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Philately in 1877.

BY C. H. C.



THE year 1877 has been an interesting one to philatelists, and while it has not been marked by any one thing of paramount importance, there has enough occurred during the last twelve months to warrant a cursory review.

Prominent among the stamps that now are, but a year ago were not, we may mention the 8, 16, 24 and 25 cent Argentine; a 10 cent Bolivar, and a 10 and 20 cent Cundinamarca of new design; the pair of Canadian envelopes; the additional values for the Danish West Indies; the French set in its altered colors; the 6, 10, 12, 20, 30 and 45 s. Japan; the new sets for Chili, Persia, Cuba, Philippine Islands, Portuguese Indies, and Uruguay, also the series emitted by countries that have not previously favored us with postal labels, such as Cape de Verde Islands, Mozambique and San Marino.

The British Indian and adjacent states have been deluging us with labels, or at least we have been deluged with labels purporting to hail therefrom. Some of them are decidedly suspicious customers.

Just as the year is closing, along comes a set of three stamps claiming the Samoan Islands as their birthplace; and re-

garding these also further developements must be awaited before any verdict can be given.

However, setting the doubtful ones aside, philatelists have had plenty to do in keeping up with new issues.

The study of the U. S. stamps is becoming more and more a specialty and, indeed, our postals—adhesive and envelopes—post-cards and revenues of all sorts and descriptions are a study in themselves.

Foreign post-cards have claimed no little attention, and there are several collections that have already passed their first thousand. Nor can collectors any longer claim that they are wandering in the dark, for two reference lists are now in progress, one in the *Philatelic Monthly* and the other in the *American Journal of Philately*.

In the way of philatelic publications, the year 1877 has doubtless eclipsed any that has gone before. In this country we have had the *American Journal of Philately*, noticeable for its monthly installments of a Reference List of all the postage stamps of the world, as well as for the the list of post-cards previously mentioned. The *Philatelic Monthly*, likewise with a list of cards, and also containing many items of information which only Mr. Durbin knows how to supply. F. Triset's *Monthly Stamp Circular*, with a continuation of its article on forged stamps, together with its exhaustive chronicle of New Issues etc. The *Curiosity Cabinet* with lists

of United States and Canadian Bill, Tobacco, Beer and other fiscal stamps. The *Western Philatelist*, the *St. Louis Philatelist*, the *Michigan Philatelist*—all doing good work in their way, and promising well for the future. For beginners, especially, these three papers are most useful.

In Europe, M. Moens has conducted the *Timbre-Poste* through its 15th year, and has given us in its columns the earliest information as to new issues, also articles upon the Stamps of Natal, Switzerland, Tuscany, Azores, Bhopal, Parma, Levant, Rampour and Naples. Alfred Smith & Co's *Circular* has given us Mr. Overy Taylor's Monthly News Letter, always most welcome. The *Philatelic Quarterly*, though noticeable for a few inaccuracies, has more than offset them by numerous original essays together with elaborate articles on the Mauritius, Porto Rico and Buenos Ayres stamps. So much for the leading magazines, though we must state that we omit *L'ami des Timbres* and *La Gazette des Timbres* simply because we do not happen to have their files before us; and the German publications, because we cannot read them.

(Concluded in our next.)

—Through the kindness of an esteemed correspondent, we are enabled to give a description of a new Spanish stamp. Can anyone inform us for what it is used, as we have not been able to find out? The stamp is rectangular in shape, the central design being an envelope on a horizontal lined groundwork, enclosed by an oval, bearing the inscription, CARTILLA POSTAL DE ESPAÑA. Squandrils filled in with vertical lines. Blue impression, in white unwatermarked paper, unperforated.

NEW ISSUES.

CAPE VERDE.—A curious circumstance concerning the issue of this country, is the fact of a 40 r. blue Mozambique, being found in every sheet of 40 r. Cape Verde stamps. Query, what country should it be placed under? It is issued in Cape Verde and would be accepted there, while it says "Mozambique" on it, and certainly could be used there.—[A. J. of P.]

BELGIUM.—This country has issued two new newspaper bands of the following values:

1 c. green. 5 c. light brown.

JAMAICA.—This colony has issued two new postal cards. Inscriptions, "Post Card," "Jamaica," "The address only to be written on this side," appearing in three lines. Values:

½ penny, red-brown. 1 penny, blue.
3 pence, green.

RAWUL PINDGEE.—This stamp which is struck upon all letters received for carriage, is issued by a private post between that station and that of Murree Hill in the Punjab. The "T. P." has seen it in black on blue and on white.—[Trifet's Circular.]

SAMOA ISLANDS.—Three labels purporting to be postals for the Samoa Islands have lately made their appearance, their authenticity is doubtful, but further developments must be awaited. The values are:

1 penny, bright red. 6 pence, violet.

TRANSVAAL.—We have the 1 d. red with the surcharge inverted. Mr. Durbin notes the 6 d. with the same error.

PERSIA.—It appears that the stock of the 5 shahi has run out and therefore resource has been made to the 10 shahi blue, by cutting it in two and surcharging it "5 shahi" blue.

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INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting this paper to the philatelic world, we think that we are justified in doing so with feelings of pride. In the past, philatelic papers have not received the support that philatelists should give them.

Philately being no longer a *fever*, but a beautiful and instructive science, we trust in the future, all publications pertaining to philately will receive the universal support of collectors; without it, they cannot succeed, and without the papers, collectors will be laboring in the dark. We need your help in our new enterprise and without doubt we will receive it. Our aim will be, to present our readers only with original and well selected articles, and hope to justify our name, in giving the latest and most complete *News*. We do not propose to make our paper a self-organ and devote one-half of it to advertise our own wares; therefore believe that it will meet with the approbation of all. We hope the more august journals will not judge us harshly, but be lenient and aid us all in their power.

The subscription price has been placed at a figure which is within the reach of all; we respectfully call the attention of advertisers to our columns as a medium, through which to advertise their goods.

We must apologize for the absence of illustrations in this number, but hereafter we will be fully illustrated.

—DURBIN'S CATALOGUE.—We have received the fifth edition of this catalogue, and pronounce it without hesitation, to be the best American catalogue that we have yet seen. It is composed of 102 pages and contains all the latest emissions, notably the British Indian States of Jellalabad, Kandahor etc. As a general thing the prices are very low, in accordance with his previous custom. It is profusely illustrated, giving the type of nearly each series, thus making it indispensable to the beginner. The price of this catalogue is only 25 cents, with which is sent the *Philatelic Monthly* free for one year. The latter is valued for its "Gossip," or information concerning new issues, and divers other small articles.

—"Arcadia" is proposed as the name of a British American province, to be founded by the union of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edwards Island, if a plan of union can be agreed upon.

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OF catalogues there are many to notice. Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., Thos. Ridpath & Co., and Stanley, Gibbons & Co., in Europe, and Messrs. Scott & Co., Durbin, Trifet and Sterling in the United States, have each issued one or more editions of works that are useful in their way. Noticeably Mr. Sterling's publication which is a list of all United States' stamps, postal and fiscal.

The great catalogue of the year, however, has been Mr. Moens' which is as valuable a work to-day as was his *Timbres-Postes Illustres* or Mr. Berger Levrault's Catalogue ten years ago.

In the way of special publications, we have the quarterly Bulletins of the French Society, Mr. Moens' *Les Timbres de Naples et de Sicile*, and our own work on the *U. S. Locals and their History*. The Bulletins of the French Society are valuable for a continuation of its Reference List, and numerous papers read at the meetings. Mr. Moens' "Brochure," is a convenient collection in book form of papers from his *Timbre Poste*. As for our own book on Locals, it does not behoove us to say much, especially as our friends have spoken of it so kindly. Messrs. Richey, Bell & Co., in the British Provinces and Mr. Gambs in the United States, have issued Philatelic

directories both of which supply needs long felt. It is most desirable that dealers and collectors should become better acquainted among themselves than they now are, and the directories cannot fail to bring about this good result.

Another matter to which we must revert before closing is the recent stamp auction, where a collection, which certainly was inferior to dozens throughout the country, realized over \$500.00. Auction sales must do much toward popularizing stamp collecting, for they demonstrate the fact that the collector is no longer at the mercy of the dealer, but can offer his stamps at public sale with the certainty of finding ready customers. Postage stamps cannot again be stigmatized as "worthless bits of paper," for they now have their value in the auction room like coins, autographs, pottery and bric-a-brac in general.

—WE wish to expose all philatelic swindlers and counterfeiters. If you have been swindled or cheated in any manner, you will confer a favor to the philatelic public and ourselves, by sending the *true facts* of the case, and if possible the original correspondence, that we may judge for ourselves; if the case is clear we will take pleasure in publishing them.

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NEW ISSUES.

POSTAGE.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The *Philatelic Monthly* notes a cancelled 8 centavo envelope stamp, red on lemon paper.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The one penny red, of this colony is doing duty for the half penny, the new value being surcharged in black. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black, surcharged "Too Late," in red.

CUBA.—Same design as before, "Cuba 1878," above. We are indebted to Mr. Hart, of this city, for a sight of the 25 c. *green*, the other values are:

5 c. *blue*. 20 c. *black*.
12½ c. *brown*. 50 c. *dark green*.
1 peseta *brown*.

Mr Durbin notes a post card, 25 c. *blue*, as having been issued with this set.

DANUBE STEAM NAV. CO.—The 10 soldi, formerly green, is now printed dark violet.

GREAT BRITAIN.—We have seen a specimen of the new registration envelope. It is cloth lined; the front and back being divided into four equal parts, by heavy blue lines. The ordinary 2 d. stamp is impressed on the flap, above which is a circular band inscribed "For Registration Only."
2 d. *blue*.



Guatemala.—This country is to have a new set of stamps. They were engraved in France and in our estimation, are far inferior in design and execution to the preceding

set, as will be seen by our cut. The values are:

$\frac{1}{4}$ real, *green*. 4 reales, *violet*.
2 reales, *carmin*. 1 peso, *yellow*.

Honduras.—This country is about to issue a new set of stamps. Meanwhile the 2 reales, *green*, surcharged with the new value is doing duty.

($\frac{1}{2}$) *Medio real*, red on green.

(1) *Un real*, black on green.

Mexico.—The "Union" chronicles a 70 c. *black*, Porte de Mar.

Natal.—The 6 d. has been received with value crossed out and surcharged "Postage" at top, "One Penny" across centre, in black.

1 penny *violet*.

REVENUES.

Bond, Wm. & Co.—Have issued a 4 cent, *green*, design similar to the black of the same value.

4 cent, *green*.

Lanman & Kemp.—Same design as before, printed in violet.

2 cent, *violet*.

Mauger, Victor E. & Petrie.—Same type as the Goodall playing card stamps, with the exception of the upper left card, which reads "American Playing Cards." The lower right card reads, "Victor E. Mauger & Petrie, New York."

5 cent, *blue*.

Vogeler, Meyer & Co.—This firm have issued a very handsome stamp of the following design: bull's head to right in circle, "Dr. Bull's Family Medicines" around, "Vogeler, Meyer & Co.," "Baltimore," below; "U. S. Inter. Rev." at top, "One Cent" at bottom, numeral of value in the four corners; *carmin* on pink paper.

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EDITORIAL.

AGAIN we greet you, and beg leave to offer our sincere thanks to our friends and stamp collecting public in general, for their liberal patronage and encouragement they have bestowed upon us in the way of subscriptions, advertisements, complimentary notices etc. We ask a continuance of the same, thus, without a doubt, establishing the *News* on a sound basis.

We should be happy to receive the advice of philatelists in regard to editorials, the improvement of our paper, and on any subject of interest to philatelists; we are not above receiving it and will give it our due attention, and if beneficial to philately, will act accordingly. If any of our readers are in doubt on any point pertaining to philately, we should be pleased to render any assistance in our power.

We would call the attention of those wishing to obtain a complete file of the *News*, to the fact that we have but a limited number on hand and that it would be advisable to subscribe at once.

THE NEW LOCALS.

To Mr. J. T. Handford of New York city, we are indebted for specimens of the new stamps and for the following brief history of Hussey's Post:

"Hussey's Post was started in 1854, at 82 Broadway, New York, by Geo. Hussey. Business increasing, larger quarters were needed and the basement at 50 Williams street secured, where the business was continued under Mr. Hussey until 1872 or, 73, when Robt. Easson, his manager, took hold, and—the building in Williams street being doomed to destruction—a basement at 54 Pine street was secured where the business is still carried on, employing some twenty persons."

The stamps are newly issued, having gone into use just prior to Jan. first; they are of a rectangular form, the central device being a messenger running to left. The inscriptions are: "Special Message & Letter Post" at sides, "Hussey's" above, "Robt. Easson, Prop'r, 54 Pine St." below. Printed in two colors, *red* and *blue*, on thin white paper, perforated 13.

ANOTHER LOCAL.



WE have in our possession, a hitherto undescribed Local, which we believe to be genuine, although as yet we have not been able to ascertain any facts in regard to it, that would clearly establish its authenticity.

We purchased it from a young collector of this city, who took it from the original envelope in our presence. We wished to purchase the envelope with the stamp attached, and offered double the price for it in that condition, but owing to some childish whim, he would not sell the entire envelope. Our engraving renders a description useless, the stamp is printed in *blue*, on white paper.

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NO. 3.

A Criticism on the Collecting of Postal Service Envelopes.



F late there has appeared in the different philatelic publications, so called "Reference Lists of the U. S. Postal Service Envelopes." No doubt these are useful in their way, and give the collector a general knowledge of the different branches of the Postal Service, but we cannot see of what use they are to the majority of philatelists, and think it safe to say that they are not read by one-quarter of the collectors.

We do advocate the collecting of *entire* envelopes, in their different sizes, color of paper, watermark, etc., but *do not* advocate the collecting of an envelope from every government office in the United States because of the different printed addresses, private marks, etc., upon them. Would it not be just as sensible to collect the ordinary postal envelopes, with the various return cards of business firms, printed thereon? Most certainly it would. What cares the general collector whether an envelope emanates from the office of the First Ass't P. M. General, or from the Second Ass't P. M. General, as long as it differs in no particular, other than the printing upon it? Certainly there is no more difference than there is in an ordinary envelope used by J. Smith & Co., Grain Dealers, or by T. Jones & Co., Grocers.

If a collector intends to go into the stationery business, he cannot do better than to make a collection of these envelopes, and we will guarantee that he will have a sufficient stock on hand, before obtaining one half of the minor varieties. The above remarks also apply to the old official envelopes used by the Post Office Department.

Take our advice and only collect envelopes that differ in color of paper, watermark, or size, and you will be better satisfied in the end. By all means keep them entire.

—IN our first number we were inadvertently led to believe that the Spanish stamp described therein, was a new issue; but through the kindness of a southern correspondent, we are enabled to give the following information in regard to it, extracted from Pemberton's Stamp Collectors' Hand book, which illustrates it: "The annexed design represents a peculiar stamp issued to Senor Diego Castell Fernandez by decree of the Spanish Post Office, dated Dec. 22, 1869, to frank a pamphlet of 18 pages, entitled *Cartilla Postal de Espana*, which was ordered to be sent to 24,353 primary schools in Spain. He enjoyed the privilege of prepayment by means of this stamp for six months, from Jan. 1, 1870, in consequence of the great benefit which had resulted to the Post Office through the wide circulation of the work. They were issued on the sole condition

that the packets should be sent under bands, to show that nothing was enclosed but the postal work. The stamp was printed blue."

NEW ISSUES.

POSTAGE.

Heligoland.—We understand this country is about to issue two newsbands, but have been unable to ascertain the design. The values are:—

2 farthings, *green*,

3 farthings, *rose*.

Honduras.—The design of the new set consists of the vignette of General Morazón, the George Washington of Central America, to left, inscription above, "República del Honduras," value below. They are:—

1 c. *purple*, 2 reals, *blue*,

2 c. *brown*, 4 reals, *scarlet*.

1 real, *green*. 1 peso, *orange*.

Mauritius.—The following provisionals have been issued by this colony, viz:

4 d. *rose*, surcharged

"One Penny;" 5

shill. *mauve*, sur-

charged "One Shill-

ing;" 10 d. envel-

ope, surcharged "Six

Pence;" 1 shill. and

8 d. envelope, sur-

charged "One Shill-

ing."

India.—The 1 anna envelope has made its appearance on white paper.

Italy.—This country is preparing its official stamps for general use, by obliterating the value in the center, and surcharging a 2 in each corner.

Japan.—Another value has been added to the new set; design some as 5 sen.

brown, except ornaments in the spandrels, numerals of value in the corners.

8 sen. *brown*.

Mexico.—The color of the 10 c. has been changed from black to orange.

10 c. *orange*.

Peru.—The 20 c. carmine of the new set has been put in circulation.

Porto Rico.—Not to be outdone by its neighbor, Cuba, has issued a new set.

Sorouth.—Two stamps have been issued by this city, the values are 1 and 4 annas. Illustration in our next.

REVENUES.

United States.—All of the proprietary stamps are to be issued on pink paper. The following have already appeared:— Barber Match Co., 1 c. blue; Star Match Corporation, 1 c. black; F. Mansfield & Co., 1 c. blue; Hall & Ruckel, 3 c. black; McMunn's Elixir of Opium, 2 c. green; Wm. Gates' Sons, 1 and 3 c. black; Young, Ladd, and Coffin, 1 c. green, 2 c. blue, 3 c. red, 4 c. brown; New York Consolidated Card Co., 5 c. black; Rush's Medicines, 1 c. green; F. Zaiss & Co., 1 cent black; Schmitt & Schmitt diel, 1 c. orange; E. K. Smith, 1 c. blue; Brown's Troches, 2 c. green; A. L. Helmbold, 2 c. blue; J. E. Schwartz & Co., 1 c. red; H. Bendel, 1 c. brown; A. Messinger, 1 c. black; Wm. Roeber, 1 c. blue; Swift, Courtney & Beecher, 1 c. blue; H. Stanton, 1 c. black; Eichele & Co., 1 c. blue; Jos. Loehr, 1 c. blue; F. P. Newton, 1 c. lake; J. B. Rose & Co., 2 c. black; Dr. Harter, 1 c. black; West India Manufacturing Co., 4 c. black.

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EDITORIAL.

—IN the February number of the *Philatelic Monthly*, a plan was presented by which a "National Philatelic Association" could be formed, and if acted upon, would be of great benefit to Philately. The idea is very commendable to the writer, and hope that before long, some decisive steps will be taken in this direction by our respectable dealers.

We make the following extracts for the benefit of those that have not seen the article: * * * "Let the dealers unite together; lay aside their boyish business enmity; organize an association to meet once a year. Have quoted prices for stamps the same way bonds are in notorious Wall street. * * * Many collectors are afraid to buy from a dealer, not knowing whether his prices are right or wrong, they having been impressed with the idea that this and that price is the 'lowest possible one genuine stamps can be bought for.' It is true, we have the excellent catalogues of Durbin, Scott and other dealers, but what we want is an authorized and established price; reliable, honest, and scrupulous dealers. Let no dishonest dealer be entitled to a membership; prosecute all infringing upon the association's rights and powers.

This we know, will be the means of insuring every collector prompt returns and genuine stamps; it will also raise a strong opposition against the so-called shyster system. * * * When a collector has been made a victim of dishonesty by a so-called shyster dealer he gives up all faith in others. It occurs to him that if he tries another his success may be the same and he looks upon all, with no exceptions, as rogues and rascals of the worst description."

From the above it will be seen that an association of this kind will be beneficial, not only to dealers, but to collectors themselves, and would eventually be the means of exterminating the swindlers and counterfeiters.

We are ready and willing at any time to give all the aid we possibly can; it is true we are small, but soon hope to gain some influence among philatelists.

REVIEW.

The Imperial Stamp Directory. Published by J. A. Burgess, 116 Parliament street, Toronto, Ontario. 20 pp.

This is a small, but very useful work, containing the addresses of many Canadian collectors and dealers, and a few foreign dealers. We notice a few errors, but as it is, we think it well worth ten cents, the price charged for it.

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NO. 4.

On the Choice of Stamps for a Collection.

THE heading of our paper implies that some opportunity of selection is possible; for the term *choice* involves approval of one object rather than another. We propose to make a few practical remarks on this, so far as we know, untried ground. It is obvious that the choice may be among specimens (*a*) entirely new; or (*b*) entirely used; or (*c*) a mixture of used and unused. We will take these in their order.

(A.)—Where all stamps are unused, the first thing to be looked for is the fineness and beauty of the impression from the die, showing the design clearly, and in all its details; next, the completeness of the specimen in its margin, a large margin, if possible showing the edge of the adjoining stamp all around being desirable especially in the case of unperforated varieties. Some collectors take as their selected specimen the middle one of nine stamps, arranged in three rows, and cut a small way into all the eight exterior stamps; these latter being afterwards available for use in postage but of course this plan is not susceptible of wide adoption. Next, the clearness and completeness of the watermark should be secured; and the regularity and perfection of the dentilation may be considered; and in some cases, as the

Austrian and Danish, the perfect condition of the original gum at the back should be looked to. Lastly we place color, the one first requisite and guide in most person's eyes. As to which is the best rule our experience dictates, is always to choose a deep-colored specimen. It always stands better, and time usually produces a slight modification of the tones of color.

(B.)—Where all stamps are used, the general rules above given apply and this further item must be attended to, viz., to choose stamps where the main or leading features of the design are as little obliterated as possible by the defacing mark. Take for example the English series; pick those copies where the face of the Queen is untouched, and the cancelling mark is above, or below, or at the edges. Similarly in those terribly inked views of Sydney, select copies where the group and the perspective behind as little touched as may be, not regarding too much a little blot of ink in the angles or other comparatively unimportant parts of the stamp.

(C.)—Partly new and partly used stamps are to be dealt with to our mode of thought by invariably taking the former, though a used original is always better than a reprint. Occasionally a very fine copy just touched by the obliteration may be secured, which presents features rendering it a desirable acquisition, and we would by no means regard the presence of a few used copies of fine

and undoubted types, detrimental to the appearance, and they certainly enhance the value of an album.

Lastly.—In general, we would say no rule so exacting but it has some exceptions; and these, judgment and experience must leave each to determine for himself, but too much care cannot be used in selecting the best and finest specimens at hand. Let our friends remember that the value of an entire collection, is the value of its component parts summed together and if in each of these parts there is a perfect, clear, and bright copy, nothing is left to desire.

With respect to envelopes. We by all means counsel collecting them entire. The various sizes of many continental envelopes are evidenced by changes in shade, of which we may instance the scarce octagonal series of Prussia, silk threads in the paper, which are found in two sizes, and two sets of shades of colors. No foreign collection admits cut envelopes, and it is quite apparent to the casual observer that if the mere impression of the die be cut out, in most cases all traces, whether it was on left or right side of the complete envelope, all varification by the paper used, by similarity in size, in seal, or the like, are destroyed.

In taking envelopes for a collection, we would select the cleanest, brightest, and most perfect specimens; regarding the rules above laid down as to stamps so far as they are applicable.—*Philatelist*.

WE have received the initial number of the Bulletin of "The National Philatelic Society." It is very nicely gotten up, containing the minutes of the society since its organization, a portion of

the president's speech and other articles interesting to the *true* philatelist.

NEW ISSUES.

POSTAGE.

Belgium.—*Le T. P.* announces the suppression of the newly issued newspapers, chronicled in our January number.

Brazil.—The 10 r. and 100 r. of this country have appeared in a new design. Doubtless they are the fore-runners of an entirely new set. Colors same as before.

Great Britain.—We learn from a contemporary that there are a number of varieties of the Registered envelope.

Honduras.—In addition to the values mentioned in our last, we have to chronicle a $\frac{1}{2}$ real. *black*.

Iceland.—A stamp of the value of 5 aur. has been added to the set of official stamps.

5 aur, *bistre*.



Sorouth.—Appended is the cut of the lowest value of the new set for this city.

United States.—The 2 cent Post Office envelope for Registered letters has appeared on white paper, for the exclusive use of the New York office.

It is rumored that a double postal card and stamped letter sheets are to be issued.

REVENUES.

United States.—In addition to the revenues already chronicled, we mention

the following: Merchant's Gargling Oil, 1 c. black and 2 c. green; Manhattan Medicine Co., 2 c. black; Wright's Indian Pills, 1 c. green; Alcock's Porous Plaster, 1 c. black; Schenck's 1 c. green and 6 c. black; J. H. Zeilin, 2 c. green.

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NO. 5.

Expressly for the *Philatelic News*.

STAMP COLLECTING.

By J. A. Burgess.



What is Stamp collecting?

What do you want with the old stamps? They are surely no good after they have been taken off letters, you cannot have much taste or pride about you when you condescend to gather all these trashy bits of paper together, and put them in a book for the mere sake of looking at them? You can never sell them again, no one would be such a fool as to buy them of you and you, as soon as you grow old enough to have any sense, will give it all up and wonder what ever possessed you to indulge in such a pursuit. Do you ever clean them, and use them again? and if not what do these "Yankee Stamp Dealers" do with all the stamps you send them?

Now dear friend, scarcely a week passes but we are assailed by all the above questions, in fact we have been asked so often, that we have sometimes told our examiners to "go and find out" for themselves.

Of course this is rather a rude manner to answer them in, and we propose to answer them here in such a manner that every one who sees this copy of *The Philatelic News*, may never have to bother himself nor anybody else by

asking so many questions, and they can follow the good old rule of "speak when you're spoken to." But we are wandering from our subject and will commence without more ado, to answer all of these questions, confident that we are aiding in spreading useful knowledge. What is Stamp Collecting? Philately is another name for this subject for it has now reached the dignity of a recognized science. We learn from authentic sources that schoolboys were the first to originate this practice. France taking the lead, soon it spread over the rest of civilized Europe, then to England, thence to the United States, and from there to Canada, and although the States and Canada have been the last to take it up, they have far out distanced any other countries in the world, with the exception perhaps of Germany, and we can now number in the U. S. alone, some 50,000 collectors.

It is sternly put down in most schools and colleges, as the teachers say that the boys neglect their lessons to attend to it. Now we think this a mistaken idea, any boy with a very small amount of common sense will be able to learn a great deal of geography, history etc. from postage stamps.

A boy placing a collection of stamps in his album, has to look at each one separately and see from what country it comes. In doing this, he generally turns to the place in his geography,

and learns its position, for what famous, the various productions of the country, and in fact becomes better acquainted with it, than if the lesson had been assigned to him by his teacher. Also tends to make him neat, for he will try to have his stamps and album look neater than some other boy's. It is useless to go on, as for ourselves we fail to see why it is, that everybody in the country is not collecting.

What do you do with the old stamps?

Well, we do *not* clean them and try to palm them off as new. I say this because I know there many who fancy that that is what they are collected for. I'll tell you what we do with them, there are albums especially designed for them, published at all prices from 25 cents up to \$100. We put our stamps in these under the headings, and after the album is filled, we have as beautiful a collection of curiosities, as any of the old fogies ever had, and we have no doubt obtained them far less trouble and expense.

(Concluded in our next.)

NEW ISSUES.



BELGIUM.—The annexed cut represents the new 5 Franc Stamp issued for this country, 5 Fr. red-brown.

CUBA.—The 10 es. peseta, of the new issue was not chronicled with the rest of the set in the Feb. number.

We therefore give it here.

10 es. peseta, black.

ITALY.—We see by the All. Brief. Anz. that this country has issued a new set of stamps, portraying the head of King Humbert. The values remain the same as the last set, except the addition of a 5 lira stamp, the color of which we are at present unable to give.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—These islands have a mode of issuing stamps peculiarly their own, unless Victoria should wish to contest their laurels in the matter of designs; but for an utterly incomprehensible currency, with stamps of unfathomable value, we commend the study of the stamps of the Philippine Islands to the attention of those who delight in puzzles of this kind. We have lately seen some unchronicled values, but cannot pretend to say when, how and why they were issued, so we give a list of all we have seen, with the profile of Alphonso XII to left.

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A. J. of P.

St. VINCENT.—The color of the shilling stamp has been changed to vermilion.

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WURTEMBERG.—This country has copied after the German Empire and issues the 50 p. printed green-grey.

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We should be glad to receive from our readers, any facts interesting to philatelists. We can assure collectors and others that our advertisers are responsible parties, as we shall follow the example of the former proprie-

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In conclusion we would ask other journals not to judge us too harshly, as we are yet new in the business but hope to "Live and Learn."

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