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## Counterfeits, Reprints, Speculatives.

By D. E. McCURDY.

In entering upon the above subject, I wish to say these articles are not written with the intention of enlightening the advanced Philatelist but it is the object of the writer to give the young novice such facts in such language that stamps of the above classes can readily be distinguished. While it is true a few reprints is very appropriate to fill in vacant spaces where the original would command a price beyond the reach of the collector with small financial means, yet, it is very unwise to pay fancy prices for such trash. Yet there are some dealers who are dishonest enough to guarantee such stamps to be genuine and unless the unsuspecting beginner uses caution will be basefully deceived by them.

I would advise the young collector to consult his before paying high prices for stamps in an unused condition, especially of the countries whose stamps have been reprinted. I do not claim that all reprints are valueless, but I do claim that reprints manufactured by private individuals or firms are not worth the paper upon which they are made and as for myself

I would as soon have a blank space in my album as to have one of these. Some of the most common reprints such as, Hamburg, Heligoland, Sardinians, Roman States, etc. can readily be distinguished, but there are others that often the advanced collectors are put to their wits end. Beginning with the stamps of Argentine Republic we find that two stamps of the 1862 issue, of 10 centavos green, and 15 centavos blue, have been counterfeited, and these counterfeits are often placed on the market as reprints.

There are two varieties of these stamps. The counterfeits have straight lines in the shield, while the genuine have curved lines in the shield. I would advise young collectors to use caution in paying high prices for these stamps in an unused condition. There are two other stamps of this country on which considerable doubt rest, the 1c, 2c and 5c vermilion issue of 1877 in a rouletted condition and collectors would do well to let these also alone.

Austrian stamps of various issues have been reprinted from time. The 1850 issue has been reprinted in lighter colors than the originals, while the reprints of 1861 can be distinguished by the perforations which are 10, 10 1-2, 11, 12 1-2 and 13, while the original stamps are perforated 14. The same may be said of the 1864 issue, while the original are perforated

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