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A new postal convention or treaty between the U. S. and Mexico has been ratified, and will go into effect on the first of July, as it requires no action on part of the Senate. It was signed by the President, having already been approved by the Mexican Government. It practically annexes Mexico to the U. S. so far as postal facilities for transmission of mail thither is concerned, the postage rates being the same to Mexican points as to post-offices this side of the line. Rates for matter mailed in Mexico for transmission to the U. S. are higher for various classes. The chief advantage to the U. S. is the possibility of sending as much as four pounds of merchandise to Mexico by mail, the Mexican duty being collected on delivery to the purchaser. This gives the Mexican purchaser a great advantage over ordinary freight rates, and must stimulate trade.—  
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## EDITORIAL.

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E. J. Smith of Portsmouth, Ohio, is going to publish the Buckeye State Philatelist.

All exchanges please send two copies and we will do likewise.

The Niagara Falls Philatelist has been announced.

The K. S. P. has "gobbled" the Germantown Philatelist.

The July number of the Philatelic Gazette commences its fourth volume.

As far as we are able to learn this is the only Philatelic paper published in Texas.

R. W. Manier, of Binghamton, N. Y., is the publisher of the Philatelic Record.

We are very sorry to learn of the suspension of the Texas Stamp. But such is life in the "Far West."

Everybody is kicking at the poor old A. P. A. Please give it a rest.

On the cover of the July issue of the Western Philatelist are the words, "Official Journal of the American Philatelic Association." It makes it look very nicely and we hope it will stay there.

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The above is taken from the July number of the Keystone State Philatelist, and to our certain knowledge it has, ever since its first issue been one of the best Philatelic Papers published, and we wish for it even a more brilliant success in the future than it has so justly experienced in the past.

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BRIC-A-BRAC is the name of a very neat little paper published by J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, London. It is out for June with a jubilee number. Among many other good things is an ode to Her Majesty, the Queen; also a portrait of James Chalmers. Mr. Palmer has succeeded in getting a bill through the post office department for the suppression of the sale of forged stamps; and we have it from good authority that certain dealers in Germany and England would like to knock Mr. P. into—well, never mind where, so long as he continues to keep up the agitation against such vermin.—K. S. P.

The July number of the Q. C. P. contains an interesting article from the pen of Mr. Theodore Siddall in regard to the Hill-Chalmers controversy. Mr. Siddall evidently believes there are two sides to the question and proposes to investigate before he makes up his mind who the inventor really was. That is where his head is level. Patrick Chalmers saying that his father invented the postage stamp, backed by the Encyclopædia Britannica and submission of the Sir Roland Hill Committee does not make it so any more than our saying that the "moon is made out of green cheese" would make it a fact. We should like to hear Mr. Hill's side of the story and then we might be able to make up our minds who was the real inventor. Until then we "roost on the fence.—Curiosity World.

As we are in the same "hole" as The World, we can only express its sentiments and say we are "roosting on the fence."



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## *Postal Card Collecting.*

A great many stamp collectors neglect the important branch of philately, post card collecting. Very little has been written on the above subject so I will endeavor to express my views. In the first place, most people say post cards are too large and bulky, others think they are too expensive, while another class are of the opinion that they are too numerous. In some cases the above is true, but it must be remembered that there are not near as many post cards as there are stamps for the reason that they have been in use but a few years and so if their size is great their number is small and a fine collection would not be very bulky. As to the expense, there are a few that are very rare, but the majority of them can be purchased unused at from 3 to 10cts. each, and 1000 varieties is considered a fine collection. There are many ready made albums but I prefer a blank album and with the aid of a good catalogue one can arrange them to suit his taste. The best way to do this is to write the name at the top of the page, or use printed slips. Cut slits in the pages so that the corners of the card will slip into them and be held securely; this is much better than to paste them into the book as they can be easily removed

if desired, without injury to either card or album. They should be placed on one side of the paper only and plenty of room should be left for new issues. A well arranged collection of post cards is very attractive, especially if they are all unused. Some collectors keep entire envelopes and post cards together, but it is much better to keep them separate as a good collection of either is enough for one volume.—E. N. C.

## **L. W. DURBIN.**

Saturday morning, Aug. 12, Mr. L. W. Durbin, the Philadelphia stamp dealer died at his home in Burlington, N. J., of consumption.

Mr. Durbin was born in Rising Sun, Ind., August 18, 1849, in 1869 he commenced his stamp business and has continued it until a few months ago when his health compelled him to seek rest at his home where he died. Peace to his Ashes.

## *The Philatelic Encyclopædia.*

The above work will be out this month, it is compiled by W. H. Baker, Jr., and published by the Q. C. P. Publishing Co., Ltd. It will contain illustrations of coats of arms, rulers, stamps etc. It promises to be a great addition to the philatelic library, and every stamp collector should have one.

*A Collection of Stamps.*

There is always a charm about something which comes from a foreign land; and the more remote and little known the country, the more the souvenir is prized. Be it but a pebble, or piece of bark—it matters not, if it comes from afar it is an object of interest and often of envy. Let a foreigner pass along our streets, clad in his native costume, and busy men take time to stop and look.

A collector of stamps, provided his stamps be genuine, can boast of a book containing rare and curious things from almost every country on the globe, and many from nations which are so far away, and so obscure, that comparatively few men can tell in what part of the world they are. Yet here are stamps coming from them that tell of civilization and art beyond anything which had been expected outside of populous and well known countries.

A good collection of stamps contains objects of art and curiosity and interest beyond anything else which one can get together at such small expense and in so convenient a form. It is this that has made stamp collecting so universally popular in the world.—P. M.

The new Provisional Danish West India stamps are not likely to become a drug on the market, as the postmaster will not sell them to all comers except in small lots. Hang on to what you have of them.

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**What we Would Like to Know.**

Who is going to be Treasurer of the A. P. A.

Why you don't subscribe for the Texas Philatelic Journal.

If Texas has any other philatelic paper besides this one.

If H. A. Reuss don't take the cake for bargains in stamps.

If the Empire State Philatelist has "skipped" to Canada.

If the K. S. P. isn't the best philatelic paper published.

Where the Niagara Falls Philatelist got their "funny man"

If there are any revenue stamp frauds in Chicago.



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## EDITORIAL.

The "Curiosity World" is getting very picturesque lately.

W. B. Hale, of Williamsville, Mass., is about to publish the "Collectors World."

The "Old Curiosity Shop" is now edited by Will M. Clements. It has added a cover and looks well.

This paper is on file at the office of Geo. H. Richmond, who is authorized to make contracts for advertising.

Mr. E. B. Sterling has resigned his position in the Trenton Bank, and will hereafter devote his whole time to the stamp business.

C. E. Rankin, of San Francisco, Cal., is going to publish a fraud directory. All frauds should send in their names.

The "Philatelic Century" for September contained 4 1-2 pages of

the proceedings of the A. P. A. at Chicago, which was very interesting.

The "Niagara Falls Philatelist" would look much better if there were two columns to the page. This is a suggestion,

The "Philatelic Gazette" is a very handsome paper. The last number contained a portrait and write up of W. R. Fraser.

The August number of the "Old Curiosity Shop" contained a very interesting article by H. O. Ward, entitled, "Young Stamp Collectors."

We are in receipt of a circular letter from Geo. H. Richmond, explaining why he could not fulfill his contract with advertisers in regard to the "Collectors Journal." Mr. Thomas has treated Mr. Richmond shamefully in this matter, causing him to lose about \$75. on the deal.

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## Revenue Stamps.

Revenue stamp collecting has assumed such proportions of late, that a great many of the N. Y. dealers complain of being unable to meet the demands for these much-sought-for stamps. This reminds us that Mr. Sterling knew what he was about when he bought nearly all of the revenues at Krieb's sale.—Y. L.

It also reminds us of a Chicago dealer who is trying very hard to beat us out of a lot of revenues sent him on approval, but he has "got the wrong pig by the ear this time."

*Chronicle.*

R. R. BOGART.

**Antigua.**—The 2 1-2 d. is blue, and the 4d. red brown.

**Argentine Rep.**—We hear of the 1c. 1873, rouletted.

**Bavaria.**—The post cards have the "87" at the left.

**Br. Bechuanaland.**—Bands and card of Cape of Good Hope have been surcharged for use here.

**Cashmere.**—The 1-2 anna is blue.

**Ceylon.**—The 12c. registry envelope is surcharged "15 cents" in two lines.

**Cochin China.**—The 30c. unpaid letter stamp is surcharged for use as 20c. and 1 franc.

**Danish W. I.**—The 3c. card on buff instead of white.

**French Guiana.**—The 2c. and 35c. 1881 have been surcharged respectively; "0.05" and "0.20" and the 30c. Liberty with "0.25" All are dated "Averil 1887."

**Grenada.**—It is reported that the 1d., 6d., and 2sh. revenues have been surcharged "Postage-1d." in two lines.

**Holland.**—The 5c. and 10c. unpaid letter stamp, blue and black, are reported.

**Hungary.**—There is a new 5kr. envelope, with oval stamp, containing figure of value and crown and post-horn. Color, carmine on gray.

**Paraguay.**—The "Ph. Record" describes a set of stamps of same design as the 5c. lately issued. 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 7c. chocolate, 10c. purple, 15c. orange, 20c. pink.

**Portugal.**—A new 20reis, rose, was issued July 1st. effigy 3-4 to right,

not embossed, also a card with same stamp. The 500reis has been changed to lilac.

**Roumania.**—The color\* of the unpaid letter stamp is to be changed.

**St. Christopher.**—New cards with head in circle have been issued; 1d. carmine on buff, and 1 1-2d. brown on buff.

**Switzerland.**—It is said that the stamps are now issued without embossing.



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## *Philately in All Its Branches.*

By Will M. Clemens.

Few collectors or dealers possess the mental capacity, or physical power to master philately, as a science, in all its branches. What I mean by this abstruse statement is that no ordinary man can possess complete knowledge of all the various branches of philately.

As an illustration I may cite numerous incidents to prove my assertions. Take the case of Mr. E. B. Sterling for instance. Mr. Sterling is to-day an authority on the stamps of this country, but he has attained this knowledge of our stamps wholly through the neglect of other countries. There are doubtless many amateur collectors who are better versed on foreign stamps than Mr. Sterling, and yet these amateur collectors know little or nothing of the stamps of the United States.

Some years ago M. Lincoln Raflege began to make an earnest study of the envelope stamps of the United States. Of course Mr. Raflege knows very little about the stamps of any other country, but I firmly believe that he is better posted on U. S. envelope stamps to-day than Mr. Sterling. This is simply owing to the study of a specialty.

The more branches of our grand science the collector tries to master the less he will know about any one branch. There is another fact. How branches of philately have been neglected altogether. Take for instance certain branches. Where is there an authority on tobacco stamps? Where is there an exclusive dealer or collector in tobacco stamps? I might say the same of beer and spirit stamps, and many other almost unknown branches of our science.

In all these special fields there is room for fame and profit, if some enterprising collector will but make the venture to enter the field. There is a golden opportunity to the man who will devote his entire attention to simply match stamps, or to medicine stamps, or to the revenue stamps of foreign countries. Philately as a whole is not alone a science, but a combination of many sciences, for believe me every special branch of philately is a science by itself.

## *The President's Address.*

The Western Philatelist Publishing Co., have published the address of President Tiffany before the Second Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, in book form. No philatelic library is complete without it. Price, 10c.

*Philatelic News.*

Information about new issues, counterfeits, oddities, etc. solicited. Address, Frederic Noyes, Collins, Texas.

**Bolivia**—Counterfeits of the 5c. 1863 are being circulated. Dealers lookout, as they are even quoted wholesale on otherwise respectable lists. Execution coarse, color blurred, eagle wretched. Why will dealers handle such trash?

**Colombia**—They do not seem to be over particular there. The new 20c. violet on rose, bears the inscription "Repulica" instead of "Republica," an error which elsewhere would cause a storm of indignation, but in that happy land does not seem to be noticed even.

**Cochin China**—Another surcharge with a vengeance. The small 5 surcharged on 25c. black on rose seems to have been too small for Malaysian optics, so they re-surcharged it with a large 5 over the small 5.

**East India**—Have noticed several 1a 6p with surcharge "Official" in oval, covering two stamps. While there are a good many high value India cancelled "O. H. M. S." with cancellation line on both sides, this seems to be a genuine surcharge, as it bears cancellation and dating stamp over the surcharge. Can any of our readers inform us of other values thus surcharged?

**Faridkot**—The E. I. envelope 1a brown, appears with 2 line surcharge "Faridkot State" with arms underneath.

**Greece**—We are promised an entire new issue of the type of the late high values, all perforated. The world moves; even Greece is discarding the scissors.

**Macao**—This little two-by-three province shows symptoms of another outbreak of chronic surcharges. The 80 reis gray is surcharged 20 reis black in two lines. There is only one remedy for this disease, and that is, let philatelists buy no surcharges, unless used.

**Mexico**—The 5 and 10c. current issue have been seen on paper with colored vertical lines, about three to the width of a stamp. Will our readers please advise us of any other values on such paper?

**Pountch**—This Mahratta State is now issuing its stamps, which were formerly on yellow paper, now on green verge, viz; 1-2, 1, 2, 4, a. red on pale green. Are these stamps of petty little Indian States, which are only available for interior postage, even there only optional, and chiefly manufactured to fill some enterprising Englishman's pocket at the expense of credulous philatelists, any better objects for collectors than the host of German and Scandinavian locals?

**Samoa**—The old adage "Honor among thieves" does not seem to apply here. One set issues these stamps, another set of the same stripe, enjoying their easily gotten gains, counterfeits them, and as the counterfeits are better executed, having pearls in circle all at equal

distance, while in the original impositions they are irregularly disposed. I would advise all those who must have these stamps: buy the counterfeits; they are cheaper and neater, and of just as much value as the originals; but don't spoil your album by putting in either.

Stellaland—The Samoa counterfeits came from Paris by the million; the Cape counterfeits understand their business better; they counterfeit Stellaland, but only send out a few dozen sets at a time. The counterfeits are well executed, especially the 6p. design of which is a good copy of the original, Paper of original blueish tint, of counterfeits, yellowish. Perforation of counterfeits very poor, almost pin-perforated. Unused originals, laid with design downwards, showing the same on back; counterfeits do not, paper being thicker, and gum not clear.

Timor—The 10 reis green of Mozambique, crown type, is doing duty in Timor, having been surcharged "Timor" in black.

We wish to inform the public that The Neville Stamp Company have purchased the entire stock of stamps belonging to The Eureka Stamp Company, and respectively solicit a share of your patronage.

Those wishing a first-class situation should read the "ad" of The National Employment Agency, on the last page.

### *Periodicals--Their Use.*

It is a certain fact that many so-called active and advanced collectors, have no idea, or at best a very vague and uncertain one, of the real use of this current and interesting set. The Periodical or Newspaper stamps now in use, are used solely for second class matters, that they know, but just how, is the question. Some suppose that the stamps are placed upon the bundle of matter itself, but this is a mistaken idea. They are used in the following manner: There is a special clerk who has charge of the second class matter department. A parcel of periodical matter being brought in, is first weighed, and the requisite amount paid over in cash. Now this clerk has a special book consisting of receipt and stub. He fills out the receipt for the proper amount and places on the stub the amount in stamps. When the book is emptied of receipts and consequently the stubs are all filled out, the book is forwarded to Washington. These books, with the report of the clerk are sent to the Third Ass't Post-Master General at the end of every quarter. The stamps are cancelled and the book put away for future reference or destroyed. This is the reason that one seldom if ever hears of used specimens.—A. P. R.

The cause of our being so late this month was the sickness of the editor. It will not occur again if we can help it.

*A Letter.*

Brooklyn, N. Y., Sep. 24 1887.

Editor "T. P. J."

I find that in your Sept. issue you make some statements regarding my trouble with Geo. H. Richmond. These statements evidently came from that individual. That he has lost \$50 or even a single penny, through any action of mine, is an absolute falsehood. I have not "treated him shamefully," as you say, and any losses he may have incurred were caused by his own folly and greed. I never obtained one cent from him, nor did I authorize any expenditure on my account; I fail to see how he could have lost the sum named.

The cause of Richmond's attacks upon me is the fact that I refused to dispose of my share in the magazine to him, or to in any way allow him to control it. The accompanying circular will more fully explain the cause of this trouble.

I would advise you to hear both sides of a story hereafter, before expressing an opinion upon a case of this kind, when a statement such as that in the T. P. J. might seriously injure the reputation of any person in the minds of anyone unacquainted with the true facts of the case. Remember that every one has his own version of a case like this.

Trusting that you will repair the wrong you have done me by publishing this letter in full, I am,

Yours very truly,

Wilber W. Thomas,

Editor Collectors Journal.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. of New York, have had some trouble with the Post Office and Civil Service officials. Some time ago Mr. G. B. Calman, who is connected with the Co., ordered some stamp cuts for a new catalogue to be issued shortly, and while the cuts were going through the mail, they were inspected, and a suspicion arising in the mind of the inspector, he looked up the law on the subject, and found that it was illegal to have cuts of stamps either made or in one's possession; accordingly he notified the person to whom they were addressed, Mr. G. B. Calman, to the effect, and an order of arrest was got out but not served. Not satisfied with their work so far, they visited the store of Scott & Co. and informed the proprietors that the sale of all catalogues, price-lists, albums, &c., containing stamp cuts was against the law, and must be stopped, and their order was complied with by the proprietors, so that at present it is impossible to purchase any album or catalogue from the said firm. Scott & Co. will make a vigorous fight.

A. J. Disbrow, postmaster at Old Bridge, is the oldest postmaster in New Jersey, having served fifty-one consecutive years in that one place. He was appointed June 4th, 1836, by Amos Kendall, Postmaster General; Andrew Jackson was then President. He therefore has had the honor of serving under fifteen different administrations.

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TEXAS PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

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Ohio has a very good representative in the Buckeye State Philatelist.

The American Philatelic Record has suspended after issueing two numbers.

The Collector, of Easton, Md., and the Eclipse, of Pittsburg, have consolidated.

The Progressive Youth has added a philatelic department, which makes the paper look much better. We wish them success.

We would call the attention of our readers to the "ad" of The National Employment Agency on the last page.

Herdman's Miscellany, a 4-page monthly, is published at Berwick-on-Tweed, Eng., and has some very good philatelic reading matter.

The Youths Leisure Hour is a new one from Boonville, N. Y. We wish the publishers success.

The Curiosity World, for October, has a portrait and writeup of Alvah Davidson, the editor of the Youth's Ledger.

Neville Stamp Co., want agents in every city and town in the U. S. to sell stamps from their approval sheets at 35 per cent. commission.

Mr. Frederic Noyes, the well known stamp dealer of Collins, Texas, will furnish our Chronicle, and we promise our readers some valuable information every month.

The Cyclopædia of Philately, compiled by W. H. Baker, Jr., is perfect, with the exception of the illustrations, which had to be left out on account of the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin.

Anyone out of employment who wants a first-class situation should correspond with the National Employment Agency. See "ad" on last page.

The Eureka Stamp Co., of Paris, Texas, after a prosperous business of three years have closed out their immense stock of stamps and retired from business.

The Neville Stamp Co., of Paris, Texas, are the successors to the retail department of H. A. Reuss, and Reuss & Neville, and have full control of the only retail stamp business in Paris.

We beg leave to call your attention to a mistake on the first page. The name Rafflege should be Rappleye.

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**FREDERIC NOYES,**

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**Harold R. Miller,****Bellbrook, North Finchley,****London, England.**

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***National Employment Agency***

BOX 50.

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# Texas Philatelic Journal.

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No. 4.

## *Mail-Service in Japan.*

The postal service of this country is always pointed at as a model in its way—one of the foremost departments of the Europeanized Government. And, indeed, it must in all fairness be acknowledged that much credit belongs to Japan for swiftness in the dispatch of mails, while fettered with a lack of railroads. In the first place, every train carries a mail, and in Japan, be it known, the imperial railroads run through trains every two hours, and on the Yokohama railroad nearly every hour. Thus, while in America three mails each way, daily, would be esteemed the climax of facilities, the medium between the various cities here in Japan is ten each way, daily. This applies merely to the railroad cities, of course. The delivery of mails is also very prompt, and takes place a good many times a day. A person may mail a letter in Yokohama for Tokio, one hours ride to the north, as late as dusk, and receive an answer the same night, providing his friend is prompt. While in Yokohama I took occasion to mail a letter in a post-box as late as six o'clock in the evening at a point fully a mile from the post-office. It was soon collected, delivered to the one to whom it was directed

over the bluffs, and the same evening I received a call from the recipient. In the interior, the mail is carried from town to town by messengers, who travel at a dog trot in cases where a stage line does not exist.

Every effort is made in the case of foreigners to deliver their mail promptly. So anxious are the authorities to deliver mail, that one of the missionary ladies in Kobe says when, last Summer, she went up among the mountains six miles distant, a special man was sent from the office here, really against her wishes, who came all the way on foot and was not content until he had hunted her up and delivered her mail. The carriers go about the city at a dog trot.—P. P.

### **Future of the Mormon Church.**

President Taylor of the Mormon church has sent a letter to Secretary Lamar, in which he says that the future of the church over which he presides "is indissolubly connected with the land." He thinks it possible that in the future the Mormons may found colonies outside of the United States.—Chicago Tribune.

### **Kitty Sternly Rebuked.**

Little Margery, playing with her kitten, got a rather severe scratch from the animal. Her lip trembled for an instant, and then she assumed the commanding attitude and expression that her mother had assumed under somewhat similar circumstances toward her, and, extending her hand, said sternly

"Titty, dive me dat pin!"—Boston Transcript.

*Philatelic News.*

Information about new issues, counterfeits, oddities, etc. solicited. Address, Frederic Noyes, Collins, Texas

Argentine Rep.—According to P. J. of A. the 24c. blue perf. appears with the surcharge "Official" in black, the 60c. with the same in red.

Austria.—A letter sheet of 15kr. has appeared. The 5 soldi will soon appear with the surcharge, 15 para.

Azores.—The new Portugal 20, 25 and 500 reis are also used in the Azores with the usual surcharge.

Br. Bechuanaland.—The Cape 5sh. is used with the usual surcharge. They are also using up in that colony an old lot of English fiscals, with the surcharge in three lines, "Br. Bechuanaland Postage and Revenue." The following have appeared so far: 1, 3, 6p. lilac, 1sh. green. The Cape 1-2 and 1d. wrappers are also surcharged.

Bulgaria.—Two new stamps of the old pattern have appeared: 20 st. pale blue, 50st. greenish blue. The unpaid stamps come out in modified colors; 5 yellow-orange, 25 brown, 50 pale blue.

Ceylon.—The new envelope 5c. blue has appeared.

Cochin China.—Is trying to excel its record by issuing the 25c. black on rose with 2 small and one big 5 and C. C. H.

Ecuador.—Is making a new departure in philately by issuing

two sets of stamps, one in Spanish for home use, and one in French for letters going abroad. The new envelope containing arms in oval, and which are really nice, are as follows: Spanish inscription; 5c. blue, 10c. orange, both on blue and yellow paper. French inser. 5c. blue on white and blue paper.

French Guiana.—Has the following provisionals surcharged: Avoil 1887 and value: 0.05 on 2c. green, 0.20 on 35c. black on yellow, 0.25 on 30c. brown, head.

Great Britain.—The new 5p. stamp has been surcharged 80 paras for use in the Levant.

Hungary.—Promises a set of neat unpaid stamps.

Martinique.—Is now using the following French Colonies unpaid stamps with the diagonal surcharge "Martinique" in red: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 30, 40, 60c.; and 1, 2, 6 fres.

Mexico.—The impressions on ruled paper still keep coming, the lines crossing the stamp vertically or horizontally.

Mauritius.—Some stamp dealers have bought up the remainder of the surcharge 2 on 13c. which was used for a short while, and are trying to sell them at fabulous prices. Don't bite, collectors; the bait is too plain. Such cock-and-bull-stories as those they are trying to make you believe about this stamp, are getting too frequent and altogether too transparent.

Nowanuggur.—Has issued another artistic set of the same martial design, differing just enough from

last issue to induce you to buy it as a new issue. I think that talented (London?) Indian artist who gets up all these wonderfully and fearfully made philatelic caricatures, ought to have secured a competency by this time, enabling him to rest on his laurels and live the rest of his days on the offerings of his victimized dupes.

New Republic of South Africa.—We have neither time, nor inclination, nor money enough wherewith to buy the paper to record all the issues, varieties, dates etc. of this philatelic barnacle, a small insignificant African state, whose entire correspondence would fit your coat-pocket.

Paraguay.—The new set of stamps similar to the current 5c. consists of 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 7c. brown, 10c. lilac, 15c. orange, 20c. rose; envelope 5c. blue on cream; wrapper 2c. red on manilla.

Portugal.—Has issued 25 reis, violet.

Salvador.—Offers a novelty in envelopes: 5c. blue, a likeness of somebody; 10c. red, head of Virgin Mary (?) with a bunch of turnip leaves as a materialized halo, and 11c. lilac, arms. The 5c. envelope has "provisional" printed over the stamp. Why? Quien sabe.

Selangor.—Finding that a mere difference in size of surcharge does not attract philatelists enough now, throws out a bait in the shape of a fine surcharge in fancy letters. All for 2 cts; first come, first served!

South Australia.—Has issued a

fine set of high value stamps, large size, head of Victoria in centre, inscribed, Postage and Revenue: 10sh green, 15sh. bistre, £1 blue, £2 brown, £2, 16sh. red-brown, £3 olive £4 yellow, £5 blue, £10 red-bronze, £15 gray-bronze, £20 reddish-lilac. Happy the possessor of the whole set.

Straits Settlements.—Has issued 2c. surcharged in black on 5c. blue.


Turk's Island.—New issue water-marked C. A: 1p. carmine, 6p. olive-brown, 1sh. brown.


Victoria.—New registration envelope, 4p. rose, inscribed "Stamp Duty."


A reward of £4000 was offered by the British Government for the best method of separating stamps. A quite thoughtful Briton said "punch the division between the stamps full of little holes and you will have no further trouble" he got the £4000.

Judge H. T. Elliott who died while on the platform at the reception of Pres. Cleveland at Memphis, Tenn., October 14th. was Postmaster General of the Confederate States of America under Jefferson Davis during the late war.

Anyone wishing to embark in the stamp business will do well to read the "ad" of H. A. Reuss, on the last page.

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 Do both!!!

### *Fourteen Postal Cards.*

Fourteen postal cards have cost Moses Chamberlin, of New York, nearly \$18,000. In May, 1873, he sent these missives to Aaron Van Valkenburgh, and for the matter written on them he was convicted of libel. He was imprisoned several months, paid a fine of \$5000 and contributed \$5000 more to soothe Mr. Van Valkenburgh's injured feelings, making, with counsel fees, \$13,250, which he has paid. Last week the court of appeals, of New York, at Albany, affirmed the judgment of the general term, requiring him to pay \$4,706,66 additional to W. H. Waring for services as attorney in the libel suits.

### *New Postal Ruling.*

By a decision of the Attorney General at Washington, which went into effect on the first of October, fourth-class mail matter (merchandise) must not contain any writing or printing on the outside wrapper or tag except the address of the party for whom the package is intended, together with the name and address and business of the sender and the number or names of the articles contained therein. This decision prohibits the sender advertising his goods on the wrapper or tag, as it also prohibits the patentee of a tag or box from using his name or the word "patented" with the date thereof. Several shipping tag manufacturers have

their name and patent printed on each tag, as also have several small box makers. This subjects the package to letter postage, which is just double the rate for merchandise. Look carefully at your tags and see that they contain no printing other than that allowed under this ruling and you will save your correspondent the expense of extra postage and annoyance.

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The 10th will receive a set of "Nicargna" 1-2-10 and 25c. Issue of 1869-71.

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The Philatelic Herald for July has actually arrived. Four months late.

Where is the Keystone State Philatelist? We haven't seen it since September.

The Collectors World has made its appearance; we wish you success Bro. Hale.

The Eastern Philatelist is to appear from Fitchburg, Mass., some time this month.

The initial number of the American Philatelist is very good, and we cheerfully welcome it among our exchanges.

The Philatelic Magazine, published by W. F. Bishop, La Grange, Ill, is no more. Only nine numbers were issued.

The Chariton Gazette has suspended and Mr. Voiland, the publisher, has paid back all money received for subscriptions.

Mr. Harold R. Miller, Stamp Dealer, formerly of Lima, Peru, has moved to London, England.

Mr. D. Prosky has purchased the entire stock formerly owned by Mr. Lyman H. Low, coin dealer, New York City.

W. H. Danforth, of Worcester, Mass., has bought out the Blackstone Stamp Co., of that city, and will continue the business.

A San Francisco coin dealer claims to have imported 10,000 Japanese Tompos. It must have cost him something for freight.

It is said that Mr. Gunther the autograph man of Chicago, owns the table on which Grant and Lee signed the terms of surrender at Appomattox. He paid \$1,000 for it.

The December number of The Texas Philatelic Journal will be eight pages and cover, and will contain the best reading matter we can procure, among which will be an article on reprints and counterfeits by Frederic Noyes. We will issue 1500 copies, 200 of which will be sent to foreign countries. Advertising rates low.

Will M. Clemens, formally of Jamestown, N. Y. has removed to San Diego, Cal. Correspondents and patrons will please excuse any delay that may arise during his removal.

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100 Stamps to sell at 1 to 5c.	1.50	25 Stamps to sell at 10c. each,	1.25
100 Blank approval sheets,	50	100 Stamps for packets,	1.25
100 Envelopes printed to order	75	100 Approval Sheets,	50
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