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DIFFERENT ISSUES OF  
U. S. CENTS.

By G. A. D.

Since the establishment of the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia in 1792, there has been eight issues of U. S. cents. on the obverse of the first issue, in 1793, is the profile of a head with "Liberty" above and date beneath, on the reverse is a circle made by a chain of thirteen links, representing the thirteen original States, with "one cent" within, and "U. S. of America" without the circle.

The second issue of the same year consisted of a profile, also a liberty cap suspended on a pole, which extended obliquely a cross the face of the coin, 'Liberty' above and date below the head, on the reverse is a wreath and is other wise like the first issue.

This kind of reverse was struck with but slight alterations until the sixth issue, cents of the first and second

issue weigh 208 grains.

The third issue was struck in 1796, when the weight was reduced to 168 grains, and consisted of a different kind of head, termed failet, without the "Liberty" cap on the obverse.

By the fourth issue in 1808 the head was changed, being a different kind, and facing to the right, with thirteen stars around and the date beneath it.

On the obverse of cents of the fifth issue, in 1816, was a different head from any of former date, but facing the same way as those of the fourth issue and other wise the same.

Cents of sixth issue 1856, are composed of 88 per cent copper and 12 per cent nickel, on the obverse is an eagle with "U. S. of America" above and date beneath, on the reverse is a wreath with "one cent" within.

By the seventh issue, in 1859, an indians head took the place of the eagle,

By the eighth issue, in '61 the cent was made thinner, otherwise like the 7th issue

Two cent peices in bronze were struck in 1864, 3 cent nickel pieces in 1865, and 5 cent nickel pieces in 1866.

### Stamp Collections.

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When a young boy is placed on the throne of Spain, the collector's attention is called to this country. Stamps show him

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## THE ORIGIN OF Postage Stamps.

In a pamphlet, by M. Piron, published in Paris in 1838, we find that the idea of post-paid or stamped paper, originated early in the reign of Louis XIV., with M. De Velaye, who, in 1653, established a private penny-post, placing boxes at the corners of sts. for the reception of letters wrapped up in envelopes, which were franked by bands or slips of paper tied around them, with the inscription: "Post-paid the day of—, 1653 to '54."

These slips were sold for a 'sou tape,' and could be procured at the palace, at the turn-tables of convents and from the porters of colleges. In 1758, under Louis XV., one M. De Chamouset a wealthy Parisian established a modest post for the metropolis, charging two sols for single letters under an ounce, which were pre-paid by stamps similar to those now in use. These primitive slips, or stamps,

were irregularly used, and soon were entirely forgotten.

The next country to issue letter-stamps was Spain, their issue having been authorized by a royal decree of the 7th of Dec. 1716, which stipulated that the Secretaries to the Crown, &c., "will have the privilege of affixing on the letters addressed to the other authorities, a seal, impressed in ink, bearing the royal arms of Castile and Leon, which will pass them free." These stamps were used only for official public business, and were discontinued in the beginning of the present century.

Semi-official stamped postal-envelopes were used in Sardinia from 1819 to 1836. But to Mr Rowland Hill, of England, are we indebted for our modern postal label those previously mentioned having little in common with those now in use.

Mr Hill proposed to the British Parliament, in 1837

that letters should be pre-paid by means of adhesive stamps or stamped envelopes, and after many strong debates, his plan was adopted, and put in operation on the 6th of May, 1840.

The first stamp used was the well-known one penny, black, the die of which is in use at the present day, producing the common red penny. England, therefore, has the honor of creating the first regular postage-stamp.

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