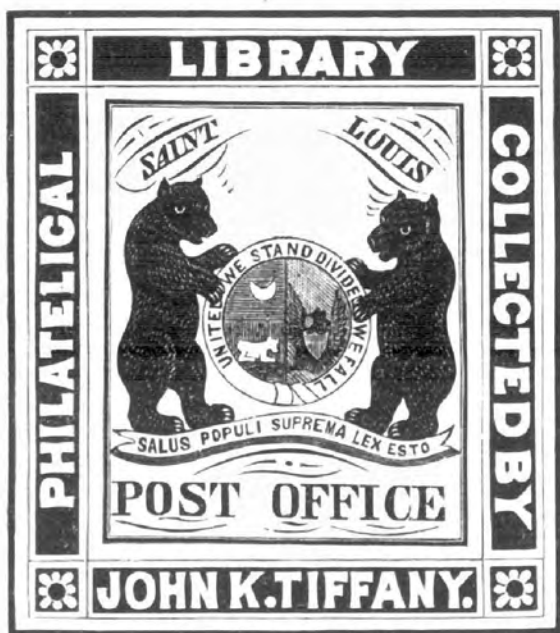


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Postal Regulations of the C. S. A.

When the government of the C. S. A. was established on a sufficiently firm footing to warrant its attending to the Post Office, it showed its good sense by adopting the U. S. postal regulations entire, with the exception of some minor changes and a radical re-arrangement of the rates. The facilities were poor, and often the work was one of considerable danger, so that the rates were correspondingly high. A better understanding of this will be had from a perusal of some of the acts passed by the Confederate Congress.

The Congress of the C. S. A. passed laws directing the rates of letter postage to be as follows:

On each $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., or fractional part thereof, for distances not exceeding five hundred (500) miles, the rate was fixed at five (5) cents; for distances exceeding five hundred (500) miles, the rate was doubled. Packages, other than written or printed matter, were carried at double these rates. This increase was evidently made in order to discourage the sending of mail packages which would increase the difficulty and cost of carrying the mail.

Drop letters were to be paid for at the rate of two (2) cents each, per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. All letters that were advertised

were rated two (2) cents additional. As the law directed that these should be prepaid with postage stamps, it became necessary to authorize the issue of a series of stamps, which was done in a long Act, of which the two following sections are the most important: SECTION 3RD. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED

"That it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General, to provide and furnish to all Deputy Postmasters, and to all other persons, applying and paying therefor, suitable postage stamps and stamped envelopes, of the denominations of two (2) cents, five (5) cents, and twenty (20) cents."

SECTION 7TH. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED

"That no letters shall be carried by any express or other chartered company, unless the same be prepaid by being enclosed in a stamped envelope of this Confederacy, under the penalty of a fine of five hundred (500) dollars for each violation of this law."

Approved, Feb. 23d, 1861.

As the Postmaster General was unable to provide stamps and stamped envelopes at such short notice, in time to meet the demands of the public, it was found necessary to amend this Act, as was done in the Act of March 1st, 1861, as follows:

WILL NEMO.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Why Girls Don't Collect.

It has often been a source of wonder to us why girls don't collect stamps. After much inquiry and many failures we found one of them who consented to put her reasons in writing, and we submit them to the public as something new to collectors.

Girls have so many more important employments than that of collecting stamps that the idea of doing so has not yet presented itself to many of them. When they do, however, remember that valuable occupation, they generally reject the idea with scorn and horror. A thought of their brother (if they have one) causes the very idea to turn and flee.

If in the evening a stamp collector's sister wants to go out and has no other available escort, her brother's time is not his own, but his stamps', and she thinks that if stamps need so much attention, she does not want to be the one to have to pay it. Even if a girl SHOULD collect stamps, she has no one to sympathize with her in her enthusiasm, for she is certain to have no brother (if she had one, she would not collect as I said before) and the other girls don't collect; so that if she does entertain the thought for a moment it is a very brief moment.

What pleasure is there in knowing that for two bits of paper, embellished with the figure of a man trying to step over a row of houses, you have paid ten or fifteen dollars. Yet one collector seemed fairly to gloat over this interesting fact. Especially at this season, just think how many lovely sleigh rides (with a nice girl along) that would pay for. If a girl had had that money, just think how many useful and ornamental things she would

have invested in, while stamps are neither one nor the other. You keep them locked up in your desk, all nicely pasted in an album, and no one can see them without your express permission, and when you do bring them out, they're not worth looking at. A fine engraving all can enjoy, while only a privileged few can even pretend to enjoy stamps.

A STAMP COLLECTOR'S SISTER.

Cancellations.

The "Empire State Philatelist" for Dec., 1886, gives a brief synopsis of a plan to effectually cancel stamps, the invention of R. P. Sawyer, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Sawyer's plan, as we understand it, is to gum a part only of the stamp, the Post Office authorities to cancel the stamp by tearing the ungummed part. This plan is open to several serious objections. 1st. The ungummed part would be likely to tear in the transmission from the boxes to the post office, and in the various handlings it there receives, so that when the proper officials get to work, behold it is done, and they have a letter bearing a cancelled stamp; result—postage due.

2d. It would be a tedious process to perform

3d. AND OF IMPORTANCE TO COLLECTORS. It would spoil the specimens, and collections would have to consist of unused or torn stamps.

4th. It would not be at all unlikely for people to think them poorly gummed, and then proceed to gum them down tight.

A much better plan is that recently proposed of using a fine wire heated by an electric current, that would scorch the stamp and leave the envelope uninjured.

J. K. Tiffany

The Latest Out.

United States.—A correspondent writes as follows: "I have seen the new die 2 cent envelope stamp on size 4½ white paper. It is an attractive stamp, the head being about the size of that on the Nesbit dies."

Barbados.—The 1½ penny card has come over printed in lilac on buff.

British Honduras.—Mr. Donner writes that the color of the 1 shilling stamp has been changed to gray.

Canada.—Mr. Hart sends us a specimen of a new one cent card. The stamp is similar to the one it supersedes, but the white lines around the ovals and the numerals are much finer.

Danish West Indies.—The 3 cent post card is said to be printed now in red on buff.

Finland.—The stamp on the Helsingfors card has been changed to the same as the adhesive now in use, but printed in green.

Gibraltar.—The ½ penny card has come to hand printed in green on buff.

Grenada.—Another variety of the provisional penny stamp has been seen, made by surcharging the 1 shilling, yellow, revenue stamp. We have received specimens of 1½ d. brown and 2 d. blue newspaper wrappers.

Holland.—The 5 cent post card has appeared with postal union inscriptions.

Hongkong.—A provisional one cent card has been made by surcharging the 3 cent card "One Cent" in black.

Lagos.—The following new values are reported: 2 shillings and 6 pence, dark blue; 5 shillings, blue; 10 shillings, brown.

New Republic.—In addition to the stamps mentioned in the sixteenth edition catalogue, we have the following: 2 pence, lilac on gray; 3 and 4 pence, lilac on buff.

Norway.—The 5 ore card, green on white, is now a trifle larger and the thin line inside the frame instead of being wavy is composed of a series of loops.

Portugal.—The color of the 5 reis is said to have been changed to green.

Samoa.—Of the new issue the following are also reported: ½ penny, brown-violet; and 1 penny, green.

Trinidad.—We have the the 2 d. blue card in double form.

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THE GERMANTOWN PHILATELIST starts out with a determination to succeed, and if success is to be attained by work and careful attention to business nothing of either will be spared. Of our friends we ask help in the way of subscriptions and articles for publication; of the trade, advertisements that will receive our prompt attention and will reach a most desirable list of collectors.

WE have been advised to "quit, there is no use for another paper," to "go ahead, always room for a good paper"; it is needless to say that we intend to follow the latter advice. The croakers may be disappointed, but they are not the ones for whose opinion we care.

Our first issue is not as good as we would like to see it, but, like stamps, we intend to increase in value with age, and in time when our journalistic abilities (if we have any) are more fully developed, to equal the best of our e. c.'s.

A contemporary has no room for new issues, as the editor thinks that his readers can "get this information from other sources"; we do not propose, however, to follow this plan, as may be seen by reference to another page. The exposure of frauds of which we may become cognizant, is one of the aims of this journal, and subscribers and advertisers will do us a favor and the Philatelic public a benefit, by reporting such swindlers to us.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating," the proof of this paper is in the reading. Is it good? If it is, send in your subscription; if it is not, let us know where you think it wrong.

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THE STUDY OF THE STAMPS OF A COUNTRY shows, in a great measure, the main characteristics of the people. If any one doubts this, let him take the stamps of England for an example: we give a few impressions produced

by a careful study of the general design of the English stamps. Conservative clear through, respect for royalty embedded in the minds of the great majority of the ruling classes, its stamps are all alike in the most important part of their anatomy, the device. Every one is like its predecessor in the fact that on each is the counterfeit presentment of royalty. Not only the presentment of royalty, but all of them exactly of the same portrait, not a day older in '87 than in '41. The new issue has the same head, the head of the Queen as it was idealized nearly a half century ago. Is it impossible for the English to break away from this chestnut? If not in England proper, cannot some of the colonies adopt a different head? Victoria is more like her picture on the Newfoundland stamp, we take it, than like the young Queen of fifty years ago as on the present issue. The new issue, by the way, is a most wonderful production in the way of ugliness, and for that reason together with the still more important one of its being difficult to tell the different varieties apart in some cases, we predict for it a short life, though not a merry one.

Our Exchanges.

We have on our exchange list the following papers.

Quaker City Philatelist,
Empire State Philatelist,
Philatelic Monthly,
Keystone State Philatelist,
Philatelic World,
American Journal of Philately,

International Philatelic Advertiser,
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The Texas Philatelist,
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Why are the old-time tournaments of interest to collectors? Because they were sir charges.

We would advise all collectors to let the Swiss "Ausser Kurs" severely alone. They are no doubt pretty and look well in the album, but the words mean "out of use," placing the stamps therefor, in the same category with the U. S. "specimen" and the Mauritius "cancelled" stamps. Few collectors care for U. S. "specimens" and there is no reason for collecting foreign stamps that are of exactly the same relative value.

We have received Durbin's Sixteenth Edition Catalogue; when we say that it is the best that Mr. D. has given to the public, we give it the highest recommendation in our power. Every collector should get a copy and place it in his philatelic library.

We have just received No. 2 of the "Keystone State." Though late in its appearance it makes up in contents what it lacks in promptness. We wish it a long life and a happy one.

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Postal Regulations of the C. S. A.

WILL NEMO.

(Continued from No. 1.)

Act to permit the prepayment of postage in currency:

AND BE IT ENACTED: "That until postage stamps and stamped envelopes can be provided and distributed, the Postmaster-General may order the postage of the Confederacy to be pre-paid in money. * * * *

The postage on foreign letters is not to exceed the current foreign postage rates of the United States of America."

Approved March 1st, 1861.

This Act apparently fulfilled the designs of its originators, for we hear of no more complaints having been filed on this score.

When, after a short interval, (caused by the destruction of the first consignment from England), the stamps were issued, it was discovered that great inconvenience resulted from the lack of a stamp of a value between the denominations of five and twenty cents. In order to meet this want, the Government authorized the issue of a new value in an amendment to the Act of February 28th, 1861:

AND BE IT ENACTED: "That the Postmaster-General is hereby author-

ized to provide and furnish stamps and stamped envelopes of the denomination of ten (10) cents."

Approved May 13th, 1861.

The Post Office authorities having ruled that the Treasury notes of the C. S. A. were not legal tender for postage stamps, their decision was overruled by a special Act of Congress:

AND BE IT ENACTED: "That stamps and stamped envelopes may be paid for in Treasury notes of the Confederate States of America, if the purchaser so desires."

Approved August 30th, 1861.

The mention of stamped envelopes in the preceding Acts naturally leads to the inquiry as to there ever having been any issued. As no dealer ever catalogued such, and no information could be obtained from them in this matter, I was led to make inquiries of surviving members of the Confederate government and post-office authorities. The answer returned has invariably been that, to the writer's knowledge, nothing of the nature of stamped envelopes exist or were ever issued. This should, I think, dispose of the question as to their existence, as among my informants is the Postmaster-General of the Confederacy.

As the Post-Office became settled, and the employes familiar with their

duties, the heads of the Department took under consideration the subject of a change in the rates of postage. The outcome of their deliberations was as follows:

THE CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA DO ENACT: "That from and after the first day of July next, there shall be charged the following rates of postage, to wit:

"For every single letter, sealed; and for every letter in manuscript or paper of any kind, upon which information shall be asked for or communicated in writing, or by marked signs; conveyed in the mails for any distance within the Confederate States of America, ten (10) cents shall be charged; and every letter or parcel not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight, shall be deemed a single letter, and every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., or additional weight of less than $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., shall be charged with an additional single postage."

Approved April 19th, 1862.

One of the most potent reasons causing the change from the charge of five (5) cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., under five hundred (500) miles, and double that sum for distances in excess of this limit, was the fact that it was difficult to judge in all cases as to the distance a letter would have to go to reach a certain point, as the mail had oftentimes to take a most circuitous route to pass the Union armies.

(To be continued.)

Britain's Mighty Host.

No one not conversant with the facts can imagine the immense quantity of stamps issued by the British government.

"Eighteen hundred millions are issued yearly from the office of the

Controller of Stamps. These range in value from a half-penny to twenty pounds, covering postage and inland revenue from a half-penny to two shillings and six pence; postage proper from five shillings to five pounds; inland revenue proper (such as foreign bills, sea policy stamps etc.) from one penny to ten pounds; and fees (such as judicature, etc.) from one penny to twenty pounds. The penny stamp takes the first place among the number issued. Of these; as many as thirteen hundred millions and a half were despatched from Somerset House in the course of a recent twelvemonth." — *Chambers' Journal*, March, 1885.

Our Exchanges.

We have received the following: *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Keystone State Philatelist*, *The Philatelic Monthly*, *Philatelic Gazette*, *Texas Stamp*, *Western Philatelist*, *Texas Philatelist*, *The Stamp*, *The Collector's Review*, *Mohawk Standard*, *Witch City Collector*, *The Exchange*, *The Youth's Herald*, *Philatelic Review*, *Curiosity World*, *Philatelic Herald*, *American Philatelist*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *Golden Eclipse*, *Collector's Aid*, *Common Sense*.

"Thanks! Set 'em up again."

"Mr. Chalmers and those philatelists who have supported him, might as well give up his case; the Quaker City Philatelic Society has decided that James Chalmers did not do it! That settles it!!—*Western Philatelist*.

"It is our opinion that a set of unused Great Britain postage stamps goes a long way toward persuading one that James Chalmers was the inventor of the adhesive stamp."—*Philatelic Monthly*, May, 1887.

Spring Styles in Stamps.

L. W. DURBIN.

Antigua.—The stamp on the 1½ d. card is now of the type with queen's head in circle.

Barbados.—The color of the double 1½ d. card has been changed to lilac. We have received the three higher values of the new type of adhesives, which were announced some time ago. They are 6 pence, brown; 1 shilling, buff; 5 shillings, bistre.

Bolivia.—Four of the new series have come to hand. The type is of the series of 1871, with eleven stars. The stamps are as follows: 1 centavo, lake; 2 centavos, purple; 5 centavos, blue; 10 centavos, orange. They are rouletted.

Brazil.—A couple of new stamps have been emitted, viz: 300 reis, blue, and 500 reis, olive. The former has five stars in a circle; the latter a crown. Both bear the inscription: "Imperio de Brazil."

British Bechuanaland.—The 1½ d. comes with surcharge in black as well as red.

Bulgaria.—The 1 franc stamp has been altered to 1 leva.

Ceylon.—A 5 cent card, blue on buff, is in use.

Cochin China.—We have the 2 c. of the 1881 issue of French Colonies, surcharged "C. H. 5."

Costa Rica.—The portrait of the present President of the Republic has been placed upon the current set of stamps. He is a handsome man if his portrait represents him correctly. A series of official stamps, without surcharge, is now in use. We have seen only the 10 cent, orange, and 20 cent, brown, as yet. There are also some new envelope stamps floating around, but they are so poorly executed that we will wait for confirmation of their genuineness before describing them.

Dutch Indies.—The 5 cent card now comes with stamp of the type with numeral in centre and printed in green on

white.

Faridkote.—½ and 1 anna, India envelopes and ½ and ½ plus ½ anna postal cards have been surcharged for this State.

Gibraltar.—The 1 shilling, brown, of the new series is now in use, also ½ d., green, wrapper, and 2 d., red, registered envelope.

Grenada.—The 1 d. has come to hand inscribed "Postage and Revenue." Otherwise it is unchanged.

Hong Kong.—The 3 cent card is now printed in brown on white.

India.—The 4 annas and 6 pies, green, "India Postage," is now in use.

Labuan.—The color of the 10 cents has been changed to dark brown and that of the 16 cents to gray.

Macau.—A series of stamps of the new type of Portuguese colonies has been prepared for Macau.

Mauritius.—The 50 cents is said to be changed in color to orange.

Mexico.—The following envelopes have come to hand, which we have not heretofore noted: 4c., red; 5c., blue; 6c., brown; 12c., bistre; 20c., green. The stamps are of the issues of 1884-85.

New Republic.—Two more values are announced, as follows: 6 pence, lilac on buff, and 1 shilling, lilac on buff.

Perak.—The 1 cent postal card of Straits Settlements has been surcharged for Perak.

Peru.—The plate of the 10 cent stamp has been re-touched, making the impression clearer and the rays of the sun, above the arms, more distinct. The embossing on the stamp is also dispensed with.

Porto Rico.—The post card is said to have been issued in brown on buff.

South Australia.—Two stamps, large rect., with the queen's head in a circle and "Postage and Revenue" above have been issued. They are 2 shillings and 6 pence, lilac, and 5 shillings, rose.

Timor.—Stamps of the new type are said to be in preparation.

Transvaal.—The 3 d., lilac, has been surcharged "2 d." in black.

Wurtemberg.—The inscription on the international cards is now "Deutschland—Allemagne—Wurtemberg."

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NO. 2 WAS SO BADLY DELAYED THAT in preference to coming out a month behindhand until we could catch up, we decided to issue this number for the months of April and May. This will make no difference in the number of copies sent to subscribers, however,

as the volume will end with March, 1888, instead of February of that year.

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THE CLAIM OF PATRICK CHALMERS is at present one of the most interesting topics of the world of Philately. Mr. Chalmers has proved to the satisfaction of such notable historical authorities as the *Encyclopædia Britannica* and *Dictionary of National Biography* that his father was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. It was therefore a great shock to our nervous system when we heard that the Q. C. P. S., in solemn conclave assembled, had declared that James Chalmers was not the inventor of the adhesive stamp. It was like a storm from a clear sky; our faith in the justice of the claim was rudely effaced, and in this extremity we clutched at the traditional straw: we read the pamphlets of Patrick Chalmers upon the subject. Pamphlet No. 1 caused a slight doubt as to the correctness of the infallible Q. C. P. S. Pamphlet No. 2 strengthened this impression, and No. 3, together with a short paper on the matter, forced the conclusion that the Q. C. P. S. was mistaken in its conclusions. We re-read the resolutions of the noble society, and, after getting through, came to the conclusion that the draftsman of the same was sadly in need of a few lessons in regard to the details of such a document. It is as loosely drawn up as the will of the man who does his own legal writing. Upon a paper

supposed to represent the opinion of the prominent philatelists of an important center like Philadelphia, one would suppose that time and labor would not be spared. Apparently, however, both are too precious, in the opinion of this worshipful body, to admit of any quantity of either being wasted on the case. However, more space than these resolutions are worth has already been devoted to them, and the balance had better be devoted to a short resume of the claims of Mr. Chalmers. He claims in brief that James Chalmers, Bookseller, of Dundee, was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

In 1834, it is claimed that Mr. Chalmers, who was already interested in postal reform, had set up (in type) the first adhesive postage stamp. In support of this statement, the testimony of various men who helped to set up, paste, and cut same, is brought forward. Sir Rowland Hill did not air his original (?) idea of the adhesive label until he had tried the Mulready envelope and produced a flat failure. Mr. Chalmers had meanwhile brought his invention to the notice of the honorable gentleman, who calmly appropriated the same.

The value of this invention will be understood from the fact that from the lack of some such contrivance the various plans of postal reform instituted about this time were on the high road to failure.

The idea of stamped wrappers and various other forms of stamped papers

was meanwhile advanced by others to meet the emergency; objections were made to the great number of values and sizes of wrappers that would be needed, and the plan fell through. At this juncture the idea of Rowland Hill (borrowed for the occasion from James Chalmers) was broached to a perplexed department, and at once adopted; instant success was the immediate result of the movement.

It is hardly probable that Sir Rowland Hill would have attempted such plans as that of the Mulready envelope and stamped paper if he had thought of the adhesive stamp before the issue of the Mulready.

In his life (*Life of Sir Rowland Hill*) Sir Rowland, in speaking of the suggestion made in 1834 by Mr. Knight that stamped covers be used for newspapers, concludes, "Of course adhesive stamps were yet undreamt of;" showing at the time that such was a distinct occasion for their being applicable. But, if unknown to the then Mr. Hill, they were immediately not alone "dreamt of" but produced by James Chalmers. With such evidence, such admission as this, nothing further is required—here is Sir Rowland Hill's own record, showing that at the period when Mr. Chalmers produced his invention, he himself knew nothing of the adhesive stamp.

We would recommend those who doubt these assertions to write to Patrick Chalmers, No. 1 Mayfield Road, Wimbledon, London, Eng., for infor-

mation, and also to the Secretary of the Q. C. P. S., Theodore Siddall, 213 S. Fifth St., Phila., Pa., for a copy of the resolutions of the society.

Among the American Societies to recognize the fact that James Chalmers invented the adhesive label are the Chicago Philatelic Society, Pomeroy Philatelic Society, St. Louis Philatelic Society, Lansing Philatelic Society, and the Denver Stamp Collectors' League.

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—A. H. WHEELER.

We wish to thank the *Youth's Herald* for back numbers supplied.

We have received the *American Philatelic Press Directory*, published by S. H. Richmond, 5 Beekman Street, New York, but have not time to give it a careful examination, will give our opinion of same in next issue.

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