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By W. F. BISHOP,
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And distributed gratuitously to his patrons.

NOTICES:—Remit money by Postal Note or P. O. Order, payable at Chicago, Ill. Fractional parts of a dollar can be sent in 1 or 2 cent stamps. Orders and letters of inquiry *must contain* stamp for return postage. Our new Catalogue, 3 cents.

Do not fail to look over our list of packets. It will pay you.

HE REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT.

Passing over the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, a short time since, as the mail was thrown off at one of the stations, it was picked up by a negro boy, fifteen or sixteen years old, who took it on his shoulders and started for the post office. After proceeding for a short distance he was met by a gentleman followed by a dog. As the dog passed, the darkey gave him a kick, which the gentleman resented by seizing him by the coat collar, and giving him a thorough shaking. As soon as the boy recovered from his process, he turned upon the agitator, and said, "Look-a-here, massa, you'd better be keerful how you shakes dis chile, cos when you shakes me, you shakes de whole United States, *I carries de mail.*"

ADVANCED COLLECTORS.

If you are in need of rare stamps, send us a list of your wants and we will price those in stock. We have many rare stamps, and can give you lower prices than any other house.

"Oh, Charley!" said a little fellow to another, "we are going to have a cupola on our house." "Pooh, that's nothing, Pa's going to get a mortgage on ours," rejoined the other.

Send for our "Imperial Album" if you are in need of a good substantial album.

KIND WORDS.

"I enclose an order for more packets. I like your packets *very much*, and have heard other persons who have bought packets of you say they were *well* pleased with them."

C. D. PALMER.

"Received packets O. K., and they are just splendid."

C. E. BIRD.

"Your 'Young America' packet can't be beat."

E. S. FARRELL.

"Have received stamps ordered a few days ago, and find them to be in fine condition."

A. J. PRICE.

IO Splendid U. S. stamps such as Departments, Carriers, Locals, Newspaper, etc., and *all unused*, for 25 cents.

Good Packets.

OUR FEBRUARY PACKET

Contains 25 stamps, all different, from Japan, Chili, Barbados 1883, Hawaii, Natal, Ceylon, Java, Egypt, Greece, Swan River, San Marino, St. Settlements, Eastern Roumelia, Turkey, Hong Kong and Cuba. Price, *only 25c.* It contains stamps from above mentioned countries only, and all are in perfect order, and they are well worth 60c. *Send for one.*

FIVE CENT PACKETS.

These packets contain fifteen varieties each, fourteen inside and one outside of an envelope. The value of this outside stamp averages five cents. Collectors will find these just the thing for retailing to their companions, as by purchasing a quantity a good profit can be made. Prices:

One packet .....	.05
Four packets15
Twelve packets40
One hundred packets	\$3.00
Postage extra.	

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"1884" PACKET

Contains 100 choice stamps from Argentine Republic, Chili, Hayti, Peru, Brazil, U. S. of Colombia, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Mauritius, etc., for only 50c. This is a fine packet, and cannot fail to please any one.

PACKET OF U. S. STAMPS.

This packet contains 20 *very desirable* stamps, such as Agriculture, Interior, War Departments, etc., for only 30c. It contains only desirable stamps—no clipped envelopes or current stamps.

PACKET "99"

Contains 15 *very desirable* stamps from South America, such as U. S. of Colombia, Brazil (numerals), British Guiana and Honduras, etc. Price, 25c.

One hundred well-mixed stamps from U. S. of Colombia, Turkey, Spain, Greece, Cuba, etc., 25c. A good packet for trading or to sell again.

REMARKABLY CHEAP SETS.

Ten Spain, 5c; 3 Chili, 5c; 4 Brazil, 5c; 3 Bulgaria, 6c; 4 Java, 5c; 4 Japan 5c; 6 Porto Rico, *unused*, 10c; 6 Sardinia, 6c; 5 French Colonies, 10c; 4 Mexico, 8c; 2 Persia, 10c; 3 Peru, 6c; 5 Portugal, 3c; 10 Roumania, 6c; 3 Hawaii, 7c; 10 Australia, 6c; 7 Brazil, 10c; 5 Gold Coast, 30c; 8 Italy, *surch 2c*, 8c; 6 Jamaica, 10c; 8 Norway, '75, 6c; 9 Russia, 8c; 10 Sweden, '72, 5c; 10 Sweden, *official*, 25c; 5 Transvaal, 30c; 10 War Dept., 15c.

Why do ladies make the best postmasters? Because they always see that the males (mails) come in promptly.

Remember, we carry the largest stock of Foreign stamps, and are convinced, with our long experience, that we can suit the most fastidious.

Ten all unused stamps from Paraguay, Mauritius, Bulgaria, Brazil, etc., 15c. Fifteen all unused stamps from Naples, Confederate, Iceland, Nicaragua, etc., 20c.

The rates of ocean postage fixed by Franklin in 1853 remained unchanged until 1868, when the charge was reduced from 25 cents to 12 cents. This explains why an ocean steamer was represented on that value of the 1869 issue.

Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati have attempted to establish a penny-post city delivery, but after an experiment of some six weeks they were stopped by Government authority. In each of these cities stamps were issued for this purpose all of which are now out of date, and fast becoming rare.

A CURIOUS ADVENTURE.

The ancient postoffice clerk, Lawrenson, who has been in the department for forty-nine years, and has administered the oath to every Postmaster-General since Wickliffe was sworn in, relates a curious adventure. While coming over from Baltimore, the other day, he was approached by a middle-aged lady who introduced herself as Mrs Merrick. "I remember you very well," said she; "I was with my father when you administered the oath of office to him as Postmaster-General, more than forty years ago. I am the daughter of Wickliffe. I was quite a young girl then, but I remember you well." The old gentleman was taken by surprise, and could scarcely recognize in the mature matron before him the bright little girl who held her father's left hand while he held up his right and received the oath of office.

THE IMPERIAL ALBUM.

This is a new album, and tends to become very popular. It is oblong, bound in cloth, with fine gilt lettering. It contains space for 2,600 stamps, as well as for the flags and coat of arms of every country. It gives the rulers, population, size and standard coin of each country, and other useful information. Each issue of stamps is described and illustrated. It is printed on good heavy paper, and is an album for the multitude. Price, post-free, \$1.

SPECIAL NOVELTIES.

Unused Costa Rica "Oficial," 10 c; Persia 5c *Sun Series*, 10c; British Honduras 1d, 5c; Hawaii 1c, blue 2c; Peru *Unpaid* 10c, 3c; Port Indies 1½r, 2c; San Marino 2c, 1c; Bahamas 1d, 5c; Egypt 10p, 3c; Hayti 1c, 3c; Heligoland ½s, 2c; Iceland 3aur. 3c; Luxemburg 1 or 2c, 1 c; Trinidad ½d, 3c; U. S. Carrier, 2c; Executive, State, Justice, or Navy 1c, 2c; Tobago ½d, 3c.

1000 Well assorted stamps for only 33 cents, post free.

OUR "NEW YEAR" PACKET

Contains 12 unused stamps from Iceland, Confederate, Peru (*unpaid*), Tobago, French Colonies, Luxemburg, Java, Bulgaria, Heligoland and Bermuda, etc., for only 20c. *A good bargain.*

We call particular attention to our packets, believing they are the best in the world for the price. During 1883 the sales exceeded our expectations. They contain many rare varieties, and all are in good condition. As we import our own stamps, we can afford to offer stamps at low rates. A trial order will convince you of all we say.

As no more U. S. locals will ever be used, and they will become rare, send 20c for 5 different varieties.

Here is a gem alleged to have been found in the letter of a young lover: "Dearest love, I have swallowed the postage stamp which was on your letter, because I knew your lips had touched it."

The disappearance of the Confederate stamps from circulation in America is the memorial of the doom of slavery, and the advance of free labor and equality all over the globe. Or, in later years, the stamps with large plain figures, for Alsace and Lorraine, tell of the result of the great war by which the restless French have been driven back forever, let us hope, from the Rhine provinces. The changes in the Spanish Government are marked by the various devices employed—the Republic of 1870, by a head of Liberty, with mural crown; the accession of King Amadeo, by a fine series of stamps bearing his portrait; his abdication, by the issue of a set with a seated figure representing the Republic of Spain.

If the collector will only study carefully the different issues, history and geography can easily be learnt therefrom; also the English currency of foreign moneys.

THE NATIONAL ALBUM.

Just the album for beginners. It is THE BEST, CHEAPEST AND NEATEST BOOK for the price in the market. To those having a collection of less than 800, and who cannot afford an expensive one, we recommend this popular album. It is strongly bound in imitation Morocco, and has spaces for nearly 2,000 stamps. Price, 28c.

All collectors should have a catalogue, with which to arrange their collections. We have a splendid one for only 20c; post-free, 23c.

200 Well assorted stamps from Honduras, Argentine, Brazil, etc., 18c.

The Packets in the following list are ALL desirable and contain MANY SCARCE AND RARE STAMPS, and ARE NOT MADE UP OF COMMON STOCK. Dealers can make from 50 to 100 per cent. profit by buying these Packets, and retailing Stamps from them.

THE "INTERNATIONAL" PACKETS.

THE BEST AND THE CHEAPEST.

The first fourteen Packets of the following list are made up of stamps from all parts of the world, and without any duplicates. The fourteen will be sent to one address for \$7.00, post free, by registered mail for \$7.10.

- No. 1 contains 12 stamps from Australia, such as Fiji Islands, Western Australia, (swan) Sandwich Islands, etc. Price 25 cents; by mail, 27 cents.
- No. 2 contains 12 West India Island stamps, including Hayti, St. Domingo, Virgin Islands, Grenada, etc. Price 25 cents; by mail, 27 cents.
- No. 3 contains 12 South and Central American stamps, from Honduras, Salvador, Ecuador, Venezuela and other countries. Price, 25 cents; by mail, 27 cents.
- No. 4 contains 12 stamps from Asia, such as China, Persia, Samoa, Bhopal, etc. Price, 25 cents; by mail 27 cents.
- No. 5 contains 12 African stamps, including Gambia, Gold Coast, Liberia, Lagos, etc. Price 25 cents; by mail, 27 cents.
- No. 6 contains 15 unused European stamps, from Bulgaria, Malta, San Marino, Bosnia, etc. Price, 25 cents; by mail, 27 cents.
- No. 7 contains 12 scarce stamps from countries not now having a separate existence, such as Lubeck, Modena, Tuscany, Roman States, etc. Price, 25 cts; by mail, 27 cents.
- No. 8 contains 20 South and Central American stamps, including Nicaragua, Uruguay, Venezuela, Mexico and other scarce varieties. Price, 50 cents; by mail, 52 cents.
- No. 9 contains 30 unused European stamps, from Alsace and Lorraine, Servia, Turkey, Iceland, Greece unpaid, and other countries. Price, 50 cents; by mail, 52 cents.
- No. 10 contains 25 stamps from Asia, Africa, and Australia, including Angola, Sierra Leone, Griqualand West, Ceylon, Orange Free States, etc. Price, 50 cents; by mail, 52 cents.
- No. 11 contains 10 Native India Stamps, such as Alwar, Nowanugger, Rampour, Soruth, Sirmoor and other rare kinds. Price, \$1.00.
- No. 12 contains 50 unused stamps, many very scarce, such as Cyprus, Labuan, Roman States, Iceland, Confederate States, Luxemburg Official, etc. Price, \$1.00.
- No. 13 contains 35 stamps from the West Indies, including Bahamas, Nevis, St. Lucia, Turks Islands, St. Vincent, Porto Rico, Virgin Islands, Tobago and many other scarce kinds. Price, \$1.00.
- No. 14 contains 50 United States stamps, including one newspaper stamp, officials, unpaid letter stamps, etc. Price, \$1.00.
- No. 15 contains 100 stamps, duplicates. A good Packet for trading or to sell again. Price. 25 cents.

- No. 16 contains 30 United States Official stamps, from all the Departments except the Executive a fine Packet, Price, \$1.00.
- No. 17 contains 125 stamps from various countries in all parts of the world. Price, \$1.00.
- No. 18 contains 60 stamps from Asia, Africa and Australia, including such scarce varieties as Gold Coast, Philippine Islands, Samoa, Lagos, Liberia, Gambia, Cape Verde Islands, Shanghai and many others. Price, \$2.00.
- No. 19 contains 110 South and Central American stamps, many very scarce, such as Bolivia, British Honduras, Costa Rica, Surinam, Antioquia, Panama, Bolivar, and others equally as good. Price, \$5.00.
- No. 20 contains 250 stamps, including many rare varieties, such as Paraguay, Bremen, Griqualand West, Mozambique, Bolivia, Nepal, Cashmere, and other rare varieties to numerous to mention. Price, \$5.00.

TWENTY-FIVE CENT SERIES

Each Packet contains twenty-five stamps from nearly as many countries. Price, 25 cents each, postage extra.

- No. 21 contains stamps from Antigua, Barbados, Bavaria (1849), Belgium (1850), Canada (beaver) and 19 other countries.
- No. 22 contains stamps from Austria (old), Baden (figure), Bermuda, Jamaica, Luxemburg and 18 other countries.
- No. 23 contains stamps from Austrian Italy, Cape of Good Hope, Finland, Greece, Japan and 17 other countries.
- No. 24 contains stamps from Brazil, New Zealand, Peru, Queensland, Sweden and 19 other countries.
- No. 25 contains stamps from Chili, Newfoundland, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, and 16 other countries.
- No. 26 contains stamps from Ceylon, Porto Rico, Prussia, Hong Kong, Turkey and 16 other countries.
- No. 27 contains stamps from Confederate States, Egypt, Roumania, St. Christopher, Wurtemberg and 15 other countries.
- No. 28 contains stamps from the Danish West Indies, Russia, Spain, Victoria, Western Australia and 17 other countries.
- No. 29 contains stamps from the Dutch Indies, Mexico, Tasmania, Trinidad, U. S. of Columbia and 17 other countries.
- No. 30 contains stamps from Natal, Sandwich Islands, Servia, South Australia, Switzerland and 15 other countries.

The ten Packets (250 different stamps) will be sent by packet post for \$2.50 postage paid; in a sealed envelope for \$2.54, or by registered mail for \$2.60.

All of my packets contain many rare stamps, not usually put up in packets by other dealers. Do not forget this when you desire to purchase packets.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

REMOVAL!

On account of the large increase in our business, which has grown nearly four-fold during the past five months, we are obliged to seek more spacious quarters, and to this end have fitted up a large office in the elegant new Sear's Building,

No. 99 Washington St., Chicago,

with every accessory known to our business. Here we will be pleased to see all our old customers and any new ones.

We have the largest stock of postage stamps west of New York City, and importing our stamps *direct* from the country where used, we can sell at lower prices than those who buy from the wholesale dealer, in small lots.

We warrant all our stamps to be *genuine*, and a written guarantee given of any whenever desired. Anything of a doubtful nature is never permitted to go out at any price.

Special attention given to mail orders; all orders are filled the *day of receipt*, and the best specimens of those graded at same price invariably given.

OUR FACILITIES are unexcelled for the transaction of an extensive business, and is in fact the *only* one in the U. S.

OUR CAPITAL is ample to carry on an extensive business.

OUR EXPERIENCE is of eight years.

OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—We are constantly in receipt of the latest novelties in the stamp line, from our correspondents, in nearly every civilized country on the globe.

OUR OFFICE HOURS are from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Orders under 20 cents, respectfully declined.

ADVANCED COLLECTORS.

We have a large lot of choice stamps on hand, and will be pleased to give prices on any. Any special stamps procured. Our lot comprises 1st issue of Blood's Locals, New Caledonia, New Haven Local, U. S. of Columbia, 1860, Petersburg and Macon, Ga., Locals (Conf.) and others.

The Atlas Stamp Co., of Boston, are selling counterfeit Hawaii stamps. They offer "15 varieties for 20c." Young or inexperienced collectors will do well to leave such "tempting bargains" alone, unless they wish to get "duped."

Purchase your stamps only from reliable dealers, who have a reputation to take care of.

A letter mailed in Toronto, Nov. 9, and received at the Chicago Post-Office the next day, addressed to "Merchants' Dispatch, foot of South Water street," was delivered yesterday. The person addressed is decidedly in favor of quicker time between the Post-Office and South Water street.—*Chicago Tribune, Feb. 4, 1884.*

New Packets.

OUR MARCH PACKET

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Of the Modena 1852 issue we might say that the 1 lira, white, was watermarked "A" which was the initial of the maker of the paper—Signor Amici. In the whole set errors are frequent, prominent ones are *ctn, cnet, ceut* for cent, besides numerical errors,

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"What is the man yelling at?" asked a farmer of his boy. "Oh," chuckled the boy, "he is yelling at the top of his voice."

Below we give a list of countries, giving date when stamps were discontinued, and what country superseded same, viz.:

- Buenos Ayres, in 1861, by Argentine Republic.
- Brunswick, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Confederate States, in 1865, by United States.
- Thurn and Taxis, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Alsace and Lorraine, in 1871, by Ger. Empire.
- N. Ger. Conf., in 1871, by German Empire.
- Hanover, in 1866, by Prussia.
- Ionian Isles, in 1861, by Greece.
- Lubeck, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Meck. Scherwin, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Meck. Strelitz, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Modena, in 1860, by Italy.
- Montenegro, in 1860, by Italy.
- New Brunswick, in 1868, by Canada.
- Nova Scotia, in 1868, by Canada.
- Oldenburg, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Parma, in 1860, by Italy.
- Poland, in 1865, by Russia.
- Prussia, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Romagna, in 1860, by Italy.
- Roman States, in 1866, by Italy.
- Saxony, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Sch. Holstein, in 1868, by N. Ger. Conf.
- Tuscany, in 1861, by Italy.
- Naples and Sicily, in 1862, by Italy.

"Hamburg Locals" were made either for collectors or dealers, or both, and were never used. They are of no value to a collection.

Ten all unused stamps from Paraguay, Mauritius, Bulgaria, Brazil, etc., 15c. Fifteen all unused stamps from Naples, Confederate, Iceland, Nicaragua, etc., 20c.

MUANG THAI.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

The stamps of Siam are the latest addition to our albums. Bogus Siamese stamps have at various times been put on the market, but it was not until last year that the "simon pure" article came to hand.

They are five in number, as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ att, blue; 1 att, carmine; 4 atts, vermilion; 8 atts, yellow; 16 atts, orange. They bear the portrait of King Chulalong-Korl, in an oval. They were engraved in Paris, and are very handsome. Siam is called by its people Muang Thai, or the kingdom of the free, and yet it is one of the most despotic governments on the globe. The monarch has absolute possession of the bodies of his subjects, and can execute as many of them as he pleases and as often as he pleases. Siam is an ancient country; how old no one knows, but they have a history extending as far back as five centuries B. C.

Until very recently foreigners were not permitted to visit Siam, and even now, it would be unsafe for them to attempt to go to many parts of the country. But the way is gradually being opened, and the issue of postage stamps proves that civilization and progress, which are synonymous terms, are gaining a foothold. Siam is sometimes called "the land of the white elephant" as it is from there his white or rather cream-colored majesty hails, for a white elephant in Siam is something worthy of worship in the minds of the natives. Siam is a little-known country, even to many well informed people, and it will be worth while for our readers to get out their histories and encyclopedias and read up a little. Many interesting things will be learned thereby, and among others, that the Siamese, unlike any other people we have read of, have two kings to look after them and to be supported by them.

Of Natal stamps the 3 pence rose and 6 pence green of the 1867 issue, are the only ones of that issue that can be obtained without much trouble. The other values of the set, day by day, are getting scarce. One of them, the 9 pence, blue, is now attainable only on the breaking up of a collection and not always then.

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There is probably no amusement of the present day more popular and instructive than that of collecting foreign postage stamps. Postage stamps were first issued by Great Britain in the year 1840, and from time to time have been adopted by other countries, our own Government first issuing them in 1847, and now there is scarcely a country in the world that has not acceded to this method of pre-paying postage, so that it must be at once apparent to every intelligent person, that there is a vast deal of information gained from the study of these labels, coming as they do from every part of the world, and bearing on their face either the arms of the State or portrait of the ruler, and in nearly all cases the currency of the country where used, so that unconsciously the collector is made acquainted with the Geography, History and Currency of the various nations.

If you haven't a catalogue, you should send 28c. for the best one published. It contains 1,500 cuts, and is complete to January 1st, 1883. It is

"THE STANDARD CATALOGUE,"

for collectors. It is printed on fine heavy cream paper and is the best.

SPECIAL NOVELTIES.

NORTH BORNEO, 2c, brown	20c
SIAM, $\frac{1}{2}$ att, blue	10c
" 1 atts, carmine	15c
TRANSVAAL, 1d, black	8c
FARIDKOT, blue	10c
BAHAMAS, env. 4d	20c

UNUSED Costa Rica "Oficial," 10 c; Persia 5c *Sun Series*, 10c; British Honduras 1d, 5c; Hawaii 1c, blue 2c; Peru *Unpaid* 10c, 3c; Port Indies $1\frac{1}{2}$ t, 2c; Bahamas 1d, 5c; Egypt 10p, 3c; Hayti 1c, 3c; Heligoland $\frac{1}{2}$ s, 2c; Iceland 3aur, 3c; Luxemburg 1 or 2c, 1 c; Trinidad $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3c; U. S. Carrier, 2c; Executive, State, Justice, or Navy 1c, 2c; Tobago $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3c.

SPECIAL.

Having bought a large lot of unused U. S.—1869 issue—and wishing to close them out, we offer them at the following low prices, UNTIL MARCH 20TH, ONLY. *Send at once.*

1 cent, <i>Franklin</i>	\$0.02
2 cent, <i>Horseman</i>.....	.03
3 cent, <i>Triam</i>.....	.05
6 cent, <i>Washington</i>.....	.10
10 cent, <i>Eagle on Shield</i>.....	.15
12 cent, <i>Ocean steamer</i>.....	.18
15 cent, <i>Landing of Columbus</i>.....	.25
24 cent, <i>Declaration of Independence</i>....	.50
30 cent, <i>Eagle on shield</i>.....	.50
90 cent, <i>Lincoln</i>	1.50
Complete sets, each.....	3.00

These stamps are the handsomest ever issued by any Government. *Remember above offers good only until March 20th.*

We call particular attention to our packets, believing they are the "*best in the world.*" As we import our own stamps, we can afford to offer them at low prices. Any who have not tried our packets, we cordially invite to do so. *We guarantee satisfaction.* LIST FREE.

NOW READY.

The seventh edition of Scott's popular INTERNATIONAL ALBUMS are now ready for delivery.

PRICES OF 1884 EDITION:

Boards, half cloth.....	\$1 50
Cloth, magnificently gilded.....	2 50
Cloth, printed on one side of the paper only.....	5 00

Prices of others on application.

They are illustrated with a specially engraved map of the world, showing the location of every stamp-issuing country.

The pictures illustrating the designs of *every series* make the inserting of stamps in their proper places so plain that a mistake is almost impossible.

THIS IS THE LATEST AND BEST. SEE THAT YOU GET IT.

A KIND LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

"I have bought stamps from you since I began my collection, and have not once been disappointed in the quality or rarity of the stamps. A number of my friends say they will buy of no other dealer than you."

TOMMIE MCGRAW.

SCARCITY OF U. S. STAMPS.

It is a matter of fact to find that many of the American stamps are fast becoming rare. Take for example, the adhesives of 1851, issues of the denominations of 24, 30 and 90 cents, the 1869, 24, 30 and 90 cents, the 5-cent newspaper stamp with blue border, of the 1865 issue, etc., etc. European collectors labor under the impression that these stamps, coming as they do from our own country, must be common, and in most cases invariably expect them at low rates; while some of our home collectors exclaim, "U. S. stamps ought not to be rare, and they are too high priced altogether." Little do these persons dream, however, of their scarcity, and of the difficulty experienced by the dealer in procuring them, for every dealer knows that it is seldom the case they are ever offered, and when they are the quantity is too limited to be of any benefit. In our three years' experience we have never yet received half enough to supply our trade, and it is not unfrequently the case that we are compelled to offer retail prices for them in order to accommodate many of our patrons.

The State, Executive, Agricultural, and Justice Departments, with the exception of those of 3 and 6 cents, are also fast becoming scarce, the demand at all time being greater than the supply.

GOOD WORDS.

"Though I have bought of at least fifteen dealers, you 'beat 'em all.'"

W. S. HALE.

"Your packets are the best and cheaper than any other firm in the country."

GEO. HARRIDGE.

"I like your stamps *very* much and am glad to have some one on whom to rely to fill my orders."

E. D. TROWBRIDGE.

"Packets received 'O. K.' and I am greatly pleased with them. All my friends want to buy them."

EDDIE HOUGH.

200 Well assorted from Chili, Brazil, Greece, Natal etc. 20c.

Settlements desired from E. T. Delahay, H. Von Borrie, G. A. Page and others at once.

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SMALLEST P. O. IN THE WORLD.

Probably the smallest and most unique Post Office in the world is a barrel, which swings from the outermost rock of the mountains overhanging the Straits of Magellan, opposite Terre del Fuego. Every passing ship opens it to put letters in or to take them out. Every ship undertakes to forward all letters in it that is possible for it to transmit. The barrel hangs by its iron chain, beaten and battered by the winds and storms, but no locked or barred Post Office on land is more secure.

DO NOT FAIL to read *carefully* over our list of single stamps in this issue. They are bargains which have *never before* been offered or perhaps will *never again*. They are *perfect specimens*; and, if not *entirely satisfactory* to buyers, can be returned.

If you desire any Album, and want a good Album, write to us and get prices. We have them in all styles and kinds, ranging in price from 75c. to \$25.00.

BIDS

Invited for the following rare Stamps. All of them are in fine condition, and any not satisfactory to the buyer can be returned:

Bavaria, 1 k., black.

Brazil, 1843, 30, 60, or 90 r.

Brown's local, a *very rare* local in a fine condition.

British Guiana, '82, 1c.

Honduras, 7 var., surcharged, unused.

New Caledonia, 25c., on 35c., a beautiful specimen, and *very rare*.

New Caledonia, 25c., on 75c., another rare specimen.

Blood's Locals, 1st issue, 3 var., unused, but slightly soiled. *Very rare* in this condition.

Saxony, 1st issue, 3pf., rose, slightly cancelled; good as an unused one.

U. S. of Columbia, '60, complete, cancelled with pen and ink; very desirable, fine specimens.

Corrientes, blue, rose, and green.

Floyd's Penny Post, brown, very rare.

Hall & Co., *no address*, blue.

Austria, '58, 3k., black.

N. S. Wales, Sydney view, 3 p., very rare.

Dominica, '83, ½p. surch., rare; a beautiful specimen.

All the above are used, unless stated otherwise.

AN ACROSTIC

W e are to please and you are to agree

F or to take my goods once; you will

B uy of no one else.

I can always give you

S atisfaction, for that is my motto.

H e deals fairly and

O penly to all.

P hilatelists should send a trial order to him.

APRIL PACKET

Contains **30 choice and rare Stamps**, used and unused, and is undoubtedly one of the best packets ever offered for the money. The specimens are in the *best* possible condition, and are worth three times the price asked. Send in your orders early. Price **52c.**, post paid.

POSTAL NOTES afford the most safe and convenient mode of remitting small amounts. They can be had for any amount under \$5; the fee for them is only three cents.

KIND WORDS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

"I have bought packets of several dealers, but find yours the best. *I highly recommend them.*"

E. P. KEECH, JR.

"A trial of your packets has satisfied me that they are worth more than you claim for them."

G. A. WELLS.

The effigy of Queen Victoria adorns, by actual count nine hundred and eighteen postage stamps.

We have heard it rumored recently that the Government would shortly issue a new series of stamps for local postage in the large cities. If this is true, what an addition this will be to the philatelists' albums.

We offer collectors decided bargains this month in the way of unused stamps. Do not fail to send a *trial order*; it will pay you.

PACKET OF U. S. STAMPS.

This packet contains 20 **VERY DESIRABLE** stamps, such as State, Post Office, Navy, War Departments, etc., for only 30 cents. It contains only desirable stamps—no clipped envelopes or current stamps.

Do not fail to read the contents of the present number; leave not an item unperused. Should it fail to interest you, please hand it to some one else in our line of business.

100 all different, from Spain, Turkey, Australia, etc. A good lot for trading, or to sell again, post free, 15c.

Try an April Packet or some single Stamps.

Scene at the Portland post-office.

"How much is the postage on a letter to New York?"

"Two cents."

"How long will it take?"

"Seven days."

"Here is four cents; make it go in three and one-half."

THE IMPERIAL STAMP ALBUM.

This beautiful new book is the latest thing in the way of a **POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM**, and gives a large amount of *useful* information. It gives the names of rulers, the government, the area, population and standard coin of *every* country. It also gives accurate representations of the

FLAGS AND ARMS OF THE WORLD.

Upwards of 500 pictures represent all the different issues, and provides space for 2,600 stamps.

Beautifully bound in cloth with elegantly designed cover in gold and black; red, blue, brown, etc., covers.

Price reduced to 75 cents, post free.

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This popular album hardly needs any description, as every collector has seen or heard of it before this. We will make a few comments on the seventh edition. It contains places for all stamps issued up to January, 1884. It is illustrated with over 1,500 engravings. It contains places for the following newly issued stamps: Siam, Faridkot, Rajpeepla, Brazil, Costa Rica, Grenada, Virgin Isles, Bulgaria, Barbadoes, and many others. Those who can afford to get a high priced album, this is the one to get. **THIS IS THE BEST ONE** issued. See that you get it. Prices: Boards, *half cloth*, \$1.50; cloth, *magnificently gilded*, \$2.50. Prices of others and descriptions made known on application.

Mr. C. H. SCHLUTER, of ———, Mich., states in a recent letter: "Your album is at hand, and it is a beauty, much finer than I expected it would be."

NEW NICKELS

Without the word "Cents." *Very rare; uncirculated*, for 15 cents, post free.

STAMPS ON APPROVAL.

On receipt of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, or more as security, we will send you some of our beautiful stamps. If you do not wish to send a cash security, send a satisfactory guarantee or reference from some reliable *business house* in your town or city. *On no other condition will we send sheets, so do not ask it.*

SCOTT'S "STANDARD" CATALOGUE

Stands without a rival to-day. It is beautifully illustrated with accurate representations of every stamp issued; it is printed on fine cream color paper and bound in a heavy paper cover; it gives exact date of issue of every stamp. It is also a useful guide for arranging stamps in Scott's Celebrated Stamp Albums. **FOURTY-FOURTH EDITION.** Price, 28 cents, postpaid.

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HE REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT.

Passing over the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, a short time since, as the mail was thrown off at one of the stations, it was picked up by a negro boy, fifteen or sixteen years old, who took it on his shoulders and started for the post office. After proceeding for a short distance he was met by a gentleman followed by a dog. As the dog passed, the darkey gave him a kick, which the gentleman resented by seizing him by the coat collar, and giving him a thorough shaking. As soon as the boy recovered from his process, he turned upon the agitator, and said, "Look-a-here, massa, you'd better be keerful how you shakes dis chile, cos when you shakes me, you shakes de whole United States, *I carries de mail!*"

Here is a gem alleged to have been found in the letter of a young lover: "Dearest love, I have swallowed the postage stamp which was on your letter, because I knew your lips had touched it."

1000 Well assorted stamps for only 33 cents, post free.

NOTHING SO POPULAR.

There is no pastime of the present day so popular, and certainly none more instructive, than that of collecting English and foreign postage stamps.—*Amateur's Journal.*

IO Splendid U. S. stamps such as Departments, Carriers, Locals, Newspaper, etc., and *all unused*, for 25 cents.

There is probably no amusement of the present day more popular and instructive than that of collecting foreign postage stamps. Postage stamps were first issued by Great Britain in the year 1840, and from time to time have been adopted by other countries, our own Government first issuing them in 1847, and now there is scarcely a country in the world that has not acceded to this method of pre-paying postage, so that it must be at once apparent to every intelligent person, that there is a vast deal of information gained from the study of these labels, coming as they do from every part of the world, and bearing on their face either the arms of the State or portrait of the ruler, and in nearly all cases the currency of the country where used, so that unconsciously the collector is made acquainted with the Geography, History and Currency of the various nations.

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Desiring rare Stamps, will do well to send us a list of their wants. We can give as low, if not lower prices than any other philatelic house in this country or Europe. Anything of a doubtful nature is never permitted to go out at any price. Try us and we will convince you that we offer lower prices than anywhere else.

Why do ladies make the best postmasters? Because they always see that the males (mails) come in promptly.

THE "WORLD" PACKET.

Contains 50 *VERY scarce* stamps from Gambia, Peru, U. S. of Colombia, Hawaii, Costa Rica 1883, Deccan, Bolivia, Tobago, etc. This is an excellent packet, and does not contain a single European stamp. Price, \$1.00.

UNUSED UNITED STATES.

Eagle Carrier.....	\$0 02
Franklin Carrier.....	02
1847, 5c.....	08
1847, 10c.....	15
1847, set of 2 var.....	20
1869, 1 c., <i>Franklin</i>	02
1869, 2c., <i>Horseman</i>	03
1869, 3c., <i>Triam</i>	05
1869, 6c., <i>Washington</i>	10
1869, 10c., <i>Eagle on Shield</i>	15
1869, 12c., <i>Ocean Steamer</i>	18
1869, 15c., <i>Landing of Columbus</i>	25
1869, 24c., <i>Declaration of Independence</i>	50
1869, 30c., <i>Eagle on Shield</i>	50
1869, 90c., <i>Lincoln</i>	1 50
1869, set of 10 var.....	3 00
1865, News, (largest issued), 5c.....	10
1865, " 10c.....	15
1865, " 25c.....	40
1865, " set of 3 var.....	55
Executive Dep't, 5 var., complete.....	30
Allen's Locals 2 var.,.....	05
Cincinnati, Local.....	02
Hussey's, 2 var.....	05
St. Louis, Local.....	02
Locals, 6 var.....	10

USED UNITED STATES.

1851, 1861, or 1869, 3c.....	01
1861, 2c., black.....	01
1870, 5c., Taylor, blue.....	01
1870, 12c., violet.....	02
1870, 90 c.....	05
Unpaid, 30c.....	05
" 50c.....	10
Registered, green.....	10
Interior, 2c.....	02
Justice, 15c.....	15
Navy, 1c.....	12
Post Office, 1c.....	03
Treasury, 7c.....	08
War, 1, 2, 12, 15, 24 or 30c.....	02
Envelope, '64, 2c, white or buff paper.....	02

RARE BARGAINS IN UNUSED STAMPS.

Alwar, brown.....	\$0 20
Antigua, '83, ½ d.....	04
Argentine Republic, '63, 5c.....	02
" " '82, ½c.....	02
*Azores, '81, 5 r.....	03

Bahamas, 1 d.....	05
" envelope, 4 d.....	25
Barbadoes, '83, ½ d.....	03
" '83, 1 d.....	05
" '83, 2½ d.....	15
Bermuda, '80, ½ d.....	03
Bolovia, '66, 5c., green.....	08
" '71, 5c.....	04
" '71, 10c.....	10
*Boloviar, '82, 5c.....	15
Brazil, '82, 10 r.....	02
Bremen, 3, 5, 7 or 10 g.....	05
*British Columbia, '65, 3 d.....	15
" " '68, 2c.....	15
British Honduras, '65, 1 d., blue.....	05
*Brunswick, envelope, green.....	08
Bulgaria, '83, 3 s.....	03
" " '83, 5 s.....	05
" " '83, 10 s.....	06
Cape of Good Hope, '76, ½ p.....*	03
Cape Verd, '81, 5 r.....	03
" " '81, 10 r.....	04
*Cashmere, red.....	10
*Chili, '77, 2c., yellow.....	07
" '81, 1c., green.....	03
Christianund, 4 ore, blue.....	02
Confederate, '63, 10c.....	02
" " '63, 20c.....	05
Costa Rica, '83, 1c., green.....	04
" " '83, 2c., rose.....	06
" " "Official," 1c.....	05
* " " 1c., surch.....	06
* " " 2c., ".....	08
Cyprus, '80, 1 d.....	03
" '80, 2½ d.....	05
" '80, 4 d.....	15
" '82, ½ pi, green.....	05
Danish West Indies, '73, 1c.....	03
Dominica, '74, ½ p.....	03
" " '74, 1 p.....	06
Dutch Indies, 1c.....	02
Curacao, '73, 2½c.....	03
Suriname, '73, 2½c.....	03
" '73, 3c.....	04
Egypt, '79, 10 p.....	03
Faridkot, blue.....	10
French Colonies, '77, 1c., green.....	02
Gambia, ½ p., orange.....	04
* " 1 p., deep crimson.....	06
* " 3 p., blue.....	15
Gold Coast, ½ d., bistre.....	04
" " 1 p., blue.....	06
" " 2 p., green.....	10

Grenada, '83, ½ d.	04	Newfoundland, 3 p., (<i>triangular</i>)	20
" '83, 1 d.	06	" " '57, 5p.	30
" '81, 2½ d., surch	18	* " " '82, 2c., (fish)	06
Guadeloupe, 15c.	10	* Nicaragua, '62, 1c.	04
" 30c.	20	" " '62, 2c., blue.	10
*Guatemala, '78, ½ r.	07	" " '82, 1c.	04
" '79, ¼ or 1 real (parrot)	10	North Borneo, 2c., brown.	15
" '82, 1c., (parrot)	04	*Nowanugger, blue.	05
" Wrapper, ¼ r.	10	Paraguay, '82, 1c., blue.	04
Hamburg, '65, 1¼ s.	02	Persia, '82, 5c., (litho)	10
" no value, brown.	02	" " '82, 10c., "	15
Haiti, '81, 1c.	03	" " "Service," (2 colors) 2 s.	08
* " '81, 2c.	06	Peru, '79, 1c.	02
* " '81, 3c.	10	" " '74, Unpaid, 10c.	03
Heligoland, '67, ¼ s., red or green centre	02	* " envelope, 2c.	10
" '67, ½ s.	02	Porto Rico, '82, ½ or 1 m.	01
" 1 pf.	01	" " '82, 2 m.	01
" 2 pf.	01	" " '84, 1 m.	01
Holland, 1 c., blue, unpaid.	02	*Port. Indies, 1½ r., <i>surch</i>	04
" 2½c., rose, "	05	* " " 4½ r., "	10
Honduras, '78, 1c.	03	* " " 6 r., "	15
* " '78, 2c.	06	* Rampour, '76, blue.	08
* Ionian Isles, 2 oboli, lake.	30	Samoa, '78, 2d or 3d.	15
Boloviar, '63, 1 peso, <i>smallest stamp</i>	75	Sandwich Isles, '82, 1c., blue.	02
Japan, '71, brown.	06	" " '82, 2c.	03
" '71, blue.	10	" " '84, 25c.	35
" '72, brown.	06	" " '62, 2c.	05
" '75, ½ s, brown.	03	Siam, ½ a., blue.	10
" '75, ½ s, slate.	03	" 1 a., carmine.	10
* " '75, 1 s, blue.	06	St. Christopher, ½ d., green.	04
" '75, 1 s, brown.	03	St. Domingo, '80, 1c.	03
" '76, 5 rin, slate black.	02	" " '80, 2c.	06
" '76, 1 s, black.	03	" " '83, 5c., <i>surch</i>	05
" '83, 1 s, green.	03	" News, 3c.	08
* " '83, 2 s, rose.	07	*St. Helena, 1 p., carmine.	06
* " '83, 3 s, orange.	10	St. Lucia, ½ p.	04
" '75, env., 1 s.	05	St. Vincent, ½ d., (small)	04
" '75, " 2 s.	06	" 1 d.	06
" '75, " 4 s.	12	*Suez Canal, '70, 5c.	08
" '75, " 6 s.	18	* " " '70, 20c.	05
Labuan, 2c., green.	10	*Thurn and Taxis, 1 s., green or rose.	01
* " 6c., orange.	25	* " " " ½ s., green.	02
*Lubeck, '59, ½s or 4s.	04	" " " ¼ s., black.	01
Luxemburg, '82, 1 or 2c.	01	" " " 3 s., rose.	01
" '82, 4 or 5c.	03	" " " 6 s., blue.	01
" Official, 1 or 2c.	01	" " " 9 k., stone.	01
Malta, ½ d., orange.	03	* " " " 15 s.	04
*Mauritius, '80, 2c.	04	* " " " 30 s.	04
*Meck. Strelitz, 3p.	06	Tobago, '81, ½ p., light brown.	03
*Mexico, env., 4c.	15	*Transvaal, '69, 6p., blue.	10
*Naples, '61, 10 or 20 g.	05	" " 1 p., black.	06
*Nevis, 2½ p.	15	Trinidad, '83, ½ d.	03
		Turkey, Locals, 20 or 40 p.	03
		*Turks Islands, '83, ½ d.	04

Virgin Isles, '82, ½ p., green.....	04	Newfoundland, '76 or '80, 3c.....	02	
“ “ '80, 2½ p., brown.....	05	New South Wales, '72, 1s., black.....	05	
Venezuela, '83, 25c. brown.....	08	Nicaragua, '69, 5c.....	05	
*Uruguay, '83, 1c.....	04	Norway, '67, 1, 2, or 8s.....	02	
* “ '83, 2c.....	06	“ '78, 60 ore.....	10	
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PRICE-LIST OF USED STAMPS.				
Argentine Republic, '73, 1, 2 or 8c.....	\$0 02	“ '78, 1 krona.....	12	
“ “ '73, 24c., blue.....	10	“ '78, 2 krona.....	10	
Bahamas, 1s., green.....	10	Orange Free States, 1 or 4 p.....	03	
Bavaria, 2 marks, orange.....	05	“ “ “ 6 p.....	04	
Bosnia, 5k., rose.....	02	Persia, '76, 5 or 10s.....	07	
Brazil, '50, 30 or 60 r.....	03	“ '79, 10s.....	10	
“ '66, 100 or 200 r.....	01	“ envelope, 5 s.....	10	
“ '78, 10 or 100 r.....	01	Peru, '62, 1 d, green.....	04	
“ '78, 20 or 50 r.....	02	“ '66, 10c., llama.....	03	
“ '66, 300 r., green and yellow.....	10	“ '74, 5 or 10c.....	02	
“ '82, 100 r., olive.....	01	“ Unpaid, 5c.....	05	
“ '78, 1,000 r.....	25	“ “ 20c.....	15	
British Honduras, 4d., violet.....	08	Roumania, '62, 30 p.....	10	
Bulgaria, '81, 5s.....	02	Sweden, '72, 1 k.....	01	
“ '81, 10c., 15c. or 25c.....	03	“ Official, 6, 24, 30, 50 or 1 k.....	02	
Canada, '74, 10c., violet.....	02	Swiss, '67, 1 f., gold.....	03	
“ “ Registered” 2c.....	01	“ Unpaid, 50 or 100c.....	02	
Cape of Good Hope, ½, 2 or 3 p.....	02	Trinidad, '54, 1 p.....	25	
“ “ “ 6 d. or 1 s.....	03	“ '72, 4 p., slate.....	03	
Chili, '68, 10c.....	03	“ '72, 6 p., green.....	04	
“ '78, 20c.....	10	Tuscany, '59, 10c., prov.....	05	
Curacoa, '73, 25c.....	4	U. S. of Columbia, '63, 10c.....	35	
“ '73, 50c.....	2	“ “ '64, 10c.....	30	
Danish West Indies, '74, 3c.....	2	“ “ '65, 20c.....	15	
Denmark, '70, 48s.....	10	“ “ '65, 1 peso.....	40	
Dutch Indies, 1, 10 or 50c.....	01	“ “ '67, 1 peso.....	15	
“ “ 5, 20 or 25c.....	02	“ “ '68, 5 or 20c.....	05	
“ “ 2½c.....	03	“ “ '68, 10c.....	04	
Ecuador, '65, 1 r., buff.....	10	“ “ '81, 5 or 10c.....	02	
“ '73, 1 peso.....	25	Venezuela, 5 kinds.....	10	
France, '67, 5 francs.....	06	—————		
“ '77, 5 francs.....	03	When ordering single stamps from lists in this		
French Colonies, '81, 5 or 10c.....	03	issue, it is advisable to send an extra list as the		
India, “ Service,” ½ or 1 a.....	02	quantity is <i>limited</i> . We warrant <i>all</i> the above		
“ “ On H. M. S.,” ½ or 1 a.....	01	stamps to be <i>genuine</i> , and in <i>perfect</i> order; no		
Jamaica, '70-5, 4 p.....	02	<i>torn</i> or <i>soiled</i> stamps sent. Any party not satis-		
Luxemburg, '63, 1, 2 or 10c.....	01	fied with same, can return them at our expense,		
Mexico, '74, 5, 10 or 25c.....	02	and money will cheerfully be refunded. The		
“ '79, 2, 5 or 10c.....	02	only reason we offer them at such REMARKABLY		
“ '82, 2c.....	05	LOW prices is to reduce our stock, as we do not		
“ '82, 3c.....	04	wish to carry it over the slack season. Parties		
“ '82, 6c.....	03	can make a handsome profit by buying these		
“ '82, 24c.....	10	and retailing them to their friends. Send a <i>trial</i>		
Naples, '58, 2 g.....	0	<i>order</i> . Please remit by postal note, post office		
Natal, '74, 1 p., rose.....	0	order, or express order. The safest way to		
		remit is by post office order. Fractional parts		
		of a dollar can be sent in 1 or 2 cent stamps.		

CHEAP SETS OF UNUSED STAMPS.

1. Argentine Republic, '62, 3 var.	10
2. Austria, Mercury, '51, 3 var.	20
3. Baden, Land Post, 3 var.	5
4. Baden, 6 var., including 30k.	40
5. Baden, envelopes, 3 var.	35
6. Bavaria, Return Letter, 6 var.	10
7. Bavaria, unpaid, 2 var.	5
8. Bavaria, unpaid, 3 var., surch.	20
9. Boloviar, '79, 4 var.	75
10. Boloviar, '82, 4 var.	75
11. Bremen, 6 var.	45
12. Bremen, 3 var.	15
13. Confederate States, '63, 5 var.	30
14. Guatemala, '71, 4 var.	22
15. Guatemala, '75, 4 var.	25
16. Guatemala, '78, 4 var.	40
17. Guatemala, envelope, 3 var.	15
18. Hamburg, 12 var.	25
19. Hamburg, envelope, 7 var.	15
20. Heligoland, '67, 8 var.	25
21. Heligoland, 20 var.	75
22. Heligoland, wrappers, 3 var.	10
23. Japan, '71, 4 var.	75
24. Japan, envelope, 4 var.	75
25. Luxemburg, 5 var.	8
26. Modena, 12 var.	1 00
27. Naples, head, 7 var.	25
27½. Naples, head, 8 var.	35
28. Persia, service, 4 var.	50
29. Parma, 1st issue, 5 var.	50
30. Parma, prov., 6 var.	60
31. Porto Rico, '82, 6 var.	8
32. Prince Edward Island, 12 var.	65
33. Roumania, '65, 3 var.	8
34. Roumania, '66, 3 var.	8
35. Romagna, 8 var.	1 25
36. Sandwich Isles, '82, 6 var.	90
37. Sicily, 7 var.	1 25
38. Thurn and Taxis, 12 var.	25
39. Thurn and Taxis, 13 var.	35
40. Turkey, '65, 8 var.	20
41. United States, '47, 2 var.	25
42. United States, News, '65, 3 var.	60
43. United States, News, '75, 5 var.	40
44. United States, Executive, 5 var.	40
45. United States, locals, 5 var.	20

CHEAP SETS OF USED STAMPS.

1. Austria, Telegraph, 8 var.	20
2. Denmark, '64, 5 var.	10
3. Gold Coast, 5 var.	20

4. Guatemala, '82, 5 var., parrot.	35
5. Holland, unpaid, 2 var.	10
6. Italy, official, 8 var.	15
7. Italy, 2c. surch, 8 var.	6
8. Jamaica, 6 var.	10
9. Nicaragua, '67, 5 var.	30
10. Norway, '77, 6 var.	10
11. Norway, '72, 8 var.	6
12. Orange States, 4 var.	20
13. Persia, '76, 4 var.	30
14. Russia, 9 var.	8
15. St. Domingo, '79, 4 var.	35
16. Sweden, '72, 10 var.	6
17. Sweden, official, 10 var.	25
18. Swiss, unpaid, 9 var.	20
19. Transvaal, 5 var.	30
20. U. S. P. O. Envelopes, 3 var.	6
21. War Department, 10 var.	15

All countries printed in **Heavy-faced Type** are *complete sets*. NO SETS BROKEN. When ordering give number of set and price, which is sufficient.

TEN CENT PACKETS.

Each packet contains ten stamps, *all rare and in the best possible condition*.

No. 101.—Bulgaria, Venezuela, Cape, etc.

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No. 103.—Orange States, Turkey, Porto Rico, Spain, etc.

No. 104.—Hawaii, Newfoundland, Spain, Brazil, Cape, etc.

No. 105.—Luxemburg, Peru, Swan River, Porto Rico, etc.

No. 106.—Guiana, Hungary, India, rr.; Thurn and Taxis, etc.

No. 107.—Cuba, Natal, U. S. of Colombia, Greece, etc.

No. 108.—Confederate, Malta, Spain, Jamaica, etc.

No. 109.—Brazil, Greece, Heligoland, Holland unpaid, etc.

No. 110.—United States, 1851, 1861 and 1869 issues and departments.

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SCARCITY OF U. S. STAMPS.

It is a matter of fact to find that many of the American stamps are fast becoming rare. Take for example, the adhesives of 1851, issues of the denominations of 24, 30 and 90 cents, the 1869, 24, 30 and 90 cents, the 5-cent newspaper stamp with blue border, of the 1865 issue, etc., etc. European collectors labor under the impression that these stamps, coming as they do from our own country, must be common, and in most cases invariably expect them at low rates; while some of our home collectors exclaim, "U. S. stamps ought not to be rare, and they are too high priced altogether." Little do these persons dream, however, of their scarcity, and of the difficulty experienced by the dealer in procuring them, for every dealer knows that it is seldom the case they are ever offered, and when they are the quantity is too limited to be of any benefit. In our three years' experience we have never yet received half enough to supply our trade, and it is not unfrequently the case that we are compelled to offer retail prices for them in order to accommodate many of our patrons.

The State, Executive, Agricultural, and Justice Departments, with the exception of those of 3 and 6 cents, are also fast becoming scarce, the demand at all time being greater than the supply.

PECULIAR MAIL MATTER.

The United States government has vainly endeavored for years to educate the people up to a proper knowledge of what should not be sent through the mails.

It seems to be impossible to fix permanently in the minds of certain American citizens, that nitro-glycerine packages make great confusion when they are stamped, and glassware cannot be kept in shape. Papier-mache clocks, when sent by mail, lose their face value, and horse-collars, mill stones and bath tubs put the department to a great deal of trouble. There is absolutely nothing that an American will not send by mail if you take your eye off him. Every year the authorities call attention to the fact that hewn lumber, fire-proof safes and patent coffins are inadmissible. Every single year poodles, pet snakes and terrapin get loose in the mail bags, and every year there is a strong suspicion that many New Yorkers, about the first of May, are trying to move all their household effects through the post-office.—*Empire City Philatelist.*

PHILATELISM.

We make the following extracts from a recent issue of the *Chicago Tribune*, believing it may interest our readers.

It is wonderful the amount of ignorance that still prevails in this enlightened age. A *Tribune* reporter was appealed to a few days ago by a pair of disputants who were wrangling over the meaning of the word "philately." The reporter said every school-boy knew what that was, and then walked off without offering any further elucidation.

A PROFESSIONAL PHILATELIST.

A *Tribune* reporter called on a professional philatelist yesterday in this city and found him up to the ears in stamps. There were stamps on the desk and stamps all over the chairs. The walls were hung with prints of varied stamps, and an alabaster cast of John Quincy Adams—which a shrewd image-vender had christened "Sir Rowland Hill, Bart., Father of the Penny Post"—occupied the post of honor on the mantel. Open albums were spread on the floor. Stamp catalogues and similar light literature filled the hanging book-shelf. Hundreds of ancient, decayed, and canceled stamps were loosely fastened on the open pages of a large album, on which the philatelist was at work, and thousands of new, uncut and unused stamps from various foreign countries lay in clean, crisp sheets on the top of the desk and in the open bureau drawers.

"Got any stamps?" said the reporter.

"Yes, sir; I have about 2,000 varieties, including all the leading stamps of the world, home and foreign, used and unused, many exceedingly rare varieties. Have just received a consignment of Paraguays and Simjei Ujongs; have also some fine Herzegovinas, Autofogastas, Mecklenburg-Strelitzes, Schleswig-Holsteins, Nicar—"

"Hold on, please—I can only speak English. How's business?"

The philatelist abstractedly stuck an old Abe Lincoln 10-center on the tip of his nose, and surveyed the inquirer. Then the reporter explained his mission.

"Ah, *The Tribune!* to be sure, certainly, certainly!" said the philatelist. "I am the editor of a journal myself—a philatelic journal. *The Tribune* once republished one of my articles. My private album is worth \$1,000. Yes, it's a big trade and a paying one, too. I am the principal dealer in Chicago, and the only wholesale dealer."

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Desiring rare Stamps, will do well to send us a list of their wants. We can give as low, if not lower prices than any other philatelic house in this country or Europe. Anything of a doubtful nature is never permitted to go out at any price. Try us and we will convince you that we offer lower prices than anywhere else.

As Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands, has become a prominent personage lately, it is well that his real name should be known. It is David Laamea Kamanakapun Mahinulani Naloia-achuokalani Sumialani Kalakaua.

ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING.

BY HIPPOLYTE.

Another lap in the great march of Philately, another feather in the cap of one cherished science and another nail in the coffin of the scoffer whose voice dissonant as the screech owl's, is ever heard prophesying its death. Let the scoffer scoff and the prophet prophesy; philately still holds its ground. Nay, each day it gains additional strength, for the number of its proselytes is ever increasing, and though its oldest and staunchest devotees are yearly falling off, for each of them that retires from the ranks we have a hundred recruits all eager in the pursuit of their new hobby.

Many were the wisecracs who laughed at the idea of stamp collecting ever taking firm root as a pastime, though there can not be any doubt that it will eventually become the favorite amusement and study of the million.

As a pleasant pastime it has few equals, perhaps none, besides which it has this advantage, that it adapts itself to the purse of the schoolboy as well as to that of the millionaire, whilst that the money spent in stamps is not thrown away, as with scraps, etc., for if the collector of stamps has laid out his money judiciously and has been for some years engaged in the pursuit of his hobby,—his collection,—should he in time decide to part with it, will bring him as much as it cost him and sometimes much more. For where is the collector who has not an occasional "find" in the shape of some rare stamp picked up for a few cents or given by some friend. Indeed we scarcely ever meet any of our philatelic friends without hearing of such and such a streak of luck on their part; though in many cases their "find" might more properly be termed a "loss" but this is more the fault of their greed than their inexperience, for in nearly all such instances very little judgment has been exercised "the victim having trusted too much to his cuteness."

If collectors trusted to their catalogues and guides a little more and to their cuteness a little less, we think they would be much less likely to be gulled.

We have seen collectors buying anything and everything without discrimination and so it happens that one day they are bitten with forgeries and inventions which they do not discover to be such till they submit their collection to the inspection of some more experienced friend who pronounces judgment on such and

such specimens. He is of course at first disbelieved and the assertion supposed to spring from jealousy or malice, but the statement is subsequently verified and we then see our quondam enthusiast disgusted with stamps.

If he gets over his disgust he will scarcely speculate a cent on a stamp without having the opinion of half a dozen eminent philatelists. Such has been the case with very many collectors, and such is very likely to be the case with very many more.

Despite these little drawbacks stamp collecting has so many attractions that it will triumph over all such obstacles and dampers to the zeal of its votaries. For who, even amongst those who have long since given up collecting, does not find pleasure in overlooking his collection now and then (cast aside though it may be for the time being) and in reverting to the time when he collected stamps in earnest.

SOME NEW RUBBISH.

BY P. LA T.

The stamp collecting public is a cow that has been been pretty thoroughly milked, and that there is a little more lacteal fluid to be squeezed out seems to be taken for granted by one enterprising New York party, who now advertises Western Union Telegraph Franks and Rapid Telegraph Stamps for sale.

What are we coming to? The man who collects beer, ale and tobacco stamps and tin foils, seems to most collectors to be a little overdoing the matter, but as they are government issues they are collectible; but whoever collects telegraph franks will have to collect expired rail road passes, restaurant, commutation, and bill board theatre tickets, and as for rapid telegraph stamps, they are only used as a check on the honesty of the employes, and not in any way as a postage stamp. Whoever wants them will also want old check book stubs and stage line change envelopes, which will no doubt soon appear arranged and classified by dates of issue and amounts of value in some of our standard catalogues.

Because a piece of paper is engraved, perforated and gummed, is no reason why it should be accepted and kept with honest issues.

The number of new stamps issued every year is appalling to collectors, and why then should they collect worthless trash to the detriment of their purse and the disfigurement of their albums.

If you have pages in your albums for such rubbish and don't like to see them empty, tear them out; don't fill them up, for if you do you take the first step towards a stamp chaos—think

of the hundreds of express and telegraph companies in the United States; if you collect the labels of one, you will have to collect all.

There is no commencement, no end; be wise and eschew this trash. Stamp dealers are good in their way, but there is absolutely no end to where they will lead collectors for a little money.

The foreign telegraph stamps are issued in most cases by their respective governments, and in some cases ordinary adhesives are used indiscriminately for telegrams and postal purposes. Collect these as you think fit, but in the United States let us adhere to government or genuine local issues.

A NEW VARIETY OF STAMPS— THE DUDE.

There is a pressure being brought to bear on the Washington P. O. Department to issue dress collars, stamped so that the young dudes attending dinner parties, etc., in case they become slightly elevated, the department is supposed to forward messengers to stamp, obliterate and deliver the said parcels of "dudes" to each and every one's particular home.

As each dinner party or hurrah will require a new collar, this is likely to become an immense source of revenue to our paternal government, even at the rate of one cent per pound of dude, to say nothing about the philatelic trade likely to spring up in philatelists collecting obliterated specimens of collars.

THOSE MILLION STAMPS AGAIN.

We often hear the question asked of what use is stamp collecting to the human race? This query has been answered dozens of times, by nearly all of our prominent philatelists, both in the new world and the old, but it remains to my humble self to give a reason for its use, that will render it second to none as a benefactor to mankind, no more will we collectors be sneered at, laughed at, talked at and called timbromaniacs.

Kind reader, no doubt you are surprised even if you are fortunate enough to be a Philatelist yourself, and a fortune is in your grasp, you smile and ask, what is this great use philately can be put to? Reader, this is a cure for diphtheria and half a dozen other ills the human flesh is heir to; I discovered it accidentally, and as being such a fortunate discovery, give the benefit of it to my fellowmen, although I might if I desired copyright it and shortly become a millionaire. 'Twas discovered thus: Outside

of my being a philatelist, I also entered for the grand prize for obtaining a million stamps, offered by Sir Daniel Cooper, the amount being \$5,000.

Keeping them counted and assorted, I knew exactly of what stamps they consisted; there were 300,000 3 cent, 1870 issue; 100,000 2 cent, 100,000 1 cent, 50,000 5 cent and 50,000 10 cent of the same issue; of the 1869 issue there were 195,090 3 cent, 5,000 1, 2, and 6 cent, mixed; of the 1861 issue there was 100,000 of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cent mixed; of the 1851 issue there was 10,000 1 cent, 85,000 3 cent, 4,500 10 cent, 400 12 cent, 3 30 cent and one 90 cent; making in all 999,999 stamps of the various adhesives of the United States.

Prior to packing them and getting the last stamp to make the million complete, I carefully stored them for the night in our copper washing boiler on which I placed the cover, first seeing it was dry inside and that the water faucet was not running, I retired, it being Sunday night. On the morrow bright and early, it being washing day, our celestial friend from the Flowery Kingdom, who had arrived before the exclusion act went into effect, arose, and as was his custom, lit the fire, filled the boiler wherein lay the prize, and without looking, once more retired to his couch and opium, there to dream of golden calves and fattened pigs. I must now state that in the house we had a lady visitor ill with the diphtheria, she being at the same time delirious. About Monday morning she arose from her bed, walked out to the wash house, lifted the cover from the boiler and drank of the above decoction.

The Chinese servant seeing her led her back to her room. Now I must tell you she had been given up by sixteen doctors, yet on the same Monday she dressed, came to the breakfast table, went shopping, attended a church fair, a picnic, the theater and ended with a dance the same day, but strange to say, the only drawback is that she has the regular issues of the United States stamps from one cent to ninety cents coming out all over her body, much to her disgust, but to my idea it enhances her beauty and value to a hundred fold. I may state I have bottled the remainder of the decoction and labeled it, "The Compound Quintessence of Washingtonian, Jeffersonian, Philatelic, anti-Diphtheria Excelsior Adhesive Acqua Vitæ Extract; sure death to diphtheria and everything else. Agents wanted in all parts of the United States and Europe. After this who shall say of what use is stamp collecting. We Philatelists have them now on the hip I guess. Oh no, not at all, "bet cher life."

UNUSED UNITED STATES.

Eagle Carrier	.....	\$0	02
Franklin Carrier	.....		02
1847, 5c.	.....		08
1847, 10c.	.....		15
1847, set of 2 var.	.....		20
1869, 1 c., <i>Franklin</i>	.....		02
1869, 2c., <i>Horseman</i>	.....		03
1869, 3c., <i>Triam</i>	.....		05
1869, 6c., <i>Washington</i>	.....		10
1869, 10c., <i>Eagle on Shield</i>	.....		15
1869, 12c., <i>Ocean Steamer</i>	.....		18
1869, 15c., <i>Landing of Columbus</i>	.....		25
1869, 24c., <i>Declaration of Independence</i>	.....		45
1869, 30c., <i>Eagle on Shield</i>	.....		50
1869, 90c., <i>Lincoln</i>	.....	1	50
1869, set of 10 var.	.....	3	00
1865, News, (largest issued), 5c.	.....		10
1865, " 10c.	.....		15
1865, " 25c.	.....		40
1865, " set of 3 var.	.....		55
Executive Dep't, 5 var., complete	.....		30
Allen's Locals 2 var.,	.....		02
Cincinnati, Local	.....		01
Hussey's, 2 var.	.....		04
St. Louis, Local	.....		02
Locals, 5 var.	.....		06

USED UNITED STATES.

1851, 1861, or 1869, 3c.	.....	00	½
1861, 2c., black	.....	00	½
1870, 5c., Taylor, blue	.....	00	½
1870, 12c., violet	.....		01
1870, 90 c.	.....		05
Unpaid, 30c.	.....		05
" 50c.	.....		10
Registered, green	.....		08
Interior, 2c.	.....		01
Justice, 15c.	.....		10
Navy, 1c.	.....		05
Post Office, 1c.	.....		02
Treasury, 7c.	.....		08
War, 1, 2, 12, 15, 24 or 30c.	.....		02
Envelope, '64, 2c, white buff paper	.....		01

RARE BARGAINS IN UNUSED STAMPS.

Alwar, brown	.....	\$0	10
Antigua, '83, ½ d.	.....		04
Argentine Republic, '63, 5c.	.....		02
" " '82, ½c.	.....		02
*Azores, '81, 5 r.	.....		03

Bahamas, 1 d.	.....		03
" envelope, 4 d.	.....		15
Barbadoes, '83, ½ d.	.....		02
" '83, 1 d.	.....		03
" '83, 2½ d.	.....		10
Bermuda, '80, ½ d.	.....		02
Bolovia, '66, 5c., green	.....		05
" '71, 5c.	.....		02
" '71, 10c.	.....		10
*Boloviar, '82, 5c.	.....		15
Brazil, '82, 10 r.	.....		01
Bremen, 3, 5, 7 or 10 g.	.....		03
*British Columbia, '65, 3 d.	.....		10
" " '68, 2c.	.....		10
British Honduras, '65, 1 d., blue	.....		03
*Brunswick, envelope, green	.....		06
Bulgaria, '83, 3 s.	.....		02
* " '83, 5 s.	.....		04
Cape of Good Hope, '76, ½ p.	.....		03
Cape Verd, '81, 5 r.	.....		02
" " '81, 10 r.	.....		03
*Cashmere, red.	.....		10
*Chili	.....		06
" '81, 1c., green	.....		02
Christanund, 4 ore, blue	.....		01
Confederate, '63, 10c.	.....		01
" '63, 20c.	.....		04
Costa Rica, '83, 1c., green	.....		03
" " '83, 2c., rose	.....		05
" " "Oficial," 1c.	.....		04
Cyprus, '80, 1 d.	.....		02
" '80, 2½ d.	.....		04
" '80, 4 d.	.....		15
" '82, ½ pi, green	.....		04
Danish West Indies, '73, 1c.	.....		02
Dominica, '74, ½ p.	.....		02
* " '74, 1 p.	.....		06
Dutch Indies, 1c.	.....		01
Curacoa, '73, 2½c.	.....		02
Suriname, '73, 2½c.	.....		03
" '73, 3c.	.....		03
Egypt, '79, 10 p.	.....		02
Faridkot, blue	.....		05
French Colonies, '77, 1c., green	.....		01
Gambia, ½ p., orange	.....		03
* " 1 p., deep crimson	.....		06
* " 3 p., blue	.....		10
Gold Coast, ½ d., bistre	.....		04
" " 1 p., blue	.....		05
" " 2 p., green	.....		08

Grenada, '83, ½ d.....	03	Newfoundland, 3 p., (<i>triangular</i>).....	15
" '83, 1 d.....	05	* " '57, 5p.....	30
" '81, 2½ d., surch.....	12	* " '82, 2c., (fish).....	05
Guadeloupe, 15c.....	10	*Nicaragua, '62, 1c.....	04
" 30c.....	15	" '62, 2c., blue.....	10
*Guatemala, '78, ½ r.....	05	" '82, 1c.....	04
" '79, ¼ or 1 real (parrot).....	07	North Borneo, 2c., brown.....	10
" '82, 1c., (parrot).....	03	*Nowanugger, blue.....	05
" Wrapper, ¼ r.....	10	Paraguay, '82, 1c., blue.....	03
Hamburg, '65, 1¼ s.....	01	Persia, '82, 5c., (litho).....	08
" no value, brown.....	01	" '82, 10c., ".....	12
Hayti, '81, 1c.....	02	" " Service," (2 colors) 2 s.....	08
* " '81, 2c.....	05	Peru, '79, 1c.....	02
* " '81, 3c.....	08	" '74, Unpaid, 10c.....	02
Heligoland, '67, ¼ s., red or green centre.....	01	* " envelope, 2c.....	05
" '67, ½ s.....	01	Porto Rico, '82, ½ & 1 m.....	01
" 1 pf.....	01	" " '84, 1 m.....	00½
" 2 pf.....	01	*Port. Indies, 1½ r., <i>surch</i>	03
Holland, 1 c., blue, unpaid.....	01	* " " 4½ r., ".....	10
" 2½c., rose, ".....	03	* " " 6 r., ".....	15
Honduras, '78, 1c.....	03	*Rampur, '76, blue.....	08
" '78, 2c.....	06	Samoa, '78, 2d or 3d.....	10
*Ionian Isles, 2 oboli, lake.....	30	Sandwich Isles, '82, 1c., blue.....	02
Boloviar, '63, 1 peso, <i>smallest stamp</i>	60	" " '82, 2c.....	03
Japan, '71, brown.....	05	* " " '84, 25c.....	35
" '71, blue.....	10	" " '62, 2c.....	03
" '72, brown.....	05	Siam, ½ a., blue.....	05
" '75, ½ s., brown.....	02	" 1 a., carmine.....	06
" '75, ½ s., slate.....	03	St. Christopher, ½ d., green.....	04
* " '75, 1 s., blue.....	06	St. Domingo, '80, 1c.....	02
" '75, 1 s., brown.....	02	" '80, 2c.....	04
" '76, 5 rin, slate black.....	01	" '83, 5c., <i>surch</i> or 10c.....	05
" '76, 1 s., black.....	02	" News, 3c.....	05
" '83, 1 s., green.....	02	*St. Helena, 1 p., carmine.....	06
* " '83, 2 s., rose.....	05	St. Lucia, ½ p.....	04
* " '83, 3 s., orange.....	08	St. Vincent, ½ d., (small).....	03
" '75, env., 1 s.....	05	" 1 d.....	06
" '75, " 2 s.....	06	*Suez Canal, '70, 5c.....	08
" '75, " 4 s.....	12	* " " '70, 20c.....	05
" '75, " 6 s.....	18	*Thurn and Taxis, 1 s., green or rose.....	01
Labuan, 2c, green.....	08	* " " " ¼ s., green.....	02
*Lubeck, '59, 4s.....	04	" " " ¼ s., black.....	01
Luxemburg, '82, 1 and 2c.....	01	" " " 3 s., rose.....	00½
" '82, 4 or 5c.....	02	" " " 6 s., blue.....	00½
" Official, 1 and 2c.....	01	" " " 9 k., stone.....	00½
Malta, ½ d., orange.....	02	* " " " 15 s.....	03
*Mauritius, '80, 2c.....	03	* " " " 30 s.....	03
*Meck. Strelitz, 3p.....	06	Tobago, '81, ½ p., light brown.....	02
*Mexico, env., 4c.....	15	*Transvaal, '69, 6p., blue.....	10
*Naples, '61, 10 or 20 g.....	04	* " 1 p.; black.....	05
*Nevis, 2½ p.....	10	Trinidad, '83, ½ d.....	02
		Turkey, Locals, 20 or 40 p.....	02
		*Turks Islands, '83, ½ d.....	03

Virgin Isles, '82, ½ p., green.....	03	Newfoundland, '76 or '80, 3c.....	01
“ “ '80, 2 ½ p., brown.....	08	New South Wales, '72, 1s., black.....	03
Venezuela, '83, 25c., brown.....	03	Nicaragua, '69, 5c.....	03
* Uruguay, '83, 1c.....	04	Norway, '67, 1, 2, or 8s.....	01
* “ '83, 2c.....	06	“ '78, 60 ore.....	06
		“ '78, 1 krona.....	08
		“ '78, 2 krona.....	06

PRICE-LIST OF USED STAMPS.

Argentine Republic, '73, 1, 2 or 8c.....	\$0 01	Orange Free States, 1 or 4 p.....	02
“ “ '73, 24c., blue.....	06	“ “ “ 6 p.....	03
Bahamas, 1s., green.....	06	Persia, '76, 5 or 10s.....	05
Bavaria, 2 marks, orange.....	03	“ '79, 10s.....	06
Bosnia, 5k., rose.....	01	“ envelope, 5 s.....	06
Brazil, '50, 30 or 60 r.....	02	Peru, '62, 1 d., green.....	03
“ '66, 100 & 200 r.....	01	“ '66, 10c., llama.....	02
“ '78, 10 & 100 r.....	01	“ '74, 5 or 10c.....	01
“ '78, 20 & 50 r.....	01	“ Unpaid, 5c.....	04
“ '66, 300 r., green and yellow.....	05	“ “ 20c.....	10
“ '82, 100 r., olive.....	00½	Roumania, '62, 30 p.....	08
“ '78, 1,000 r.....	15	Sweden, '72, 1 k.....	00½
British Honduras, 4d., violet.....	05	“ Official, 6, 24, 30, 50 or 1 k.....	01
Bulgaria, '81, 5s.....	01	Swiss, '67, 1 f., gold.....	02
“ '81, 10c., 15c. or 25c.....	02	“ Unpaid, 50 or 100c.....	01
Canada, '74, 10c., violet.....	01	Trinidad, '54, 1 p.....	15
“ “ Registered” 2c.....	00½	“ '72, 4 p., slate.....	02
Cape of Good Hope, ½, 1, 2 or 3 p.....	01	“ '72, 6 p., green.....	02
“ “ “ 6 d. or 1 s.....	02	Tuscany, '59, 10c., prov.....	05
Chili, '68, 10c.....	03	U. S. of Columbia, '63, 10c.....	25
“ '78, 20c.....	06	“ “ '64, 10c.....	20
Curacoa, '73, 25c.....	02	“ “ '65, 20c.....	10
“ '73, 50c.....	08	“ “ '65, 1 peso.....	25
Danish West Indies, '74, 3c.....	01	“ “ '67, 1 peso.....	06
Denmark, '70, 48s.....	05	“ “ '68, 5 or 20c.....	03
Dutch Indies, 1, 10 or 50c.....	00½	“ “ '68, 10c.....	03
“ “ 5, 20 or 25c.....	01	“ “ '81, 5 or 10c.....	01
“ “ 2½c.....	02	Venezuela, 5 kinds.....	10
Ecuador, '65, 1 r., buff.....	08	Argentine Republic, '77, 5c.....	02
“ '73, 1 peso.....	20	Austria, '50, 1 k or 2 k.....	02
France, '67, 5 francs.....	05	“ '51, 2 or 3 k.....	02
“ '77, 5 francs.....	02	“ '63, 2 or 3 k.....	01
French Colonies, '81, 5 or 10c.....	02	“ '67, 50 k, salmon.....	05
India, “ Service,” ½ or 1 a.....	01	Austrian Italy, '67, 10 soldi.....	01
“ “ On H. M. S.,” ½ or 1a.....	00½	“ “ 5 different.....	03
Jamaica, '70-5, 4 p.....	01	Azores, '71, 25 r.....	02
Luxemburg, '63, 1, 2 & 10c.....	01	Brazil, '44, 30 r.....	06
Mexico, '74, 5, 10 or 25c.....	01	“ '66, 50 r.....	01
“ '79, 1, 2, 5 or 10c.....	01	British Guiana, 1 or 2c.....	01
“ '82, 2c.....	02	“ “ 8c.....	02
“ '82, 3c.....	02	Bulgaria, '83, 10 or 15c.....	02
“ '82, 6c.....	01	Cape of Good Hope, 4 d., blue.....	01
“ '82, 24c.....	05	Ceylon, 4c, grey and rose.....	01
Naples, '58, 2 g.....	02	“ envelope, 4c.....	03
Natal, '74, 1 p., rose.....	00½	Chili, '78 and '81, 5c.....	01
		Costa Rica, '62, ½ r.....	03
		“ '83, 5c.....	03

Cuba, '82, 5c.....	01
Curacoa, 2½c.....	02
Denmark, '64, 16 s.....	01
" Official, 4 and 8, or 32 s.....	01
Finland, 1 mark, violet.....	10
French Colonies, '72, 5c.....	02
" " '75, 10c.....	02
" " '77, 10 or 20c.....	02
" " '81, 5c.....	01
" " '81, 10c.....	02
Hungary, '71, 25 k, engraved.....	01
" '71, 25 k, lithographed.....	04
India, '74, 1 rupee.....	01
Jamaica, 1 and 2 p.....	01
Mauritus, '61, 4c.....	02
New South Wales, '60, 8 p, yellow.....	10
Norway, '56, 4 s.....	01
Persia, '75, 4 k, yellow.....	10
" '79, 1 k.....	03
" '82, 5c green, or 10c red.....	06
Porto Rico, '79, 25c and '81, 5c.....	01
Sandwich Isles, '75, 12c, black.....	08
" " '75, 18c, rose.....	10
" " '82, 5c, blue.....	03
" " '82, 10c, black.....	05
Sch. Holstein, '65, 1¼ s.....	03
S. Australia, '68-71, 1 s.....	05
St. Domingo, '79, ½ r.....	05
St. Settlements, 10c surch on 6c.....	10
Sweden, '66, 17 or 20 ore.....	03
" Official, 3 ore.....	01
" Unpaid, 1, 3, 5, 6, 20, 30, 50 or 1 k.....	02
" " 12 o.....	01
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" War, 90c.....	10
U. S. of Columbia, '65, 50c.....	20
" " '67, 20c.....	15
" " '69, 50c.....	06
Western Australia, 2 d, straw.....	01

CHEAP SETS OF UNUSED STAMPS.

1. Argentine Republic, '62, 3 var.....	8
2. Austria, Mercury, '51, 3 var.....	15
3. Baden, Land Post, 3 var.....	4
4. Baden, 6 var., including 30 k.....	25
5. Baden, envelopes, 3 var.....	35
6. Bavaria, Return Letter, 6 var.....	5
7. Bavaria, unpaid, 2 var.....	4
8. Bavaria, unpaid, 3 var., surch.....	20
9. Boloviar, '79, 4 var.....	1 25
10. Boloviar, '82, 4 var.....	1 25
11. Bremen, 6 var.....	35
12. Bremen, 3 var.....	10
13. Confederate States, '63, 5 var.....	20
14. Guatemala, '71, 4 var.....	15
15. Guatemala, '75, 4 var.....	20
16. Guatemala, '78, 4 var.....	30
17. Guatemala, envelope, 3 var.....	40
18. Hamburg, 12 var.....	15
19. Hamburg, envelope, 7 var.....	10
20. Heligoland, '67, 8 var.....	15
21. Heligoland, 20 var.....	60
22. Heligoland, wrappers, 3 var.....	07
23. Siam, 5 var.....	1 00
24. Japan, envelope, 4 var.....	75
25. Luxemburg, 5 var.....	8
26. Modena, 12 var.....	75
27. Naples, head, 7 var.....	15
27½. Naples, head, 8 var.....	20
28. Persia, service, 4 var.....	35
29. Parma, 1st issue, 5 var.....	35
30. Parma, prov., 6 var.....	50
31. Porto Rico, '82, 6 var.....	5
32. Prince Edward Island, 12 var.....	50
33. Roumania, '65, 3 var.....	5
34. Roumania, '66, 3 var.....	5
35. Romagna, 8 var.....	1 00
36. Sandwich Isles, '82, 6 var.....	75
37. Sicily, 7 var.....	1 00
38. Thurn and Taxis, 12 var.....	15
39. Thurn and Taxis, 13 var.....	20
40. Turkey, '65, 8 var.....	15
41. United States, '47, 2 var.....	25
42. United States, News, '65, 3 var.....	60
43. United States, News, '75, 5 var.....	40
44. United States, Executive, 5 var.....	40
45. United States, Locals, 5 var.....	20

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5. Holland, <i>unpaid</i> , 2 var.....	6
6. Italy, <i>official</i> , 8 var.....	8
7. Italy, 2c. surch, 8 var.....	5
8. Jamaica, 6 var.....	8
9. Nicaragua, '67, 5 var.....	20
10. Norway, '72, 6 var.....	8
11. Norway, '77, 8 var.....	4
12. Orange States, 4 var.....	15
13. Persia, '76, 4 var.....	25
14. Russia, 8 var.....	5
15. St. Domingo, '79, 4 var.....	20
16. Sweden, '72, 10 var.....	4
17. Sweden, <i>official</i> , 10 var.....	18
18. Swiss, <i>unpaid</i> , 9 var.....	15
19. Transvaal, 5 var.....	20
20. U. S. P. O. Envelopes, 3 var.....	6
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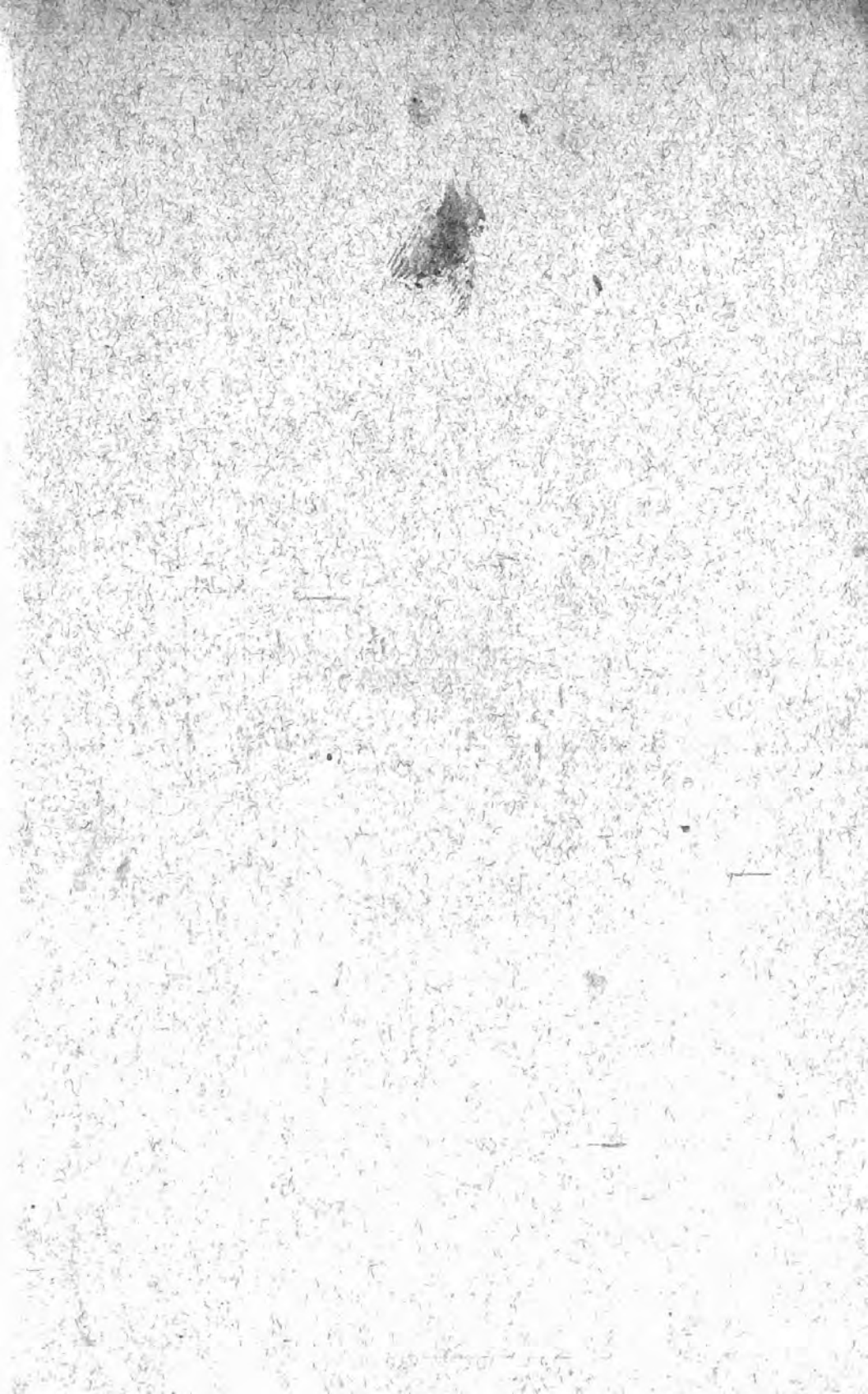
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UNCANCELLED STAMPS.

Alwur, ¼ a.....	\$0 04
Angola, 5 r.....	03
10 r.....	05
Argentine Republic, 1862, 5c., rose.....	02
1884, ½c, brown.....	02
Azores, 2, 2½, 5 r.....	02
10 r.....	04
Barbados, wrapper, ½ d., brown.....	03
envelope, 1 d., rose.....	08
Bavaria, 1870, 1, 3, 7 kr.....	01
Bolivia, 1866, 5 c., green.....	08
1871, 5c., black.....	03
Bolivar, 1878-79, 5c., blue.....	15
Bosnia, 1879, 1 n., gray.....	01
1879, 2 n., yellow.....	03
Bulgaria, 1885, 1 st., lilac.....	01
1885, 2 st., green, 3 st.....	02
1884, unpaid, 5 st., orange.....	05
British Honduras, 1885, 1 p., rose.....	06
British No. Borneo, 1887, ½c., rose.....	02
1887, 1c., orange.....	04
1887, 2c., brown.....	05
Cape Verde, 1877, 5 r., black.....	03
1877, 10 r., yellow.....	07
1886, 5 r., black.....	03
1886, 10 r., green.....	05
Cashmere, 1883, ¼ a.....	03
China, 1885, 1c., green.....	05
Confederate States, 1863, 10c.....	02
Costa Rica, 1883, 1c., green.....	03
Cuba, 1857, ½ r., blue.....	03
1857, 1 r., green.....	05
Dominica, 1874, 1 p., lilac.....	06
1879, ½ p., bistre.....	04
Dutch Indies, unpaid, 2½c., carmine.....	05
unpaid, 5c., carmine.....	08
Fernando Po, 1882, 1c., green.....	05
Greece, unpaid, 1 l., green.....	01
unpaid, 2 l., green.....	02
unpaid, 5 l., green.....	03
Guatemala, 1875, ¼, ½, 1, 2 r.....	06
1878, ½ r., green.....	04
1878, 2 r., carmine.....	08
1886, 1c., blue.....	02
1882, 1c., black and green.....	03
Heligoland, 1867, ½ s., red or green center.....	02
1867, ½ s.....	03
envelope, 10 pf.....	03
Japan, 1872, ½ s., brown.....	05
1872, 1 s., blue.....	08
1876, 5 r., slate.....	02
1876, 1 s.....	04
Labuan, 1885, 2c., red.....	05
Macao, 5 r.....	03
10 r.....	06
Madagascar, 1885, 1 p., violet.....	10
Malta, 1885, ½ p., green.....	03

Mauritius, 1878, 2c, maroon.....	05
Mexico, 1864, 2 r., blue.....	10
1864, 4 r., brown.....	15
1882, 10c., blue.....	12
1882, 6c., blue.....	10
Monaca, 1885, 1c., olive.....	01
1885, 2c., violet.....	02
Montserrat, 1884, ½ p., green.....	03
1884, 1 p.....	06
Montenegro, 2 s.....	04
3 s.....	05
Naples, 2 g., blue.....	03
Nevis, 1861, 1 p.....	15
1883, ½ p.....	04
New Brunswick, 1860, 12½c., blue.....	16
Newfoundland, 3 p. (triangular).....	20
Nicaragua, 1871, 1c., brown.....	05
1871, 2c., blue.....	10
Nowanuggur, 1 docra, red.....	03
Orange Free States, 1868, ½ p., brown.....	03
Paraguay, 1887, 1c., green.....	04
Peru, 1874, 1c., orange.....	02
1874, 10c., green.....	02
1886, 5c., orange.....	08
triangle, 1c., orange.....	03
unpaid, 10c., orange.....	03
Prussia, 1861, 1, 2, 3 s.....	03
1861, 4, 6 pf.....	05
Roumania, unpaid, 2 b., brown.....	03
Salvador, 1867, ½ r., blue.....	05
1867, 1 r., red, 2 r., green.....	08
1879, 1c., green.....	03
San Marino, 1877, 2c., green.....	02
1877, 10c., blue.....	05
1877, 20c., vermillion.....	10
1877, 30c., brown.....	18
1877, 40c., violet.....	20
Sarawak, 1875, 2 c., mauve.....	05
Shanghai, 20 cash.....	05
Siam, 1883, ½ att, blue.....	03
1883, 1 att, red.....	04
1883, 2 att, vermillion.....	06
South, 1878, 1 a., green.....	04
St. Christopher, 1882, ½ p., green.....	03
St. Helena, 1863, ½ p., green.....	03
1863, 1 p., red.....	03
St. Thomas and Prince Islands, 5 reis.....	03
10 reis.....	05
Tunis, 1888, 1c.....	01
1888, 2c.....	02
Turks Islands, 1882, ½ p., green.....	03

CANCELLED STAMPS.

Antigua, 1882, 1 d.....	02
1882, 4 d.....	04
Argentine Republic, 1867, 10c.....	05
1867, 15c.....	10
1873-78, 1c.....	03
1873-78, 2c., 4c., 8c.....	02
1873-78, 12c., 16c.....	03
1873-78, 24c.....	07
1873-78, 60c.....	15
1873-78, 90c.....	35
1884, ½c., 1c.....	02
1888, 10c.....	05
envelope, 1877, 8c.....	08
Austria, 1858, 2 k.....	05

Austria, 1861, 2 k.....	04	Gibraltar, 1886, 1 d.....	04
1865, 2 k., 3 k.....	03	1886, 2½ d.....	05
1867, 50 k.....	05	Gold Coast, ½ d.....	03
Bahamas, 1863, 1 s.....	07	Grenada, 1860, 1 d.....	04
Barbados, 1861, 1 d.....	02	1883-87, ½, 1 d.....	03
1874, 4 d.....	04	Guatemala, 1882, 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	02
1882, 2½ d.....	04	1886, 1, 5c.....	02
1882, 4 d.....	03	Hawaiian Islands, 1864, 2c.....	04
Bermuda, 1850, 4 d.....	04	1871, 6c.....	03
Bolivia, 1876, 10c.....	05	Hayti, unperf, 1, 5c.....	03
Bosnia, 1879, 2, 3, 10, 15 k.....	03	perf, 1, 2, 3c.....	03
Brazil, 1850, 30 r., 60 r.....	03	Holland, 1872, 50c.....	03
1850, 90 r.....	05	unpaid, 1870, 5, 10c.....	05
1866, 500 r.....	05	Hong Kong, 96c.....	06
British Guiana, 1860, 1c., 2c.....	04	Hungary, 1872, 25c.....	02
1860, 24c.....	12	India, 1884, 1½, 3, 6 a.....	03
1876, 8c.....	03	envelopes, 1860, ½ a.....	03
Cape of Good Hope, ½, 1, 2 d.....	01	envelopes, 1883, ½ a.....	02
6 d., 1 sh.....	02	Italy, unpaid, 1 lire.....	03
Ceylon, 1869, 1 d.....	05	unpaid, 2 lire.....	02
1872, 16, 24c.....	03	unpaid, 5 lire.....	12
1886, 23c.....	05	unpaid, 10 lire.....	10
Chili, 1852, 5, 10c.....	03	Jamaica, 1860, ½, 1 d.....	01
1867, 1c.....	04	1860, 4, 6 d.....	03
1867, 5, 10c.....	03	1885, ½, 1 d.....	01
1867, 20c.....	07	1885, 3 d.....	05
1878, 1c.....	03	Japan, 1875, 10, 20 sen.....	05
1878, 2c.....	04	1877, 8 sen.....	04
1878, 5c.....	01	1879, 50 sen.....	05
1878, 20c.....	05	Malta, 1885, 2½ d.....	05
1881, 2, 10c.....	01	Mauritius, 1885, 2, 4 c.....	02
1881, 5c., blue, 5c., pink.....	01	1872, 16 c.....	06
1871, 20c.....	06	Mexico, 1856, 1, 2 r.....	10
Costa Rica, 1863, ½ r.....	02	1861, 2 r., pink paper.....	10
1883, 5c.....	03	1874, 5c., 10c. orange.....	03
Cuba, 1855, ½ r.....	05	1874, 25c.....	02
1858, ½ r.....	04	1884, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c.....	02
1857, ½ r.....	01	1884, 4, 12, 25c.....	04
1864, ½ r.....	02	1884, 20c.....	03
1866, 10c.....	03	1885, 3, 6c.....	03
1867, 10c.....	04	1885, 4c.....	04
1868, 10c.....	03	1885, 5, 10c.....	01
1869, 10c.....	03	1886, 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	01
1869, 20c.....	10	1886, 3c.....	02
1870, 10c.....	02	1886, 4c.....	03
1871, 50c.....	03	1888, 3, 10c.....	01
1873, 25c.....	02	1888, 20c.....	10
1873, 50c.....	05	1888, 25c.....	12
Cyprus, 1881, ½ pi.....	02	Official, 1887, brown.....	03
1881, 1, 2 pi.....	03	Natal, 1874, 1 d.....	01
Danish West Indies, 1, 3c.....	02	1874, 4, 6 d.....	03
Denmark, 1864, 2 s.....	02	New South Wales, 1856, 8 d.....	12
1870, 16 s.....	04	1863, 1, 2 d.....	01
1877, 100 o.....	03	1863, 4, 6 d, 1 sh.....	02
official, 1874, 32 o.....	02	envelope, 1871, 2 d.....	10
Dominican Republic, 1885, 1, 2, 5c.....	03	New Zealand, 1882, 4, 6 d.....	02
Ecuador, 1865, ½ r.....	03	1882, 3 d.....	05
1872, ¼, 1 r.....	03	1882, 1 sh.....	03
1881, 2, 10c.....	03	Nicaragua, 1882, 1, 2, 10c.....	03
1881, 5c.....	01	1882, 5c.....	02
1887, 1c, green, 5c.....	02	Norway, 1872, 6 sk.....	02
Egypt, 1872, 2 pi.....	03	1877, 25, 50 ore.....	02
1879, 5 pi.....	05	1877, 35 ore.....	05
1884, 5 pi.....	04	1877, 60 ore, 1 kr.....	10
Fiji Islands, 1, 2 p.....	04	Peru, 1862, 1 d.....	04
Finland, 1877, 1 mark.....	06	1867, 5, 20c.....	04
1885, 1 mark.....	05	1867, 10c.....	03
French Colonies, 1859, 10c.....	04	1876, 5, 10c.....	01
1859, 40c.....	05	1886, 1, 2c.....	02

Peru, 1886, 5, 10c.....	01	Venezuela, Escuela, 1883, 1 bol.....	05
1886, 20c.....	05	West Australia, 1865, 1, 2 d.....	01
1886, 50c.....	12	1865, 3 d.....	03
Philippine Islands, 1882, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.....	05	1865, 6 d.....	05
Porto Rico, 1877, 25c.....	02	Wurtemberg, 1851, 3 k.....	02
1878, 25c.....	02	1851, 9 k.....	05
1879, 25c.....	02	1858, 3 k.....	02
Prussia, 1850, 1 s.....	02	1863, 3 k.....	02
1858, 1 s.....	01	1869, 14 k.....	04
1861, 4 p.....	02	official, 1875, 5 pf.....	04
Roman States, 1852, 2, 5, 8 b.....	02		
Roumania, unpaid, 2, 5, 10, 30 b.....	03		
Russia, 14, 20 k.....	03		
30 k.....	06		
Salvador, 1879, 1c.....	02		
1879, 2, 5c.....	03		
Servia, 1869, 20 p.....	02		
Sierra Leone, 1 d.....	03		
2 d.....	05		
South African Republic, 1885, 2, 4, 8 d.....	05		
Spain, 1851, 6c.....	03		
1852, 6c.....	03		
1853, 6c.....	03		
1854, 6c.....	03		
1860, 2 rl.....	03		
1860, 4c.....	02		
1862, 4c.....	02		
1862, 2 rl.....	03		
1864, 2 rl.....	03		
1866, 10c.....	04		
1870, 100 m.....	02		
1870, 200 m.....	03		
1872, 12, 25, 50c.....	03		
1873, 25c.....	03		
1874, 25c.....	03		
1879, 50c.....	02		
1879, 1 p.....	03		
Straits Settlements, 2, 4, 10c.....	02		
Sweden, officials, 3, 6, 50 o, 1 k.....	03		
officials, 4, 30 o.....	02		
officials, 5 o.....	05		
officials, 10, 12, 20, 24 o.....	01		
Switzerland, 1850, 10 rayon.....	06		
1854, 40 rayon.....	03		
1862, 1 franc.....	02		
1878, 40c.....	02		
1882, 50c., 1 fc.....	02		
Tasmania, 1864, 1d.....	04		
Trinidad, 1863, 1 d.....	02		
1865, 6 d.....	06		
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Turkey, 1865, 1 pi.....	02		
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unpaid, 1865, 1, 2 pi.....	02		
Turks Island, 1 d.....	04		
U. S. of Columbia, 1883, 5c.....	02		
1887, 1c.....	02		
1887, 5c.....	01		
Victoria, 1863-64, 1, 2, 4 d.....	02		
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10 r.		05	1876, 5 r., slate.	02
Argentine Republic, 1862, 5c., rose.		02	1876, 1 s.	04
1884, ½c, brown.		02	Labuan, 1885, 2c., red.	05
Azores, 2, 2½, 5 r.		02	Macao, 5 r.	03
10 r.		04	10 r.	06
Barbados, wrapper, ½ d., brown.		03	Madagascar, 1885, 1 p., violet.	10
envelope, 1 d., rose.		08	Malta, 1885, ½ p., green.	03
Bavaria, 1870, 1, 3, 7 kr.		01	Mauritius, 1878, 2c., maroon.	05
1870, 9, 18 kr.		02	Mexico, 1864, 2 r., blue.	10
Bolivar, 1878 79, 5c., blue.		15	1864, 4 r., brown.	15
Bolivia, 1866, 5 c., green.		08	1882, 10c., blue.	12
1871, 5c., black.		03	1882, 6c., blue.	10
Bosnia, 1879, 1 n., gray.		01	Monaca, 1885, 1c., o-ive.	01
1879, 2 n., yellow.		03	1885 2c., violet.	02
Bremen, env., 1857, black on white or blue,		05	Montserrat, 1884, ½ p., green.	03
British Columbia, 1866, 3 p., blue.		25	1884, 1 p.	06
British Honduras, 1885, 1 p., rose.		06	Montenegro, 2 s.	04
British No. Borneo, 1887, ½c., rose.		02	3 s.	05
1887, 1c., orange.		04	Naples, 2 g., blue.	03
1887, 2c., brown.		05	Natal, wrappers, 1885, ½ p., brown.	04
Bulgaria, 1885, 1 st., lilac.		01	1885, 1 p., carmine.	08
1885, 2 st., green, 3 st.		02	Nevis, 1861, 1 p.	15
1884, unpaid, 5 st., orange.		05	1883, ½ p.	04
Cape Verde, 1877, 5 r., black.		03	New Brunswick, 1860, 12½c., blue.	16
1877, 10 r., yellow.		07	Newfoundland, 3 p. (triangular).	20
1886, 5 r., black.		03	Nicaragua, 1871, 1c., brown.	05
1886, 10 r., green.		05	1871, 2c., blue.	10
Cashmere, 1883, ½ a.		03	Nowanuggur, 1 docra, red.	03
Ceylon, envelope, 1888, 5c., blue.		10	Orange Free States, 1868, ½ p., brown.	03
China, 1885, 1c., green.		02	Paraguay, 1887, 1c., green.	04
Confederate States, 1863, 10c.		05	Peru, 1874, 1c., orange.	02
1861, 5c., blue.		40	1874, 10c., green.	02
Corrientes, 1861, 3c., blue.		20	1886, 5c., orange.	08
1875, 2c., rose.		20	envelope, 1875, 2c., green.	06
Costa Rica, 1883, 1c., green.		03	1875, 5c., straw paper.	08
1863, 2 r., scarlet.		03	1875, 50c.	20
Dominica, 1874, 1 p., lilac.		06	triangle, 1c., orange.	03
1879, ½ p., bistre.		04	unpaid, 1874, 10c., orange.	03
Dutch Indies, unpaid, 2½c., carmine.		05	1879, 1c., bistre.	05
unpaid, 5c., carmine.		08	Roman States, 1863, 3, 5, 40c.	02
Falkland Islands, 1878, 1c., claret.		05	1862, 10, 20c.	01
Fernando Po, 1882, 1c., green.		05	1868, 2, 10c.	01
Greece, unpaid, 1 l., green.		01	1868, 3, 40c.	02
unpaid, 2 l., green.		02	St. Christopher, 1883, ½ p., green.	03
unpaid, 5 l., green.		03	St. Helena, 1863, ½ p., green.	03
Guatemala, 1875, ¼, ½, 1, 2 r.		06	1863, 1 p., red.	05
1878, ½ r., green.		04	St. Thomas and Prince Islands, 1887, 5 reis.	03
1878, 2 r., carmine.		08	10 reis.	05
1886, 1c., blue.		02	Roumania, unpaid, 2 b., brown.	03
1882, 1c., black and green.		03	Salvador, 1867, ½ r., blue.	05
Heligoland, 1873, ¼ s., red or green center.		02	1-67, 1 r., red, 2 r., green.	08
1871, ½ s.		03	1879, 1c., green.	03
envelope, 10 pf.		03	San Marino, 1877, 2c., green.	02
Ionian Islands, 1859, ½ p., orange.		40	1877, 10c., blue.	05
1859, 2 p., lake.		03	1877, 20c., vermilion.	10
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			Sarawak, 1875, 2 c., mauve.	05
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1867, 15c.....	10	1866, 10c.....	03
1873, 1c.....	03	1867, 10c.....	04
1873, 4c.....	02	1868, 10c.....	03
1877, 2c., 8c.....	02	1869, 10c.....	03
1877, 60c.....	15	1869, 20c.....	10
1877, 90c.....	35	1870, 10c.....	02
1878, 16c.....	03	1871, 50c.....	03
1873, 24c.....	06	1873, 25c.....	02
1884, ½c., 1c.....	02	1873, 50c.....	05
1884, 12c.....	03	Cyprus, 1881, ½ pi.....	02
1887, 24c.....	07	1881, 1, 2 pi.....	03
1888, 10c.....	05	Danish West Indies, 1, 3c.....	02
envelope, 1878, 8c.....	08	Denmark, 1864, 2 s.....	02
Austria, 1858, 2 k.....	05	1-77, 100 o.....	03
1861, 2 k.....	04	official, 1874, 32 o.....	03
1865, 2 k., 3 k.....	03	Dominican Republic, 1885, 1, 2, 5c.....	03
1867, 50 k.....	05	Dutch Indies, 1870-7, 1, 2, 2½, 20, 25, 50c.....	02
Baden, 1851, 3, 6 kr.....	03	1870, 5, 10c.....	01
1853, 1 kr.....	05	1874, 15c.....	05
1853, 3, 6 kr.....	02	1884, 1, 2, 5c.....	02
1861, 3 kr.....	05	1884, 2½c.....	03
1862, 3 kr.....	02	envelope, 1873, 25c.....	05
1869, 1, 3 kr.....	01	Ecuador, 1865, ½ r.....	03
Bahamas, 1863, 1 s.....	07	1872, ½, 1 r.....	03
Barbados, 1861, 1 d.....	02	1881, 2, 10c.....	03
1874, 4 d.....	04	1881, 5c.....	01
1882, 2½ d.....	04	1887, 1c, green, 5c.....	02
1882, 4 d.....	03	Egypt, 1872, 1 pi.....	01
Bavaria, 1849, 3, 6 kr.....	01	1872, 2 pi.....	03
1850, 9 kr.....	02	1872, 20 pa.....	02
1862, 3, 6 kr.....	01	1879, 5 pa.....	01
Bermuda, 1865, 2 p.....	02	1879, 2 pi.....	02
1880, ½ p.....	02	1879, 5 pi.....	05
1884, 2½ p.....	02	1884, 20 pa, 1 pi.....	01
Bolivia, 1876, 10c.....	05	1884, 5 pi.....	04
Bosnia, 1879, 2, 3, 10, 15 k.....	03	1888, 1, 2 mil.....	01
Brazil, 1850, 30 r., 60 r.....	03	Fiji Islands, 1, 2 p.....	04
1850, 90 r.....	05	Finland, 1877, 1 mark.....	06
1866, 500 r.....	05	1885, 1 mark.....	05
British Guiana, 1860, 1c., 2c.....	04	5 different.....	04
1860, 24c.....	12	French Colonies, 1859, 10c.....	04
Bulgaria, 1881, 30 s.....	07	1859, 40c.....	05
18-2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 s.....	02	Gibraltar, 1886, 1 d.....	04
1882, 50 s.....	02	1886, 2½ d.....	05
1885, 1, 2 s.....	02	Gold Coast, ½ d.....	03
Cape of Good Hope, ½, 1, 2 d.....	01	Greece, 1862, 1, 5, 20 l.....	01
6 d., 1 sh.....	02	1862, 10, 40 l.....	02
Ceylon, 1869, 1 d.....	05	1876, 20 l.....	01
1872, 16, 24c.....	03	1881, 5, 10 l.....	01
1886, 23c.....	05	1882, 20 l.....	01
Chili, 1852, 5, 10c.....	03	1886, 25 l.....	02
1867, 1c.....	04	1888, 1, 5, 10, 20 l.....	01
1867, 5, 10c.....	03	Grenada, 1860, 1 d.....	04
1867, 20c.....	07	1883-87, ½, 1 d.....	03
1878, 1c.....	03	Guatemala, 1882, 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	02
1878, 2c.....	04	1886, 1, 5c.....	02
1878, 5c.....	01	Hawaiian Islands, 1864, 2c.....	04
1878, 20c.....	05	1871, 6c.....	03
1881, 2, 10c.....	01	Hayti, 1881, 1, 5c.....	03
18-1, 5c., blue, 5c., pink.....	01	1887, 1, 2, 3c.....	03
1881, 20c.....	06	Holland, 1872, 50c.....	03
Costa Rica, 1863, ½ r.....	02	unpaid, 1870, 5, 10c.....	05
1883, 5c.....	03	Hong Kong, 96c.....	06
Cuba, 1855, ½ r.....	05	Hungary, 1872, 25c.....	02
		India, 1884, 1½, 3, 6 a.....	03
		envelopes, 1857, ½ a.....	03

India, envelopes, 1883, ½ a.....	02	Salvador, 1879, 1c.....	02
Italy, unpaid, 1, 2, 50c.....	02	1879, 2, 5c.....	03
unpaid, 5, 10, 30c.....	01	Sierra Leone, 1872, 1 d.....	03
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unpaid, 2 lire.....	02	South African Republic, 1885, 2, 4, 6 d...	05
unpaid, 5 lire.....	12	Spain, 1851, 6c.....	03
unpaid, 10 lire.....	10	1852, 6c.....	03
Jamaica, 1860, ½, 1 d.....	01	1853, 6c.....	03
1860, 4, 6 d.....	03	1854, 6c.....	03
1871, 2 p.....	01	1860, 2 rl.....	03
1871, 3 p.....	03	1860, 4c.....	02
1871, 4, 6 p.....	02	1862, 4c.....	02
1885, ½, 1 d.....	01	1862, 2 rl.....	03
18-8, 1, 2 p.....	01	1864, 2 rl.....	03
Japan, 1875, 10, 20 sen.....	05	1866, 10c.....	04
1877, 8 sen.....	04	1870, 100 m.....	02
1879, 50 sen.....	05	1870, 200 m.....	03
Malta, 1885, 2½ d.....	05	1872, 12, 25, 50c.....	03
Mauritius, 1872, 16c.....	06	1873, 25c.....	03
1879, 4c.....	02	1874, 25c.....	03
1885, 2, 4c.....	02	1879, 50c.....	01
Mexico, 1856, 1, 2 r.....	10	1879, 1 p.....	03
1-61, 2 r., pink paper.....	10	Straits Settlements, 2, 4, 10c.....	02
1874, 5c., 10c. orange.....	03	Sweden, officials, 3, 6, 50 o, 1 k.....	03
1874, 25c.....	02	officials, 4, 30 o.....	02
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1884, 20c.....	03	Switzerland, 1850, 10 rayon.....	06
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1885, 4c.....	04	1862, 1 franc.....	02
1885, 5, 10c.....	01	1878, 40c.....	02
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1886, 3c.....	04	Tasmania, 1864, 1d.....	04
1886, 4c.....	01	Trinidad, 1863, 1 d.....	02
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New Zealand, 1882, 4, 6 d.....	02	1888, 2 pi.....	04
1882, 3 d.....	05	newspaper, 1885, 2 pa.....	02
1882, 1 sh.....	03	Turks Island, 1 d.....	04
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1882, 5c.....	02	1887, 1c.....	02
Norway, 1875, 6 sk.....	02	1887, 5c.....	01
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1858, 1, 2 s.....	02	Wurtemberg, 1851, 3 k.....	02
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