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EDITORIAL.

IN introducing this paper to our readers, we will not fall into the common error of “blowing our own trumpet,” but will let others do it for us, but being musical, we feel compelled, somewhat reluctantly, to play our modest tin whistle, by saying, that by giving subscribers the latest and most important news, and advertisers a good circulation amongst “real live” philatelists, we hope to slowly, but surely, ascend the ladder of Philatelic Journalism till we reach the top, and what’s more, “we shan’t we happy till we get there,” either. Should this paper ever—and we feel confident it will, judging from the support already received—arrive at No. 13 Vol. 2, we intend increasing the subscription and advertising rates, size of paper, etc., but more of this in due course. At present, we will wait impatiently the opinion of the philatelic press and public, upon this, the first number of the *Philatelic Times and Stamp Mart.*

The Times.

MESSRS Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have purchased for £10,000, the collection of Australian stamps formed by Mr Castle. This price is claimed by the purchasers to be the highest ever paid for a collection.

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A LETTER from Mr H. Ewen appears in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" for November 10th, in which Mr Ewen informs its readers that "a sheet of 2½d English, printed on gummed side, and with watermark inverted," was issued at Southampton, at the end of October.

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MR and Mrs Stanley Gibbons, according to the "Monthly Journal," will shortly make a tour round the world, starting about the middle of this month.

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FROM the same source we learn that two apprentices at the Sierra Leone Post Office, and a person attached to the Printing Department, have been surcharging stamps for their own personal benefit.

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"THE Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" has obtained the highest

award for journals at the Exhibition held at the Palais de L'Industrie in Paris, last October, viz., a silver medal. Mr Walter Morley's celebrated Fiscal collection again carried off a gold one. A bronze medal was also awarded to Messrs Theodor Buhl and Co. for their "Philatelic Record."

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MR Castle's duplicate collection was sold by auction on October 24th and 25th last. The auctioneers being the well known firm of Messrs Ventom, Bull and Cooper. A large number of rare stamps were offered, as might be expected, and fetched good prices.

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ONE more note and we shall say no more of Mr Castle this month, and this note is, that he now intends specializing in Europeans, of which interesting stamps he has amassed a large and valuable lot.

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ALTHOUGH not generally known, the late Czar of Russia was a stamp collector.

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MONTHLY philatelic publications are increasing at a pace, and amongst those received the "Philatelic Advertiser" is the most promising.

It has now reached its third No., and it must be pleasing to the publishers to note the increase in the size of their paper, and the advertisements therein, since the first issue.

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THE "go-ahead" firm of Hilckes and Co. have started a new department in philatelic literature, in the first number of the "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly," which appeared in October 6th last. Before this, we English had only monthly magazines devoted to our science, although in America they can boast of weekly ones. It yet remains for some enterprising person to start one here.

The Trade.

MESSRS Cooper and Co's new wholesale list is well worth looking through, containing as it does, a large number of bargains.

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MESSRS Graves and Co. send us their monthly list of bargains (wholesale). Though small, it gives a large variety of lots at very, very low prices.

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LISTS also received from Messrs

Butler Bros., and the Belle Stamp Co.

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THE following monthly magazines have also arrived:—"Monthly Offers," "Grimsby Philatelic Advertiser," "Philatelic Advertiser," and "Lewthwaite's Monthly Bazaar."

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WE have to thank Mr W. Ridout of London, for catalogues of his stamp auctions, and note that he will shortly offer a "British rariety of the first order," viz., "an envelope addressed by the Right Honourable W. E. Gladstone, to J. Macgregor, Esq., M. P. This envelope is postmarked December 21st 1852, and is franked with the current 1d. red of the period, having a peculiar unchronicled machine roulette."

Auction Reports.

Mr Cheveley's 59th Sale, Oct 2nd.
 Labuan, 6c on 16c 10/10/0
 Newfoundland 15 vermilion 12/15/0
 An unused set of U. S. Navy realised 3/3/0, and one of Justice 7/5/0.

Messrs Ventom, Bull and Coopers' 46th sale, Oct 10th and 11th.

Great Britain £5 2/6/0

Naples, ½t. arms	18/0/0
Geneva, 10c on entire	24/10/0
Zurich 4r. horizontal line on entire	15/0/0
Zurich 4r. vertical line on entire	15/0/0

Mr Hadlow's 41st sale, Oct 19th.

A nearly complete collection of German and States	55/0/0
Set of unused U. S. Colum- bians	4/4/0

Mr Cheveley's 60th sale, Oct 23rd.
Zurich 4r slightly damaged 11/0/0

A large number of good stamps
were offered at this sale.

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(Next month we shall only give
a list of stamps which realise over
£10 each at auction sales held
during November, and not state
the name of the auctioneer, or date
of sale.)

Coming Issues.

FROM the "Philatelic Chronicle" we learn that the native states of the Straits Settlements are already tired of their present issue, viz., of the "Tiger" design, and have decided to print a new issue with the representation of a kris.

The same excellent journal says that Mauritius will soon be guilty of joining the ranks of those republics, states, etc., who have already issued stamps of the "made for collector" class, each stamp of the set contemplated. Let us hope it will go no further.

According to "Meekel's Weekly Stamp News" the new set of stamps for the United States, printed by the Government Bureau of Printing and Engraving, instead of the American Bank Note Co. as hitherto, are very poorly executed, and it is not improbable that as soon as the supply of the new issue are exhausted, *another* fresh lot will be prepared.

Unnecessary Issues.

DURING the last few months a crusade against the "made for collectors" stamps, has been, and is still going on, but up to the present no one seems to have given evidence in their defence, now as there are two sides to every question, we will try to find out the other side of this one. Before commencing however, I would like my readers to clearly understand that I for one do not support these not undeserv-

ingly "sat upon" labels, but am simply taking up this position for the sake of argument. On the contrary, I tender my heartest thanks to the "Philatelic Chronicle" in starting, and the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" for so ably supporting this war against these "black sheep" of philately.

I therefore intend giving a few reasons why we should collect these stamps, by collect I mean, do not include them with the ordinary and genuine issues, but make a separate collection, in fact, specialize in them; what can be more interesting to know that the cap of liberty grows on a broom stick, upon the mountains of Nicaragua, and that the natives of the north coast of Africa have so advanced in civilization, that they need a complete set of stamps for their postal requirements (?)

(1) Those unnecessary stamps are certainly both handsome and well executed, that is to say, the majority. Nearly all the "Seebecks" for instance, making very pretty sets.

(2) They are most interesting from an historical point of view. The U. S. Columbians (if we may include them), informing us that Columbus landed in America in

1492, and that he grew a beard in the shortest time on record.

(3) They also teach us that although a place may have no inhabitants, yet it requires postage stamps.

(4) The Chinese Locals, etc., also give us geographical knowledge, for when we hear of a new set of stamps for Chin-Chang-Chow we naturally look at the map to see where on earth this place is, and not like a friend of mine who asked if it was not a new German Local.

(5) Exhibitions and Commemorative Cards are interesting as they remind us of different important events.

(6) French Colonies are also not to be despised, for do they not show us nearly every possible style of printing, and to what extent surcharging stamps can be carried?

Space forbids me to say more, but considerable amusement and knowledge may be acquired, I feel certain by anyone who has the cash and patience to make a collection of these "useless" stamps.

—An Useless Writer.

[We would like to hear our readers opinion on this subject, and will gladly insert any letters of interest, not only upon this, but any other matter connected with our hobby.—Ed.]

Societies Doings.

Leeds Philatelic Society.—At a meeting held on November 17th., Mr W. Teasdale gave an interesting account of "Postal Administration in India during 1856 to 1868," while he was resident there.

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Birmingham Philatelic Society.—On the 15th of November, this flourishing society held the first of its "displays" for the coming session, viz., "The United States."

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If Secretaries would send us a short notice of the doings of their Societies, we shall be most happy to publish same under the above heading.

MEMS.

ACCORDING to "Pearsons' Weekly" the postage stamp which has the largest circulation, is our English penny one, the half-penny value coming a long way behind. And we also notice in the current number of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" that our prettiest stamp is the new two-pence-half-penny embossed stamped envelope, which is considered to be the most

beautiful embossed stamp ever issued by our postal authorities. For our own part we are rather partial to the new rod. adhesive.

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FORGERIES of the Argentine Jubilee stamps have appeared, and are very well executed.

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WE are *very* pleased with the support *already* received to our "venture," for every post brings words of encouragement and congratulations, and six-pences, from collectors who wish to be booked as subscribers. Up to the present, however, advertisers fight shy of inserting announcements, saying, and perhaps not unnaturally, that they would like to see what kind of a paper it is going to be, etc., etc., but we feel confident that when they have seen this number, they will say with one voice "this is a good sixpenny worth." Just one more word and we have done. We should like to hear from any dealer or collector who would like to become an Agent for this paper. We give *good* terms, and of course, expect in return good business.

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LATEST NEWS.

CHINA intends celebrating the 60th birthday of the Empress Dowager, by issuing a set of nine stamps, each having a different design. Is this to raise the £50,000,000 required by the Japanese for peace? Let us hope if it is so, that they will not succeed, or the Japanese

will be issuing another set in honour of their success.

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WE regret to have to announce the death of Mr Gilbert Harrison, a very well known philatelist.

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BAHAMAS contemplates a new issue.

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LISTS received from Mr. J. W. Norris, Messrs A. Smith and Co., and Mr. A. H. Bartlett (Canada), all of which are worth looking through, the former containing samples and prices of his now celebrated mounts, the rates of which are the lowest we have yet seen.

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THE *Principality* of Trinidad is the latest discovery of explorers, and is situated on an island a few hundred miles east of Rio de Janeiro. We do not know if it is inhabited or not, but the "Monthly Journal" informs us that it has a complete set of stamps, the design of which is similar to the current 15c. Borneo, with a view of the Principality itself (?) in the centre.

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MESSRS Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have published "the latest novelty for philatelists," viz., the Philatelic Diary. We have not yet seen one

but judging from the contents, and the firm who publishes it, we feel confident it is well worth the price (2/6).

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ALL our readers are aware by this time that advertisements are printed on the backs of New Zealand postage stamps, but according to the "Stamp Collectors' Journal" this system will in future be discontinued.

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THE one dollar United States Columbian is rapidly increasing in value, but should not ourselves advise readers to buy in the hope of their still rising, for the number issued is much larger than any other dollar value of the same set, and we can only ascribe the present state of affairs to the fact that those who have this value are keeping them in the hope of making a fortune some day. Collectors, beware of a sudden drop.

OUR REVIEW.

"STAMP Collectors' Fortnightly."—This new magazine has now reached its fourth number. It is well filled with interesting matter, and will soon become, we feel cert-

ain, a great favourite.

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"Stamp Collectors' Journal."—Commences a new volume with the current issue. The advertisements, if anything, are more numerous and interesting than ever. "The Philatelic Critic," starting in the previous volume, is still continued, and is likely to be considering the task he, the writer of it, has before him.

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"Monthly Bazaar."—Published by our printer (Mr W. Lewthwaite), although consisting only of advertisements, should be read by all who want anything in the printing line, containing as it does, special low rates in this department.

MR Wood, the well known and energetic secretary of the "North Staffordshire Stamp Exchange," was returned at the head of the poll at the recent Municipal Election of the South Ward, Hanley.

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WE shall be pleased to hear of any suggestion our readers may make, to improve and increase the usefulness of this paper.

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LOOK out for new novelties.

New Issues.

ANGOLA.—The remainder of the new type for this colony has now been issued. The supply of the 25 reis having run out, 5,000 2½ reis stamps were surcharged to supply the want.

BOSNIA.—The "P. J. of G. B." chronicles a new value, viz., ½k black.

BRAZIL.—The new stamps have appeared, the lowest value of which having a view of the Bay of Rio in the centre.

CHINESE LOCALS.—These are still increasing at an alarming pace.

HOLLAND.—The current issue are to be changed in shade.

MOROCCO.—A new set of stamps have appeared, the centre design of which is mosque.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The colours of the current 2c stamp has been changed to black, and that of the 12c to orange-brown.

NIGER COAST.—The 2½d has been surcharged "Half Penny," viz., "The Record."

ORANGE FREE STATE.—The current type is now issued in different colours, in accordance with a scheme for uniformity of colours, for the various values in all South African States and Colonies.

PORTUGAL.—According to the "Monthly Journal" the Portuguese are already making preparations for issuing a set of stamps in 1897, to commemorate the discovery of the East Indies.

SAN MARINO.—The three stamps to commemorate the opening of the new palace of this republic, which by the way, is the smallest in the world, have been issued. The 25c and 50c values consist of a view of the exterior of the new palace, with portraits of the two Regents on either side, and the arms of the republic. The 1 lira differs in having a view of the interior of the building. The card has also appeared.

SWAZIELAND.—The Transvaal stamps surcharged "Swazieland" have been called in.

UNITED STATES.—The new postage, unpaid and special delivery stamps are coming to hand.

Our Philatelic Magazines.

It may interest some of our readers if we give a list of British Philatelic Magazines, and the year in which the first number appeared.

Monthly Circular, first number published in 1875.

Stamp Collectors, Journal, first number published in 1875.

Philatelic Record, first number published in 1879.

Stamp News, first number published in 1882.

Stamp Collectors' Monthly, first number published in 1889.

Monthly Journal, first number published in 1890.

Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain, first number published in 1891.

Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, first number published in 1891.

Stamp Chronicle, first number published in 1892.

Monthly Post, first number published in 1893.

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Philately in 1894.

THE close of '94 is naturally a good stopping place for us to look back and see how our hobby has fared during the previous twelve months, but we will only stay for a few minutes, and then move onward once more.

1894 has been an eventful year to dealer and collector alike, in more points than one, and Philately has advanced in a very marked manner, as is proved by the large increase of stamp dealers, philatelic societies and clubs, auctions and auctioneers, publications relating to stamp collecting, and last, we regret to say, the terrible—yes, ter-

rible—increasing of unnecessary issues, of which we have heard so much lately. But these latter too, are not without their lesson, for if there was no demand for such rubbish, petty states and governments would not be in such a hurry to supply, and if there is such a rush on these, what must be the demand for genuine issues?

Amongst the events of the year, may be noted the raid of the Revenue Officials upon the "Million," for illustrating an old penny red English stamp, and the petition resulting therefrom. And also the announcement of the officials of the General Post Office, in which they stated that all letters or

wrappers bearing stamp illustrations, or any stamp illustrations exposed while in transit, would be confiscated.

The appointment of a Board of Philatelic Experts, consisting of three of the leading philatelists of the day, viz., Messrs M. P. Castle, E. D. Bacon, and E. B. Evans, to examine and report upon any suspicious stamp sent up to them accompanied by a fee of 2/6.

The new postcard regulations are also both noteworthy and useful.

The interest taken in Fiscals, as shown by the successful Exhibitions of these stamps held at Leeds and Plymouth: although the "Fiscal Philatelist," which was so ably conducted by Mr Morley, ceased publication last February, through insufficient support, which does not tend to show that interest in these stamps is diminishing, but rather in our opinion, because that excellent monthly was started before its time.

The law case of *Hilckes v Hume*, in which the former claimed, and obtained from the latter, £94 for stamps changed from books sent on approval, is too well-known to need further comment.

The general press has also deigned to devote some of its columns to

our hobby, notably the "Daily Telegraph," "Evening News," "Daily Graphic," "Daily News," and the "Times."

The competition for a new set of French stamps, resulting in over 600 different designs being sent in, evidently shows that governments contemplating unnecessary issues, will not be short of a design for some time to come.

And also should be noted the remarkable and record prices realised by the Winzer, Castle, and Philbeck collections, all of which were purchased by Messrs Stanley, Gibbons, Ltd.

Just glancing through the new issues for the past twelve months, perhaps the following are the most noteworthy amongst the hundreds there are. Chinese Locals were first needed during 1894, and no sooner was the want (?) found out, than a general inundation of them followed. Borneo, Labuan, Portugal, Azores, Sandwich Islands, etc., issue a regular picture gallery, whilst triangular Liberians, and foolscap sized Obocks, complete the years chamber, or shall we say, catalogue of horrors. The new Cape of Good Hope (the figure in the centre of which, being now standing, having evidently got tired of sitting for so

many years. We expect to hear next of this eccentric lady walking completely off, and leaving room for an entirely new design.) United States, Zululand, Samoa, Niger, and Bolivia, are amongst the respectable new issues, whilst the San Marino, Commemorative and Wedding Stamps of Japan, must be included in the first lot.

Space forbids us to mention any of the hundred and one minor events, which all tend to convince the thoughtful and genuine philatelist that the year 1894 has been a successful one, whilst we for a start, are quite certain that still further progress and success will crown the end of 1895.

What our Readers Say.

YES, what do they say? Well up to the present not one of them has said a bad word against us, and the many who have sent us their opinion of the first number of the "Philatelic Times," express the same sentiment, as the following:

A gentleman of Birmingham who has ordered *three* copies monthly, writes on December 15th:—"Also the three copies of your "P. T. and S. M." which I have read and must

say that I am *very pleased* with it, and really do not know how you can do it for the money. I shall do all I can to get new subscribers."

H. W. G. of South Ashford writes: "Please send me two copies of your paper monthly * * * * We are very much pleased with it, and wish you every success."

H. P. H. of Islington says:—"Am delighted with your paper."

New Issues.

CHINA.—The new stamps have appeared, and are both curious and interesting.

CONGO.—An exquisite set has been printed by Messrs Waterlow and Sons for this colony, the shape of which is similar to the U. S. Columbians, and the central design of each stamp is a picture, printed in black. Messrs Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., describe them as follows: "This is the most beautiful set of stamps we have yet seen, each stamp being a perfect work of art."

PERSIA.—The new lot have been issued, the lower values of which have the Lion and Sun in the centre, and the higher the head of the Shah.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A new

value is announced, viz., that of 12c, the central design of which is a four masted steamship.

SERVIA.—Another set will appear shortly.

(For fuller particulars of the new Congo stamps, see advertisement on page 3 of cover.)

The Times.

THE member of Parliament for Cambridge, the great postal reformer, Mr J. H. Heaton, is now agitating for penny postage between Gt. Britain and North America.

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A LETTER posted at mid-day in Paris can be delivered in London at 8 o p m, by means of an "Express Messengers" arrangement.

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ACCORDING to the December No. of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," Messrs Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have purchased another collection, viz., the well-known English one of Mr Philbreck, Q. C. The price, which is another record one, is supposed to be nearly £2,000.

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ANOTHER portion of the Tapling collection is about to be placed on

view at the British Museum. It consists of the first part of the West Indian Stamps, commencing with Antigua.

Latest News.

A new postcard for this country will be issued shortly, and will be similar to the current issue in design, but the shape will be different.

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THE publishers of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" having invited collectors to invent a name for "made-for-collectors" stamps, an unusually large number of philatelists have responded to the call, the result of which is that some of the names suggested are very good, whilst others are barely passable. "Gumbugs" appears to be the favourite, and in our opinion is the best so far, but before we begin to use it, we will wait a little longer to see if some genius or another, will not think of even a better one. Won't any of our readers try?

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AN accountant, by name Charles Matthews, has been sentenced to one year and seven months' hard labour, for obtaining by false pretences, a large number of stamps

and portions of collections, to the value of £300.

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“THE Stamp Collectors’ Fortnightly” informs one of its correspondents that “Gibbons’” Catalogue is the best for Colonials, “Senf” is good for German and South American stamps, “Scott” is more for West Indian, U. S. A., South and British North America. These as our readers know, are the three standard catalogues of the world, the first is published in England, the second in Germany, and the third in the United States.

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“THE Monthly Journal” tries to impress upon its readers the importance of including only good and perfect specimens of stamps for their collections, saying, and truthfully, that they command high prices, and are eagerly sought after.

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IMPERFORATED specimens of the “Sunday” Belgium stamps have been seen not only round the edge, but between the stamp and the label.

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DURING 1893-94 the Post Office has delivered 1,811,800,000 letters, 245,500,000 cards, 574,300,000 books, etc., and 164,900,000 news-

papers. These numbers, although enormous, are rapidly increasing.

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THE following story is told of an American boy, who, when the U. S. Columbian stamps appeared, saved up his pocket money to get an unused set to send to the late Czar. His Majesty returned the compliment by sending the lad a complete set of unused Russian stamps, from the earliest issues to the present time.

UP to the present we have subscribers in the following places:— Pontefact, Tewkesbury, Cardiff, Whitby (Yorks), Oxford, Newport, Birmingham, Islington, London, and Peterborough, and agencies at Leeds and Islington. We hope soon to have an agent in all the principal cities and towns, not only in Great Britain, but abroad. Dealers or collectors who are willing to help us, are requested to send their names and addresses at once.

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AN article on Unnecessary Issues is held over for want of space, as is also a short but interesting description and account of the Mulready Envelope, both however will appear in our next.

Our Review.

THE "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly," number 5, is quite equal to its predecessors. 'Our Black List' therein is exceptionally good.

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THE "Monthly Post and Stamp World" has increased in size four pages. Its usual features are kept up.

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JUST as we go to press, we received the December number of the "Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser," which quite equals its former issues. 'Unnecessary Issues' are continued, and our remarks upon the subject in our first number, are quoted therein. An interesting article on the first issue of the United States also appears, by which we learn that although only two stamps, viz., the 5c and 10c values, constituted this set, no less than 69 varieties are to be found, 'The Postman's Knock,' 'New Issues,' and 'Auction Reports,' all help to make this number a very good one.

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ALSO received:—"General-Anzeiger für Philatelic," "Monthly Offers," "Briefmarken Offertenblatt," "Philatelic Advertiser."

That Principality of Trinidad.

THESE new stamps, as well as the Principality, appear to be "made-for-collectors." Prince James I, the ruler of this important spot, turns out to be the husband of an only daughter of an American millionaire. The Principality itself, is uninhabited (so the prince is evidently "the monarch of all he surveys"), and belongs to Brazil. The "Monthly Journal" says it is very probable that the millionaire has bought the island, therefore if this new enterprise is successful, desert islands will go up in value.

Mems.

THE first Philatelic Exhibition in India was held December 26th and 27th last, under the management of the Philatelic Society of Bengal.

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THE new sets for the Portuguese Colonies have now been supplied round. We are expecting another lot next month.

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CATALOGUES of auction sales received from Mr W. Ridout, and Messrs Puttick and Simpson.

Editorial.

WE said last month we would let our readers "blow our trumpet" for us, and they have certainly fully availed themselves of the opportunity, as will be seen by an article entitled, "What our Readers Say," printed on another page. In fact, we could start a really good brass band. We are certainly more than pleased with the success of our "venture," and the "Philatelic Times" will become a great favourite when better known. An Editor of one of the leading English stamp papers, says in a recent letter: "I must congratulate you upon the first number of your paper; it is one of the best first numbers I have ever seen among stamp papers * * * I am very much pleased with it."

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WITH this and following numbers the majority of our readers will receive a copy of "The Advertiser," a paper we can confidently recommend to advertisers. It is now issued fortnightly, instead of monthly as hitherto, and we trust it will receive the support it deserves from our readers, and we feel confident that any announcement inserted therein, will meet with success. Advertisements may be sent to us,

if so desired, and will receive attention.

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IN the midst of success, we must not forget to thank Mr Lewthwaite, our printer, for the pains he has taken to produce our paper in first class style. We can recommend him to our readers, and would refer them to his announcements on the last page of cover.

The Trade.

MESSRS J. Graves and Co., send us their retail list, which is neatly got up. Packets seem to be their speciality, of which there are no less than 48 quoted, ranging from 3d to 21/6.

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FOR Norwegian, Swedish and Danish stamps, Olof Grilstad's wholesale list is excellent, and should be read by all who wish to obtain a stock of these stamps cheap.

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MESSRS Clarke and Co's latest list, is as usual, full of bargains.

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LISTS also received from Messrs Errington and Martin, Cooper and Co, and Mr H. Coombs (Canada).

Auction Reports.

Seven sales were held during November, at which the following stamps realised £10 and over.

Mauritius 1848, 2d very early pair	42/0/0
* Great Britain, £1 violet, wkm anchor	29/0/0
* Great Britain, 6d. oct., block of six	25/0/0
Ceylon, imperf, 8d, yellow-brown	22/0/0
* Great Britain, 10/- grey, wkm anchor	20/0/0
* Great Britain, 2d, Die 1 (plate 5), large crown, perf 16	18/0/0
* Great Britain, 4d, medium garter, on white	17/10/0
Ceylon, imperf 4d	16/0/0
New Zealand, ½ of 1/- = 6d on part of original	15/15/0
Queensland, 1d, pair, imperf	13/13/0
Nova Scotia, 1/-	12/10/0
Newfoundland, 1/- orange	20/0/0
	and 11/5/0
* South Australia, 9d grey, perf	11/0/0
Soruth, 1st issue, black on yellow, on entire	10/0/0
Ceylon, imperf, 9d	10/0/0

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TWO new firms have made their

appearance, viz., Mr Ridout, who held two very good sales during November, and at which a large number of choice English stamps fetched good prices, and the second is the London Philatelic Co.

The Value of Columbians.

AN article of interest to investors in blankets,—we mean chest-protectors, that is to say Columbians, appeared a short time ago in the "Pennsylvania Philatelist," in which the writer, Mr C. E. Severn, considers that the 10c value is much under-rated, while the 8c, which at present commands a fair price, he prophesies will soon come down to a lower and truer value. Another item of interest, with which we partly agree, is that the lower values will rise shortly, for while a large number of them would be destroyed as useless and valueless, their sought after brethren, the dollars, would be rigidly saved on account of their worth.



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needs two sets, except from a financial point of view, for the same use at the same time); others would pass Niger, one would shun French Colonies, and so on. Most unnecessary issues may be used to defray postal expenses, and genuine too, but if this is all that is required to find a ready sale for such stamps, nothing would be easier than for a person to stamp, address, and post wholesale, envelopes to a friend, and both would accumulate a little fortune in no time. The new Labuan stamps are sometimes used, but these are quite unnecessary, for another set is in circulation, but if you had not one of these stamps in your collection, would that collection be complete? These and similar difficulties all tend to keep up the market for this rubbish.

Yes! unnecessary issues are indeed a difficult problem, and the only thing we can see our way out of the maze, is to take the first turn to the right, keep straight on, and boycott all stamps that have any tendency to supply collectors rather than postal requirements. But perhaps this is too extreme, and to tell you the truth, the more we think about this subject, the more we are mixed, until "we don't know where we are."

This is our idea. That a committee (or perhaps one person only) of thoroughly reliable philatelists (who have the welfare of our science at heart, and who would not call a set necessary simply because they have an interest in that set, by having special buying or selling facilities), shall compile a catalogue of all these "made-for-collector" stamps up to date, and afterwards publish an addenda monthly or quarterly in all philatelic magazines, and also supplements to the catalogue yearly, the price of this catalogue and supplements to be as low as possible to allow beginners, as well as advanced collectors, to have no excuse for not obtaining it. Whatever this catalogue says is unnecessary, then we for a start will entirely ignore, and if all collectors would join together in one Anti-Gumbug Society, and take this catalogue in a go and he goeth and come and he cometh sort of way, then unnecessary issues would soon be a thing of the past.

What! Djibouti in the catalogue, this must be a mistake, for I am sure these stamps are very handsome (the very idea), and *are* quite necessary for a progressive country like Djibouti with such an energetic Parish Council, cannot fail to have great postal requirements, if only to

send the addresses "to the rate-payers of the province of Rubb," or "to the electors of Bish." (One more joke like this and we will retire upon our laurels.) That catalogue is a fraud, and I will have nothing else to do with it. This or similar remarks will be constantly heard if this idea of ours is ever realised, but if any collector thinks like this, let him write a short letter to one of the leading stamp papers giving his reasons for upholding these handsome (?) stamps, then let one of the committee reply, stating why he has included them in the catalogue, then if he, viz the genius who thinks he knows more than a committee of leading and renowned philatelists, gets the worst of the argument, then it should be settled once and for all, that one more set or stamps shall be included in the catalogue of unnecessary issues.

What the Press says.

LAST month we gave a few testimonials we had received from our readers, we now give two opinions of the philatelic press.

"The Monthly Post and Stamp World" in a rather long review of our first number remarks:—"It is

an exceedingly neat publication, and by no means uninteresting. One point of novelty about it is that it has had the courage to take up the defence of the much-abused "made-for-collectors" stamps. There is a good deal of common sense in what our contemporary says. We wish Mr Croome's paper a long life and the best of success."

The second opinion is that of our old friend, the "Philatelic Chronicle," which says:—"No. 2 of Mr Croome's paper, the Philatelic Times and Stamp Mart, is a very creditable production. The nominal price charged, 6d per annum, should be an inducement for all collectors to take this sprightly and useful new comer."

The Times.

IT is pleasing to hear that the Chinese Locals are meeting with scant support from philatelists, whilst the stamps of the Principality of Trinidad, do not seem to be offered for sale by anyone. This is encouraging.

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MR R. H. Ridout in the "London Philatelist," proves that a sulphide, and not an oxide, causes the so-

called oxydized stamps. Who says there is nothing to learn in stamp collecting? We may now add chemistry to the already numerous subjects philately teaches.

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THERE is a fall in the prices of Indian stamps (Afghan, Soruth, Ceylon, etc., etc.), caused, so says the Indian Postage Stamp News, by the inhabitants of that part of the world at last waking up to the fact that there is money in stamps, and consequently looking up all old stamps, correspondence, etc., and then sending all their finds into the market.

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WHO says philately has passed its zenith? Messrs Senf Bros., of Leipzig, are now offering a great deal more than their own catalogue prices for rare stamps, which is indeed a good sign, for such a business firm as Senf Bros. would not invest money like this in stamps, if there was much chance of prices falling.

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THE editor of the "Philatelic Review of Reviews" (we mean of course the supplement to the P. J. of G. B.), Miss E. S. Stokes, will bring her paper out more than once a month.

A Cutting.

ON looking through some old philatelic magazines, we happened to pitch upon a specimen copy of the then only Indian stamp paper, viz., the "Indian Philatelist," and glancing through its pages, our attention was drawn to the following: It appears that the Canadian Registration stamp of the 2c value, may be found in three distinct shades, viz., (1) orange, (2) vermilion, (3) orange-rose, whilst the 5c has four shades, viz., (1) green, (2) yellow-green, (3) emerald, (4) deep green.

The second item, we copy to warn collectors against buying Japanese silver wedding stamps, in the hope that they will increase in value, for we find no less than 14,300,000 2 sen, and 700,000 5 sen of these celebration stamps were printed. But we fancy we hear a reader say, "but these stamps will be rather rare used," to which we answer "very likely, but some enterprising person or another would not mind using a few for you for a small commission."



WE again have great pleasure in presenting each reader with a current No. of the "Advertiser."

Auction Reports.

DURING December the philatelic auctioneers were very busy, and a large number of good stamps fetched high prices. Mr Ridout's sale of the 14th. is the most noteworthy, and the following English, all of which were in splendid condition, realised double prices.

* 4d., medium garter, on white, block of 4	50/2/6
* 10d., oct., Die 3, block of 9	30/10/0
* 1s., oct., die 2, strip of 3	26/0/0
* 6d., oct., pair	12/12/0
* 1s., hair lines, imperf	10/10/0
* 4d., medium garter, on white	10/0/0
* 2d., large crown, perf 14, plate 6, block of 6	10/0/0

The rarity described in our first number was withdrawn at £20. A Canadian 12d, on laid, fetched £23, and a Vancouver 2½, imperf, unused, £13.

Our Review.

WITH its January number the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" commences its fifth volume. An article therein entitled "Ten Minutes with Mr C. J. Phillips" is

worth reading, as is also one upon the "Classification of the Turkish Postage and Revenue Stamps," in which the curious inscriptions on these stamps are reproduced much magnified.

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"YOUR readers would be unanimous in deciding that the stories should be left out," so writes a correspondent to the "Monthly Post," and we quite agree with him, for at present you buy a copy of this interesting paper, and obtain some stamp news mixed up with anecdotes, which reminds one of a half-penny comic. We feel sure our esteemed contemporary could devote the space given to non-philatelic subjects, to more notes and news on stamps, which would be always readable and instructive, that is, if written like the rest.

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"THE Monthly Circular" in its "Monthly Philatelic Letter" for last month, deals one or two nasty and sensible blows to unnecessary issues.

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"THE Philatelic Chronicle" for January has an article on the "Plate Letters and Numbers of U. S. Columbian Stamps," from which we learn that of the one cent stamp

there were 30 plates, 2c 135 plates, 3c 4 plates, 4c, 5c, 8c, and 10c, 5 plates each, and the other values 1 plate. Now any energetic collector of plate numbers, when he has a complete collection of English, need not be unemployed, but set to work upon these Columbians. "Unnecessary Issues" are continued and we feel it is quite unnecessary to say, that this article is as amusing as ever.

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"STAMP Collectors' Fortnightly" (Number 7), amongst several good things, devotes two columns upon "Specializing in Errors," in which the writer, Mr W. R. Joynt, divides them into five classes, viz., (1) Errors of Artist, (2) of Printing, (3) of Paper, (4) of Perforation, (5) of Engraver or Lithographer, giving under each class some examples.

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ALSO received "Grimsby Philatelic Advertiser," "Philatelic Advertiser," "Stamp Chronicle," and "Briefmarken-Offertenblatt."

Repairing Cut Envelope Stamps.

THE cut envelope stamps (we mean cut round, not square), of which we hear and see so much,

not only make your collection look untidy, but are anything but desirable additions to a collection. The following was suggested by the "Post Office." "First secure a piece of paper the colour of the stamp to be repaired, place the stamp upon the paper, hold it firmly down, trace a line around the edge, then follow the line with some sharp instrument, a penknife perhaps, until the centre piece falls out, now place the stamp in this open space, stick on the back of this with pure mucilage any thin paper, cut the stamp out square, and you will have the stamp improved, even if not like new. Stamps may be fixed in this way so they cannot be noticed without a very close examination."

The Trade.

MR J. H. Telfer's wholesale list is a very neat publication, the cover of which has a view of his shop in Leadenhall Street, but what's more, several cheap lines may be found therein.

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LISTS also received from Messrs Butler Bros., Oxford, and Messrs R. Davison and Co., Grimsby.

Editorial.

FROM the next number (March 5th. by the way, our publication date will be the 5th in future instead of the 1st), our subscription rate will be raised to ninepence per annum post free. As our readers must know the present price (sixpence) is simply ridiculous, only just covering postal expenses; in fact, the reason of so low a charge being made to commence with, was simply to get ourselves known, and this having been accomplished, we feel confident no reader, or would be subscriber will begrudge us the extra threepence a year, to help to pay our printer's bill, and in return we shall constantly add improvements from time to time. We would remind our readers however, that all subscriptions paid *before* March 5th next, will be at the old rate of sixpence, so that all have a chance to receive a newsy stamp paper for nothing, plus postal expenses.

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IN future the "Philatelic Times" will be known from other stamp papers by having a *green* cover. One of our local readers says it will suit the editor for issuing such a good and interesting paper at so

low a price, but we scorn such libellous remarks.

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WHILE we in England are getting up a petition to present Parliament to abolish or modify the clause in the Post Office Act, which forbids illustrations of English or foreign stamps, simply because it is never enforced (except in a few cases when the stamps of England were reproduced), dealers in America are having their stock of albums seized for giving facsimiles of foreign stamps. Mr E. F. Rothfuchs, a dealer at 359 Pennsylvania Avenue, seems to be the sufferer of this confiscation. When it comes to such an enforcement as this in our country, then, and not till then do we see the object of the "Million" Petition. At present it seems that we are crying out before we are really hurt, for so long as we can illustrate foreign stamps, surely we can be content without ones of our country.

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WE would advise our readers to entirely ignore all the old Peruvian stamps which have recently been surcharged with the head of the late President, as it appears they are simply disfigured thus to get rid of all old stamps on hand to collectors and dealers.

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ACCORDING to a correspondent of the "Monthly Journal," Niger Coast stamps obliterated with a circular mark with "Old Calabar," and date in circles in centre, belong to the "postmarked to order" class, and this mark is simply used to disfigure stamps in sheets for the purpose of supplying collectors with real (?) used stamps.

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THE stock on hand of the 5f. Belgium stamps, which have just been withdrawn, will shortly be put up to auction.

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THERE seems to be a slight misunderstanding between the Portuguese Government and the Nyassa

Co. about the set of stamps that was recently issued by the latter. The Government, according to the "P. J. of G. B." that the stamps should have been printed at the Royal Mint at Lisbon.

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THE Antwerp Exhibition Stamps are no longer available for postal purposes.

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BRUNEL. This is the name of the latest place to issue stamps, and from the "Timbre Poste" we learn it is a sultanate in the north west of Borneo, under British protection. The design shows a view of the coast in the centre, and the set, as yet, consists of ten values.

Chinese Locals.

SEVERAL items of interest (if anything connected with these labels can be interesting) have lately come to light, one of which is that they really do a little genuine postal work, for according to a correspondent of the "Monthly Journal," these local stamps frank letters between the Treaty Ports themselves, but for inland mails the current China stamps must be used. These Local Posts no doubt get some

work as their rates are somewhat lower than those of the government, but it appears, and we quite agree, that they would never have started, and if started could not exist, but for the support they receive from philatelists. From the same source we learn that a rumour is about that the Imperial Chinese Post are going to "effectively sit upon these gumbugs" by suppressing them, but in the meantime, the stamps of Chin Kiang are now printed in darker shades, whilst a small quantity are surcharged "Postage Due," until a supply can be printed off. Chung King also issues a fresh lot, evidently encouraged by the support the single stamp received, which was issued a short time ago. The Local Post of Tientsin turns out to be a private speculation, like that of Wuhu, and the rest of them appear to us to be not much better, and we would strongly advise our readers to entirely boycott these stamps, as they are quite unnecessary, badly executed, and of no value.

The New China Stamps.

THE designs of the set of stamps just issued to celebrate the 60th

birthday of the Empress Dowager, are both curious and interesting, and are designed by Mr R. A. de Villard of the Chinese Customs. The following is the descriptions of the various values :—

1 Candarin. In the centre is the old (archaic) form of the Show, meaning longevity, round which is the Wu fu, meaning the five happinesses, and at the top is the peony, meaning illustriousness, (the latter is a floral emblem). Surrounding this is a circular band, with China inside at the lower part, and Chinese Postal Service in Chinese in the upper. Colour red.

2 Candarin. Centre a dragon, above are the leaves and fruit of passiflora, the favourite emblem on auspicious occasions. China below, and at the sides Chinese Postal Service in Chinese. Colour green.

3 Candarin. Centre a dragon, above the Van t'as (a dwarf peach tree), the fruit of which is emblematic of longevity, the tree being said to flower and bear fruit for 3,000 years; at the corners are the Pa Kua, or eight diagrams or numerals. China at foot, Chinese Postal Service in Chinese at sides. Colour yellow.

4 Candarin. Dragon in centre, surrounded by circular band, in-

scribed similar to the 1 cand, with peony at the top. Colour rose.

5 Candarin. In the centre a carp, a fish known as "the messenger fish," above is the Liu chih kwa, a plant emblematic of long life, and below is the Wan, nien ching, or Chinese immortelle. Colour chrome yellow.

6 Candarin. Dragon in centre, the immortelle at the top, China at the bottom, Chinese Postal Service in Chinese at the sides, and Pa Kua and value in angles. Colour brown.

9 Candarin (oblong). Centre containing the Show and Wu fu, supported by dragons. Chinese Postal Service in Chinese at the top, and below China. Colour green.

12 Candarin (oblong). Centre with Show supported with dragons, above is the peony, and China below. Colour orange.

24 Candarin (oblong). A Canton Junk approaching the land in the centre, above is the Pan t'as, China underneath, and Chinese Postal Service at sides.

(The above excellent description is taken from the "Monthly Circular," to which it was supplied by the designer himself.)

New Issues.

AUSTRIA.—The current 5k and 10k stamps are now somewhat changed, being issued on thinner paper, with more silk threads, and a different perforation.

BRITISH S. AFRICA.—The permanent 5a and 7½a stamps have been issued.

CAPE.—The current 6d appears to have changed somewhat in colour, viz., to a deep mauve shade, which is fugitive.

MACAO.—This colony either accidentally or purposely issued its new set quite regardless of the fact that the currency of this spot was changed in July last. This we cut from the "M. J." *Another* lot may therefore be expected, which does not surprise us in the least, knowing as we do, how these Portuguese Colonies supply gumbugs.

PANAMA.—The recent surcharges show no end of errors, etc.

UNITED STATES.—According to the "P. J. of G. B." the new envelope stamps differ only in the watermark from the previous issue.

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THE 1895 seebecks of Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador, have also appeared.

The Stamp Mart.

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19.—Holland 1872, 2g. 50c., rose and blue	2/0
20.—Chili 1893, 1 peso (large)	1/6
21.—France 1867, 5f (oblong)	1/9
22.—N. S. W. 1888, 5s violet, map	2/0

Auction Reports.

THE January sales are remarkable for the number of good stamps offered. Messrs Ventom, Bull and Cooper disposed of Mr Vernon Robert's well known collection on the 10th and 11th, numerous rare and fine stamps were sold, amongst which we note the following :

Cape, woodblock, 1d blue £47, and 4d red £40. Great Britain, 9d, hair lines £20. £1 Maltese Cross, unused, £20 10s. V. R., £14 14s, etc.

The same firm also sold another collection on the 30th and 31st, when again high prices were realised, viz., Ceylon, imperf, 4d, unused £130. Cape, woodblock, 4d red £52. Mauritius, 1848, 2d (the finest copy known) £92. New Brunswick, 1s unused, £40. Sandwich Is., 1st issue, 5c unused, but damaged, £34. New Zealand, wmk "N Z," 1d brown, £35. Queensland, 1st issue, 1s. imperf, £25. Buenos Ayres, steamship, 5p. orange, unused, £32. B. Guiana, 4 circular, cut square, £40. Nova Scotia, 1s. unused, £33. New Brunswick 6 unused, £26. Canada, 12d used, £29. Reunion, 15c unused, £50. Natal, 1st issue, 9d, in mint condition, £26. Spain

1851, 2r unused, £32. Spain 1852, 2r unused, £20. Moldavia, 108p, blue on pink, £35. 27p, black and rose, £21. Tuscany, 3l, fine, £30. 60c, pair, £30, and a Naples, arms, ½t, blue, unused, £28.

The Raid on Stamp Illustrations.

THE seizure of packets, etc, displayed for sale by dealers in New York and St. Louis, for having on the envelopes illustrations of stamps followed up by an attempt to "collar" the illustrated albums on sale at Mekeel and Co's, and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co's business premises, including electrotypes, plates, etc., has caused a great stir in philatelic circles across the pond a stir which has now reached England, where it creates no less sensation than in the United States itself, for our government possesses similar powers to that which is now being enforced in the land of our cousins, and if in this country the same is done, our monthlies, albums, etc., would seriously suffer. "The American Journal of Philately" in the course of an article on this subject, says if the law prohibiting illustrations of stamps be

enforced, it will do very little real injury to our catalogues and albums for instead of the illustrations, which are now very often anything but good, and are printed simply because others do them, full descriptions would be given. But for our part, we think, however good these descriptions may be, they cannot be so simply or easy for reference, etc., to any collector or dealer, and more especially to a beginner, than the illustrations. We are now anxiously awaiting the opinion of the Attorney-General on this subject, as the matter has been placed before him, and upon this verdict will depend whether this raid will mean anything or not.

The Trade.

WE have received a book of stamps on approval from our Islington agent, Mr H. P. Hicks, the prices are low, and several bargains in British and British Colonial stamps we note, which are, by the way, his speciality. (See advertisement),

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WE have also received Catalogue of Auction Sale from Mr. W. Ridout.

Editorial.

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International Postage Stamps.

IN the House of Commons, Feb. 19th last, Mr J. Morley, in reply to Mr H. Heaton, says there is no reason to suppose the Postmaster General of Germany had proposed the summoning of an international postal conference to consider the question of introducing a common international postage stamp. There had been newspaper reports on the subject, but Dr von Stephens, the German Postmaster-General, had strenuously opposed such a proposal at the Vienna Postal Congress. The next Postal Union Congress was to be held at Washington in 1897.



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We would say more about Mr. Thomas and his "Globe Stamp Exchange," but conscious that we have already taken too much of our limited space, we will now finish,

asking our readers, one and all, to send to the secretary for rules and full particulars, and waste no time in becoming members of this new, but good exchange. The postal address of the Secretary is:—4, North Square, Globe Road, London, E.

The Times.

THE use of New South Wales stamps surcharged "O. S." for official correspondence, will be discontinued in future.

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A NEW set of stamps for Mexico will appear shortly.

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THE "M. J." says that there is a rumour, that the Bamra Post Office is shortly to be taken over by the British Indian authorities.

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THE celebrated collection of the U. S. Envelopes of the late Mr. Harrison, will shortly be offered for sale by auction, in New York, by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. We learn from the "American Journal of Philately," that this collection was commenced by a Dr. Horner, purchased from him by Mr. Durbin (Philadelphia). Mr.

E. L. Pemberton afterwards became its owner, after which Messrs Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., obtained it from whom Mr. Harrison bought it.

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A NEW series of stamps for Sir-moor has appeared, having for its central design an Elephant, instead of the portrait of the Rajah.

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THE Auction Sales in February were not particularly noteworthy. An unused "V R" fetched £11, a Cape, woodblock, 4d red, was sold for £32, and a Nova Scotia, 1s, realised £23.

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WE learn from the "Revue Philateli-que" (Paris), that the stamps of France cost the government of that republic, about 2d. per 1000, whilst they are charged for the post cards less than 2/- the 1000.

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A NEW kind of postmark will shortly be introduced into this country, in which the letters now used to indicate the time of stamping, will be replaced by figures, e.g., 8 35 a. m., 9 10 p. m.

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It appears that there are no such things as post offices in Abyssinia, and that the new stamps are obtainable almost everywhere, except in

the country for which they are intended. These latest labels are manufactured in Paris, and it is an interesting point to know that the bill has been paid, (for nearly all our stamp papers quote it), and some say that the stamps are on their way to Abyssinia via Obock, which is an interesting route, and we trust they will not be confiscated by the Parish Councils of that part.

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THERE is a rumour about that the new United States stamps do not give satisfaction, and it is very probable that an outside firm before long will again have the manufacturing of them, in which case the current issue will become obsolete and scarce, but for our own part, we do not think this will happen, as the Government Printing Bureau seem to be improving their work.

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THE Jubilee stamps of Seychelles which was chronicled some time ago, has at last appeared. It is of the value of 30c, and has for its design a view of the islands. 8 and 15c envelopes, with stamps of similar design, have also been issued.

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THE Belgium Railway Parcel stamps, seen in nearly all beginners

collections, to whom they seem to have a peculiar fascination, perhaps on account of their size, but certainly not for the design, have been somewhat changed.

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THE Auction Sale held on Jany. 30th and 31st last (see No. 4 for full report), seems to have broken the record, the total sum realised being somewhat like £2,500. The collection which was then sold, according to the "S. C. F." was a short time ago for sale for £500, but could find no purchaser.

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THE new stamps of Servia have appeared, but are poorly executed on granite paper, which will probably mean that the next lot will be improved.

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DURING his visit to the United States, Mr. C. J. Phillips (Messrs Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.), purchased the Harbeck collection for £3,060, which contains only stamps issued before 1870, except here and there, where the countries are "up to date." Mr. Phillips took to America with him stamps to the value of £42,000, which includes the Castle, Philbrick, and Harrison collections, etc.

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FOR every stamp of the Cook Is. actually used for postal purposes, 100 to 200 are despatched abroad, and do no real postal work, being sold to philatelists. And according to "Pearsons Weekly" the receipts from this source alone, covers the expenses of governing the islands.

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A SHEET of the 4c. Columbian stamps has been found in the collection of an American philatelist, in a *dark blue* colour, similar to that of the 1c. We cut this from the "P. J. of America."

Prizes for You.

THROUGH the kindness of Mr R. H. Thomas, we can offer the following prize to readers of this paper *only* (winning name will be published). The reader who can obtain the most new members for the "Globe Stamp Exchange" before May 1st next, may take from the sheets in the May packet of that club, stamps to the value of 3/-. If a sufficient number of competitors present themselves, and a large number of new members are introduced, a 2nd prize will be given, viz., 2/- worth of stamps from the May packet.

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| 18.—Canada, 17c blue | ... | ... | 2/0 |
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| 20.—Chili 1893, 1 peso (large) | ... | ... | 1/6 |
| 21.—France 1867, 5f (oblong) | ... | ... | 1/9 |
| 22.—N. S. W. 1888, 5s violet, map | ... | ... | 2/0 |

The Advertiser.

WE have just made arrangements with the publishers of this fortnightly advertising medium, for presenting the majority of our readers with a copy of this paper monthly. We would call attention to the low advertising rates, viz., 4 words 1d, and can confidently recommend it to philatelists. We have inserted several short "ads" in it ourselves, all of which have been successful in introducing to us new customers, etc., and the two which we now have in it, are not going to spoil the record judging from the replies already received. We are authorised agents to receive advertisements and subscriptions, and all correspondence, etc., sent to us connected with this publication, will receive our prompt and careful attention.

How to Cure the Gumbug Epidemic.

BY PHILATO.

UNNECESSARY issues are indeed a night-mare to all right-minded collectors and dealers, especially the former, for a collection is con-

tinually rendered incomplete by these new issues inundating the stamp market, for though it is often a matter of considerable expense, yet they must be secured, or a collector feels "out of it." Soon the cry will be, "I can't afford to keep pace with these stamps, and it is so difficult to judge what should be collected and what should not, I will give it up." Then alas for the "poor dealer," who to make a little money by them, if he does not encourage, certainly does nothing to stop them. Yes, it is a certain fact, gumbugs will ruin philately, and that *soon*, unless a stop is put to their little game. If any of these wonderful states, etc., required stamps at all, it would be different; but let us take the Congo State as an instance, and see what "Whitaker" says about it. "The population of this vast territory consists of numerous negro tribes, of whom none have as yet attained a *superior degree of civilization, whilst some still practice cannibalism.*" (We wish they would swallow their stamps, Ed). But a sudden thought strikes us, perhaps stamps are not a proof of a "superior degree of civilization," we thought they were, but that paragraph of "Whitaker"

takes the shine out of our opinion. This surely is sufficient to show us we are collecting not stamps, but coloured labels.

Now you have all seen the remedy proposed in the February No. of this journal, if you have not, take my advice and get a copy, and read in it an article entitled, "How to sit effectively on Gumbugs," and I am sure you will feel all the better for it. I have no better remedy to suggest myself, but what I want is for collectors to take up this "Anti-Gumbug Crusade," and not to fall asleep over it; so this article has been written to keep them awake. Let us follow, all of us, the ideas embodied in that article (unless some one else can suggest better). First appoint a committee to say what stamps are to be classed as "gumbugs," publish a list of such stamps in every stamp magazine each month (I am certain the publisher of this journal would give the space), and above all, abide by the decision of this committee. Then you would find, that when they saw our opposition was genuine, dealers would come over to our side, refuse to stock "gumbugs," and philately would be itself once more.

("Philato" evidently seems to think, judging by this last sentence, that dealers are alone to blame for encouraging unnecessary issues, but for our own part, we think collectors help them along as much, and even more than the dealers, and we intend publishing in our next number an article entitled, "Dealer or Collector," in which we will endeavour to show our readers that stamp dealers, although not altogether free from blame in this matter, are not as black as some would like to paint them.—ED.)

Gatherings.

LARGE numbers of Portuguese stamps, of different issues, having forged surcharges of "Acores," and "Madeira," have been put in the market. Collectors should therefore be on their guard.

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A SET of stamps is in preparation for use in Madagascar.

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MR. Harrison's collection of Afghanistan, is offered for sale by Messrs Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., at the price of £8,500.

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THE annual dinner of the London

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impossibility), were to refuse to stock and sell unnecessary issues, the black sheep (for these proverbial beings are in every flock, and I am sorry to say they are anything but scarce in the philatelic fold), would advertise them, and would no doubt find buyers without much trouble; these would soon make money, increase their customers, to whom they could not only sell gumbugs, but also genuine issues, thus getting together a good business, and seriously injuring the respectable dealers, who by shunning unnecessary issues, did no good to the philatelic world in general, and a good deal of harm to themselves in particular. I said black sheep, but can one rightly call a dealer who sells gumbugs, by that name? No, most decidedly *no*, he is certainly not an ornament or help to our hobby, but he would have to do it in self defence, supposing he was willing to sacrifice the profit derived from this source, he is totally distinct from a forger, for the latter endeavours to sell bad goods for genuine, but you can hardly say that of a dealer who sells gumbugs, for instance, he offers a set of San Marino Commemorative stamps, at the remarkable low price of 2d. per set, it is

for the buyer to judge whether this set is necessary or not, and if it is worth having even at so low a rate, the dealer does not try to palm it off on you, as he would a forgery, although I will not deny that he often puts on an extra coat of varnish, to help along a sale, but I should fancy a Djibuti stamp would take a lot of varnishing before a collector could be convinced that it was a necessary stamp. (See the joke?)

Another reason why you cannot blame us dealers for selling gumbugs, is this, we have to do it, as I have said previously, in self defence, for supposing you have a customer, and this said customer orders, say a set of Japan Silver Wedding stamps, you write and inform the would-be buyer, that you regret you cannot supply this particular set, as you consider it an unnecessary issue, and therefore, do not keep it in stock. Now this person does not agree with you, and consequently seeing an advertisement, say in the "Philatelic Times" (for I trust that all readers of this paper, not only look through the announcements but patronize the advertisers) in which is offered this very set, he would, ten chances to one, write and obtain them. This order would

of course, lead to further business, and you would lose, if not all, a part of this persons support. I am afraid that although I have filled a great deal of space, and perhaps exhausted many of my readers' patience, I have said very little to the point, but I trust that this little will impress you collectors, that the remedy is in your own hands, cease to buy, and we dealers cannot sell. We are entirely at your mercy. I should like to hear a collector's idea on this subject.

New Issues.

The stock of 2½r stamps of both Angra and Horta having run out, the 5r has been cut in half to supply the deficiency.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The current issue has been surcharged with a "T" within a triangle, for use as unpaid stamps.

UNITED STATES.—We learn from the Metropolitan Philatelist, that the 4c. brown, and 5c. red-brown of the 1890 issue, exist in an imperforated condition.

A TREAT!

"The Stamps of Egypt."

Stray Notes.

OUR first number of the "Stamp Collectors' Library,"—the "Stamps of Egypt," will, we think, meet with remarkable success, as the promise of support we have received from stamp dealers, by inserting advertisements therein, exceed our modest anticipations. We cannot give particulars of this interesting work, as space will not permit, but we may say that the price is only 4d, *post free*.

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MR. J. W. Marsden, our Manchester agent, whose advertisement appears in this number, and to which we would call our readers attention, although just established as a dealer, we think he will soon be well known. He seems to have special facilities for obtaining the French stamps surcharged "Chine" and collectors wishing for guaranteed specimens of these stamps for their collections, should write him for prices.

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Editorial.

JUDGING from the letters we receive about the fourth or fifth of each month regularly, in which the writers bewail the fact that this current number of their "P. T. and S. M." "is not yet to hand." We should fancy that some of our subscribers have not yet grasped the fact that our publication date is now the fifth of each month, instead of the first as hitherto.

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"THERE is a happy land, far, far away," in which there will soon be no Philatelic Association, no Fraud Reporters, no Album Weeds, and the like required, and stamp fakers will be unknown. We can picture the start our readers make at this assertion, and the hundreds of letters we should receive daily asking us where this paradise for philatelists is, if we refrain from letting our subscribers know the name of this spot. It is not in darkest Africa, nor Chitral, but in—*Russia*, yes *Russia*, of all places, for do we not learn from a contemporary, that a bill is being prepared by the Government of that vast Empire, which will make the sale of forged stamps a criminal offence, punishable with banishment to Siberia, whether the

offender knows the character of his goods or not. This is indeed interesting, and the only harm we can wish fakers now, is that they will go to Russia, get transported to Siberia, and there stop, and we might also suggest that some of the petty states, ports, etc., that issue gumbugs, might follow and not be missed.

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WHEN our old friend, "The Monthly Post" arrived this month (somewhat late), we as usual hastily removed its overcoat (wrapper), but what was our surprise to see not a bulky eight paged magazine with an orange coloured cover, but a pale, white, four paged circular. We at first thought our valued contemporary had been attacked with the "prevailing epidemic" (otherwise the influenza), from which it had not recovered, but our doubts were soon put at rest, for we saw under the heading "Important Notice to our Readers" that the publishers had so seriously fallen behind their publication date, that they saw no prospect of ever getting up-to-date again (how dreadful), so they decided to let the "Monthly Post" appear in this new form, and lower the subscription rate to one shilling

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The Stamp Mart.

Stamps, etc., inserted under this heading FREE.

All goods intending to be included in this list must reach us by the 16th of the month, together with a stamped addressed envelope for their return.

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All lots not disposed of in three months will be returned to owner unless otherwise arranged.

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| 10.—U. S. A. 1863, Envelope, square, 2c black ... | 4/0 |
| 11.—Nova Scotia 1853, 12½c black | 2/0 |
| 13.—Newfoundland 1857, 1d brown, unused ... | 6/0 |
| 14.—Newfoundland, 1857, 3d green, triangular, unused ... | 3/6 |
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| 21.—France 1867, 5f (oblong) | 1/9 |
| 22.—N. S. W. 1888, 5s violet, map | 2/0 |
| 23.—Chine, on 1 fr France, used, guaranteed ... | 1/6 |
| 24.—Chine, on 15c France, orange, used, guaranteed ... | 2/0 |

The Times.

ENGLISH stamps used abroad are receiving a great deal of attention lately, and an exchange society for these stamps only is in contemplation.

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THE Brussels Postal authorities are inviting bids for 2,400 5 fr. (1878) stamps, which they have on hand.

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A COMPARISON of prices of different stamps since 1891, in the "Million," whilst showing generally a rise, a fall is noted in some cases, the principal of which being in the earlier New South Wales, a number of the 1864-7 Ceylon ("C.C"), and in all the varieties of the British Guiana, 1863-75, 4c blue.

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THE Librarian of the American Philatelic Association has just issued a list of current philatelic magazines. The following is the result:—American 34, European in German 25, European in French 24, European in other languages 8, Great Britain 16, British Colonies 9. A total of 116, which does not include official circulars, Monthly Bulletins and papers published by philatelic bodies.

PORTUGAL will soon issue another commemorative set, this time to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the birth of "St. Antony of Padua" who was famed amongst other things for his power of oratory, by which he so charmed the fishes, that they are supposed to have lifted up their heads out of the sea to listen to him. We trust the stamps will not charm philatelists, unless it is to entirely boycott them. They are to be in use from June 13th to 30th next, for which short time an unusually large quantity have been issued, 2,000,000 2 reis, postcards, and 5,000,000 5 reis stamps heading the list.

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MORE about the Mr. Harrison's collection. He is supposed to have spent £12,000 on it, and his Afghans are valued at £8,500, his Cashmere at £3,000, and his Portuguese Indies at £3,500.

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THE Morocco stamps chronicled in our first number, turn out to be a private speculation, as we expected. A young native employed in a German house, we must thank for being the author of this latest fake, and it may interest some of our readers to know that he had the stamps printed in Germany.

AN Article of the Mexican Postal Code enacts, that three months notice must be given to the public of every new issue, in advance, and also that another three months shall be allowed for the exchange of the obsolete stamps for the new ones, after which the old stamps will not be accepted under any circumstances by the department.

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A DUTY has now been levied on stamps imported into India, which will very seriously effect our "hobby" in those parts. A gentleman having recently to pay no less than 46 rupees on a parcel of stamps sent him by an European dealer.

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THE current stamps of Costa Rica are frequently used cut in half.

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ACCORDING to the "Monthly Post," the Canadian 20c. and 50c. stamps, issued in 1892, will shortly be withdrawn.

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"UNITED States envelopes of the value of 17,989 dollars were rejected as being imperfect and misprinted." This will enable collectors, as the "Indian Postage Stamp News" says (from which we cut the above), to form an idea as to how the numerous varieties of the entires

get into circulation.

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WE learn from the "Philatelic World" that ocean penny postage existed about 200 years ago, for in 1698 masters of ships, outward bound to America from this country, would hang up bags in the coffee houses, and any letters dropped into these bags, they carried for 1d. or 2d. each, according to the weight and size.

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THE Grand Duke Alexis Michaelovitch of Russia, died on March 2nd last, at the early age of nineteen. He was an ardent philatelist, and a member of the London Philatelic Society.

Auction Reports.

FOUR sales took place during March. Chief lots:—

U. S. Battleboro', 5c buff	100/0/0
Spain 1851, 2r unused	33/0/0
Moldavia, 108 paras	31/0/0
Tuscany, 3b	26/0/0
Ceylon, imperf, 4d	20/0/0
Ceylon, imperf, 2s unused	12/12/0
Spain 1852, 2r unused	20/0/0
Great Britain, V.R. unused	11/0/0
Nevis, 6d green, unused	10/10/0
Tobago, CA 6d ochre unused	10/0/0

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Editorial.

per annum. For our own part, we think there is as much interesting reading matter to be found on these four pages, as on the eight formerly, as smaller type is used, and the stories on general topics are left out.

Globe Stamp Exchange.

Members and intending members are requested to note my new address, on and after 29th of April is, 4, Jewell Street, London, E.

At the time of writing the April packet has not been returned, but I anticipate a good exchange for our first month. The packet contained stamps to the value of over £32, and included some very good stamps. I take this opportunity of informing members that after the packet has left me, no sheets, papers, notices, or other matter, can be inserted. This rule will be strictly enforced. The readers of this paper are particularly invited to join. Rules free. No subscription or entrance fee.

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Besides the reason cited before, and which I am afraid we must allow, owing to the sound common sense of its statements, there is one which "Dealer" has not considered and if I were face to face with him, I would thus put it:—"If these gumbugs were not announced in the various philatelic magazines, in which their merits and demerits are discussed, and which are mainly published by the trade, how would collectors hear of them at all, if dealers were unanimous in deciding not to sell them?" But here again, I suppose, I should be met by the objection of "Dealer" that the black sheep of philately would stock them, and so obtain custom which they otherwise might have whistled for (and as "Dealer" very truly remarks, the philatelic fold is sadly too full of that class of the ovine specie), and as such *would* be the case, I am afraid we must announce ourselves baffled on that particular point, but very far from beaten.

But after reading over what I have just written, I come to the conclusion that it can be the fault solely of neither dealer or collector, but a little of both, or as some people say, "six of one and half-a-dozen of the other," and if this truly be the case, nothing but combination of both dealers and collectors, and a very firm one too, will serve to anyway abate the ferocity of the insatiable fiend "Gumbug," but that such a combination is possible, would be too much to say to collectors who remember the abortive attempts of the Anti-Sebeck, and before that, of the Anti-Surcharge Leagues, to suppress the object of their missions. I have no need to mention other reasons for misgivings. No! when such things have been allowed to get hold to such an extent, it is very difficult to eradicate them, as they are very tenacious of life. But if a collector feels aggrieved at "gumbugs," there is surely no penalty inflicted on those who shun them in their collections, and even if it cannot be a *general* suppression, each one who does taboo them, and I am sure there will be many such, will make his influence felt, and perhaps in the end "gumbug-manufacturing" may not prove to be so

satisfactory to its promoters as it does at present, and eventually it may die a natural death (very lingering and painful I am afraid).

Though in this article I have turned up no new ground, nor have I proved which is the guilty one, yet I have done my best to speak up for collectors, and not let us be too much "sat on" by "Dealer" and his *confreeres*, and if I have missed weak points in "Dealers'" armour, I hope some other collector will come forward to try to demolish "Castle Dangerous."

—H. B. C.

The Times.

IF we are to believe philatelic prophets, all Columbians under 15c will not fetch more than 2c each, for at least the next fifty years, whilst those who invested so heavily in the 1 dollar value, will be heavy losers.

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THE Nyassa stamps turn out to be not a case of "issuing postage stamps by unauthorised persons, but of one printed for postal purposes by a competent authority, who failed in their method of printing to comply with all the regula-

tions." This is the result of Mr Brown's investigation in this matter, which are fully given in the May number of his "P. J. of G. B."

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A CHRISTIAN village on the Congo has been built and colonized entirely by the means of money derived from selling over 40,000,000 used stamps, in Brussels, collected by supporters of this scheme. The land was given by the Congo State.

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HELIGOLAND stamps are increasing in value by leaps and bounds, for according to "Franciscus" in the "Monthly Journal," a complete collection of these stamps in 1892 could be obtained for £3, if unused, or £4 if used, but now the price is £22 and £68 respectively.

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THE above paragraph shows that there is a fashion in stamps, and a rush for Chilian stamps is expected shortly.

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THE result of the raid on stamp illustrations in America, is this. The authorities inform the firms from whom they confiscated the albums, etc., that the printing of illustrations of postage stamps is

not illegal, but the offence consists of having possession of cuts, plates, etc., by which means foreign stamps could be counterfeited. In future, illustrations will be produced by means of skeleton outline drawings.

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THE portion of the Tapling collection on view in the British Museum, has again been changed. British Guiana, Honduras, Dominica, Falkland Is., and some of the West Indian stamps being now exhibited.

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MR. G. B. Trudd sends us the rules of a new club, entitled the "Rocket Foreign Stamp Evercircular," the members of which are requested to contribute an article monthly, although it is not compulsory. Combined with this is an exchange for stamps, and other attractions, for particulars of which, our readers should write to 21, North Street, Sleaford, Lincs.

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AUSTRIA.—The current issue is to be changed in colour, and unpaid stamps of the value of 2, 6 and 7k will appear shortly.

BENIN.—According to the "P. J. of G. B." a new set is about to be issued for this part of the world, having the name Dahomey, instead of Benin.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—We learn from the same source, that a fresh lot has appeared here, having for its central design arms and supporters (negroes).

INDIA.—Some of the current set are about to be surcharged "Postal Service," to be used for collecting the Customs Duty on foreign parcels.

LUXEMBURG.—A new set has been issued here, having the head of the Grand Duke in an oval.

MEXICO.—The new stamps have five different designs between the set of thirteen, viz., (1) Mountain mail carrier, (2) Mule train, the postman being on horse back whilst the mail bags are on a mule, (3) Statue of Montezuma, (4) Overland mail coach, (5) Railway train at full speed. They are considered pretty, but poorly executed.

UNITED STATES.—The new per-

Correspondence.

The "Gumbug" Question.

To the Editor of the "Philatelic Times."

Dear Sir.

I have been much interested in the discussion lately going on in the columns of your very excellent paper, re "gumbugs," and at last I feel myself constrained to make a few remarks on the same subject, which I shall be obliged if you will give publicity to.

In the first place, I must say, that no one feels more strongly on the subject than myself, and I call it a downright crying shame, that "gumbugs" have been allowed by both collector and dealer, (*both* I say), to make the headway they have. In fact, some time since I excluded such trash from my own collection, and though it is denuded of all the prettier issues, and the spaces of the South American states are void, yet I don't feel any the worse, for I know that my collection contains only STAMPS, pure and simple, without any made-for-collector varieties. Of course, it is often very annoying to hear my friends comparing my collection with such a-ones, whose stamps are

"veritable works of art," as they express it, but this in my own opinion is outweighed by the fact, that my purse is the more able to buy *true* postal issues, and is not my own opinion the one to consult in such a matter?

Now then brother collectors, how is it that we do not make a firm stand against these "gumbugs"? It is, I am well assured, that we need organization, for I believe, if any few of us were to put our heads together to consider a business-like method of abolishing them, then the rest would follow at a run; so I have the temerity to suggest the following, hoping it will meet with your approval.

Out of the numberless collectors in Great Britain, will 1000, say the readers of this journal alone, subscribe 1d. apiece towards the suppression of the "gumbug" demon. This will provide a sum of £4 3s 4d., then we must ask three or four influential experts in the philatelic world, to kindly give us a list of what they consider "gumbugs." This list must be published in all the journals devoted to stamp collecting, paying for the space if necessary, though I believe most of them have expressed their willingness to forward such an object by

giving the space gratis. Thus far, we have spent none of our fund, but now each member of the "Anti-Gumbug Crusade" must have a printed list posted him, similar to the one in the magazines, but provided with a blank space for the insertion of future culprits under the new *regime*. Two-thirds of the funds would be now used, and after all expenses were paid, and everything clear, the surplus, if any, could be disposed of as the majority of the members decided.

This plan, though doubtless open to many objections, as for instance, there is no binding clause to prevent a member of the League buying a "gumbug" if he so liked, yet I believe most of us would stick to our guns, and soon "gumbugs" would be a thing of the past, at least I devoutly hope and pray so.

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figures, each striving to catch a glimpse of the latest number of the "Philatelic Times,"—we mean, to catch a glimpse of the welcome letter. The whole is forcibly told and suggests gratitude for the blessings of a free correspondence. The Laplander with his reindeer in the background doubtless represents the mail cart of his country." Just lately some attention has been paid to the arrangement and collection of the numbers upon the blocks from which the envelopes were printed. For full particulars of these, collectors should consult the July No. (1893), of the "Monthly Journal." At present the values of them are as follows: 1d envelope on cover 12/6, 2d envelope on cover £2. This price is for *used* specimens, *unused* would be much rarer. The values show a slow, but steady rise.

The Times.

OWING to the depreciation of the dollar, the postage rates of Borneo and Labuan have been raised. The 1 dollar stamp has, therefore, been surcharged to make the following values, viz., 4c, 10c, 20c, 30c, and 40c.

A NEW set for New Zealand will be issued shortly, the Government of that country having offered two prizes of £150 and £100, for the two best designs submitted. The competition closes the 31st of this month.

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It is reported, that all stamps issued for the French Colonies before 1892, and returned by them to head quarters, will be destroyed.

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THE "Monthly Journal" states that all the old stock of stamps, cards, etc., of Trinidad, are to be destroyed by order of the Governor. The die of the "Lady M'Leod" stamp will be included, although an American gentleman is reported to have offered £3,000 for it.

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FROM the same source we learn that an error has occurred in the current 10 centimos stamp of Gibraltar, viz., the value is omitted.

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"THE Monthly Post" thinks that the new 1 dollar stamp of the United States, will shortly be withdrawn from circulation, its colour (black), does not give satisfaction.

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A VARIETY of our current 3d stamp has been found, the stamp

being printed on a deeper yellow paper than usually. The stamping of envelopes, etc., brought in by the public has also changed some what, the dies now being without date, and the spaces thus created being filled up with dots.

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A SPECIAL set of stamps for Egypt are to be issued at the end of this year, in aid of the funds of the "Fête Committee of Cairo." We agree with the "Monthly Journal," (from which we cut the above), in saying, that by that time speculative stamps will then be a thing of the past.

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THE so-called error of the United States, viz., the 5c stamps of the 1890 issue in the colour of the 4c, turns out to be caused by means of a simple chemical process.

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AN American named M. Howard has been arrested in London for being connected with the fraud of the 2c United States stamps, mentioned in our June number.

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"THE Philatelic Sons of America," an American society which is claimed to be the largest in the world, has now 1,500 members.

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THE latest "auction" price for an unused set of Columbian stamps is £5 10s. od., whilst a used set realised £4.

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THE International Philatelic Union held its annual general meeting on the 16th of May last. F. A. Philbrick, Esq., Q. C., was unanimously elected president, and the committee was increased to twelve members. The club starts its 1895-6 season with a balance of a little over £5.

The Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps.

THIS Society, which has just been started, has already issued its first "Black List," which we give below. It commences with a membership of about 200, and has on its committee such well known philatelists as Messrs W. Brown, Butler Bros., E. B. Evans, R. B. Earde, Harold Frederick, Harry Hilckes, F. R. Ginn, E. J. Phillips, Whitfield King, W. Lincoln, etc., etc. Judging from the enthusiastic and energetic manner it has commenced business, we feel sure that not only will great things be done, but a final blow will be dealt the

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(3).—North Borneo and Labuan. The 4, 10, 20, 30 and 40 cent surcharged on 1 dollar.

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The Trade.

OUR readers are requested to note the new address of Mr T. M. Ridley, which is now, 12 Avondale Terrace, Chester-le-street. (See advt.).

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WE have received a specimen page of the "British Empire Postage Stamp Album" by S. C. Skipton. In our opinion it is the best arranged work we know of, and is

just our idea of an album.

To Correspondents.

F. W. F.—Spanish stamps appearing unused, except for a round hole in them, have been used for telegraphic purposes.

Mems.

FROM the "Monthly Circular" we learn that in consequence of the fraud (see No. 7), which just been discovered, the 2c United States stamp has appeared on watermarked paper, consisting of the letters U. S. P. S., in double lined capitals of 16 mm.

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A SPECIAL set of stamps will be issued for the Brussels Exhibition, so the "Monthly Circular" says, which will cost about £2,000, and is expected to realise £8,000.

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A NEW set of postage stamps has been issued for Servia.

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THE new Luxemburg stamps have already been surcharged "S. P."

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Editorial.

OUR book on the Egyptian Stamps will appear about the same time as this number leaves the printer's hands. It is published a little later than expected, but if our readers only knew the trouble and care it takes to issue even a small work like this one, they would excuse us for being a week or so behind.

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IN consequence of the "Globe Exchange" being closed for July and August, no report has come to hand. However, we may say, that the June Packet was a decided improvement on its predecessors: some really good stamps being included in it. Mr Thomas hopes to reopen in September next, with an increased membership, and a packet that will take a lot of beating.

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THE sudden energetic turn the crusade against unnecessary issues has taken, has so interested us, that we had quite forgotten we were now in the midst of the so-called "dull season." We say so-called, for if being so busy, that one can only just keep up with one's correspondence, working day and night (and that is what we are doing), is

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WE are now and then hearing of some one who would "like to see a change in the designs of our postage stamps." This month Mr P. H. Lee, in his "Philatelic Flashes" in the "Stamp Collectors' Journal," is the one. For our own part, we think, if we except the ½d and 1d values, which might be a great deal worse, our set is comparable with any, both in design, workmanship, and certainly in size for usefulness. When a country does keep itself respectable, and does not issue a new set once a month, then some

would like to see it more "up to date." It is true the portrait of the Queen is a *little* old, but what of that. It is better than having a new one every two months or so. We have plenty of vacant spaces in our albums without another dozen or so for a new lot for Great Britain.

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New Issues.

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NEW ZEALAND.—A new half-penny stamp has appeared with diademed profile of the Queen, similar to the current 2½d. The article thrown over the back of the head, seems to take a great deal of study, to find out what it really represents, as it looks very much like a towel or napkin. Its colour is black, and two varieties of perforation have already been seen.

SPAIN.—The 15c has been printed in a new colour, for the use of members of the Spanish Congress, for Official correspondence.

TRANSVAAL.—The current stamps have been somewhat changed, according to the "P. J. of G. B." the wagon having a pole instead of shafts.

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New Issues.

CANADA.—A new stamp for the 2c envelopes has just been issued. Embossed head of Queen in circle, at the top of which a beaver is seated.

CEYLON.—The "Monthly Journal" informs us that this colony is the first British possession to issue a *reply paid* letter card, one of the value of 5c having lately appeared.

CHILI.—More official stamps, this time a very large sized official sealed label.

MEXICO.—The new stamps have been surcharged "Official" in black.

PERU.—Another fresh set here.

QUEENSLAND.—A new ½d stamp has recently come up, having a new design, similar to the new wrappers.

N.B.—We regret to say that the majority of new issues lately have

more or less a speculative look about them.

Another Evil.

WE saw in the "British Medical Journal" a short time ago, a paragraph which we thought would interest our readers, but should have forgotten to quote it, if it was not for hearing the other day of a man having died in New York, after licking an envelope, the gum of which contained decayed animal matter, a most deadly poison. The paragraph to which we refer is to this effect: Stamp collecting, like other pursuits, is not without its dangers. It appears that in Columbia (South America), a disease of the hair known as *pieдра*, supposed to be peculiar to that part of the world, is very common. A certain gentleman on the continent seems to have suffered from this complaint, and as he had never been to, or near Columbia, the question was how did he get it. It turned out, however, that he frequently received letters from there, and he was in the habit of soaking the envelopes in water to get the stamps off them, and his hands, whilst wet with the water in which

he had put the stamps, must have touched his hair. From this it appears the gum on the stamps of Columbia, is made from a mucilaginous substance, which is supposed to be connected with this disease. Don't let this frighten you nervous collectors, as nearly everything now-a-days is proved to be the carrier or cause of some disease or another, therefore the only way to be anything like safe, would be to be put into a glass case, and then the air would not be pure, but what about the glass?

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ALL the stock of stamps except the 1/- value, at the Post Office of Apia (Samoa), having been destroyed by a fire, the 1/- ones have been cut in half to defray all rates of postage.

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A CONTEMPORARY states that a special set of stamps will be issued for Mozambique, to celebrate (or is it to pay for?) the opening of a railway from Delagoa Bay to Pretoria.

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WE learn from the "Monthly Post" that the town of Liege (Belgium), will shortly issue a set of four stamps in honour of St. Lambert, its founder and first bishop. We agree with our friend in saying that we shall soon want a Saints' Stamp Album, that is, if we collect such rubbish, but we trust our readers will have more saints (sense).

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ALREADY the "S. S. S. S." has offended some, viz., Messrs Maury, and Gainsborg of Paris, who do not agree with it in condemning the French colonial stamps.

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THE new Tonga stamps, so the "Monthly Journal" says, are very badly done, and will either not be

The Times.

IT is reported that we may expect a new set of stamps for Japan, having for its design the portrait of the Mikado.

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THE St. Anthony stamps of which we have heard so much, have appeared. The set of 15 values having four different designs between them, viz., (1) Vision of St. Anthony, (2) His preaching to the fishes, (3) His Ascension, (4) His portrait. They do not seem to have met with a very ready sale, and their workmanship and designs are considered poor.

issued at all, or only as a temporary measure.

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THE new Congo stamps, *especially* the first issue (*viz.*, the two lower values which changed colours), will have to come down in value, so the "Monthly Post" thinks, and what's more, it is of an opinion that these stamps should be added to the unnecessary list.

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THE Olympic games, which are to take place shortly, are to have a special set of stamps issued to celebrate them, consisting of numerous values, each having different designs.

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Chapter 1.—History and objects.

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Chapter 4.—Method of collecting.

Chapter 5.—Post cards and postmarks, etc. Concluding remarks.

Editorial.

OUR long expected work on the Egyptian Stamps is now ready, and for full particulars of which we would refer our readers to the back page of cover.

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WE have had one or two letters from subscribers lately, who would like to know if the "Seebeck" stamps should be classed amongst the unnecessary issues or not, to which question we can only answer a decided YES, and to give our reasons for doing so, the best way would be to quote the following from the "Monthly Circular":— "The contracts made by the Hamilton Bank Note Co., of which Mr. Seebeck is the secretary, with the various States of Central America, provide that new series shall be furnished each year by the company, which is to have all the remainders of the superseded issues. As scarcely any collectors purchase these stamps while they are current, the company in order to recoup itself for the expenses of manufacturing the issues, depends on the sale of the remainders, not for postal purposes, for they have ceased to be valid, but to collectors, and in order to get rid of the stamps,

they are sold at something like cents for dollars." The article from which we quote, goes on to say that the company does not seem to have made a good bargain, and does not intend to renew the contracts, and this accounts for sets of 10 values, whose facial value is between £3 and £4, being obtainable at 2/- or less, the set.

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HEARING of the success of the hero of the Japanese Field Marshal stamp story, which went the round of the philatelic press a short time ago, another enterprising youth,— the son of Mr. J. B. Champion, of Dursley (Glostershire), has followed the same idea of adding to his collection, for we learn from the "Gazette," the local paper, that writing a boyish letter to Field Marshall Court Yamagata, which he wound up by asking for a few specimens of the stamps used by this go-ahead Western state. A parcel containing a small collection of the desired stamps, packed up in Japanese paper, together with the Generals card, after a delay of two or three months, came to hand. Next please. We are afraid the Field Marshall will wish he had never commenced distributing gratis Japanese stamps; in fact we intend

shortly to pen a "boyish" letter ourselves.

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ALTHOUGH ours is not a political paper, we think it will not be out of place to note the fact that Mr. J. Morley, the late Postmaster-General, amongst a number of the members of the late government, suffered a severe and startling defeat at the recent elections.

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THE same gentleman also sends us specimens and particulars of the St. Anthony stamps, but space will not permit us to note more than that a prayer in latin is printed on

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The Latest Unnecessary Issues.

THE "S. S. S. S." has issued its second circular, but space will not permit us to give more than a shortened account of its contents.

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5.—BRUNEL.—It appears that a certain gentleman has not only suggested the issue of stamps to the Sultan of this spot, but also conducts their sale, the Postmaster having no idea how to do any business.

6.—CLIPPERTON ISLAND.—This spot belongs to the United States, so that the stamps are either absolutely illegal and bogus, or speculative or unnecessary, or both.

7.—EGYPT.—The set which is expected to appear at the end of

this year, in connection with some fêtes.

8.—BUSSAHIR.—A native state in the Northern part of India, governed by a Rajah, is very mountainous, has an area of about 3,000 square miles, and whose inhabitants are not yet very highly civilized. Whether these stamps have been issued by the native government or not, the "S. S. S. S." advises all philatelists to leave them alone.

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June 1841, but the penny red was procurable at a few offices as early as January, so that specimens are to be found with the maltese cross obliterated in red, though these are exceedingly rare. All the above named are to be found on the penny of 1841.

1841. 1d red. Specimens with inverted watermarks are not very rare. The chief varieties of this stamp are to be found on the back, instead of the face as usual. The head sometimes appears white, while the remainder of the back is blue or greenish blue. The paper is sometimes thick, and sometimes thin.

1847. In this year Mr. Henry Archer made his first trial of his perforating machine. This machine made jagged cuts of varying length, and at different distances from each other, while that of 1848 made regular divisions. The improved machine of 1849 perforated sheets with irregular oval shaped holes. There are eight distinct varieties of the penny red, with stars in upper angles, viz.

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Wmk Large Crown, die 2, perf

16 and 14, (red on bluish).

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Several of these eight varieties are known with inverted watermarks.

Since 1880 our stamps have been printed by another firm, and are of a much cheaper description.

On January 28 1881, our present penny stamps appeared.

Many varieties besides those given in this list may exist. I have perhaps said enough to shew that the penny stamps of Great Britain may be made very interesting.

New Issues.

CEYLON.—A compound card, being a reply letter card, something similar to those used in France, has been issued. Its value is 5 + 5c. Printed in black on blue.

COLUMBIA.—A receipt stamp, 5c vermilion, on white, has been issued. We believe this stamp was originally printed on blue paper.

Fiji.—A letter card value 1½d, bearing stamp somewhat similar to the current type, is announced. Some of the foliage on the stamp has been cut away, leaving the inscription quite distinct. The colour

is red on arab, the interior of the card being white. The following post cards, all bearing the new stamp, have also been issued, 1d black on white, 1d + 1d violet on white, 1½d green on white, 1½d + 1½d carmine on white.

NANDGAON.—The 1 anna stamp is now printed in brown instead of red. It is also found overprinted for service, M. B. D. in violet.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The international post card, value 1½d, is printed blue on lemon. The stamp is similar to that on the letter card, and bears the words "Penny half-penny" on the label.

NEW ZEALAND.—Some half penny stamps of last issue have been perforated 12½ instead of 10.

PERSIA.—We hear of two more values of stamps bearing the head of the Shah, viz., 10 kran red and gold, and 50 kran green.

QUEENSLAND.—We consider the removal of the back-ground to be a great improvement in the appearance of these stamps. In addition to the ½d and 1d, the 2d has been similarly treated. A 2d letter card has recently made its appearance, the stamp is similar to that of the 1½d post card. It is blue on grey and is without the lined back-ground.

ROUMANIA.—The 15 bani letter card, rose on buff, bears the new type of stamp.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—We note the following provisionals have recently been made: 1d on 2½d violet, surcharge in green, and the other is the 6d rose "Zegelregt" now surcharged "Postzebel." Both surcharges are in green.

TONGA.—It is reported that four different surcharges in carmine have been made on the 2d blue, viz., 1d, 1½d, 2½d and 7½d.

What Our Readers Say.

THE letters of enquiry we have received as to when No. 10 was going to be issued, shews the interest taken in the "P. T. and S. M." by our readers. Every post has brought a parcel of such letters, and those which we have not answered (owing to the short space of time at our disposal), we hope the writers thereof, will accept this, our apology.

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As to the actual collecting, it is easy enough. They can be bought in packets or singly, they can be gathered among friends, sent by friends living abroad, or exchanged among school fellows, to supply the stamp wanted by giving away those of which the collector has more than one.

They can be taken off the adhering paper by dipping in water, but with rare stamps, or those which have a raised pattern, like those of

the Portuguese, the best way of removing them from letters, is to lay them on very wet flannel, with the stamp upwards kept dry, when the paper at the back is soaked a few touches will bring it off.

In a good stamp album there will be a list of the stamps belonging to the various countries, and ruled spaces for the stamps. But we maintain that an expensive album and a pocket full of money are not needed for foreign stamp collecting, and that the album might be filled, and the pocket emptied, and the collection, being badly done, might be worth little or nothing to the one who made it.

The great thing is intelligence, to know all about the stamps as they are gathered one by one. Begin your collection, then, with all the different sorts of English stamps, since England was the country that made kindly greetings, cheap and easy, for poor and rich.

(To be continued in our next.)

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We propose, with next month's "P. T. and S. M." to end the first volume, so that a new one will be commenced with January 1896. Perhaps our readers will have some suggestions to make as to how

volume 2 may be made better than the volume which is now being brought so near to a close. We need not say how pleased we shall be to receive their suggestions.

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We think it would be of great benefit to our readers to start a "Black Book," and under that heading to publish the names and addresses of persons who send for sheets, etc., on approval, having no intention of returning them. As great many of our readers, we feel sure, must have suffered through these people at some time or other, we feel that our "Black Book" will be heartily welcomed. We shall, therefore, be glad to receive the names and addresses of such persons, from any of our readers who have thus suffered.

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Lancashire Stamp Exchange Socy.

THE first packet was despatched on November 1st, and the total value of sheets sent in by members being over £40. Not a bad beginning for a new society. Up to time of writing the packet has not returned, so it is not possible to give the amount of stamps taken by members, but the Secretary will forward a fuller report next month.

Earnest collectors are heartily invited to join. Rules free upon application to the Secretary, Mr J. W. MARSDEN, 11, Alpha St West, Seedley, Nr. Manchester.

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Auction Sales of Stamps.

The season for Auction Sales of scarce foreign stamps has now fairly set in. Below I give a list of the more notable lots sold in the Sales already held at the various London resorts.

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Do. 7½d green, imperfect	11/0/0
Do. 10d blue, unused	11/0/0
Ceylon 1s, first issue	21/10/0
Mauritius, block of four 2d "post paid"	210/0/0
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Nova Scotia, 1s violet	19/10/0
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Newfoundland, 1s vermilion	28/0/0

Historical Postage Stamps.

A correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" suggests that the time has come when England should follow the example set by Postmaster-General Wanamaker, of the United States, during the Columbian anniversary, of putting a series of historical pictures on the postage stamps. The following are suggested as suitable for a series of British stamps:—The landing of Julius Cæsar, the preaching of Christianity by St. Augustine, the withdrawal of the Roman troops, the invasions of the Danes, Saxons and Normans, the granting of Magna Charta, the Wars of the Roses, the Spanish Armada, beginning of the occupation of India, the Stuart Succession, the

beheading of Charles, capture of Jamaica, the Restoration Settlement of Pennsylvania, the Rule of William and Mary, the introduction of the Hanoverians, the Conquest of Canada, Captain Cook circumnavigates the world, Union of Gt. Britain and Ireland, Battle of Trafalgar, Battle of Waterloo, slavery abolished, first steam railroad, first steamship across the Atlantic, electric telegraph, penny postage, London board school opened, Queen proclaimed Empress of India.

Editorial.

WITH the accompanying No. of the "P. T. & S. M." (completing the first volume), we take the opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the kindly and appreciative way in which it has been supported during the past year. Our endeavour has been to make it a practical and useful medium for collectors. As our readers must be aware, the "P. T. & S. M." has been issued hitherto at a price considerably below its value. Our desire to make it well known and accessible at a merely nominal price being the reason for the very small charge made during the past year.

Now however, that it has reached a circulation equal to that of any other philatelic journal, and is well established as a paper of great value and utility, we are sure our friends will feel we are fully justified in raising the annual subscription to 1/-

To save us writing to our readers as their subscriptions fall due, we have arranged to mark a "X" in the square, which will be found on page 85.

This month commences the series announced in a former No. which we feel sure will be heartily welcomed by our readers. The writer, Mr. Paul Marriott, has endeavoured to make everything as clear as possible. We believe it is his intention to offer prizes from time to time to readers of his column, but he will himself explain this in due course of time.

Our readers will also be glad to hear that we have secured the services of that well known London firm, Messrs Hopkins Bros., who have consented to act as our London agents, and also to write us a column monthly, which will contain all the latest news relating to advances of stamps, auction reports, and all London news.

Hints for Beginners on Collecting Stamps.

(Continued from Number 10.)

HOW many kinds of stamps are there? Penny and half-penny, you will say, two penny, sixpenny, and a great many more. Yes, a great many more. There are some very difficult to obtain. There are five pound stamps, pound and ten shilling stamps. These are used in Civil Service examinations and are a sort of receipt for the fee, the student affixing the stamp to his examination paper. Then there are five shilling, and three, and two shilling stamps, for postage. But you had better begin by getting the shilling buff stamp, the grey sixpenny, blue black fourpenny, the pink three penny, the pretty blue two penny half-penny, brickly two penny, lavender penny, and pale green half-penny stamps, with the half-penny wrapper, and envelope embossed stamps. Then get the various patterns now out of date. The first English stamps were black and red brown, and there was an old two penny blue stamp. After these followed the penny red, then the penny pink, and among the others there were changes through

all the colours of the rainbow.

About foreign stamps there is far more to be known. If you have a stamp of Mauritius, and do not know what head is on it, and have a vague sort of idea that Mauritius is a French possession in the north of South America, what good will there be in your stamp album, although you may pop in the Mauritius stamp at the right page, and have the most wonderful ones to glory in as well, even the very rarest of Nicaragua, the Philippines, the Sandwich Islands. But if you hunt out Mauritius in the atlas, and find it to be an island to the east of the island of Madagascar, which lies eastward, where Southern Africa cleaves the ocean like a great wedge of a continent, and if you know that the head is to represent our own Queen's dominion—that Mauritius, after belonging to the Dutch, and then to the French as "the Isle of France" took it into its head to belong to itself, and became a nest of pirates, where ships attacked and robbed our ships going to India, and that after all this it came to the English Crown by treaty,—then you have a right to fasten in your stamp.

(To be continued.)

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- 11.—South Australia 2d black and orange red 1877, surcharged 'O.S.' in black type, used ... 0/2
- 12.—Cape, triangular 1d carmine, fine copy ... 2/0
- 13.—Cape, triangular 6d, fine copy 7/6
- 14.—Cape, triangular 4d blue 1/0
- 15.—U. S. A. 1856 1c blue unused 1/0

- 16.—U. S. A. 1851 Carrier stamp (eagle) ... 1/6
- 17.—Queensland 1d carmine 1860, (catalogued at 10/-) ...
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- 21.—N. S. W. 1888, 5s violet, map 2/0
- 22.—Nova Scotia 1853, 12½c black 2/0

The Vademecum.

A column to contain all knowledge necessary to young collectors, together with articles and hints for more advanced collectors.

CONDUCTED BY

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I.—History of Stamps and Stamp Collecting.

AT the commencement of this series, what can be more appropriate than to give a short sketch— incomplete as it necessarily must be,—of the history of stamps from the earliest source to the present day? If a census of the opinions of collectors was taken, it would be surprising how few knew anything of the earlier history of their hobby; some indeed might have grasped the rudiments of present day ideas, but the aforesaid history

would be as little known to the average collector, in the proportion to the knowledge, that the average Englishman, not being a philatelist, possesses of the early history of Greece. That is,—nil. Such being the case, I will make no further apologies, but with a claim on originality (a novel thing now-a-days), commence.

It will probably be quite well known that the postage stamp was first devised by Rowland Hill in 1837, but for fear everyone should not know it, I state it here; the penny postage system was not however, adopted until three years later, 1840. The first foreign country to adopt them was Switzerland in 1843, shortly followed by the United States, Brazil, and Mauritius (the far famed "Post Office" issue, which recently changed hands for £780 the pair), in 1847; Russia in 1848; France in 1849; Austria, Spain, and Italy in 1850; the Hawaiian Islands in 1851, and Holland in 1852. Thus, it will be seen that after all, a very great period of time has not to be travelled for the first stamp, and that, in this case also, as in most other postal innovations and reforms, our own country can claim the honour of introducing them,—a distinction of no little

merit, when digested along with the fact that during 1893-4 the G. P. O. delivered in Great Britain alone 1,811,800,000 letters, besides numberless cards, books, and newspapers. And these numbers, we are informed, keep increasing rapidly.

The origin of the word "stamp" may be found in the fact that the small squares of paper attached to letters for their prepayment were stamped, and thus it became simply a matter of custom to apply the same term to the then quite novel innovation. These also possessed a "watermark" as a safeguard against forgery, and were sold in sheets, being cut off with scissors as required. The dentations around them to assist division being a later invention.

Where the craze (or mania, or scientific pursuit, or whatever you choose to call it), of collecting first originated is open to both conjecture and controversy. Both England and France claim it, but the two first magazines, the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine," and "Le Timbre Post," were both issued in the same year, almost in the same month, so no proof is found *here* of the supremacy of either. Then, again, the Belgians assert their claims

Gibbons however, was as soon in the field as Moens. It must then remain doubtful. My own opinion is that none of these countries have any precedent, but that equal shares of honour are due to all. It was in 1856 that collecting was first seriously begun, and in 1862 Mr. Mount Brown issued the first edition of the only systematic attempt at cataloguing then published. This listed only 1,200 varieties. After passing through four editions, in the last of which particulars were given of 2,400 stamps, Mr. Brown gave up its publication, in fact gave up philately altogether, owing to the pressure of his other legitimate profession. By this decision, there is no doubt that we have been losers ever since. These 1,200 varieties are a great contrast to the last Scott, Gibbons or Senf catalogue.

Photography and Postage Stamps.

The following article appeared in a contemporary, which we think will interest many of our readers.

ABOUT a year-and-a-half ago it occurred to me that I might distinguish watermarks more easily, if I made prints by using stamps as

negatives. I argued to myself that, as the paper was thinner where the watermarks were, therefore the sun would print this portion darker. As I have long been an amateur photographer, I had the necessary materials at hand; and I promptly set to work to prove my theory. My experiments were so satisfactory, that I laid the matter before a dealer in "philatelic novelties," but only to be told that it was of "no practical utility!" I was much surprised, therefore, to find some time afterwards, a full description of the idea which had been suggested by a correspondent. My first exclamation was "Someone has stolen my thunder!" But I quickly concluded that, as "great minds run in the same channels," I could lay the flattering unction to my soul that my mental capacities were vast! Of course, the mere idea was not, and could not be, patented; and to someone else the same brilliant thought had occurred.

However, there still seems to be some doubt as to the "practical utility" of the scheme, so I would urge the following reasons for my belief in its usefulness: For examining Russian and other stamps, printed in water-colours, it is excellent. (To be continued.)

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