



# The Eagle Philatelist.

Devoted To The Interest Of Collectors.

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## The Postage Stamp's Birth.

You would be astonished, said Chief Clerk Wunder, at the post-office a few weeks ago, how few people know anything about the origin of the postage stamp.

The postage stamp in the U.S. said Mr. Wunder, is less than 40 years old, and, although the third to adopt the system, now leads in the number issued by almost four times as many as the next highest stamp using country, which is England. This latter country was the first to adopt the stamp in 1840. Brazil followed close in her footsteps in 1843 and the U.S. in 1847. The government of 211 countries now issue postage stamps. All these are outranked by America, whose annual output of letter stamps is 2,500,000, 000. Of the 50,000,000,000 letters sent under stamp through the

mails annually England is credited with 700,000,000. Japan now mails annually 95,000,000 letters, and the canceled stamps on these letters are worth an average of one cent each.

Last year there were 26,000 letters posted in England without any address on them, in 1,600 of these gold coins and money were enclosed.

The canceled postage stamps of many countries are worth quite as much as unused specimens, and many are issued solely for collections, the revenue being an important item.

Monaco is the latest to issue stamps; but Stellaland, with its 50 houses and three stores is the most insignificant, even more so than Heligoland or the Virgin Is.

Bhopal has the oldest stamp, Nicaragua the finest, Siberia the largest, Zealand the smallest, Guatemala the most striking and Sarawak and Great Britain divide the honor of having the cheapest and meanest.

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Readers: —

This month we present to the Philatelic world a monthly which we hope will meet with your approval. This being our first experience as editors we hope you will not be backward in showing us our errors, or in sending in your subscriptions. Hoping to appear with our cover next month, and soliciting a share of your patronage, we remain

The Editors.

### Notes.

Editors desirous of suspending their papers would do well to address us.

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## New Issues.

Any information our readers can give us, regarding recent emissions, or changes, will be gratefully received.

**Argentine.**—The engraved 12 centavos has made its appearance of the same design as 1-2 & 1 c of 1884.

**Azores.**—The 500 & 1000 reis black of Portugal have been surcharged in small letters for the use in Azores, also the 50 reis envelope, rose, is surcharged with small letters.

**Brazil.**—The new 100 reis has appeared with figures of value in a square.

**Bolivia.**—A new series of stamps are expected.

**Ceylon.**—The 8 cent card is announced surcharged 5 cents.

**Great Britain.**—A new set is reported to appear this month.

**Nicaragua.**—A 2 ct. reply card has been issued.

**Reunion.**—We have heard that the 4 c violet is surcharged 5 c.

**Siam.**—The ½atta is surcharged 1 Tical.

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## Honduras and its Stamps.

(BY A.E.H.)

This small, but important province, is situated in the lower portion of Central America, between Nicaragua and Guatemala; and extends from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean. It covers an area of 47,000 square miles.

It is a republic, governed by a Senate of seven members, and a Assembly of eleven; it is divided into seven departments, having the capital at Comayagua, a small city with 18,000 inhabitants. The standard coin is the peso, equal eight reals or 100 centavos. It was the third to issue a set of stamps.

In 1866, there appeared two varieties, unperforated.

2c black on green,

2c " on pink.

The stamps are very poorly engraved, and have the figure of value in each corner,

Inside an elliptical frame, are the arms; above is, Correos de Honduras, and, Dos Reals, below

The next regular issue was emitted in 1878, seven varieties appeared, all of which slightly differed from each other:

The varieties are as follows.

1c violet	1r green
2c brown	2r blue
$\frac{3}{4}$ r black	4r vermillion
1p orange	

This issue is perforated and very finely engraved.

It bears the head of Don Marco Soto, to left in an elliptical frame, above Republica de Honduras, and the value in words, below, and in figures above.

This set is printed in the finest and richest colors, and it makes one of the most beautiful places seen in a well filled album.

One year before the emission of the last set, the first issue was surcharged  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 reales, for use in the provinces of Tecucigalpa and Comayagua.

Remember that the Eagle Philatelist will circulate 1,200 copies with the March number, every dealer should send in his advertisement for that number.

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We do not wonder that the Garden City Philatelist is thinking of the 28 th. century.

Publishers will please accept our thanks for their papers and we hope that they will exchange with us regularly.

Please mention this paper when answering advertisements.

Subscribe now and get an unused Monaco stamp free.

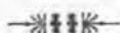
Stamped Letter Sheets.

The Postoffice Department has adopted and will shortly issue a stamped letter sheet, the useful invention of the U.S. Postal Note Company, of New York. It is a letter sheet and envelope combined, a perforated line running around the sheet with the narrow space outside of the line overspread with mucilage, so that the sheet may be folded and securely fastened. The letter when ready for mailing, resembles the style in use before envelopes were invented. This the government stamps in loose sheets and collectively in pads, and will put on sale soon at some of the leading postoffices throughout the country. The inventors think very highly of it, and since it can produced at a very low figure, and affords the same secrecy an envelope does, it ought to supplant the postal card in popular favor and probably will.

We wish to call the attention of collectors, to our Correspondence and Exchange columns, which we will open next month, free to all.

To all who send 15cts before March 1st. will receive this paper 1 year and a unused Monaco stamp

## NEW ISSUES.



**Bangkok.** The 3c. card, blue on buff is reported with black surcharged B.

**Bavaria.** New bands are expected to appear.

**Br. Guiana.** The 3c. card has been surcharged 1c. in black.

**Congo Free State.** A 15 centimes card has appeared brown on buff.

**Chili.** The card blue on rose has been issued.

**Costa Rica.** The current stamps are surcharged "Guanacasto" for use in that province.

**Luxemburg.** It is reported that the 19 centime card is now rose on white.

**Malta.** A handsome 5 shilling stamp has been issued the color is rose.

**Macau.** The Phil. Monthly says: this colony appears to have gone into the surcharge business to stay. Two more varieties have come to hand, made by striking out the original value and printing a numeral representing the new value in the centre. They are

"5" on 25 reis, red;

"10" on 50 " green.

**Transvaal.** The 3pence of 1885 has been surcharged Half-penny in black letters.

## PERIODICAL NOTES.

Mr. Durbin, please accept our thanks for Nos. 1&2 of the Philatelic Monthly.

The Empire State Phil. Is exceptionally good this month.

The Garden City Phil. is the latest.

The Carson Phil, appears with a bright pink overcoat.

We have received the following papers since last month, publishers please accept our thanks:

Pilatelic World and Monthly, Stamp World, Carson, Garden City, Empire State, and Quaker City Philatelists, Toronto Phil. Journal, Canadian Phil'ic and Cario Advertiser.

## EXCHANGES.

Exchange notices inserted under this column free of charge to subscribers.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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