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TO OUR READERS.

The rapid advance of the Trade in Postage Stamps, and the many individuals who have launched into this business, has called forth publications adapted to meet the pressing wants of dealers, and to enable them to dispose of their stamps to those who take delight in completing collections, and to interchange with each other.

A number of monthly publications have been commenced, and it may be considered that there are sufficient for the purposes required; the periodicals that are issued are, however, in the Southern or South-western portions of the country, and circulate principally in these localities. A want has been felt for a Journal specially adapted for Stamp Dealers and Collectors, for the Northern district. To meet this want we issue this our first number of the "Stamp Collector's

Journal," fully assured that it will be useful to both dealers and collectors; and that the success of this number will warrant us in our intention to increase our outlay so as to secure the most reliable information on Stamps; information that will be both useful and valuable to all interested. We feel thankful to our friends for their support, and for their further promised offers of assistance.

We are led to believe, from the support at present received and tendered, that a paper like the present is much wanted, and will be found to be both useful and instructive to our patrons and friends. It will be our endeavour to make the "Stamp Collector's Journal" a useful publication, and we hope by a judicious arrangement and classification of articles to supply all the information that is necessary to Dealers, the want of

which is much felt. By offering a cheap medium of Advertising we hope to meet the wishes of both Dealer and Collector, and by a careful attention to the requirements of our Correspondents, we trust to render our columns all that can be desired.

We shall be happy to receive original articles on the subject of Postage Stamps, and early information of rare varieties, or of any new issues, that have not been previously noted in existing Catalogues, which we shall be glad to insert in our following numbers.

Although it will afford us great pleasure to answer the queries and wishes of our correspondents in the column to be appropriated for that purpose, we cannot undertake to reply to them through the post. We shall also have great pleasure in appointing Agents for Districts that have not already agents appointed for them, and in doing so shall offer very liberal terms to those who are willing to devote their exertions in increasing our circulation, and in aiding us in our labours.

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E. C. HALL & Co. DEALERS IN
FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS,
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THE HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.

THE POSTAGE STAMP had its origin in London, on the 10th January, 1840, and for 10 years England alone made use of it. France adopted it on 1st. January 1849. The Tour—and—Taxis Office introduced it into Germany in the year 1850, and it is now in use in sixty-nine countries in Europe, nine in Africa, five in Asia, thirty-six in America, and ten in Oceana. About fifty Postage Stamps may be counted in the United States alone. Van Dieman's Land possesses its own; also Hayti; Natal, Honolulu, and Liberia. Lastly, Postage Stamp Collectors are so numerous a class as to

possess a Manual and special correspondents; and the prices of collections at sales are regularly quoted.—*London Paper.*

STAMPS LATELY ISSUED

Bremen.—A beautiful engraved adhesive Stamp has lately been issued, value 2 grote, the colour is orange on white paper.

Berlin.—This city has just issued 3 express stamps. They are of the values of $\frac{1}{2}$ silb. gro. (which is printed in pink), 1 silb. gro. (which is printed in mauve), and 2 silb. gro. (which is printed in green. They are simple in design, and have "figure indicating value" in circle.

Canton Bern.—We have reason to believe that these are merely Bill or Receipt Stamps; we have seen a 10 rappen, with a signature written across. There is besides this one, a 2 rappen (black,) and a 3 rappen (blue).

We give an engraving of the 15 c. Italian which has recently appeared.



We understand it is to be used in the province of Naples only. It is printed in blue, on white paper. An unpaid letter label has also been lately issued for Italy. The inscription is, "Segna Tassa," the value is 10 cents, and the colour yellow.

Peru has made a change in its stamps. The colour of the 1 dinero previously blue, is now vermilion; and the 1 Peseta formerly pink, but now brown. The arms are in white relief in circle. The stamps have the words "Correos Porte franco Correos" in curved ribbons printed thereon.

Portugal has lately issued a 10 reis. It is printed in a bright yellow on white paper, and is *embossed* like the others belonging to that country.

NOTE.—A new issue of Confederate States just to hand. A description will be given in our next.

A GLANCE AT THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF SOUTH AMERICA.

That comparatively little-known continent, South America, backward as it is in most things, has nevertheless adopted postage stamps, in most parts, several years back, New Granada having already had five issues,

while Brazil, Peru, the Argentine Republic, (formerly Argentine Confederation), and others have had three each. We give an engraving of the 15 centav of the first issue of the Argentine Confederation.



We can hardly expect it to produce any very artistic stamp, and those first used there (in British Guiana) are decidedly the simplest and ugliest stamps in existence. They consist of round pieces of coloured paper, about the size of a halfpenny, and have the words "British Guiana" printed round the border, and the value in the middle.

We only know of three of these stamps—the 4 cents on lemon-yellow paper, the 12 cents on blue, and the (?) on green. They were used in 1851, and have the Demerara post mark. They are extremely rare, for they certainly were only used a very short time, and only one catalogue,

that of Dr. Gray, has ever mentioned them. We doubt not that many have had a laugh over the "green paper Guiana," and chuckled at the belief that the Doctor had been taken in, as he was with the Iceland stamps, but they have chuckled too soon. British Guiana's next attempts were the 1853 stamps, well-known to all our readers, but seemingly discontented with them the postal authorities changed them to large rectangles of crimson (1 cent) and blue (4 cents) paper, and through some carelessness misprinted the word "petimus" in the motto, "patimus." After having altered the 4 cents to an enormous crimson oblong, with the motto correct, they probably found it too unwieldy, and for some years the English stamps were used in the colony, till in 1860 those now in use were made.

The prettiest South American stamps are the old issue of Venezuela, now superseded by a larger stamp, much more coarsely executed, and the present issue of the Argentine Republic.

The different issues of New Granada are also neat and well executed.



The old Buenos Ayres (steamship) are very coarsely done, and their only attraction (a powerful one certainly to collectors) is their rarity.

Peru has produced three different sets, but no two specimens of the first issues are exactly alike, ; sometimes the coronet being large, sometimes smaller, and a thousand other little differences. Peru had also a private company for the conveyance of letters—the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, the only one in South America ; whilst North America has them by hundreds. We would warn collectors against the forgeries of these stamps, sold by Mr. Boel of London, who also sells forged Paraguay Essays as genuine.

These Paraguay stamps are very curious, and had they been adopted, would make a beautiful page in collectors' albums.

Perhaps the rarest American stamps are the Dutch Guianas, which came over in a small number in 1862, but

we have heard of none coming since except one mentioned in a late number of the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine," as coming from Java, and a correspondent of a friend in Dutch Guiana says that that country has not stamps of its own.

THE VALUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.—The practice of collecting postage stamps is so generally popular, that a few words on this subject may not be out of place. Trifling as the pursuit may at first sight be deemed, it has greatly aided the study of geography and a knowledge of foreign currency. Many, to whom the names of Luzon, Nevis, Nicaragua, conveyed no definite idea, are now able to point out the exact position of each on the map ; can calculate the English equivalents of soldi, bajocchi, crazie, and lepta ; and tell the difference between neugroschen and silber groschen, skillings-banco and ore. Nearly every issue has something curious connected with it, and indicates political changes with as much certainty to the collector, as coins do to the numismatist. To illustrate this, take the stamps of Naples. The first issue was in circulation from 1857 till 1860 ; when the king was dethroned, and a temporary stamp was adopted bearing the Savoy cross. On the annexation of Naples to Sardinia this again was superseded by one bearing the effigy of Victor Emmanuel, though still retaining the Neapolitan "grani" currency.—*Mount Brown's Catalogue of Stamps.*

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