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## COLORS.

By W. H. P.

There is nothing in stamps which gives us so much pleasure as studying their various colors. In looking over a garden of flowers, one is attracted by the bright beauty of the rose, or the pure loveliness of the lily, and so in looking over our collections, which are Philatelic flower gardens of various sizes, we are surprised and delighted with the variety of the hues that meet our eyes. And, just as in the vegetable world, there is an infinite number of colors, so in the Philatelic world there are hundreds of different tints. There are in this—our flower garden—seven kinds of colors: Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Orange, Yellow, and Red—the colors of the rainbow are there; and also hundreds of subdivisions of these principal colors, as, for instance, straw or vermilion which are the colors of two of our prettiest U. S. sets—Agriculture and Interior Department stamps.

We find typical roses in the latest issue of Summer the 10 Rics Brazil, and also in many of the stamps of the Argentine Republic, while Baden, the Bahamas, and Germany each contribute roses of slightly variegated hues. To find the golden sunflower, we have only to turn to Switzerland, or to the sun-like stamps of Peru 1871 issue.

To carry further the imagery, we may find beautiful violets in Honduras, Hungary, or Peru; or if perchance, we wish to have a pure white lily, we have only to apply a little "life giving water" to the stamps of Russia. We find that the various rose colored stamps with their embossing and perforations remind one sensibly of the beautiful mass-rose of the flower gardens.

To find Philatelic weeds is almost every collector is not a difficult task. The varied colors of the so-called Hamburg locals render the portion of the album in which they are situated perfectly obnoxious.

But it would seem, in point of colors that we have the advantage of the natural world. We have green stamps; but hardly ever do we see a green flower; we have black stamps; but black flowers are oddities which are never found in nature. In point of variegation, also, the Philatelic flower gardens are considerably, in the lead. Where in nature, do we find more beautiful two-colored flowers than the 1860 issue U. S. stamps? Where, in nature is there a more successful combination of colors than is found in the 2½ gl. Dutch Indies?

But not to tire the reader with more extended comparison, the whole may be summed up in the fact that Nature and Philately are very similar as to colors; and while the scientist may pore over the pages of Botany, which treats of the work of the Almighty, it cannot be but beneficial to us all to study, in our leisure, stamps, or rather into the secrets of Philately, which is men's; a scrupulous examination of art the product of man's genius. The majority of the later issues are stamps of bright hue; and those which, in color, resemble the early Official Locals of this country are seldom seen. Even our postal card which has been printed for a long time in sombre black is now changed to the more attractive brown. The bright vermilion and the green and yellow please the modern eye more than does the dull black, although when stamps are finely engraved, as for instance, the 1/2 R 1878 issue of Honduras, the unattractive color is last sight of in admiration of the engraving.

Following the dictates of the eye, stamp collectors and especially young ones, are apt to pay most attention to the stamps which "are fair to gaze upon;" but, all that glitters is not gold," and so while we may have a beautiful collection of colors, its intrinsic value is almost inevitably lower than a less beautiful collection, for some of our ugliest stamps are the most valuable. The evident improvements in colors which are being wrought annually in our science are indeed encouraging. In future years, our albums bedecked with Philatelic roses and garlands, will not be to appearances, a mere collection of "trash," but rather "a thing of beauty and joy forever."

A certain French newspaper states that M. Philippe de Terrin has gathered in his hotel of the street Valreennes, 1,500,000 stamps which two librarians are busy classifying and exchanging. Also that the first French collector, and the one who brought stamp collections into vogue, was a member of the Institute of France, M. de Sanlez; his collection was worth 120,000 francs.

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We would be pleased, at all times, to receive original contributions from the pens of our readers.

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YR EDITOR.

Our first—how do you like it?

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We reach a large number of Southern collectors, not reached by other papers. Advertisers take notice of the above.

We return our sincere thanks to all who have so kindly aided us in this our first issue, whether in ads. or matter for its columns.

THE Empire State Philatelist has obtained a "blue cloak." The Collector's Companion says she will wear heavier clothing after Jan. 1st, and the Stamp World—what will happen? Will Miller issue it hereafter as 24 pages, semi-monthly?

THE Atlanta Philatelic Society was formed Oct. 2nd. Twenty-one members were enrolled at the first meeting. Any one desiring to become a corresponding member, should address the publisher of this paper, who will give all the necessary information.

We have received the following papers up to date; publishers please accept thanks for the same:

Philatelic Tribune, Hawkeye Observer, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Philatelic Herald, Capitol City Philatelist, Stamp World, Michigan Philatelist, N. Y. Collector, Exchanger's Monthly, Hermes, Tidings from Nature, Plain Talk, Young Ornithologist Southern Geologist, Collector's Companion, Philatelic Monthly, New Moon, Our American Youth, Genius of Youth, and Philatelic Magazine.

MR. W. E. SKINNER, publisher of the "Agassiz Journal," states that Mr. Geo. A. Lowe afraid we would like to say, that to our knowledge Mr. Lowe is one of the most reliable Canadian dealers. Skinner is a very vindictive kind of an individual. It is reported that he contracted advertising bills with certain publishers, and whenever they requested him to remit, he would write in return that no orders were written for the insertion. Messrs. Bishop, Lowe and others are giving Skinner a "wide berth." We say:—"Give him such a wide berth, that he can't find the edge, in order to rise and play his tricks in beating reliable publishers out of advertising space."

## "ROGUES GALLERY."

[All communications, etc., in regard to this Department must be addressed to W. G. Walden, Jr., 140 Washington St., Atlanta, Ga.]

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In presenting this department to you we trust, that it will meet with your approval, and that you will aid us in exposing all Frauds, Dead-beats etc., that may come to your knowledge. We will expose NO ONE until we are absolutely positive that the said persons is carrying on fraudulent schemes. We will not publish any one on a doubt; there must be actual proof. Therefore, you may rely on any statement we publish. We would be pleased to receive information in regard to any suspected person, and we will carefully do all in our power to "capture the goat."

**Jas. A. Webb**—The subject of our sketch is a youth seventeen years of age, who was arrested December, 8th for the embezzlement of nearly \$300, from the wholesale grocery firm of Tanner, Currier & Heath, of this city. His plan was a very systematic one, and if he had not been detected a few days ago, his embezzlements might have reached a very large sum. We notice an ad. in the December issue of the "Collector's Companion" in which J. A. Webb, Atlanta, Ga., offers some extremely cheap sets of U. S. Department stamps, as follows: War, complete, unused, 70 cents; used, 35 cents. Complete; interior, used, 35 cents. These stamps cannot be obtained at such prices, yet Webb offers them for sale. It is not positively ascertained that Jas. Webb and J. A. Webb are identical, but a Post-office Inspector is now investigating the case, and we will give a full account of his discoveries in our next issue.

**B. De Witt Oprey**—We would warn our readers in regard to the above individual, who hails from Atlanta, Ga. He wrote to Mr. H. G. Spalding, requesting advertising space and referred him to W. G. Whilden, Jr., W. B. Symmers, or any other officer of the "Atlanta Philatelic Society." He also stated that he was a member of the Society, in good standing. The above named persons know nothing in regard to him, neither have they heard his name mentioned before. Oprey told an infamous falsehood when he said he was a member of the society as no one of that name has ever applied for membership. He is an imposter of the vilest description therefore keep clear of him.

**W. F. Ware**—We would warn our readers against W. F. Ware, Box 76, Cincinnati, Ohio. Particulars

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## Chronicle of New Issues.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

**Argentine.**—The engraved 12 centavos has made its appearance.

**Azores.**—The 500 and 1000 reis stamps of Portugal have been surcharged for use in the Azores.

**Brazil.**—Of the type with numeral in the center a 100 reis, lilac, has been prepared.

**Ceylon.**—The 2 cent card is announced surcharged "10 cents."

**Congo.**—Stamps from Congo are said to have been prepared. They bear the bust of the Leopard of Belgium, and the inscription, "Etat Independent du Congo." Four values are mentioned, viz: 5 centimes, green; 10 c., carmine; 25 c., blue; 50 c., lilac. We have not yet seen the stamps and have no further information concerning them.

**Denmark.**—We have the 4 and 8 ore official cards in the large size.

**Eastern Rometia.**—Bulgaria, it appears, has constituted its lately acquired territory into a province called South Bulgaria and surcharged the Roumelia stamps with the Bulgarian lion and an inscription signifying "South Bulgaria," all enclosed in an octagonal frame. The following stamps have received this surcharge: 5 paras, 1 and 5 piastres of 1881 and 5, 10, 20 paras of 1883. There are others surcharged simply with the lion, as follows; 5, 20 paras, 1, 5 piastres of 1881 and 5, 10, 20 paras of 1883.

**Labuan.**—We have the 8 cent stamp surcharged "two cents." The colors of the 2 and 3 cents are said to have been changed to carmine and violet respectively.

**Malta.**—An 1/4 penny, green, newspaper wrapper is in use.

Mexico.—Of the new issues we have received the following:

2 centavos,	carmine;	3 centavos,	brown;
4 "	red;	5 "	blue;
10 "	orange;	12 "	brown;
25 "	blue;		

Postal cards of the value of 2, 3 and 5 centavos, single and double, with the new stamps are also in use. The color of the official stamp has been changed to green. We have also seen a 25 centavos envelope of the first issue, without watermark, with the stamp on the upper left corner.

Puttalia.—The 2 annas Service Stamp of India has been surcharged for Puttalia State.

Reunion.—Another surcharge is reported: 5 centimes on 4 centimes.

St. Lucia.—The one shilling, orange, head in octagon, has been issued.

Surinam.—A series of unpaid letter stamps has been issued similar to those of Holland, but printed in brown. The set is as follows: 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 cents.

Sweden.—The double as well as the single 6 ore card has been surcharged and utilized for 5 ore. A 10 ore, carmine, envelope has taken the place of the 12 ore, blue.

Tonga.—It is reported that stamps have been ordered of the New Zealand government for the island of Tonga.

Victoria.—The 1 penny card is now carmine on white.

## REVENUE COLLECTING.

BY W. S. GORDON.

It has long been a source of wonder to me, that revenue collecting in this country is not carried on more extensively than it is.

It is true that there are thousands of stamp collectors, but most of them only collect postage stamps, and would not have a revenue in their collection.

Why is this? It surely cannot be, that revenue's are not as attractive as postage stamps, for many of the revenues of France, Austria, India, and the document and medicine stamps, of our own country rival, in fine engraving, and designs, the postage stamps of the same countries. Some collectors give for their reason, for not collecting revenues, that stamp dealers do not deal in, or publish catalogues of, or albums for revenues.

This should not be. I think stamp collectors should collect revenues more extensively, if the philatelic papers contained more articles on re-

venues, and encouraged them. I do not mean you to collect revenues, and keep them in the same album with your postage stamps, but do advise you to collect them, and keep them in a separate album.

If you only collect the revenues of the U. S. you will find that you will have plenty to occupy your time, as these numerous stamps are very handsome and instructive, and are always turning up in out-of-the-way places. You will find them on old medicine bottles and boxes, match-boxes, wills, deeds, photographs, cards, etc. It is true, some of them are very rare, and almost impossible to obtain, but this only makes your search the more interesting. If you collect foreign revenues you will find them almost as numerous, as the postage stamps and some are very cheap. Almost every country uses revenue stamps of some sort.

Another reason in favor of collecting revenues, is that they are not as extensively counterfeited as the postage stamps, and young collectors, are not so apt to be gulled, as they are when purchasing postage stamps.

Since the tax on patent medicines, etc., in the U. S., has been abolished some proprietors, put labels resembling stamps on their medicines. These are not stamps and should not be collected.

I will close my remarks, trusting that collectors will turn their attention to revenue as well as postage stamp collecting.

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