the subject—are a speciality of Messrs. G. Hamilton-Smith & Co., of Bishopsgate Street Within, one of last of the London stamp dealing firms to remain faithful to the city. The new albums now offered by Messrs. Hamilton-Smith may be had in bindings to suit all tastes. The books, specially designed for the advanced collector, are things of beauty and utility combined. We are convinced, in fact, that Messrs. G. Hamilton-Smith and Co. know exactly what kind of a thing a stamp album ought to be. It is also probable, if one may judge from their magnificent and varied stock of stamps, that the firm have a fairly shrewd notion as to what should be placed inside the album.

Apart from albums, and, of course, stamps, another thing you can buy cheaply and well in Bishopsgate Street Within is a philatelic magnifying glass—a thing too often omitted from the stamp collector's outfit.

MESSRS. BRIGHT & SON.

The "Premier" Collecting Album, which Messrs. Bright & Son placed on the market a season or so ago, has evidently found a warm welcome among philatelists, for a steadily increasing sale of these useful books is reported at 164, Strand. The "Premier" has been greatly improved since it was first introduced, notably in the new patent fastening for the moveable leaves. Another good point is that the books are supplied in all colours, so that a philatelist using a distinctive colour for each country or group needs no special label to help him in locating the particular "Collecting Album" he wishes to refer to.

But a still greater recommendation of these handy books is their exceedingly low price—8d. each for the octavo size; 10d. for the quarto. A special series with linen-jointed leaves is supplied at 11d. and 1s. respectively. No one who has given these handy books a practical trial will be surprised to hear that their sale by Messrs. Bright & Son already exceeds 10,000 copies.

MR. M. GIWELB.

It is sad but true that you will find nothing that is startlingly new at Mr. M. Giwelb's cosy shop and cosier office in Northumberland Avenue, although you may purchase the latest issues of stamps there. To tell the truth Mr. Giwelb is no great lover of novelties. An old Moldavian or an early Mauritius is far more to his liking than all the artistic gems that small Republics and Messrs. Waterlow between them can supply. For as many years as most of us can remember Mr. Giwelb has been prominent as a buyer and seller of rare stamps, and many are the specimens of great price that have passed through his hands. The Editor of the *Fortnightly*, during a recent call in Northumberland Avenue, had a look through a small book—size about five inches by three—in which Mr. Giwelb had hinged a few of his best things. The book was worth something between £1,000 and £1,500. "There is one thing I can boast of," Mr. Giwelb declares "and that is that my customers, when they come to sell out their collections, always find that the stamps they bought from me have proved a paying investment. That is one thing I have always prided myself upon." It naturally occurs to one's mind that this must be due to the fact that Mr. Giwelb deals chiefly in the rarer stamps, which are more likely to increase in value; but if you tell him so he will smile and answer: "No, it is not only that! It is chiefly because I attach so much importance to condition. Throughout my career as a dealer I have dealt only in first-class specimens, and those who have put money into first-class specimens of scarce stamps have made a good investment." *Condition*, in Mr. Giwelb's opinion, is the greatest factor in the £ s. d. side of Philately, and we feel sure he is right.

MR. FRED R. GINN.

"To buy big collections of stamps and re-sell them as they stand"—that is the leading department of Mr. Fredk. R. Ginn's business, at 143, Strand, W.C. During the present season Mr. Ginn has negotiated the sale and purchase in this way of no less than thirty important collections, to say nothing of smaller lots. At the same time he does a large

general business in stamps, making a special feature of fine specimens both in his approval books and in his sets and packets. A very hard worker, Mr. Ginn, directly he is through with his general business for the day will take a long spell at collection-making. As every philatelist knows there is no class of work calling for greater gifts of patience memory and other things than the making up collections of special countries and groups of countries. At this work Mr. Ginn is specially expert.

MESSRS. HUGO GRIEBERT & Co.

If your collection has any aching voids—we mean if you have any spaces to fill up in your album, as in all probability you have, Mr. Hugo Griebert claims that his firm can cure the trouble expeditiously and cheaply. It is, presumably, a case of "no cure, no pay." Joking apart, Messrs. Hugo Griebert & Co. should surely be in a position to fill up nearly all the vacant spaces in christendom, for during the last season or two the firm have been buying up dealer's stocks and big collections at an amazing rate. The purchase of the Roussin stock, and of the complete stock of a leading dealer of Lisbon, will be fresh in the public memory.

With such a constant stream of good stuff pouring into their strong-rooms and stock-books, it is not at all surprising that Messrs. Hugo Griebert & Co. can now boast of one of the finest all round stocks of stamps in the world. An interesting little list of stamps and other things, recently published by Messrs. Griebert & Co., will, we feel sure, be promptly forwarded to any *Fortnightly* reader who cares to make application to 13 and 14, New Bond Street, London, W.C.

MR. A. BOUCARD.

A gentleman whom we first knew in the stamp trade long years ago at an address in High Holborn—to wit, Mr. A. Boucard, has now joined "the Strand division." He is, in fact, in some sort the successor of the South African Stamp Company. That is to say he has taken over the offices of that concern at 368, Strand, and also a portion of the stock, but not the business of the company. Just now, Mr. Boucard can show a very fine lot of English stamps and British Colonials.

MESSRS. P. L. PEMBERTON & Co.

We are glad to hear from Messrs. Pemberton that there has been a good demand for the "Popular" Price List of British Colonials recently issued by them at the price of 2d. post free. A copy of the list, by the way, is sent out gratuitously with this number of the *Fortnightly* to all our postal subscribers, to whom it will speak for itself. It is Messrs. Pemberton's intention to issue the list once a year in future.

The business in stamps transacted at 229, High Holborn, is steadily increasing in volume. Messrs. Pemberton are now devoting special attention to the very careful making up of approval books which constitute very respectable collections in themselves. These books cover not only the British Empire but foreign countries as well.

MESSRS. C. NISSEN & Co.

In the intervals between their discoveries of new forgeries of Great Britain Messrs. C. Nissen & Co. do a brisk business in British and Colonial stamps, as well as telegraphs and fiscals of many countries. Since the re-publication of the *Fortnightly* in 1899 Messrs. Nissen have advertised in every issue of the paper, and intend to continue their announcements so long as the paper is published. Many is the big "deal" they have "pulled off," we are glad to learn, through the medium of the *S.C.F.*

THE CITY STAMP COMPANY.

Among the city dealers one finds the same activity as "up west." At the City Stamp Company's place in the Poultry one finds a very fine show of Orange Free States, used and unused, and old Transvaals.

MR. J. LOUIS.

The dealer with the curiously numbered shop (42½, Old Broad Street), is still going strong. He has a fine show of African stamps, including many scarce varieties; and also goes in for Colonials generally and European stamps.

Grandpapa's Undoing.

THE STORY OF AN OLD MAN WHO CAUGHT THE FEVER
OF PHILATELY.

[The following story, published some years ago in the "Pall Mall Gazette," is a grave libel on philatelists. But we may perhaps forgive the serious libels it contains on account of the humour of the story. Ed. S.C.F.]

FOR seventy-four years Grandpapa's life had been blameless; none could accuse him of unbecoming word or action. He was the chief prop of the Ebenezer Chapel, in whose erection he had been largely instrumental. His manner was ever benign, his speech urbane.

Now all is changed; he is peevish, envious, and dissatisfied.

By some strange irony of fate it was an act of generosity which led to his undoing. On the morning of the August Bank Holiday, John Peter, his fourth grandson, called on Grandpapa, in whose character of benevolent financier he had unbounded confidence, to negotiate a loan, offering as security his postage stamp album. His plea was that he was tired of collecting, and needed some money to go with a chum to Hampstead Heath. If Grandpapa would give five shillings, he might have the book to keep. Grandpapa smilingly agreed to buy, and John Peter seized the coin and with a whoop of delight rushed to join the urchin who waited at the gate the result of his mission.

The fever must have siezed Grandpapa assiduously, for when first he examined the odd gathering of grimy-looking foreign stamps gummed sparsely and crookedly over the pages, he expressed wonder at such a fad holding attraction for any one. The first time I came upon him poring over the album, he pushed it aside and lifted his newspaper. Gradually he became callous, and now it's uncommon to see him without it. To the philatelist nothing is sacred. Grandpapa rummaged among old love-letters, treasured and locked away well-nigh half a century, and chuckled excitedly as he tore the obsolete specimens from the faded wrappers.

A low wall separates our garden from that of the snub-nosed boy, an expressionless child, in figure podgy, whom Grandpapa was wont to patronize amiably. He would question him regarding the progress of his studies, and propound him problems in mental arithmetic which the fat boy invariably failed to answer. That is altered too. One unlucky evening, Grandpapa chanced to say, "Are you aware, Thomas, that postage stamps, even the common issues may become valuable if collected?" Whereupon the placid Tommy took all the strut and the beam out of my revered relative, by replying in his obese fashion, "Yes sir, I have a collection myself." Five minutes later Grandpapa was assisting the cumbrous Tommy—who found gymnastic exercise arduous—over the wall; and, each carrying an album, they disappeared into the summer-house to compare contents. Grandpapa came indoors crestfallen.

He brooded over the fire, would none of his gruel, and it was only after he was tucked up for the night, with his Bible and his stamp album on a little table beside his bed—the album on the top—that, unable longer to conceal the cause of his chagrin, he explained that Tommy possessed a "three-cornered Cape" he resolutely refused to part withal.

"I offered him a Bath bun and a hymn-book, Isabella—the one with the page missing—but he would not exchange. I call it very ungrateful, after all the advice I gave his mother about him when he was a baby."

On Grandpapa's successive birthdays it has been my dutiful custom to present him with a suitable gift, such as a pair of sleeping socks, or a nice warm muffler. As the seventh of February approached I had almost decided to get him an easy pair of fur-lined slippers, but he frustrated my intention by saying on the third:

"Um—er, Isabella, if you mean to buy me a trifle for my birthday, there's something I should like. I think you usually spend about 4s. 6d. or 5s.?"—"Yes," I faltered, amazed at Grandpapa's grasp of my finance.

"Well, there is a 5s. packet of obsolete stamps, 100 varieties, postage 1d. Would you get me that, Isabella?"—"I shall be delighted," I replied somewhat dubiously.

The packet was ordered and duly delivered. The cunning vendor, scenting a fresh victim, had enclosed a sheet of varied stamps with the prices affixed.

Over this tempting array Grandpapa gloated in feeble despair. He has independent means, and might have acquired the entire stock without a grudge; but the spirit of honest purchase seems alien to the genuine philatelist. Barter, beg, borrow, or steal he may—but buy! never if he can avoid it. Perceiving that the worry wrought by this tempting consignment was nullifying any pleasure my little gift might have brought, I offered to "go" another shilling, and allow Grandpapa to choose to that amount. Then ensued a time of almost feverish excitement for Grandpapa. Bringing all his strength to bear on the selection, he yet changed his mind a dozen times a day. He could not enjoy his beef-tea, and his temperature rose alarmingly. Finally, his choice settled upon specimens from Servia, Nowanugger, Chenkiang, and Peru, which came to 1s. 1d. I was thankful to spend the extra penny and despatch the parcel to the sender. Two days later, fortunately for Grandpapa, I intercepted another and more valuable lot on approbation from the same enterprising emporium, and returned them with a notification that no further communication need be forwarded.

One day, with a desire to gratify the old man, I expressed a keen interest in the philatelic science, and requested to be shown his book. Grandpapa seemed uneasy, and, fumbling at the leaves with shaky fingers, of set purpose turned two pages at once. Suspecting something I quickly flicked open the hidden sheet. It was dedicated, I think, to Swaziland, and was decorated by a large official-looking stamp.

"Why, what's this?" I demanded. "Where did you get this?"—"I took it off my life insurance policy, Isabella. I don't think it matters. It was no use there, and looks so uncommon in the book, doesn't it?"

For many years it has been Grandpapa's custom to read his newspaper in bed. Early one morning I was startled by the persistent tinkle of his bell, and hurrying down in a wrapper, found him sitting up agitated and impatient. "Isabella," he gasped, "you must get pen and ink instantly. I see in the paper that a boy in Switzerland has secured an almost priceless collection—almost priceless. Isabella—through writing to congratulate Yamagata, and asking for some. You must sit down and communicate with Li Hung Chang at once; ask him to send obsolete ones if possible, but be sure to say we will be obliged to get any issues."

Poor Grandpapa! There are cures now for all diseases, even dipsomania. Can there be none for rabid philately?

The Postage Stamp De La Rue.

APPROX the wedding of the eldest son of Sir Thomas Andros de la Rue, Bart., one of the writers of social gossip, gives us some chatty details as to the personnel of the great firm of postage stamp and playing card manufacturers.

The de la Rue, it seems, came from Guernsey, and it was Thomas, born in 1793, who laid the foundations of the printing business, which was developed into a really great concern by his son, the late Dr. Warren de la Rue, who combined printing with science, and was Past-President of the Royal Astronomical Society and Chemical Society. He died in 1889, leaving a fortune of over £300,000.

Much of this was made, of course, out of postage stamps, which the firm printed for Great Britain, India, most of the Colonies, and many other places. The works at Bushill Row, are the largest stamp-producing factory in the world.

The Frivolous Side of Philately.

BY ALFRED JINGLE.

HERE, my sportive philatelists, is a little competition for you:—

Introduce into as short a sentence as possible—a sentence on any subject you like—the names of as many leading stamp dealers as possible. What I want is something in this wise:

A cheery smith found a bright penny in a field, and at once enquired where *ginn* might be had low in price.

Now I can't promise you a prize of £1 a Day for Life in connection with this little competition, because I don't think the proprietors of the *Fortnightly* would stand it, but I will award to the winner something that is more precious than gold—(Don't be silly!—Ed.) I refer to a free supply of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for the space of one Newgate Calendar year. There!

The fortunate winner will not be compelled to use the free prize subscription in his own name. He can pass it along as a present to some philatelic fiend—I mean friend. Why on earth are the words fiend and friend so much alike, I wonder.

So send in your attempts at the "Sentence Competition" in your thousands. Dealers, collectors, speculators, accumulators, and even Amused Philistines—all are welcome. The only stipulation I make is that all attempts be sent in fully prepaid as to postage, that they be addressed:—

Mr. Alfred Jingle.

c/o The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*,

63/64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

and that they reach me not later than the first postal delivery on the morning of Monday, March 16th.

"How's this for 'tall'?" writes Mr. R. J. Carson in a letter which my good Editor has passed over to me. We have all heard of "invisible" inks, but now a French journal announces the discovery of a "vanishing" paper. I read in one of the daily newspapers:—

"The paper intended for this temporary use is submitted to the following process. It is first steeped in acid (sulphuric by preference) diluted according to the lease of life it is intended the material should possess. It is afterwards dried and glazed and the acid superficially sterilised by means of ammoniac vapour. But the acid still remains in the pores, and that paper is infallibly doomed after an existence more or less prolonged, as the case may be. Certainly a most remarkable invention."

Remarkable, indeed! A useful invention, perhaps, for the furtherance of various nefarious schemes; but as my correspondent adds, in closing his letter, "it is devoutly to be hoped that no country will print its stamps on this paper, as a sure and certain means of rendering them obsolete within a given time!" A stamp that had vanished into thin air would, for all practical purposes, be as obsolete as the dodo. And from the point of view of our long suffering friend, Mr. Phil A. Telist, it would be terrible indeed. Fancy going to one's stamp album on, say, the morning after a late night at one's Philatelic Club, to find no trace remaining of one's specimens of the 1903 issue of the Republic of Gumpappiana—only the empty hinges. Give you a nasty twist, wouldn't it?

A copy of the February issue of "L'Alliance Timbrologique" (Paris) has been sent me by some kind friend, probably for the reason that there is a portrait of Stephanus Johannes Paulus Kruger in the place of honour on the front cover; and my friends well know in what reverence and esteem I hold that individual. Why Paul Kruger's head should be placed alongside the title of "L'Alliance Timbrologique" I cannot imagine, unless perhaps it is placed there as some small consolation to the Old man of the Veldt for the loss he sustained in never getting his head on a Boer postage stamp. Or can it be that some of the dwindling dollars of the Transvaal

Secret Service Fund are finding their way into the coffers of the Philatelic Press of France and Belgium? Dr. Leyds and his brother Hollanders must now be filled with regret when they think of the golden chances they missed by not supplying philatelists with frequent sets of Transvaal "Commemoratives." Is it possible that an attempt is to be made even yet to float an issue for the benefit of superannuated Boer agitators? There are places on the other side of the Straits of Dover where such things would sell like hot cakes, but I know this, and it gives me great pleasure to know it:—No philatelist, Belgian or French, would sink a solitary centime in such impossible rubbish.

A little joke ere I conclude—a mot at the end, as the French say. A friend who shall be nameless—a keen philatelist—went some months ago to see the Tapling Collection (or a bit of it) at the British Museum. After viewing the stamps, he wandered around among the fossils and things, and presently got into conversation with a very companionable and knowledgeable old scientist—the type of man you often meet at the big building in Bloomsbury.

"And what is your hobby?" asked the ancient one. "You collect something, eh?"

"Yes," was the answer. "I go in for Seychelles chiefly, just now."

"Ah, a Conchologist!" The old man rubbed his hands and beamed with delight. "You must see my little collection one day—we might exchange duplicates—what? Say, have you any good specimens of the Spaviloricum Nautilus Major or the Tomtomicum Spermecetti—eh what?"

The philatelist, more in sorrow than in anger, bade his ancient friend a hurried adieu. "Sea shells!" he muttered, as he released his umbrella from the custody of the attendant at the great door. "Great Puttick's! It hasn't come to that yet!"

Allow me to add that the names of sea-shells quoted above are not guaranteed. I, too, am no Conchologist!

"Washing Stamps to Buy Children!" When I first read that heading in "Pearson's Weekly" I thought it must be a printer's transposition—a sort of unintentional spoonerism. "Washing Children to Buy Stamps" I could understand, but "Washing Stamps to Buy Children!"—Reading the article through I began to understand, though I could hardly swallow the information given.

Possibly some of the readers of the *Fortnightly* may find it easier of assimilation than I have done:—

The idea of utilising used stamps for the benefit of children in one way or another, such as getting an orphan into a home by collecting one million of these modern passports, has reached its culminating point in the United States.

For a long time the Government has suspected that old stamps were made new and young again in China, and re-shipped to the States from the Celestial Empire in order to be put in circulation again as recently printed, but the officials have been unable to obtain a clue until just lately.

Following up this clue, they discovered that a certain well-meaning society, interested in the conversion of heathen children to Christianity, had been in the habit of washing the stamps in a chemical solution which obliterated the defacing marks and made the stamp look clean; they were then sent to China, and children were bought with them. The little ones were taken to America and elsewhere, and educated as Christians.

The curious part of this affair is that the good lady in charge of the society's premises did the washing quite innocently, and with the sole purpose of making the stamps clean, and therefore, more attractive to the poor heathen; she had not the faintest idea that the heathen would regard the pieces of coloured paper in the light of good American money.

ALFRED JINGLE.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has graciously signified his acceptance of a specially bound copy of Messrs. Bright & Son's Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Postcards, etc. for 1903.

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A Word to the New Reader.

This number of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* will go to a number of people interested in stamps who are not at present among our regular postal subscribers. In all the leading cities and towns the *S.C.F.* may be ordered through a news-agent, but in remoter places it is more convenient to subscribe direct for a postal supply. The sum of 3s. 3d. pays for one year of 26 fortnightly numbers, including postage to any part of the world. We invite everyone who now sees the paper for the first time to ask himself or herself whether the *Fortnightly* is not the kind of journal that would be of interest and value to them in connection with their favourite hobby.

The *Fortnightly*, as all who know it will admit, is a scrupulously honest and thoroughly independent organ of Philately. It has no axe to grind, it stoops to no unfair devices to secure the support and esteem of its subscribers. The number of those subscribers we are now seeking to increase by sending out large batches of specimen copies to philatelists in all parts of the United Kingdom, in Europe, America, and in all the Colonies of the Empire. On our merits we wish to be judged. If you like this number of the "*S.C.F.*" then you will like our other numbers as well, for though this is a special Special Spring Issue it is typical of all. If the paper appeals to you, then let our Business Manager, whose office is 63 & 64, Chancery Lane, London, w.c.; add your name to our roll of regular subscribers.

From our constant readers we must claim indulgence for what we are afraid reads rather like a panegyric of our noble selves. But there are occasions when the editorial horn may fittingly be blown, and this we think is one of them.

As regards the get-up of this issue of the *Fortnightly* we have been able—thanks in a large measure to the loyal co-operation of our readers—to produce a much enlarged and we think fairly newsy Spring number, which we will now leave to speak for itself.

Philately is going strong, as regards its dealing half. Read our review of the stamp trade in this number!

Fraud and trickery are rife in connection with stamp collecting. It will be our duty at an early date to publish further startling revelations. For the present we are gratified to find that a small paragraph in the *Fortnightly* is still a potent influence for good.

We have been asked to announce that if the gentleman who inadvertently took up the wrong pocket book in a stamp dealer's office the other day will return the same to the dealer, the umbrella he inadvertently left behind will be restored to its sorrowing owner.

Our Mr. Alfred Jingle, too long an absentee from the *Fortnightly's* columns, now contributes a few "Frivolities," and, *inter alia*, sets forth the terms of a little Prize Competition which we hope some of our readers will be sufficiently adventurous to tackle.

"Philatelic Frauds and Forgeries."

IS there an organised gang of swindlers preying upon Stamp Collectors? The suggestion is made by the writer of one of the many interesting letters that have been received as a result of the short editorial article, "Frauds and Forgeries Everywhere" in the last *Fortnightly*.

Mr. H. M. Campbell, of Hastings, writes us as follows:—

"Unless some means can be found to crush stamp swindlers, it will soon become impossible for some of us Collectors to continue having anything to do with stamps.

"The first thing I see, on opening the current number of the *S.C.F.*, is a case in which a person using a name and initials resembling my own, is wanted on a charge of defrauding people of their stamps. Anyone who reads the daily papers must be aware of the enormous amount of crime and fraud which is the work of foreigners who swarm all over the country, and who in many instances speak English well and assume English or Scotch names.

"I once nearly fell into the clutches of one of these gentry in London, who was I believe a Frenchman using a Scottish name and who spoke with a slightly foreign accent. I would not be greatly surprised if the person you have referred to turned out to be this same Franco-Scotsman whom I could probably identify, if arrested.

"I shall be pleased to communicate with Mr. Stevens, of Redruth, and anyone else who may wish to help in putting down the wholesale swindling that is going on. Moreover I shall be glad to help financially or otherwise in any movement that may be made to break up what I firmly believe to be a large organised and dangerous gang of swindlers.

"I would suggest that those interested in such a movement should hold a meeting in London at as early a date as possible, with a view to adopting means for the detection of stamp frauds, and the quickest way of bringing the swindlers to book. As to 'M. Campbell, Esq.' his assumption of that name is likely to make things mighty awkward for me, as I go in for exchanging stamps with collectors all over the British Colonies. In conclusion, all I can say is that the person named in your paper, is in no way connected with me."

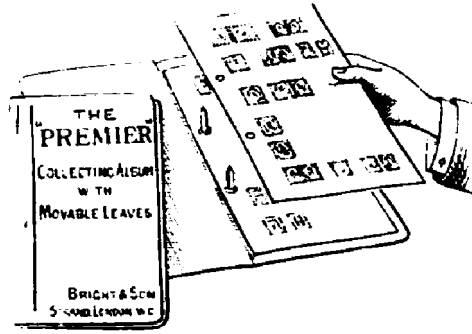
A MEAN TRICK ON EXCHANGE CLUBS.

A most interesting letter received some time ago from Mr. J. G. Stevens, of Redruth, has not hitherto been dealt with in the *Fortnightly's* columns, because of the personal references it contained. While there is no question of doubting the *bona fides* of the many correspondents who write us in this way, we would have them remember that the libel law of this country is very stringent and restrictive, and we cannot publish broadcast definite accusations of dishonest dealing until we have the very clearest and most undeniable proof of the guilt of the person or persons referred to.

The letter under notice, however, assumes a new interest at this moment as showing one of the many "tricks that are dark and ways that are vain," by which the wastrels of philately batten upon bona fide collectors. Writing apropos of a certain county court case duly reported in the *Fortnightly*, Mr. Stevens says:

"I think it ought to be made known through the columns of your paper that 'M—' has been guilty of playing the same trick (a very mean and dishonest one), of joining Exchange Clubs and taking stamps therefrom, and when application is made for the value thereof, to decline to pay. I may state that he took no less than 183 stamps—value, nett, about £8—from the One and All Club, and when I sent in the account, he refused to pay it, stating, as a reason, that he would not pay until I returned the sheets he had contributed. This I could not do, because they were in circulation, and when the sheets were returned to me in their respective packets, two of them never had a stamp sold at all, and from the other one only 3 stamps were taken—simply because they were priced so ridiculously high. I wrote to M—, stating that as soon as I got his remittance, I would return his sheets, but should retain them and sell them for what they would fetch, according to one of the rules of the One and All, if I did not get his remittance. The reply I got from him was, to say the least, a disgraceful one. I find the man is not worth powder and shot—he is, in fact, penniless—but he is now advertising stamps for sale, under another name!"

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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.

British Honduras.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., send us the King's Head 2c. value.

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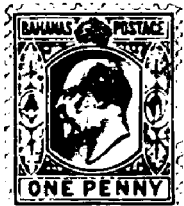
Bahamas.—Three new "Pictorials" have appeared, for information concerning which we have to thank Mr. Bertram Poole and Mr. J. G. Newes.

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We also show the type of the new penny stamp of the King's head series.



Cape of Good Hope.—To the illustration already given of the 1d. stamp of the King's Head series, we now add the ½d. and 1s. values, specimens of which have been received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Ceylon.—The design of the first of the Cingalese "King's Heads"—the 5 cents—is given here.



China (French).—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have a brace of novelties as follows:—The 10c. Indo-Chine stamp surcharged "China" and an equivalent inscription in native characters; also the 5 francs, lilac, with similar surcharge.

Corea.—In various of our contemporaries we find descriptions of a Commemorative Stamp for Corea, and in "Ewen's Weekly" an illustration has been given.

The stamp is inscribed "XL. Ann. Jubilé d'Avènement" (40 years Jubilee of the Accession), that is to say, the fortieth anniversary of the reigning monarch's accession to the throne.

The Emperor of Corea is Yi Huing, and he was born in 1852, made King in 1864, and proclaimed Emperor in 1897, after the country had received its independence as a result of the Chino-Japanese War. If the date 1864 is correct (and it is given on the authority of Whitaker), the present issue would seem to be somewhat premature. The inscriptions are entirely in French or Chinese, no Corean characters occurring on the stamp. "Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste" says that the plate was engraved by Japanese workmen at the Kyong-San mint in the suburbs of Seoul.

Fanning Island.—We are indebted to Mr. John Harnis for the sight of an interesting envelope from Fanning Island, Polynesia, a place brought into some sort of importance lately in connection with the "All British" Pacific Cable. The envelope bears the stamps of New Zealand, though Fanning Island is some 3,000 miles away from that enterprising colony.

"The first envelope I received," writes Mr. Harnis, "bore the stamps of the United States, but since the cable has been completed a service of steamers from New Zealand now call at this isolated spot for letters."

Good old New Zealand!

France.—From Mr. W. H. Earl we have a further interesting note, as follows:—

"A specimen of the 40 centimos present issue was sent me the other day, purporting to be with colored centre missing, but on looking at it closely a faint color can be traced. I have not yet discovered a specimen with pure white centre."

Great Britain.—The International Stamp Exchange Co., of Northampton, write:—

We have been shewn the new King's Head 6d., surcharged ARMY OFFICIAL. The overprinting is in the thin variety of type. We have also seen an error in the penny value, the overprint reading ARMY OFFICIAL. This variety is not a broken O, but an actual C.

Another correspondent, Mr. W. H. Earl, hears that we are to have "Admiralty Official" stamps of the following values: ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., and 3d.

Hong Kong.—A specimen of the new 1c. stamp is now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

King's Head series. 1c. brown.



Iceland.—The annexed illustration is inserted on the better-late-than-never principle. It illustrates the King Christian type of the stamps of Iceland.

India.—We are now able to illustrate the 2 annas and 3 stamps of India of the King's Head series.



Indian States (Gwalior).—At the same time we give an illustration of the 3 pies of India as surcharged for use in Gwalior. Specimens of this and the ½ anna with similar surcharge have been sent by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Liberia.—We have not yet chronicled two new stamps recently to hand from this Negro Republic—a 3 cents "Inland Postage," bearing a head of liberty crowned with a laurel wreath, and a 10 cents "Registration" stamp, showing the head of an aged gentleman of colour, whom we take to be the President of the Republic of Liberia.

Madagascar.—"I have not yet noticed (writes Mr. W. H. Robins, of Petersfield) any mention of a Madagascar surcharge '0.05' on 30c. brown. An envelope with a block of five recently reached me, and I notice the position of the bar under the figures, which doubtless is intended to strike out the 30, varies a little on every specimen, the highest having the bottom edge of the bar level with the top inner line over

Madagascar, and the lowest having the top edge of the bar level with the same line. I have also a letter posted at Tamatave, Madagascar, franked with six 50c. Nossi-Bé stamps, and another posted at the same place, with two 30c. Diego Suarez stamps."

Mauritius.—The latest novelty in the "Arms" type is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

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Morocco (French).—From our indefatigable correspondents at Ipswich, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., we have received the latest addition to the list of Moroccan stamps—the 25c. blue with "Maroc" at foot and the black overprint of value, "25 centimos."

New Zealand.—Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., of Dunedin, kindly sends us the 2d., 4d. and 1s. stamps on permanent paper, the 2d. being perf. 14.

"Our supplies of all these values," write Messrs. Wilcox, Smith & Co., have been almost nil since the initiation of Penny Postage, and we accordingly reckon that used local prints, no watermark, and the 2d. of 1900 will be very scarce.

"We expect all other values on permanent paper at once."



Orange River Colony.—We now show the design of the much discussed new issue, already fully described in the *Fortnightly*.

Paraguay.—The 5 cents "Habilitado" surcharge has now been applied to the 80 centavos blue, and a specimen of the stamp has been received from Messrs. Whitfield King and Co.

Servia.—We have a specimen of the new 1 dinar stamp from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. The colour is a pale brown.



Spanish Morocco.—An illustration as now given of the stamps surcharged for use at Spanish Post Offices in Morocco, already described in the *Fortnightly*.

Trinidad.—Mr. G. Baynton, of Cheshunt, has shown us what is certainly a very interesting pair of the 1d. stamps of the "Britannia" issue of Trinidad, showing a curious variation in the type of the inscription of value, "One Penny." In the left hand stamp of the pair the final "ny" of "penny" shows a strange tendency to climb up a hill and get away from the ordinary level maintained by the rest of the lettering.

United States.—Illustrations are now given of the 8c. (Martha Washington) stamp and of the 10c. "Special Delivery" label.



We now have further stamps of the "Series of 1902," from Mr. E. P. Reynolds, Junior, who sends us the 1 cent green, and from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., who sends us the 2 cents carmine and the 5 cents blue.

"Series of 1902": 1c. green.
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An Ideal Album.

(BY E. R. NEVILL IN THE "I.P.R." AND COLLECTORS' NEWS).

FIRST of all I would leave out South and Central America. I would have two volumes; the first of legitimate stamps; stamps that have been used for postage and not intended for wall paper. Europe, Asia, Africa and N. America. There would be no envelopes and no newspaper bands, for when a man collects postage stamps he ought not to collect stationery too, even if it has been through the post.

In my Ideal Album I would have no fancy patterns to arrange stamps, for that only means loss of space and extra weight and volume; and when you have to admit Edward VII. and all his Colonies the question becomes a very serious one indeed to the man with a small purse, and one that stamp dealers will have to consider, for they will find that many will abandon stamp collecting in despair if the number and price of stamps gets overwhelming. In my second volume I would have a truly interesting book.

First of all would figure North Borneo and Labuan in all their glory of marked to order specimens. After them would come South America with its villainous assortments of issues. Then Helig land and German Reprints, with Samoa to follow after them. Nine and Penryn Islands as young Pacific aspirants, with some Peruvian brethren.

The 25 Escuelas Venezuela would have a prominent place alongside the Italian frauds. The five Saxon stamps would have a prominent place, as would the Brunswick horses. Last but not least would come some of those wonderful Congo beasts that are now starring the Provinces and Preparatory Schools. One wonders how often the Emperor of Abyssinia writes to his friends, and how often the Abyssinia Unpaid are used by the up-to-date Abyssinian Postmasters. I am not sure about the Soudan; the Mahdi would have found them a boon to write to all his wives with, perhaps, and possibly the young pupils of Khartoum College may acquire a taste for philately that way.

Lastly I would have all sorts of collections—Elephant Stamps, Tiger Stamps, Ship Stamps, Ugly Man Stamps, Patent Medicine Stamps, Telegraph Stamps, Cuba Stamps, concluding with the familiar old leather stamp well known to our boyhood:

"Do you collect stamps, Smith?"

New Boy: "Yes—why?"

Hard Case: "Becos—here's one!"

New Boy left with tears in his eyes and a mangled boot.

It seems to me that the future has several dangers in store for collectors. First, that the constant rise in the price of stamps will discourage young and new collectors and make them resign general collecting altogether. Second, that they will take to specialising more and more. The enormous number of stamps that have now taken rank as obsolete (by the way, what a fraudulent phrase that is to the unwary beginner) will compel a collector malgre lui to make some sort of choice. He must collect Edwards or Victorias, and as Victorias are mostly getting to fancy prices, he is not left much choice.

My Album would leave plenty of room for everything—not two paltry lines at the bottom of a page; and it would emphatically not be the kind of album like those made in Germany, with 50 years in one volume and a sort of Philatelic Bradshaw's Railway Guide in the other, where you put one stamp all by itself in its little lonely grave, and then have to spend a whole morning hunting for it. No, not much! Finally, my second volume would end with all the beautiful War and Consumption and Charity Stamps that I could find, and the unsuspecting stranger would think that he had picked up a Pear's Soap ad. by mistake.

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Stamp Values and Catalogue Prices.

A PAPER READ BY MR. TAYLOR BEFORE THE LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY ON FEBRUARY 23RD, 1903.

THE true relation of stamp values to catalogue prices has always been a matter of interest to philatelists.

The veriest novice, whose general outlook is extremely hazy, usually has pronounced opinions on the over, or under, cataloguing of some stamps.

There are few subjects more often discussed in the Stamp Press, and I may add, few subjects about which more nonsense has been written.

I think therefore that it will not be time wasted, if as a result of this discussion, we gain some clear and fixed ideas as to why stamp values and catalogue prices are sometimes very different matters. The value of a stamp—as opposed to its catalogue quotation—usually means the approximate minimum it may be obtained for from recognised members of the trade.

But what is the basis of this approximate minimum? Catalogue? Not always.

I will ask another question.

What is the basis of catalogue prices? There is one reply to both questions. In each case the prices are based on the estimated figure the stamps will sell at. This is so obvious I will not labour the point. But what follows from it I wish to emphasize.

The value of a stamp is not a certain, or uncertain, percentage of catalogue. Not what Mr. XYZ the great expert assesses it at. The value of a stamp is the figure at which A will sell and B will buy.

So that stamp values are fixed, not by catalogue, not by experts, not by collectors' guides to value, but by the mutual agreement of buyer and seller. This being the case, what are the functions of a catalogue—other than to advertise the publisher? To go back to the earliest days of Philately. Then, as now, neither the seller nor buyer alone determined the value of a stamp. It was ascertained when a figure was arrived at, jointly acceptable to both parties.

By degrees precedents were established. A certain amount of uniformity was attempted by dealers. Price lists were published. Ideas as to the relative scarcity of stamps were exchanged through the medium of stamp journals. Finally appeared the catalogue, claiming to give a standard of value for all stamps.

Now if you have followed me, you will see that, though the value of stamps is arrived at by mutual agreement, stamps having no inherent value, yet it is apparent that some standard, having the confidence of both dealer and collector, has become a necessity. Very little business would be done if dealer and collector had nothing to guide them, but a vague general idea of the relative rarity of stamps.

At first sight it would seem the fairest way to assess every stamp according to its rarity, taking as the unit of value say, any common stamp generally accepted as being worth a penny.

Apart from the utter impossibility of estimating even approximately, the number of individual stamps in existence, there is an insuperable objection. Certain stamps are more in demand than others equally rare, perhaps owing to their more attractive appearance, or something of interest in their history. Again some stamps are more in demand at certain times than others. So long as Philately has its fashions the stamp market is bound to fluctuate as particular stamps rise and fall in public estimation. In the nature of the pursuit there can be no permanence in stamp prices.

Hence a standard of value is required that shall appear periodically—not too often, yet frequently enough to reflect the market. It must, to a certain extent, be a forecast.

Now we have a work that professes to fully meet these requirements in the trade catalogue. From a technical point of view, a wonderful compilation—but it is with the pricing I wish to deal.

Let us examine some of the objections to a dealer's price list as a standard of value.

A dealer is interested in stamps primarily to make money, not to interest, elevate, or educate stamp collectors. Not to appreciate or depreciate stamp values. He may do most of these other things, but only so far as it will assist business.

This being so, if we consider a few of the practices that a sharp man, whose list was accepted as a standard, might indulge in, without grossly violating the rather easy moral code governing commercial men, we shall probably hit upon some of the current objections to the Catalogue.

(1) Stamps may be priced low for buying purposes.

(2) Stamps of which the dealer has an excessive stock may be priced exorbitantly and the surplus stock disposed of at a big discount to the trade through the medium of a wholesale list.

(3) Personal friends may be given the tip when large, and perhaps profitable advances are contemplated. I need not continue—I am quite sure you can all imagine numerous ingenious devices for exploiting stamp collectors, possible to the man with a big business, who is the sole arbiter of values.

I express no opinion as to whether or not eccentricities of catalogue pricing are due to any of the causes I have enumerated. If it is so, I am quite sure it is only to a very limited extent. If wholesale trickery were adopted the catalogue would soon lose its place as a standard. A certain amount of honesty is the best policy.

I pass on now to examine some of the unavoidable reasons why catalogue prices do not always reflect the market.

In the first place the market is fed from outside sources. Most dealers obtain a good deal of their stock from sellers with no interest in Philately except to obtain as much as possible for their stamps.

Now one dealer will sell as soon as possible anything he buys, at the best price he can get. Another attempts to keep his stamps for special buyers at special price. The first man ignores catalogue to a great extent, merely quoting it to help his sales. Dealer No. 2 keeps his stuff so long that sometimes financial reasons oblige him to realize immediately, in some cases, at a smaller percentage of catalogue than Dealer No. 1 has obtained.

In both cases the catalogue, as a standard, may suffice.

Again, as I have already said, the catalogue has to be a forecast. When it is realized how quickly fashions change, how rapidly certain stamps boom; how suddenly others drop; it will be apparent that even if stamps were a fixed quantity catalogue prices could never uniformly reflect the market.

Every year hundreds of thousands more stamps come on the market than can be absorbed by collectors if all dealers held out for a certain proportion of catalogue. Stamps which a dealer with a good connection sells, perhaps eight or ten per week, are often offered in parcels of many thousands. These are bought by wholesale men who can sometimes sell by the hundred or thousand, as low as a tenth of catalogue. As a result of this we have the jobbing dealer who advertises special lines at 50%, to 80%, off catalogue. These are the stamps that usually come down. The stamps that advance are those that you find some difficulty in buying at 25% off, and which the dealer who allows "50% off everything" keeps up his sleeve—or in his private collection.

I have only briefly indicated some of the principal causes for the variation of stamp values, but enough has been said to show the extreme difficulty of producing a catalogue which shall be an accurate reflex of all stamp values. A catalogue is only a standard so far as it is recognised as such by collector and dealer. The publishers themselves cannot make it a standard.

This being so it is really wonderful to what extent the catalogue is accepted as a standard. For, after all, the stamps obtainable at huge discounts are only a small minority. From time to time we read proposals for the compilation of a collectors' standard of values. As if collectors were in a better position to arrive at stamp values than members of the trade. Dealers are said to be interested parties. There are two equally interested parties to every stamp transaction, buyer and seller. To assume that the seller is more interested than the buyer, is ridiculous.

The difficulties in the way of a collectors' catalogue are so many that no one, with a practical knowledge of the subject, would entertain it.

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Do. do. 1d. red, with inverted surcharge, mint	1	12	0
Do. do. 2d., inverted surcharge, mint	1	12	0
Do. do. another copy, used, fine	1	4	0
Do. do. 2½d., inverted surcharge, mint	3	3	0
Do. do. 6d., inverted surcharge, mint	3	3	0
Do. do. inverted surcharge, 1/-, mint	3	0	0
Trinidad, 1896, 10/-, mint	3	0	0
Turks Island, 1873, 1/- prune	7	10	0
Western Australia, 1st issue, imperf. 1/- chocolate*	1	18	0
Do. 1865, CC. 12½, error, 2d. lilac	6	6	0
Zululand, 20/- purple on red, mint	1	18	0
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Cyprus, 1st issue, 6d. and 1/-, mint*	2	0	0
Belgium, 5 francs red-brown, fine	0	12	0
Oldenburg, 2nd issue, 1/3 gr. black on green	3	5	0
Do. 3rd issue, 2 gr. red, on large piece	0	18	0
Switzerland, 1850, Poste Locale, control cross without border, 2½ rappen, black and red, fine	4	12	6
Ceylon, C and CC, 5d. brown, fine	1	0	0
Do. 1872-80, perf. 14 x 12½, 2c. brown*	2	0	0
British East Africa, on Company's stamps, 2 annas vermilion, scarce	1	10	0
Gambia, 1st issue, 4d. brown imperf.*	1	1	0
Do. do. 6d. blue, imperf.	0	15	0
Natal, 1st issue, 1d. blue on entire	3	0	0
Transvaal, 1900, surcharged V.R.L., 4d. green, a horizontal pair, mint, one of the stamps has the R.I. of the surcharge omitted	2	0	0
Do. 1/- ochre, a horizontal pair, one stamp has the V.R. of the surcharge omitted*	2	10	0
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Confederate States. Mobile, 5c. blue	0	15	0
St. Vincent. 1869, 4d. yellow	1	16	0
Trinidad. 1896, 10/- green and ultramarine, mint	1	16	0
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Philatelic Societies' Reports.

LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Society held its usual fortnightly meeting at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale Street, on Monday, February 23rd, 1903.

The meeting was most pleasantly enlivened by a paper from Mr. Taylor on "Stamp Values and Catalogue Prices" (published in this number of the *Fortnightly*). As the subject is one which opens up a vast field for discussion, the members freely availed themselves of the invitation to criticise. Needless to say a very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Taylor for his interesting paper.

It was also unanimously decided to resume the discussion at the meeting to be held on Monday, March 23rd. There is every reason to hope that the meeting in question will prove more than usually interesting, as many of the members will have the opportunity in the interval, to beat up arguments in support of their individual points of view.

W. HALFPENNY, *Hon. Sec.*, 28, Dacy Road, Liverpool.

CORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society was held in the Board Room, Commercial Buildings, on Monday, February 2nd. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read, and showed the affairs of the Society to be in a very satisfactory state. All the members have keenly felt the great loss sustained by the lamentable death of the Rev. Mr. Bell, who was recognised generally as one of the ablest authorities on all matters pertaining to philately in the Kingdom. A letter was read from Mrs. Bell thanking the members of the Society for their kind message of sympathy (passed at a previous meeting) on the death of her husband. The following Officers were elected for ensuing year:—President: Mr. G. F. Hodder; Committee: Messrs. T. J. Babington, A. C. Maltby, F. J. H. Stopford; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*: Mr. John Dixon, 1, Mardyke Villas, Cork.

THE LADIES' STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE November and December Packets are back, accounts made up and all sheets returned to owners.

Nov. packet consisted of 32 sheets, value just over £100 of which were sold stamps to the value of £21 5s. Some of the best stamps were some fine old first issue Italians, 8c. Canada, registered, fine.

In December packet were 31 sheets, value just over £80, of which £19 5s. were sold.

Three vacancies have occurred lately. Either ladies or gentlemen will be admitted, but no dealers.

MISS HAYNES, *Secretary*, Westwood House, Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush.

THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

MEETING held on February 5th. Present: Mr. Schwabacher (chair), Messrs. Cooper, Fulcher, Marsh, Morley, South, Thompson, Tomson and Kay.

Mr. K. Peerbloy (India) was elected a member, and the resignation of Mrs. Mackenzie accepted with regret.

A fine collection of New Zealand revenues sent by Mr. A. Hamilton (Dunedin) was shown, and an unanimous vote of thanks and admission to the privileges of membership for the current season was duly passed for the courtesy.

Several interesting fiscals were also submitted. Among others, Mr. Schwabacher showed a pair of Gr. Britain Bankruptcy 1/6, perf 12½; Mr. Fulcher a range of upwards of 60 types of the first issue 8sk. Denmark, due to variation of lettering in value labels; Mr. South the new 5 and 10 kroner Sweden Savings Bank stamps; and Mr. Thomson a £3 10s. Natal.

The Fiscals of Niger Coast, Orange Free State and part of Queensland were discussed and catalogued.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5th, at 6.30 p.m., at 65, Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E.C., when the Fiscals of Queensland, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, &c., will be taken.

Sheets amounting to from 1306.85 nett were contributed by Home members to the Continental Exchange Section.

For rules, and any other information respecting the Society, apply to

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UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE.

FEBRUARY Packet sent off on February 16th, with 13 sheets, value £97 9s. 8d.

A few members can still be enrolled.

H. BEAN, *Secretary*.

THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Fourth Annual Conversazione and Dance of the Junior Philatelic Society was held at Raleigh Hall, Saitoun Road, Brixton, on Saturday, February 7th. This is the most important social function in the Junior Society's year and is always attended by a large number of young collectors and friends. The dance arrangements, band, and catering were on the same excellent scale as hitherto and a thoroughly successful and enjoyable evening was the result.

On Saturday, 21st February, the usual fortnightly meeting was held. A display was made of Part V. of Mr. E. Heginbottom's collection of Great Britain, after which a paper by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole was read, entitled "Bi-sected Stamps used Provisionally."

Secretary, H. F. JOHNSON, 9, Lorne Terrace, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

THE FISCAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.

THE value of the sheets contributed lately to the Club has not been so large as usual, the January and February packets totaling to £184 and £162 respectively. On the other hand, the sales have not declined, the amounts taken during October and November being £38 and £28 for each month.

From letters that reach me it is evident that an ever-growing interest is being taken in fiscal collecting.

Messrs. B. F. J. Cooper, W. G. Crothen, and W. Doiz have lately become members.

Arrangements can be made for the valuation and sale of revenue stamps in the Club. Any information will be willingly afforded by

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PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

MEMBERS of this society are urged to send at once any sheets that they can for the March packet.

This packet will be despatched on or about the 5th inst., and all sheets should be sent in in good time.

A few vacancies occur for good buying members, and the Secretary will be pleased to forward rules. There are now some excellent stamps included in the monthly packets, and it is worth anybody's while to apply for membership. Only thoroughly reliable applications can be entertained, and only those references that will bear the strictest investigations, should be sent. The society in inviting applications will be pleased to give reference to any of the existing members, amongst whom are many well-to-do philatelists. No fees of any kind.

Secretary, R. T. MORGAN, 14, High Street, Selhurst, S.E.

COLLECTORS' CLUB, NEW YORK.

THE 90th Meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Monday evening, February 9th.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the exhibition of the stamps of Russia, Finland and Poland be held on the evening of March 9th in place of in April, and that the April date be left open for the competitive exhibition of Australian stamps, prizes for which have been offered by Mr. Stanley Gibbons.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance of \$491.94 exclusive of reserve fund, was approved as read. The report of the House Committee was read and accepted.

The Judges on the Great Britain exhibition, Messrs. Morgenthau, Power and Bruner, reported as follows:

"Having been appointed to judge the collections entered in the prize competition of the stamps of Great Britain, we beg to report as follows:

"Four exhibits were submitted to us, and each one of them was an exceedingly creditable collection of the country, and it caused your judges considerable time and trouble to decide to which one the prize should be awarded.

"We examined all the entries most carefully, taking into consideration completeness, rarity and condition, and as a result of this examination, found that the collection of Mr. Wm. H. Sussdorff excelled all the others and awarded the prize to him.

"The other three collections, exhibited by Messrs. Fiske, Herzog and Luff were very close in rank, varying only by a few points in the total and it is chiefly as a matter of record that we report that second place was awarded to the collection of Mr. J. M. Fiske."

"J. C. MORGENTHAU,
"EUSTACE B. POWER,
"B. F. BRUNER."

Mr. L. W. Charlot was unanimously elected a subscribing member of the club.

ALBERT PERRIN, *Secretary*, 351, Fourth Avenue, New York.

TWIXT EDITOR AND READER



Please Address all Letters:—

The Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

"UNUSED, yet not unused!" That is the paradoxical moral of an interesting letter just to hand from Mr. Charles F. James, of Bristol. How should one class a stamp which has passed through the post but escaped cancellation? Is such a stamp used or unused? In sober fact it is "used," of course, but—is it always classed "as such."?

It is in reference to a paragraph in our last issue that Mr. Charles F. James writes as follows:—

Apropos of your paragraph in the last *Fortnightly*, regarding "British Official Stamps Unused," I should say that your correspondent can certainly lawfully retain possession of the Govt. Parcel stamps to which he refers, for he makes it quite clear by his letter that they have already done duty for postage, but he cannot therefore rightly describe them as *unused*, as they have, by his admission, gone through the post and have come through uncanceled, which is the only correct inscription that he can place upon them.

The stamps would, of course, have no gum, without which it is certainly a libel to call a stamp unused. Such specimens I consider have only the value of fine used specimens.

I have at the present time many of the old penny red stamps which have in the same way escaped the brand of service, but I should not for one moment dub them "unused" or endeavour to dispose of them as such. I have also several of the "Army Official" stamps in a mint state which have come into my possession through the purchase of various collections, but I should not hesitate to say that these have in every instance been primary obtained by some too enthusiastic collector bribing the storekeeper at some barracks to let him have them out of the stock which is kept at all depôts for official purposes, this being the only way in which a leakage of these stamps could occur.

I certainly prefer any of the English stamps in an "unused" condition, but in this instance I think it would be doing Philately in general a good turn were our cataloguers to omit pricing such stamps in an *unused* condition, or if it must be, to place the value of same on a par with used specimens.

We shall not venture a dictum as to the classification of "uncanceled used stamps," but as regards the closing clause of Mr. Charles F. James's letter we must say that we are in hearty agreement with our correspondent. Unused British official stamps at the present time can only find their way into the stamp market as the result either of downright dishonesty or of a dereliction of duty for which the Government servant concerned, if detected, is liable to instant dismissal. The restrictions thus imposed have naturally enhanced the market values of these stamps, and these higher prices prove a sore temptation to Government servants, both civil and military—many of whom are men not in very affluent circumstances.

In conversation only the other day, with a leading London Stamp Dealer the remark was made. "The official stamps still come out, and the higher the price goes the greater becomes the temptation to supply a little of the Forbidden Fruit to the stamp trade. I don't believe they will ever stop the traffic in these unused stamps, for the more stringent the regulations become, the higher goes the price in the stamp market—and there you are!"

There you are indeed! In the end it is the Stamp Collector who finds all the money—as usual. But if all collectors and all dealers would agree unanimously to cut down the prices of the unused to the used level, then there would be an end to all this illicit dealing in stamps illegally obtained. It is all very well to prefer unused stamps, and

one may agree that unused English, taken right through, make an infinitely more beautiful show than used specimens. But why not make an exception in the case of the official stamps and collect these only in the used condition? It needs only for philatelists to be agreed, and the thing is done.

We commend the subject to the consideration of all those philatelists who would prefer to feel that all the stamps in their albums are free of any taint of dishonesty.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.P.C. (Jersey): Very many thanks for letter and suggestions, which latter will be carefully considered.

Canada's Criminal Code provides a penalty of fourteen years' imprisonment on conviction of counterfeiting, selling or using counterfeit stamps of that or any other country. Every philatelic society in the world should seek to accomplish the enactment and enforcement of a similar law in its country.

There is, or was, a chemist living in London—he may be alive still for aught we know—who made a large fortune out of the British Government by sending to them a batch of stamps which had been through the post, and had been cancelled by being stamped in the usual way. But the chemist had wholly removed the cancellation marks and restored the stamps to their pristine glories. He offered to demonstrate how he could buy up old used stamps and clean them by the thousand, and he also offered a recipe for cancellation ink which was absolutely irremovable. His secret was bought by the Government, and he is a rich man.

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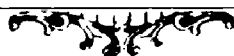
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