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If any of my readers should come under the head of collectors, my advice to them is to study their specimens, read all the articles in the philatelic press, and still more, make investigation and find out all the details of the issue of certain stamps, or any that may be in their possession. You should know each of your treasured specimens by heart; you should be able to tell the name of the engraver of each stamp, the exact date and cause of issue, by whose authority, under whose reign, and all the minutiae necessary to be learned.

You can not be a Philatelist without spending your energies in research and investigation. The youngest collector, by a few years study, can soon master all the details of philately, and then he will be prepared to instruct, and teach his younger, and less experienced friends.

The Philatelists of this, and Foreign countries, are men, and should not be connected with those whom the newspapers call maniacs. Such men as L. W. Durbin, S. B. Bradt, T. F. Cuno, R. R. Bogert, J. K. Tiffany, E. B. Sterling, E. B. Hanes, J. M. Chute, T. C. Watkins, and a host of others, are ornaments to our science, while those who collect simply for numbers disgrace the name of Philately. Will you

not, by study, care and investigation, make yourselves fit to take the places of the above mentioned? By so doing you will benefit, and increase the standard of our science do much good in the cause, and be honored and respected by the generation which is to come after you.

Recent Issues.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 50c. has been found on the sheet of 10c. stamps.

AUSTRIA.—“10 Para 10” has been surcharged on the 3 soldi stamp for use in the Levant; and a letter card inscribed “Karton-Brief-Cartolina-lettera-Carte-lettre.” 10 soldi, blue on gray, with interior white.

BULGARIA.—The 1s. and 2s. have been slightly changed. The principal difference being that in the new ones the first word at the bottom is spelled with four letters instead of five.

CHAMBA.—This Indian state has followed the example of its neighbors and surcharged the British Indian stamps “Chamba State” in two lines. They are also used for official purposes with the word “Service” above. $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 and 4 annas. The $\frac{1}{2}$ a envelope and $\frac{1}{4}$ a card are also surcharged.

FARIDKOT.—In place of the hyroglyphics which have been used here we now have the British India stamps

surcharge "Faridkot State" in two lines $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8a. and 1r. Also the same with "Service".

GABOON.—More French Colony surcharges have been issued. "G. A. B." in a dotted oval on the 20c. red on green with new value .05, 10, 25c. and on the 15c blue 50, 75c.

GREECE.—The new stamps have received a Greek inscription in blue, meaning Minister of Foreign Affairs.

HAYTI.—The 1 & 2c. have been re-engraved. The most noticeable difference being the difference in the size of the figures.

HONG KONG.—A 10c. stamp is said to be in preparation.

MADAGASCAR.—The British Consul has issued two stamps of larger size than those already chronicled, and printed in rose and black. 1 penny and 2 pence.

MARTINIQUE.—There are two varieties of the surcharged 5c. on 10c. in one of which the "5" is followed by the letter "c".

MONACO.—Letter cards are reported; 15c. rose on buff and 25c. green on rose.

MORESNET.—It is reported that a series of 8 stamps have been in use since Oct. 1st.

NEW CALEDONIA.—There are two varieties of the surcharged 5 on 1 franc. The last one being large and heavy.

NORTH BORNEO.—Stamps of the same design, but of the following values are out. $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose, 1c. orange, and 10c. blue; and of a new type inscribed "British North Borneo."

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose; 1c. orange; 25 blue gray and 2 dollars olive green.

TOBAGO.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d is green.

UNITED STATES.—The letter sheets are now perforated 6 across the top instead of 12 as at first. The watermark on the new envelope is simply "U. S."

U. S. COLOMBIA.—There is a new 5c. stamp with the portrait of General Bolivar in oval band, inscribed "Correos de la Republica de Columbia." Blue on white.

VICTORIA.—There are $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps with head of Queen in circle enclosed in oblong frame. Victoria above and value at the sides and below. 1d green with head of Victoria in frame curved above and value below. There are also bands $\frac{1}{2}$ d, and 1d, and cards 1d.

Notes on the Convention.

HERMES.

The Convention of philatelists for the formation of a National Philatelic Association is over, and taking everything in consideration, was a grand success. Very few criticisms can be made with the proceedings of the convention.

The greatest mistake was in allowing fraudulent persons to join. When the names of the collectors, who wished to be enrolled as members of the association was being read, the name of W. F. Bishop of Lagrange, Ind., was read, a discussion arose whether such a person as Bishop should be allowed to join. Some of the delegates objected in having him admitted, but the popular

voice said that his money was as good as any ones else and as money was what they wanted they had better let him join.

There is scarcely a collector who Bishop has not cheated or whom he does not owe, and yet these very same collectors let this man join an association for protection against frauds. Why they might as well write to S. Allen Taylor, "Horace C. Jones" Warner, and the rest of the frauds informing them that they are at liberty to join the association, if they pay their dues for you know money is what they want, it makes no difference whether the man is honest, just so he has the *almighty* "two dollars."

Oh! brother philatelists of the association do not let this thing rest bring the war into the enemies camp and rout them out. Down with the frauds, "long live philately" ought to be the watchword of every true Philatelist.

The President of the National Philatelic Association is not a dealer in stamps, nor is the secretary.

Philatelic Notes.

A history of the Mulready envelopes is in preparation by T. Martin Wears. It ought to be an interesting work.

The Oleomargarine stamp is to be decorated by a fine engraving of the Treasury building.

The letter sheet which made its appearance about a month ago is not meeting with general approval. Many and great are the complaints

made against it and we hear that it will soon be a thing of the past.

John K. Tiffany is at work on a history of U. S. stamps, which will soon appear. It will be a valuable book and every collector should have a copy.

The collecting of entire stamped envelopes is rapidly increasing with interest.

We hear that a new postal card is soon to appear. We have read that it will be an improvement on present card.

Editorial Thoughts.

Now the *Philatelic Journal of America* comes to the front with a long report of the proceedings of the American Philatelic Association. Mekeel claims that his is the only true report; that the ones appearing in the *Stamp and Coin Gazette* and others are wrong. We see no difference materially, but then it is like Mekeel.

The Philatelists of this city want some one to awaken them and have them recognize that there is such a thing as philately. They seemed to have fossilized, for appearance does not indicate but what stamp collecting is a thing of the past to them.

T. C. Watkins in his editorials draws attention to the scarcity of original articles for the philatelic press. Although there are a great many collectors who could if they desired, write very interesting articles, hold back; why it is we have not been able to find out.

"Notes by the Way" are indeed interesting and he must be a hard collector, who does not find them to be attractive.

J. H. Miron edits the *Curiosity World*. We have a suspicion that this is no other than John Miron Hubbard?

Collectors of entire envelopes would undoubtedly, take more interest in their collection, if they could obtain an album adapted to their purpose.

One of the best illustrations of success in Philatelic journalism is in the *Empire State Philatelist*.

It is indeed laughable to notice how *Plain Talk* endeavors to hold itself above their contemporaries. This is noticeable in an article of the last issue.

The Dixie Stamp Collector is announced and will shortly appear, by Whilden and Brummley.

The *Golden State Scientist* is a new one from Riverside, Cal. by E. M. Haight. A neat paper indeed.

Our nearest contemporary, the *Tag World*, has a philatelic department edited by—

The suspension of the *Stamp Collector*, published in Chicago, is bringing forth much comment. A paper written in such style and containing

articles that are interesting to Philatelists, and meeting with such poor encouragement is indeed discouraging. It is a shame that philatelists of this country can not support a journal of such high class.

We are in receipt of a circular announcing the sale of the stamp collection of Finley A. Grant, Merrieur, Hickey Co. Dakota, consisting of between 4500 and 5000 pieces; among the gems of the collection being the NOVA SCOTIA SHILLING.

The *Philatelic Herald* at hand, August number, we mean. It contains "State chronste" to the amount of 4 columns, and also convention news of rather old date.

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Although George Hussey has been dead for several years, the Post still retains his name. The business is now carried on at 54 Pine St., although it is not one-fourth of its former extent.

Regarding the stamps but little can be said which is not known to most philatelists. The "horse and rider" set usually offered are reprints, the originals being almost unobtainable. I believe that most of the issues previous to the "post boy" series have been reprinted, but not to my knowledge have the post-boy stamps, of either emission, been re-issued.

FOR THE **BUCKEYE STATE PHILATELIST.**

Recent Issues.

R. R. BOGERT.

AFGHANISTAN.—We have received the 1 and 2 abassy and 1 rupee of the present issue printed in red on wove yellow, orange and rose paper and on laid green and lilac paper.

AUSTRIA.—The 10 paros on 3 soldi comes in two types, one being made in Vienna and the other in Constantinople.

BARBADOS.—The 6 d gray-brown 1 ch red brown and 5 sh brown yellow have been issued also a post-card $1\frac{1}{2}$ lilac on buff.

BULGARIA.—The 5 sto is now black on gray, the 15 dark blue on light blue and we have received the 5 sto printed in red. The 5 sto card comes with inscription in green instead of black.

BHOPAL.—The $\frac{1}{4}$ a with B. L. C. I. in the four corners is now printed in green and is unperforated.

CURACOA.—There is a $12\frac{1}{2}$ c yellow.

FRANCE.—We have received the 25 c black on rose surcharged "1 piastre 1" in red.

GAMBIA.—The 1 sh is violet instead of brown as stated.

GERMAN COLONIES.—We have received information from Dr. Mitchell that stamps will be issued of same type and values as those now used in the German Empire. They will be inscribed "Colonies des Deutschen Reichs" and "Afrika" or "Jamaica" as the case may be.

GREAT BRITAIN.—There are two types of the $\frac{1}{2}$ p brown wrapper.

GRENADA.—The three half pence stamp has been surcharged "d—l—Postage" in black in three lines.

JHIND.—The surcharge is now spelled "Jhivad."

MADAGASCAR.—The 1, 2, and 3 pence of the new type have the arms surcharged in lilac.

MARTINIQUE.—There is a third variety of the 5 on 20. The surcharge being "05."

MONACO.—The new letter cards are 15 c. vermilion on straw and 25 c green on pink.

NEW ZEALAND.—There is a 1x1 d card red brown on buff. The frame of the 1 d card has been changed.

NORTH BORNEO.—The 50 c and 1 dollar stamps are now inscribed "British North Borneo."

PARAGUAY.—A new set will be issued as soon as the present supply is gone, 1 c green, 2 c red, 5 c blue, 7 c orange, 10 c carmine, 15 c maroon, 20 c blue. In the meantime they have been issued unperforated and later perforated in the following colors with the word "Official" surcharged. 1c orange, 2c dark violet, 5c red, 7c green, 10c maroon, 15 c blue, 20c carmine.

PERU.—The 4x4 c card has the arms and figures in red instead of black.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—The 6 d is now orange and there is a 3 d lilac.

ST. LUCIA.—The 1 d is now lilac.

SHANGHAI.—The postal service of China is to be extended to all the treaty ports and a national post office will be established. The local stamps of Shanghai will become obsolete.

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The Preparing of Stamps for the Album.

We have seen numerous articles on the collecting of stamps but comparatively few treat on their use after having been collected. I propose to take a stamp through its numerous stages of transformation, from the time it was obtained from the dealer to when it is permanently fixed in the album. In the first place, after a stamp is ob-

tained all the surplus paper on its back should be removed, many accomplish this end by soaking the stamp for an indefinite time in water, this is a wrong thing to do for while it seldom entirely spoils the stamp it is almost sure to dim the color and there is nothing which collectors so admire as a clear rich colored stamp. Now we think we hear the collector ask how this is to be accomplished without the stamp being soaked and we are prepared to answer just such a question, take your pen knife and dip it in a little water then withdraw the knife and you will find still clinging to the blade a few drops of water to sufficiently moisten the mucilage which holds the paper to stamp, so that it can be removed very easily by the means of the pen knife. By following the above directions not a drop of water will need to touch the colored part of the stamp and it will be as bright and clear as the day it was made. The next thing to do after having removed the paper on the back, is to see if there is any tears in the stamp if so cut a piece of gummed paper corresponding in length with the tear and about a quarter of an inch wide, place the ends of the tear together so as to have them as near as possible in the same position as before being torn

then after having moistened your gum paper press it down firmly over the tear, it would now be advisable to press the stamp for a few hours in a heavy book so as to have the tear more firmly fastened together. After having pressed the stamp there is but one more task to be accomplished and that is the placing of the stamp in the album, the old way of fastening the entire stamp to the page by means of mucilage or paste is now a thing of the past and the new mode of placing one hinge in the middle of the stamps is also giving away to the latest and by far the best of all the other styles, that of placing a narrow hinge in each of the upper corners this will help the stamp from slipping and hold it in place better than in any other way of mounting a stamp.

We have now carried the stamp safely to the collector's album where we will let it rest for the time being at least.

HERMES.

The Stamps of Guadalajara.

The stamps of Guadalajara constitute a series by themselves, in the annals of philately. That a town, one among many, in the interior of a large country like Mexico should issue its own stamps, of a design peculiar to itself, to frank postage to all parts, domestic as well as

foreign, and this at a time when legal governmental issues were in full course through the rest of the country, nay, even in the very town itself, is a fact well known to those whose attention has been directed to the history of postal matters, but which may truly be affirmed to be unique in their knowledge; and to the uninitiated, must appear inexplicable, if not incredible.

The records of our science are, however, full of instances which at first sight are strange, they yield to patient investigation and furnish results valuable alike to the historian and to the chronicler of postal issues.

Collectors, beware of counterfeit stamps. Never place a bogus stamp in your album, for nothing destroys the value of a collection so much as the presence of counterfeits therein.

Some collectors say: "Well, we cannot get the originals because they are so expensive, and we can get fac-similes at a low price, why not fill up the spaces with them? They are as good as a genuine stamp." It is far better to leave the spaces empty than to have them filled with trash.

Some of the principal and most common counterfeits which are to be seen are the stamps of the Argentine Republic, of the 1862 issue. In the originals each value is of different design, but in the reprints all values are alike with only the figures of value and the colors changed.

There are now 211 stamp-issuing countries. It is estimated that every year some 50,000,000,000 letters are posted in the world. America leads with about 2,500,000,000 and England follows with 700,000,000. Japan now mails annually 95,000,000 letters and the cancelled stamps on these letters are worth an average of one cent each. Last year there were 26,000 letters posted in England without any address on them. In 1,600 gold coin was enclosed. The cancelled postage stamps of many countries are worth quite as much as unused specimens, and many are issued solely for collections, the revenue being an important item.—*Empire State Philatelist*.

The most accurate stamp likeness is that of President Garfield, which ornaments the United States five cent brown. It is a copy of the portrait selected by Mrs. Garfield to send to Queen Victoria, and is a triumph of the engraver's art.

An Incident of Coin Collecting.

J. G. BINGHAM, McGrawville, N. Y.

In the winter of 1879 I met a gentleman in the "First National Bank" at Cortland, N. Y., who after the preliminaries of an introduction in which he learned I was a coin

collector, began to enquire of my success, and showed considerable apparent interest in the statements I there made to him. After quite an interesting conversation of a half hour, Mr. C. said: "If you will call to my house in H—, some day I will let you have some coins that I think you will find desirable." Thanking him and promising to do so at my first leisure opportunity, we separated.

A few days after I had a business call to H—, and after its completion, I drove to the gentleman's house, finding him at home. Was warmly welcomed and we were soon discussing the weather, politics, and other topics of no great importance. C— brought from another room that contained a safe, office-desk and other office furniture, a small package, and prefaced showing its contents with the remark, "I have held these coins in my possession for nearly forty years. I remember that I thought at the time they were very nice, and so concluded to make them keepsakes. But I have lost interest in them and for the vim and enthusiasm you show in the collecting profession, I have taken a liking to you, and if you want these coins you shall have them." Untying the package in the meantime, and while I was mentally hoping he had some

rarities, yet not really expecting any of that character, imagine my interest and astonishment when the first piece that made its appearance was a *Proof* U. S. Dollar of 1836 "isn't that rather fine," he remarked. I acquiesced that it was for so late a date. "Well, here are some of Uncle Sam's dollars that are older, and that you may like better." 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798 and 1799. All in *very* fine to uncirculated condition, and each a gem of its year, yet none equalling the 1836 in its value.

Undoing another small parcel, he dropped out eleven half-dollars, one *very good* of 1815, but unfortunately pierced with a small hole over the head of liberty, one of 1820, one a *proof* of 1830 and the balance of later dates, all in excellent state of preservation.

The last package contained *seven* U. S. copper cents *only*. Try as hard as it was possible not to manifest too much interest, these last nearly out-generated me. I ran my eyes over their dates, 1793 "Liberty Cap," 1795, 1796, 1807 over 6, 1809, 1811, 1812. I mentally soliloquised. "They are magnificent, every one a gem." Each was in conditions that by coin fanciers would be pronounced "*uncirculated*," the most desirable condition possible. I spread the coins on the table before us, and 'sounded' each piece to test genuine-

ness. None gave any uncertain sound. I examined each closely, hardly restraining my impatience, for they were most assuredly, the best lot I had ever seen. I mentally calculated their value, and placed it *above* all the dollars and half dollars Mr. C— had shown me. Turning as quietly as possible, I said, "they are a very good lot of coins, indeed, friend C—, and if you will spare them at a reasonable price I would most certainly like them." C— had been watching me closely all along, and his reply came sharp, "I am pleased that you like them, you shall have them at your own figures."

"Not at all, my dear sir," I answered, "you must make your price, and if agreeable, I will accept and also most heartily thank you." Taking his pencil and a scrap of paper he made a moment's calculation and replied, "give me fifty per cent. advance over face on the silver, and the cents ought to be worth thirty-five cents, the lot total \$17.60." I tendered a \$20.00 bill and upon his rising to get me the difference, I said, "do not trouble yourself to get me the change, the coins are worth all I have given you, and I should prefer to pay you more than to receive any back." He expostulated, but I was firm, and doing up the different parcels of beauties, and

carefully putting them in my pocket, we, after a short talk, parted with kindly feelings of esteem and regard.

I might add as a sequel to this little sketch, that a brother collector afterward offered me \$75.00 for these coins but I declined. The 1836 dollar I did sell for \$18.25 and three of the copper cents for \$21.50, retaining the others in my own collection.

Editorial Thoughts.

The December issue of *Empire State Philatelist* will open a series of papers entitled "Stamps, what to collect and how to collect them," by S. Coke.

The *Curiosity World* has appeared and is really the paper for the Curiosity collector. The article on the Coins of the United States will be highly appreciated by coin collectors; it is illustrated.

Frank H. Lattin of the *Young Oologist* is closing out his stock of curiosities and specimens, in order that he may devote more of his time to Oology.

The first and second official circulars of American Philatelic Association has been received. The committee should be congratulated on the good that they have done for surely this convention should be considered a good thing.

We are not a member of the A. P. A. at present, but it is our wish, that in the near future we may have the honor of being a member of the Association.

W. C. Whilden Jr. has transferred the *Dixie Stamp Collector* to Mr. Alvah Davison. Mr. Whilden found that the tax which is levied upon papers published in Atlanta, made it impossible for him to publish his paper.

The trial of "Horace C. Jones" was held in Minneapolis on Oct. 23. We have not room for full particulars, further than to say that he was found "not guilty" after the jury had been out 8 hours.

There are two stamp papers published in Ohio, namely the *Stamp World* and *The Buckeye State Philatelist* and one paper devoted to the collection of Tags.

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We have received a copy of the *Philatelic Magazine*, and Bishop with all the coolness at hand, makes it known that he desires publishers to send back numbers of their publications or he would cease exchanging with them. Now we have heard of brass, but this goes ahead of any thing we have heard of before.

We are with you, *Quaker City Philatelist*, when you say that Bishop must keep up with the procession if he wished to be recognized as a publisher.

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The Philatelists of this, and foreign countries, are men, and should not be connected with those whom the newspapers call maniacs. Such men as S. B. Bratt, T. F. Cuno, R. R. Bogert, J. K. Tiffany, E. B. Sterliag, E. B. Hanes, J. M. Chute, and a host of others, are ornaments to our science, while those who collect simply for numbers disgrace the name of Philately. Will you not, by study, care and investigation, make yourselves fit to take the places of the above mentioned? By so doing, you will benefit, and increase the standard of our science, do much good in the cause, and be honored and respected by the generation which is to come after you.



CHINESE MAIL MATTER.

The Postoffice Officials Have No Trouble in Delivering It.

The manner in which Chinese mail matter is handled in the Cleveland post-office and the process it goes through before getting there is a subject of interest. It is generally supposed by the public at large that a Chinese interpreter is employed by the government for the purpose of deciphering the tea-chest characters which pass through his hands.

This, however, is an erroneous idea, for the government has no use for such a person. A Chinese letter goes through a peculiar process before reaching its destination. When a Chinaman wishes to send a letter to his native country he writes it in the ordinary fashion that Americans do and puts the "Sing Lee" or "Quong Long" in Chinese on the envelope as the case may be.

He then goes to one of his brethren, who has obtained a smattering of English and gets him to re-write the address in the English language above the one he has already inscribed.

This puts the missive in proper form ready for transmission. The clerks in the postoffice readily read the address on the envelope and have no difficulty in putting it in its proper place.

The letter then takes a journey across the country to San Francisco, and from there goes to China. When it reaches the Chinese authorities it is delivered there as an ordinary letter would be in this country.

In sending letters from home the Chinese put two inscriptions on the envelope the same as when they are received. So what seems a very difficult undertaking is indeed quite a simple one.

Peter Ling, a Chinaman of note among his class, who keeps a grocery store

at 154 Woodland avenue, under Lun Wo Tong Temple, is a character in his way. He acts as interpreter for all the Chinese in the city and charges nothing for his services, but in return they trade at his store. In this manner he has obtained quite a reputation and also a neat sum of money.

IS IT A VARIETY ?

From the "POST OFFICE" of June 15 we clip the following: "Mr. Henry Gremmell has discovered a specimen of a new variety, or at least a scarce one, of the United States one cent blue of the 1851 issue. The 1857 one cent with the top and bottom lines removed is well known, but we have hitherto never seen the unperforated one cent in this condition.

In Mr. Tiffany's work he mentions this stamp as an oddity, leading to the belief that he had seen them with the lines removed. Mr. Gremmell's is a very fine specimen with good margins, showing on the bottom where the line and corner pieces have been removed, while on the top the removed portion is not shown so clear, owing to the "blurry" appearance of the paper.

This specimen would seem to establish that the 1 cent 1851 was subjected to the same process as the 1857 in removing a portion of the top and bottom. In the 1857 issue parts of the stamps were supposed to have been removed in order to give room for the the perforation which had cut into the lines bordering the labels, and why portions of the previously unperforated series were removed is a puzzle, and yet the evidence clearly shows that it was done, unless, and the explanation seems reasonable, Mr. Gremmell's specimen is one of a whole or a part of a sheet of the 1857 issue, which was put out unperforated.

The great scarcity of these specimens would lead to this belief, as it stands to reason that if the outer lines were removed before the stamps were issued perforated, that all the perforated issue would be without the lines, while only a portion of them are thus found, the specimens with the outer line intact being the rarer variety. It is an interesting specimen and much can be said regarding it. If any of our readers have any knowledge of this stamp, we shall be pleased to hear from them, as a full discussion would no doubt throw some light on it."

VARIETIES IN U. S. STAMPS.

It has always been a source of wonder to me that so many American collectors fail to collect the oddities of stamps—errors and the various colors in which stamps are printed. Especially is this the case in the stamps of our own country. How few collections contain the two sets of due stamps, the brown

and the red brown; or the black and sage green of the postoffice department; the light and the dark red of the war; each of these in two distinct colors.

In the 1870 issue have appeared the following different colors: The one cent has appeared in light and dark blue, and also in a blue that might, I presume, be called a slate blue; the two cents have appeared in light and dark brown, the head in a very dark oval; the six cents in carmine and red; the ten cents of this issue have appeared in the same colors as the brown two cents; the twelve cents in two shades of purple. The one, two, three, six and ten cents have appeared with a plain frame, instead of the usual lined one familiar to all. Perhaps the whole series have been so issued, but I have never been able to get but the five values. These stamps made their appearance about 1873, and, I presume, lasted but a short time, as I have never obtained any except on letters written in that year. There has been quite a number of the three cents collected, and it is to be found in the collections of many of the older collectors; also the one and ten cents are occasionally to be met with; but the two and six are much more rare. I have also obtained a twelve cents Treasury department, printed upon pink paper, and is, I think, a genuine specimen. It shows conclusively, to my mind at least, that the revenues were not the only stamps printed on pink paper.

No collector wastes his time collecting and arranging stamps with such differences. A collector must collect for himself, and if he wishes to advance in Philately he must study the subject, and necessarily study up the colors and oddities in stamps. When you once get into the study of stamps you will find many treasures to reward your diligence, and it will not cost you so much money as you imagine either. Nearly all advanced collectors collect colors, errors and odd perforations as eagerly as they do the regular issues. The time was when it was thought foolish to collect the varieties of five cents issue of 1861; now which many wish they had been wise enough to save all the five cents buff, and also the three cents scarlet of the same issue. And it was the same way when stamps were embossed with a grill, collectors who now pay handsomely for them when the opportunity presents itself—which does not occur every day. —*Black's Monthly Journal*.



The U. S. postage due stamps have lately been changed in color from brown to claret.

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WE have received a catalogue announcing the coming auction sale of the S. B. Bradt Co., which will be held in Chicago on the afternoon and evening of July 25th. We notice among the list some very fine and desirable United States stamps; also some rare foreign. As Messrs. Bradt & Co. say, this is the first sale of importance that has been held in Chicago and they have taken unusual pains to bring the sale before the public, and we trust that they will meet with the success that they merit. A desirable feature of the catalogue is a reproduction of the more rare specimens by the photo-engraving process, giving the prospective buyer at a distance a better opportunity to examine the stamps for which he is bidding.

THE writer in his travels over the State of Ohio and her boundaries, often makes the acquaintances of stamp collectors. In a recent trip we had the pleasure of meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. C. N. Stockwell, of Painesville, Ohio, W. H. Schneider, and McLaren, the last two gentlemen of Cleveland, all who are enthusiastic stamp collectors. Mr. Schneider is at the present time cataloguing his stamps and will soon offer them for sale. His collection would make many dealers open their eyes at the choice varieties of stamps which he has, and he knows the value of them too. Shades, oddities, etc., are made a study by Mr. Schneider, and any one visiting Cleveland should make it a point to see what a good stamp collection looks like.

THE Eastern Philatelist is at hand and contains, as usual, a large amount of interesting matter for live philatelists. An article on "Early Collectors," by John R. Hooper, was read with interest.

THE matter of forming an Ohio Philatelic Association was agitated a year or so ago, but it was not taken hold of by many of the advanced collectors. We should be pleased to receive a list of names of those who are willing to aid in the formation of such a society.

THE new U. S. postal card for ladies has been issued. It is a small pearl-grey card with the head of General Grant.

THE next annual convention of the American Philatelic Association will be held in New York some time in August. The meeting is a very important one and all A. P. A. members should make their plans to attend it.

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The first stamps issued by the United States were the 5-cent brown and the 10-cent black of 1847. The smaller denomination had a portrait of Benjamin Franklin as a vignette, while the 10-cent bore an engraved likeness of the "father of his country."

The issue of 1869 was used but a very short time, and was not liked by the people. This series is said by collectors to be one of the finest ever issued by the government. It was well engraved, and is an interesting and handsome series for the stamp collector's album, but for general use it was not practical. The series was intended to portray the history of the post-office in the United States, beginning with Franklin. As soon as the stamps were issued great dissatisfaction was expressed in the press and elsewhere, and after a few months they were withdrawn and new designs issued. The style of the smaller denominations is indicated above; but the larger values were printed in two colors, and were of unusual merit, though the engraving was necessarily very fine.

The 15-cent stamp was brown with a picture of the landing of Columbus in blue. The 24-cent stamp was printed in green with a picture of the "signing of the Declaration of Independence," in purple. The 30-cent stamp, as originally issued, had a picture of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga, but as the stamp was largely used for foreign postage, and especially to England, it was considered too suggestive and changed to a combination of eagle and shield, and flags in blue and carmine. These were made valuable by an error which occurred in some of the higher denominations. In making up the plates for the 15 and 24-cent stamps, one of the pictures in each plate was reversed. The defective stamps sell at \$40 to \$50, and are quite rare.

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