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WHAT OF THE FUTURE.

L. W. DURBIN.

In reviewing the progress stamp collecting has made in the past thirty years, the thought naturally arises: what of the future?

It was about the year 1854 that the first collection of stamps became known. Probably there were persons even before that who had gathered together such specimens as they could find, but not before the time referred to had there been, so far as is known, any systematic effort made to get a collection of all the stamps existing throughout the world.

Collections at that early day no doubt gratified their owners as much as the elaborate ones formed now-a-days do their happy possessors. But the meager assortment of olden times, and

the hap-hazard manner in which they were arranged, would create a smile from even the smallest collector now.

Before 1860 persons had begun to deal in stamps, and efforts were made to catalogue all the varieties in a systematic manner. The difficulties in the way of the pioneer dealers and collectors can hardly be imagined by those of the present generation. A quarter of a century ago stamps which are now almost priceless were comparatively common and were exchanged for an ordinary German or French. The writer well remembers when the type-set stamps of British Guiana, issue of 1862, went begging for buyers at fifty cents apiece; when the vermilion shilling of Newfoundland was thought dear at \$2.50. and when \$25.00 was considered a fabulous price for stamps which are now eagerly snapped up at three or four times that amount. Almost any one with an experience of three or four years only, can name stamps which have risen in price from one, two and five cents, to ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, and even into the dollars. If this has been the result in such a short time, what will the great majority of stamps, which are now obsolete, be worth fifty years hence? This seems a light question at first, but to those who have studied the subject through an experience of many years, it is one of exceeding interest. Man is a selfish animal and every generation has to take care of itself, so we need not to trouble ourselves about the difficulties the collector of the future will have, but it is interesting to think of these things, and, judging by the past, it is comforting for the collector of today to realize how much easier it is for him to make up his collection than it will be for one who comes a half century hence, and to think what can be got now for so much money, will then command four or five times the amount.

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" " '83, 2c.	40
" " '83, 5c.	75
Ionian Isles, 2c. lake, <i>rare</i>	50
Persia, '82, 5c.	10
" " '82, 10c.	15
St. Lucia, 1/2c.	5
Orange States, 1/2c. on 5s.	10
Sandwich Isles, 1c. violet.	5
Gudeloupe, 15c.	12
" " 30c.	25
Nevis, '80, 2 1/2c.	15
Bosnia, news, 2k.	4
Cuba, '57, 1r.	5
" " '60, 1/4r. plata black.	25
" " '64, 2real plata.	25
" " '67, 40c.	30
" " '58, 5c.	10
" " '68, 40c.	25
" " '79, 5c.	5
" " '82, 1c.	3
Siam, 1883, 5 var.	1.50
Ecuador, 1 p. rose.	50
Mexico, Porte de Mar, 2c., black.	10
Orange States, 1d. on 5s.	20
Panama, 10c.	25

Phillipine Islands, '74, 25c. blue	60
" " '80, 3c. red	8
Servia, '66, 20 or 40 p.	10
La Guaria, '64, 1/2r. blue.	10
" " '74, 2r. green.	10
" " '69, 1/2r. "	10
" " '65, 2, 3 or 4 cent.	25
St. Domingo, envelope, 5c.	15
Turkey, '65, 5 piastres.	15

USED.

New South Wales, '60, 8p. yellow.	10
Gambia, '80, 4d.	15
Argentine Republic, 24c.	10
" " 60c.	25
" " 90c.	65
Bavaria, 2 marks.	5
Brazil, '78, 1,000r.	20
Ceylon, '72-80, 24 or 48c.	4
envelope, 4c.	5
St. Settlements, 8, 10 or 24c.	3
Western Australia, '65-72, 3, 4 or 6d.	5
Ecuador, '65, 1r. green.	25
Griqualand, 1p.	5
N. S. Wales, '77, 4p.	2
Norway, '56, 8s.	4
" " '73, 7s.	3
Spanish W. Indies, '55, 1/2.	10
St. Domingo, '80, 5c. blue.	10
" " '80, 10c. rose.	15
Surinam, 25c.	10
U. S. of Columbia, '65, 2 1/2c.	15
" " '65, 10c.	5
" " '65, 20c.	15
" " '65, 50c.	25
" " '63, 1 p.	20
" " '67, 10c.	5
" " '67, 20c.	15
" " '67, 50c.	25
" " '67, 1 peso.	20
" " '69, 2 1/2 or 20c.	5
" " 10 p. large.	50
" " 5 p. "	1.00
Württemberg, 2 marks.	18
Cyprus, '80, 1/2 p.	3
Newfoundland, '80, 3c.	2
Peru, '65-5, 1 peseta, yellow.	10
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In the right corner—not everywhere,
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Sandwich Isles, 1c. violet.....	.5
Guadeloupe, 15c.....	.12
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