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J. EDWARD FREES, Reading, Pa., has on hand a limited number of rare genuine, unused Corrientes Stamps, blue, which he will dispose of at 35 cents the piece. Price per dozen on application.

The Stamps of the Quarter.

Argentine Republic.— $\frac{1}{2}$ c., lilac; 1 c., green.

Bavaria.—A 10 kr., yellow, and 9 kr., reddish-brown.

Belgium.—Reply-paid post card, and envelope, value 10 c.

British Honduras.—A new 3d., brown, of previous design.

Chili.—The envelopes so long expected, are as follows: 2c., oval, brown; 5 c., rect., purple; 10 c., hexag., blue; 15 c., oval, pink; 20 c., octag., green; Old Columbus still looks out from the centre with his wonted benignity.

Curacao.—A new set, with the exception of the name "Curacao," the same as the Dutch Guiana described in another place. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., green; 3 c., grey; 5 c., carmine; 10 c., blue; 25 c., orange; 50 c., violet.

Dutch Guiana.—Stamps for this country resembling those of Holland, with name "Surinam," have been prepared. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., carmine; 3 c., green; 5 c., violet; 10 c., grey; 25 c., blue; 50 c., orange. From reliable private sources we can confidently assert that they have not yet been put into circulation.

Danish West Indies.—4 c., ultramarine, same design as the old 3 c.

Ecuador.— $\frac{1}{2}$ real, blue; 1 real, orange; 1 peso, rose, arms in centre. The new stamps, of beautiful design, are of doubtful authenticity.

German Empire.—Post cards of $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. and 2 kr., impressed in brown. Envelope $\frac{1}{2}$ gr., lilac.

Great Britain.—A new oval post card stamp has been issued for private orders. Queen's head and inscription "Half Penny Postage," color, pink. The 6d. has been issued in greyish-green.

Iceland.—Through the kindness of Mr. O. Finnién we have received the complete set of postal and official stamps issued by this sea-bound island. The set comprises:—2 sk., blue; 3 sk., pearl; 4 sk., rose; 8 sk., brown; 16 sk., yellow. The two official stamps are 4 sk., green; 8 sk., mauve. With the exception of the name "Island," they so resemble the stamps of the mother country that further description is unnecessary.

Japan.—A new issue made its appearance a few months ago. These are fair types of the artistic nation they represent. The emblems of the Mikado, and Japanese characters in large rectangle. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen., brown; 1 sen., blue; 2 sen., vermilion; 10 sen., green; 20 sen., mauve; 30 sen., brown.

Luxemburg.—A provisional 1 franc, formed by surcharging the 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. New 5 c. post cards.

Mauritius.—New envelopes, 10d., oval, maroon; 1 sh., 8d., blue, rect., with rounded ends. Queen's head.

New Zealand.—A beautiful new issue, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d., 1s., with the stereotyped head of the queen in various designs.

Newfoundland.—A post card, and a new 3 c. adhesive, are reported.

Norway.—A 2 sk. envelope has been issued, the same as the adhesive.

Red River Settlement.—A contemporary has a rumor that stamps are soon to be issued.

Russia.—Locals : Alexandria, Rjeff, Dmitrieff, Kosoletz, Kropeevna, Kotelnich, Rostoff-on-Doff, Ekaterinoslav, Kadnikoff, Tcherv, and new Bogodsk, are the latest of these uninteresting labels.

Spain.—A rumored issue by the Carlists.

Straits Settlements.—30 cts., resembling the English 6d.

Sweden.—Post cards, 6 ore, lilac, and 10 ore, carmine. Also reply-paid cards.

Switzerland.—Oval 2 c. and 5 c., newspaper wrapper stamps ; numeral surrounded by stars, color rose.

Tasmania—5 sh., violet, of the new type.

Turkey.—New issue expected.

United States.—On the 1st of July, when the repeal of the franking privilege goes into effect, the government will issue stamps for each department, the same in color and design as the existing series, except that the upper inscription will be replaced by "Department of State," "Department of War," &c., as the case may be. Those for the President will be labeled "Executive." The values remain the same.

The post card issued May 1, we consider one of the most beautiful cards of any we have seen. As they are now in circulation, comment is unnecessary. They will probably not reach distant offices for several weeks, as the demand greatly exceeds the supply.

The Rogue's Gallery.

Down among the Jerseys, where the bloodthirsty mosquito rages with all his untamed ferocity, in Elizabeth City, there dwelt in August last,—and we hope the Asiatic Cholera has claimed him for her own ere this,—a pensive youth, A. C. Harrison by name. This youth was engaged in the legitimate business of peddling music boxes, capable of playing three tunes, the Rogue's March prominent. This business not proving as profitable as it might, and wishing to acquire something further of this world's filthy lucre, wherewith to liquidate a small bill at his washerwoman's, he sent out letters stating he had a large bankrupt stock of stamps for sale, which must be sold before the 1st of September. We quote some of his prices : Alsace 2 cts., unused, 25 cents per 100 ; Japan, unused, 30 cents per 100 ; Turkey, assorted, 25 cents per 100, &c., &c. Those who were foolish enough to send him any money never received the stamps ordered. In every case he asserted the stamps had been sent, and to this assertion he would blindly adhere, even when the Postmaster of his own city was confident they had never been mailed. Leaving this melancholy youth to dispose of his unused Japanese, at 30 cents per 100, we will next take up the case of

Samuel Wisler, of Tiffin, Ohio, whose ideas of *meum* and *tuum* are very faintly drawn. He requests stamps on approval, and when received, considers them as his own. Dealers please note.

Postal Scraps.

\$50,000 is the sum paid annually in New York City for carrying the mails from the depots to the Post Office and return.

A gentleman in Washington claims to have used the first post-card, he having mailed it at Washington, with phonographic writing, early on May 1.

Backwoods Postmasters, whose salaries range from \$5 to \$10, think that if it were paid annually, it might be of some use to them.

The French Postal Treaty is still unsettled, France contending for high rates, and the United States for low. Eight cents will probably be the compromise.

It is expected that the franking privilege for public documents will be restored during the next winter. The public printing is being hurried on rapidly before July 1.

The Postmaster General has decided that cancelled post-cards can be sent through the mails by affixing a one cent stamp. This will make them useful in turn, for bills and receipts.

The new post-cards are manufactured in Springfield, Mass., where there are facilities for turning out 350,000 daily. The supply on hand May 1, was 5,000,000, while orders for them amounted to 13,000,000.

The postmaster of Colfax, La., who was compelled to flee for his life during the recent disturbances has resigned his office.

Collection of Entire Envelopes.

Among the more advanced collectors of stamps, there has of late been serious opposition to the commonly received dogma, promulgated by fanatical adherents to the French school, which advises the collection of entire envelopes, and a distinction of size, shape and quality of paper. These views have been endorsed and supported by leading dealers who discovered in them a future source of great profit. To any well-balanced mind it is evident that the collection of envelopes and wrappers can have nothing to do with the collection of postage stamps, and with the same consistency might the collector of beer stamps stow away in his cellar the barrels themselves for future reference.

The chief argument advanced by the opposition is that the stamp of a stamped envelope can no longer prepay postage when separated from the envelope itself. This being admitted, what does it prove? Of what value to the collector is this arbitrary decision of the Post Office Department, which is liable to be changed at any time? When the

collector descends to the collection of entire envelopes, there opens at once before him a field, vast and inexhaustible, the only question being that of the length of his purse. The number of scarcely obtainable stamps is large enough without being thus needlessly augmented.

And, again, where is the album to contain these whole envelopes? To the invention of such an album, Yankee ingenuity has in vain been applied, and although several plans have been suggested, none of them fully meet the requirements. This pernicious doctrine, profitable only to well-supplied stamp-dealers, should be checked in the start, and repelled at every point. We are glad to notice the noble efforts by the publishers of a contemporary to combat this deceptive swindle, even at the risk of losing a portion of their own profits.

While thus speaking strongly our opinions, we are glad to add that we are still open to arguments on this point, as on all others, and will be happy to receive and publish, if worthy, any contributions on this important subject.

The Star Sets of Stamps.

Italics denote unused.

	Set of	Price		Set of	Price
1. <i>Alsace and Lorraine,</i>	4	.10	26. <i>Mecklenburg-Strelitz,</i>	5	.25
2. <i>Austria,</i>	16	.20	27. <i>New South Wales,</i>	4	.06
3. <i>Austrian Telegraph,</i>	5	.35	28. <i>New Zealand, 1859,</i>	4	.08
4. <i>Belgium,</i>	8	.10	29. <i>New Zealand, 1871,</i>	3	.06
5. <i>Brunswick,</i>	5	.04	30. <i>Oldenburg,</i>	5	.20
6. <i>Cape of Good Hope,</i>	4	.08	31. <i>Prussia, 1861,</i>	6	.08
7. <i>Egypt,</i>	5	.15	32. <i>Prussia, Kreuzer,</i>	5	.10
8. <i>Finland,</i>	5	.12	33. <i>Queensland,</i>	3	.05
9. <i>French Empire,</i>	11	.12	34. <i>Roumania,</i>	8	.20
10. <i>French Republic,</i>	8	.10	35. <i>Russia,</i>	6	.10
11. <i>Greece,</i>	7	.10	36. <i>Sardinia,</i>	4	.08
12. <i>Hong Kong,</i>	7	.15	37. <i>Saxony,</i>	6	.05
13. <i>Hong Kong, 48 and 96 c.,</i>	2	.05	38. <i>Shanghai, first issue,</i>	8	1.00
14. <i>Hamburg,</i>	10	.40	39. <i>Schleswig-Holstein,</i>	10	.30
15. <i>Holland,</i>	10	.10	40. <i>Spain, mostly old and rare,</i>	14	.20
16. <i>Holland, old, 20, 25 and 50 c.,</i>	3	.05	41. <i>Spain, Official, 1854,</i>	3	.10
17. <i>Holland,</i>	5	.08	42. <i>Spain, 1870,</i>	4	.05
18. <i>Italy,</i>	10	.10	43. <i>Straits Settlements,</i>	6	.25
19. <i>Italy, 1856, and 2 Newspaper,</i>	9	.35	44. <i>Switzerland,</i>	9	.12
20. <i>Italy, low values,</i>	6	.08	45. <i>Switzerland, Rappen,</i>	6	.12
21. <i>Italy, Segnatasse,</i>	5	.25	46. <i>Switzerland, Envelope,</i>	2	.05
22. <i>India,</i>	5	.05	47. <i>Scandinavian,</i>	20	.15
23. <i>Jamaica,</i>	5	.12	48. <i>Turkey,</i>	6	.18
24. <i>Java,</i>	3	.10	49. <i>Venetia,</i>	7	.12
25. <i>Mauritius,</i>	3	.10	50. <i>Victoria,</i>	5	.10

Sufficient Stamps for return postage, must in all cases accompany order. Sheets of Stamps on approval sent to responsible parties. Direct all letters

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“ “ “ 4 c., grey,	.30
“ “ “ 5 c., green,	.40
Angola, 5 reis, black,	.50
Belgium, 1 c., green,	.05
“ 2 c., blue,	.08
“ 5 c., amber,	.20
Bergedorf, $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., blue,	.30
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British Guiana, 1 c., black,	.30
Brunswick, assorted,	.03
“ per doz. sets of 5,	.20
Canada, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, black,	.10
Ceylon, 2 cents, brown,	.30
“ 1 d., envelope,	.55
Chili, 1 centavo, orange,	.35
Denmark, 2 skillings, blue,	.35
“ 3 “ mauve,	.50
“ 2 “ envelope,	.35
Egypt, 5 paras,	.25
“ 10 “	.42
France, 1 c., Empire	.07
“ 1 c., Republic,	.06
“ 2 c., “	.10
“ 4 c., “	.25
“ 5 c., “	.30
Greece, 1 lepton,	.07
“ 2 lepta,	.12
Hamburg, $\frac{1}{2}$ sch., black,	.15
“ $\frac{1}{2}$ “ envelope,	.28
Heligoland, $\frac{1}{2}$ sch.,	.32
Holland, $\frac{1}{2}$ c., brown,	.05
“ 1 c., green,	.08
“ $1\frac{1}{2}$ c., rose,	.12
“ 2 c., yellow,	.15
“ $2\frac{1}{2}$ purple,	.22
Hungary, Newspaper,	.20
Italy, 1861, 1 c.,	.05
“ 15 c.,	.05
“ 1864, 1 c., slate,	.06
“ “ 2 c., brown,	.12
“ Segnatasse, 1 c.,	.07
“ “ 2 c.,	.12
Jamaica, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., maroon,	.28
Japan, 1st. issue, $\frac{1}{2}$ tempo., brown,	.40
“ 2d. “ $\frac{1}{2}$ tempo., chocolate,	.40
“ 2d. “ $\frac{1}{2}$ tempo., sage-green,	.40
“ 3d. “ $\frac{1}{2}$ sen., brown,	.40
“ 3d. “ 1 “ blue,	.60
Kustentje, 20 paras, green,	.42
Lubeck, $\frac{1}{2}$ sch.,	.32
Luxemburg, 1 c., buff,	.06
“ 2 c., black,	.12

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Malta, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., buff,	.28
Madeira, 5 reis, black,	.25
Mecklenburg-Schwerin, $\frac{1}{2}$ sch.,	.18
Newfoundland, 1 d., obsolete,	.60
“ 1 c., lilac,	.28
Papal States, 2 c., green,	.20
Prince Edward's Island, 1 cent,	.30
Roumania, $1\frac{1}{2}$ bani., yellow,	.20
“ $1\frac{1}{2}$ “ olive,	.14
“ 3 “ green,	.20
Rigi-Scheideck, 5 c., green,	.35
“ 5 c., red,	.35
“ 5 c., blue,	.35
Sandwich Islands, 1 c., mauve,	.42
Shanghai, 1 cand.,	.60
Spain, Official, $\frac{1}{2}$ on.,	.20
“ “ 1 on.,	.20
“ “ 4 on.,	.25
“ 1 m., obsolete,	.05
“ 2 m., “	.08
“ 4 m., “	.12
“ 10 m., “	.25
“ $\frac{1}{2}$ c., blue,	.05
“ 1 cent,	.08
“ 2 cent,	.13
Switzerland, 2 c.,	.10
Servia, 1 p., old, green,	.12
“ “ new, yellow,	.06
Saxony, assorted,	.06
Sardinia, 5 c., green,	.15
“ 10 c., bistre,	.15
“ 20 c., blue,	.15
“ 40 c., red,	.20
Suez Canal, 20 c., blue,	.32
Thronjems, $\frac{1}{2}$ sk.,	.15

USED STAMPS.

	Per Doz.
Austria, assorted,	.03
Belgium, assorted,	.03
Belgium, 1 franc,	.42
Barbados, assorted,	.08
Bermuda, 6 d., and 1 s., assorted,	1.00
Canada, assorted,	.04
Canada, 17 cts.,	.80
Cape of Good Hope, assorted,	.12
Denmark, assorted,	.04
Dutch Indies, assorted,	.25
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“ Interpostal,	.50
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France, assorted,	.03	Sweden, assorted,	.05
Hungary, assorted,	.06	Straits Settlements, assorted,	.35
Hong Kong, 48 and 96 c.,	.25	Switzerland, assorted,	.04
Holland, assorted,	.03	Spain, assorted,	.07
" 20, 25 and 50 c.,	.18	Turkey, assorted,	.25
India, assorted,	.06	Victoria, assorted,	.08
Italy, assorted,	.03	" 10 d.,	.42
Luxemburg, assorted,	.08	" 5 sh.,	1.25
New South Wales, assorted,	.10		
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Norway, assorted,	.06		
New Zealand, assorted,	.15	Assorted,	Per 100 .75
Portugal, assorted,	.15	Well-assorted,	.15 1.25
Queensland, assorted,	.18		
Roumania, assorted,	.20	USED COLONIALS.	
Russia, assorted,	.07		
" 6 kinds, assorted,	.15	Well-assorted,	Per Doz. .10 Per 100 .75

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2. Contains 12 unused Stamps, including Ceylon, Egypt, Sardinia, &c.,	.20
3. Contains 20 unused Stamps, including Cashmere, Angola, Suez Canal, &c.,	.40
4. Contains 25 used Stamps, including Cape of Good Hope, Turkey, &c.,	.15
5. Contains 50 used Stamps, including Finland, Egypt, Java, &c.,	.25
6. Contains 100 mixed Stamps, including some rare,	.30
7. Contains 12 used Stamps, including Turkey, Hong Kong, Jamaica, &c.,	.15
8. Contains 20 used Stamps, including Tasmania, Roumania, Straits Settlements, &c.,	.30
9. Contains 25 used Stamps, including old Egypt, Dutch Indies, Luxemburg, &c.,	.25
10. Contains 30 used Stamps, including St. Helena, Turkey, Cape of Good Hope, &c.,	.50
11. Contains 40 used and unused Stamps, including Canada 17c., Victoria 5 sh., Bermuda 1 sh., New South Wales 8d., Ceylonese Envelope, &c.,	1.00
12. Contains 18 Colonials, including old New Zealand, Van Dieman's Land, Jamaica, &c.,	.25
13. Contains 6 rare used Stamps, including Bermuda 6d., St. Helena 1 sh., N. S. Wales 5 sh., &c.,	.30
14. Contains 20 unused Stamps, including Martinique, Japan, Danish, &c.,	.30
15. Contains 25 unused Stamps, including Rigi Scheideck, Kustenjie, Suez Canal, &c.,	.40
16. Contains 15 unused Stamps, including Madeira, Livonia, Prince Edward's Isle, &c.,	.25
17. Contains 12 unused Stamps, including Brazil, Madeira, Danish Envelope, &c.,	.20
18. Contains 35 unused Stamps, including New Ceylonese, Kustenjie, Rigi Scheideck,	.60
19. Contains 25 unused Stamps, including Sandwich Islands, Japan, Official Egypt, Roumania, &c.,	.50
20. Contains 6 unused Stamps, including Shanghai, Czernawoda, Angola, &c.,	.25
21. Contains 25 mixed unused Stamps, including Belgian, Alsace, Serbia, Spain, &c.,	.15
22. Contains 30 unused Stamps, including Chili, Danish, British Guiana, New Foundland, &c.,	.50
23. Contains 25 used Stamps, including Mauritius, Roumania, Cape of Good Hope, &c.,	.25
24. Contains 15 unused Stamps, including obsolete Papal States, Hungary, Portugal,	.20
25. Contains 30 used and unused Stamps, including Indian, Barbadoes, Prince Edward's Isle, &c.,	.25

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