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ARTHUR C. SMITH,

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WE are prepared to send approval sheets of postage and revenue stamps to persons sending us a reference or deposit.

THE *American Boys* has enlarged and changed its name to *Our American Youth*.

SEND fifteen cents for THE COLLECTOR six months.

WE have received a copy of Steigerwalt's twenty-second coin sale. It contains a description of the Chas. R. Brown collection.

IF you want perfect satisfaction, send to Wettern & Ridgely, as we know you will always be treated well by them.

WE will give a Chinese coin as a premium to the first one hundred subscribers to THE COLLECTOR.

THIS being our first attempt at editing, please excuse all mistakes.—ED.

Our Two-Cent Envelope.

Although the first one of the new two-cent envelope was issued just one year ago this month, there have been six different dies used. The first, or October die, 1883, was a coarse design, printed in red, on white, blue, amber, fawn and manilla. There was a brown stamp of this die on white paper that is very rare. The blue is also becoming scarce.

The second or November, 1883, die was printed in red on same kind of paper. This stamp was a much finer piece of work than the first.

The third, also a November, 1883, die,

printed in red, on same color paper, is similar to its predecessors, except that the links are dotted over the left 2.

The fourth is also a November die, 1883, printed in May, 1884, in brown, on same color paper as the ones above.

The fifth is the same die, retouched in June, 1884, printed in brown, on same paper as last.

The sixth is the November die, retouched open work, printed in red, on same paper.

The seventh is a rough copy of the November die, with 3 1/2 links over the left 2. I have only seen this printed on white.

Exchanges.

WE reserve the right to decide whether an exchange shall appear or not.

EXCHANGE.

Marine curiosities, fossils, shells, etc., to exchange for U. S. postage, revenue, match and medicine stamps. 10, 24, 30, and 90 cent, 1869 issue, and department stamps wanted. Also latest edition International Album. Send for my exchange list.

D. H. EATON, Woburn,

Box 1235. Mass.

25 foreign stamps for every arrow head, sea bean, alligators' tooth or fossil fern.

About 50 stamp price-lists for offers. Address,

ARTHUR C. SMITH,
Scranton, Pa.

DIRECTORY.

[Your name, business and address inserted here at 10 cents each insertion.]

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1937 Fairmount Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Coin and Stamp Papers.

THE COLLECTOR, Scranton, Pa.

The U. S. mint was started in 1792.

We would like to exchange U. S. postals, in lots of not less than five, for the postals of any other country. Address, ARTHUR C. SMITH.

To clean copper coins, take dilute sulphuric acid, 1 to 10 of water, the water at ninety degrees Fahrenheit; then wash them well in hot water and dry with a warm cloth. Warm water, soap and soft brush will clean silver coin sufficiently. That is our method.

An English writer says "you can bring out an obliterated inscription from a silver coin by laying it on red-hot iron. The words will plainly appear in green color, and fade as the metal cools.

A Decided Bargain.

We clip the following from an English journal:

A London stamp dealer has just been fortunate enough to obtain the Cape of Good Hope 4d. 1861 triangular wood block (error) for 2s. The market value of this stamp is from £3 to £4. The incident is very amusing, when we state that a well-known city dealer had the chance first, but his junior clerk, not knowing the value, refused it. The anger of the "guv'nor" upon hearing of the loss of such a bargain, can be better imagined than described. After being offered here, another dealer met the owner of this stamp, and, with the usual salute, "Have you anything in my line?" received a reply in the negative. The stamp was offered at last to the lucky dealer, who purchased it for the amount named, and, had it not been for an old-established dealer being present, the buyer would not then have known the value of the rarity. This shows the experience that most of the so called dealers presume to have.

We may mention that the stamp has been sold for £4 nett.

—LOOK! BARGAINS FOR ALL!—
100 stamp photos, \$1.50; California gold half dollar, 50 cents; California gold quarter dollar, 25 cents; rubber name stamp, 25 cents; name and address, 40 cents. Send stamp for my immense new list of exchange goods of all kinds. Agents wanted.

T. S. SPARROW,
Verona, N. Y.

—JOB LOTS OF BRAZIL!— 500 rs., unperforated; 300, 700, 260, 100 rs; 180, 300, 600, 280, 430 fiscals, bills, envelopes, telegrams, card, and 1500 of these stamps contained in my packet, in exchange for 1,000 sheets of relief scraps, embossed and registered. Wholesale only; cash in advance. Agents for philatelic papers, copy this and I will pay. Wanted, printed addresses of dealers. Best references given. Letters must contain stamps for reply and catalogue. Good stamps wanted.

MIGUEL SALVADOR,
Correa, in Penedo, Province Algras, Brazil.

—THE oldest British Stamp Journal is

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' JOURNAL,

Coin Collector's News and Antiquarian Gazette.

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C. H. NUNN, Publisher,

Bury Saint Edmunds, England.

[Stamp papers please insert above once and send equivalent for insertion in S. C. J.]

—EVERYBODY WANTS GOOD INK.

Inks—Blue, brown, purple, scarlet, yellow, red, white, green, gold, silver, India ink powder, indelible, etc., etc., 10 cents each.

I will send to any one for 25 cents, a recipe for making the Brilliant Black Ink used by the leading penmen of the country, and for which there is such great demand. Ink cannot be sent by mail, and the express charges on a small quantity would be so much that few could afford to buy it.

It is easily made from the recipe; costs but a few cents to make a gallon; would be a very saleable article at a big profit anywhere where people are at all particular in regard to their penmanship.

Young men and boys wishing to start an Ink Manufactory on a small or large scale, now is your time! Recipes for any one of the colors named above, only 10 cents. Seventeen different kinds, including the Brilliant Black Ink, \$1.

One man says: "I received the ink recipe, and have made up several lots of the ink. It is a brilliant black, the best I ever saw. My boys have sold the ink as fast as I could make it, in all now over forty dollars' worth, to neighbors and people about here."

These are genuine recipes from a real ink man now offered to the public. I. F. BARKER,
Box 405
Whitby, Ont.

Forging Postage Stamps.

We have received from a firm of dealers, the following relating to the law on the subject of forged stamps:

"A person shall not—

(a.) Make, knowingly utter, deal in or sell any fictitious stamp, or knowingly use for any postal purpose any fictitious stamp; or

(b.) Have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp; or

(c.) Make, or unless he shows a lawful excuse, have in his possession, any die, plate, instrument, or materials for making any fictitious stamp.

"Any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be liable on summary conviction on a prosecution by order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, subject to the like right of appeal as in the case of a penalty under the acts relating to the excise.

"Any stamp, die, plate, instrument, or materials found in the possession of any person in contravention of this section, may be seized and shall be forfeited.

"For the purpose of this section 'fictitious stamp' means any facsimile or imitation or representation, whether on paper or otherwise, of any stamp for denoting any rate of postage, including any stamp for denoting a rate of postage of any of Her Majesty's colonies, or of any foreign country."

—*Stamp Collectors' Journal.*

We would like to see the same law here and have it enforced. There are too many firms handling "bogus" stamps.—ED

B. E. SMITH,

Manchester, Michigan, has constantly on hand a large and complete stock of

FOREIGN and UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

which he is sending out on

HIS : SHEETS : ON : APPROVAL.

Collectors Send for One. Twenty-five per cent. Commission to Agents.

A SAMPLE OF MY PRICES.

Antique, ½d	4 cents
Balunna, 1d	5 cents
China, 1c	5 cents
Costa Rica, 1c	4 cents
Costa Rica, 2c	6 cents
Gunibia, ½d	4 cents
Gold Coast, ½d	4 cents
Grenada, ½d	3 cents
Honduras, 1c	3 cents
Newfoundland, 1c	3 cents
Newfoundland, 2c	5 cents
Newfoundland, 3d, triangular	15 cents

The above are all unused.

Used Stamps.

Gautamala, '83, 1c	2 cents
Gautamala, 2c	3 cents
Gautamala, 5c	5 cents
Gautamala, 20c	8 cents
Nicaragua, '77, 10c	10 cents
Nicaragua, 25c	15 cents
Grenada, 1d	3 cents
U. S. Columbia, 5c	3 cents
Cape of Good Hope, 4d, triangular	12 cents

Unused Sets.

12 Prince Edward Isle	50 cents
7 Servia	20 cents
3 Sonian Isle	75 cents
15 Heligoland	50 cents

Used Sets.

5 Gautamala, '83	25 cents
3 China	25 cents
4 Gold Coast	25 cents
6 Mexico	15 cents

All orders from above less than 25 cents must contain stamp for reply. All over 25 cents, and all packets post free. Order packets by number:

No. 1 contains 100 varieties from Japan, Brazil, Hungary, Chili, etc.	15 cents
No. 2 contains 15 stamps from the West Indies; price	35 cents
No. 3 contains 10 stamps from Central America; price	30 cents
No. 4 contains 25 U. S. stamps; price	50 cents
No. 5 contains 100 varieties, all unused, including triangular Newfoundland, 12 Prince Edwards Islands, 4 Gautamala, '78, 4 Gautamala, '75, Danube, Steam Nav. Co., China, Bahamas, Costa Rica, 2c., Honduras, 2c., and others equally rare; price	\$5 00

All stamps sold by me are warranted genuine.

B. E. SMITH,

Manchester, Michigan.

New Issues.

AFGHANISTAN.—The *Ph. R.* mentions a one abasi, deep orange, and one rupee pink.

BOLIVAR.—Among used stamps received from Bolivar, we find some dated 1884.—*Philatelic World.*

BRAZIL.—The 100 reis is changed. The head is smaller and the words *correio* are omitted.

CUNDINAMARCA.—The *Philatelic World* notes a new five-cent stamp. The color is blue. The stamp unperforated.

ECUADOR.—The postal cards have undergone a change. The color is black and violet, instead of black and lilac, and "sor," before the dotted lines, has been further abbreviated to "sr." The frame is also different.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

EGYPT.—The postal card appears double.

GUADALOUPE.—Has a set of unpaid stamps, following values, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 50 centimes.

SIERRA LEON.—The color of the half penny stamp is now green.

Contrasted Desires.

"I wish," exclaimed Birdie McBride, enthusiastically, to Gus De-Smith, "I wish this organ had more stops to it."

"And I," murmured Gus, in a stage aside, "I sincerely wish that it had one—one eternal stop—a kind of a short stop, as it were."

Incompatibility.

"Have you decided on your winter suit?" inquired an Austin tailor of a sad-eyed gentleman lounging in the doorway of the store.

"No," was the melancholy reply, "but I believe my wife has."

"Your wife has?" exclaimed the puzzled haberdasher.

"Yes, I believe she calls it a divorce suit."

Send stamp for sample copy of THE COLLECTOR.

—SEND 50 cents to Arthur C. Smith, Scranton, Pa., for a Stylographic Pen.

—CHINA.—Cash from China, 5 cents each, or six for 25 cents. Address,
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—RUBBER STAMPS, your name and address, only 40 cents.

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—SEND stamp for fine Approval Sheet. 150 Gummed Hinges to put on stamps, 3 cents. ORANGE STAMP CO.,
Box 944. Orange, N. J.

—WETTERN & RIDGELY, wholesale dealers in Postage Stamps, 176 Saratoga street, Baltimore, Md. Price list free to dealers only. All kinds of Postage Stamps purchased for prompt cash.

—J. E. CAMPBELL, West Elizabeth, Pa., dealer in stamps. 50 Var, for stamps. 7 cents; 100 Var, 10 cents; 1000 mixed, 30 cents; 3 Argentine, 12 cents; 10 U. S., 8 cents. Agents wanted. Send for list.

—LOOK!—100 foreign stamps, all different, and many rare, 10 cents; three packages for 25 cents. These are good stamps for beginners and traders. Agents wanted to sell my sheets of stamps. Send stamp for circular and price list.

JAY GOOD, 1937 Fairmount Avenue,
Philadelphia Pa.

—ONTARIO KORRESPONDING KLUB. — 5,000 members now wanted. Yearly fees, 10 cents. Join now. Three months later, fees will be advanced to 25 cents. J. HICKS, Sec'y O. K. Klub,
11 Walker street, Toronto, Canada.

Editors inserting this and above and sending one copy, will receive pay for three months by return mail.

—DON'T READ THIS!—Boys, if you want to get a good bargain for your friends, as well as for yourself, send for one of our unexcelled sheets of stamps, on approval. Twenty-five per cent. commission.

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WE would like news from all of our readers pertaining to stamps or coins.

WHAT has become of M. L. Arey, of Gold Hill, N. C.? We should like to know.

TO the first twenty-five sending twenty-five cents for one years' subscription, we will send free a star fish; to the next twenty-five a Chinese coin.

MR. WM. V. D. WETTERN, JR., has withdrawn from the firm of Wettren & Ridgely, so he informs us. He will carry on the business at the old place.

WE have a few of the old style five-cent pieces of 1883 for sale at fifteen cents; also "V" nickles, without "cents," for twelve cents, post free. Arthur C. Smith, Scranton, Pa.

WE thank all of our friends for their kind support, but we hope they will get their friends to subscribe, as well as themselves, for the larger our subscription list the better paper we can and will have.

WE have received the following papers, for which the publishers will please accept our thanks: *The Stamp Collectors' Journal, The Philatelist, Tidings From Nature, O Philatelist, The Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, The Young Oologist, Our American Youth, The Keystone Philatelic Gazette, The Philatelic Monthly, The Granite State Philatelist.*

MOST of our readers no doubt have read the article going the rounds of the stamp journals stating that Mr. Collins had paid \$300 to a ragman for a Brattleboro stamp.

WE take the following from a German paper: A gentleman by the name of Professor Phillippe de Ferrari, of Paris, has just purchased an envelope of Hannover for \$300, which was sold in 1849 for three-fourths of a cent; he at the same time paid \$375 for another stamp, making \$675 for two stamps.

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Rare U. S. Coins.

The rarest U. S. coin is the double eagle of 1849, of which there is only one in existence, belonging to the U. S. mint cabinet. The next is the half eagle of 1815, for which it is said that the King of Sweden paid the enormous price of \$2,000, so as to complete his collection of U. S. coins. Another rare piece is the 1804 dollar, of which there are only 10 genuine pieces, all held by collectors. Several restrikes have been made, but to obtain a fine one from the original die would cost at least \$1,000. The half dollars of 1796 and 1797, if in fine condition, bring about \$40, but 1796 is the rarest and usually brings the highest price. The quarter-dollar pieces of 1823 and 1827, if in good condition, sell readily at \$30 each, but if in strictly fine condition, double that price is cheerfully paid.

Of the dimes there are none of extreme rarity, but of the rare coins of that denomination, 1804 is the rarest, and if in fine condition will sell for from \$5 to \$10, but if in very fine condition will sell for much more.

Among the half dimes the 1802 is the rarest and sells readily for \$100. There are other coins much sought after, yet pass from hand to hand for only face value. The condition of the piece is essential to an understanding of the value of any rare coin. The age of a coin is not always a guarantee of a premium above face value. A coin brilliant, as if fresh from the mint, is considered and known as "proof," and one that is free from the uses and abuses of circulated money is known as uncirculated and ranks next

to the proof in premium value. The following prices will be paid by most any numismatist, upon receipt of coins. None of any other date than these mentioned are rare: U. S. silver dollars of 1804, \$500; 1794, 1838, 1839, 1851, 1852, \$20 each; 1858, \$10; 1798, small eagle, fifteen stars, \$6; 1798, small eagle, \$3; 1836, \$3 50; 1799, five stars facing, \$2; 1854, 1855, 1856, \$2; 1795, 1796, 1797, 1801, 1802, 1803, \$1.50 each. Trade dollars of 1879, 1880, 1881 are very rare, as only a few were struck for collectors. Half dollars, 1794, \$3; 1796, \$25; 1797, \$20; 1801, \$2; 1802, \$3; 1815, \$2.50; 1836, with milled edge, \$1.50; 1838, with O over date, \$10; 1852, good condition, \$2; 1853, without sun around eagle or arrows near date, \$10. Quarter dollars, 1823 and 1827, \$20 each; 1853, without sun rays back of eagle and without arrows near date, \$10. Dimes of 1804, \$5; 1796, 1797, 1798, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1822, if in good condition, are worth from \$1 to \$2 each. Those of 1805, 1809, 1811, 1846 are worth from 50 to 75 cents each. Half dimes of 1802 are worth \$50; 1794, 1796, 1797, 1800, 1801, 1803 and 1805, in good condition, \$1 to \$2 each; 1795, 1846, 1838, without stars, in good condition, 50 cents to \$1 each. All issues of silver 3 cent coins, from 1863 to 1873, in fine condition, inclusive, are worth from 15 to 25 cents. A fine specimen of 1873 2-cent coin is worth 50 cents. Of the copper cents the rarest are those issued in 1793, 1799 and 1804, provided they are in good condition, are worth from \$3 to \$5 each; 1809, in good condition, is worth 50 cents;

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1794, 1795, 1796, 1800, 1805, 1806, 1808, 1811, 1813 and 1823, if in fine condition, bring a slight premium, but if in only good condition, bring only face value. The nickel cent of 1856 is worth \$1. Half cent of 1796, \$5; 1793, \$1; 1794, 1795, 1797 and 1802, if in fine condition, 25 to 50 cents; 1831, 1836, 1840 to 1848, inclusive, 1849, with very small date, and 1852, \$3.50 each.

Exchanges.

I have a Magic Lantern, which shows a picture ten feet large, with slides, etc., to exchange for U. S. match and medicine stamps. Cost \$12. Address,

CHAS. BREHM, Erie, Pa.

Scott's International Stamp Album, sixth edition, to exchange for stamps, coins or Confederate bills. Address,

ARTHUR C. SMITH,

428 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

I have a large lot of goods to exchange for useful articles, among which are revolvers, accordeons, spy glass, story papers, etc., etc. Send list of what you have and I will do the same.

T. S. SPARROW, Verona, N. Y.

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T. S. SPARROW, Verona, N. Y.

[Publishers inserting above and this will receive Rubber Stamps, *made to order*, to the value of \$1.25. Send two papers.]

—ESTABLISHED 1850.—PH. HEINSBERGER, 151 Franklin Street and 39 Delancey Street, New York, U. S. A., *International General Agency*, Advertising, Collecting Office and News Depot. Printer. Addresses furnished in all parts of the world. Foreign postage stamps and coin papers, postage, revenue, match and medicine stamps wanted for good exchange in stamps. Circulars sent on application, with enclosed stamp only. Orders must be accompanied with \$1 cash. Agent for subscriptions and advertisements for THE COLLECTOR. Correspondence English, German, French, Dutch.

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New Issues.

COSTA RICA.—The two-cent red, present issue, is now surcharged "oficio" in black, instead of dark blue.

NEVIS.—Has issued a 2½d blue and a 4d gray.

RUSSIA.—New locals are issued for the following: Ostaschkoff (Tver) 3 kop, black on blue; Livini (orel) 5 kop, green on white; Elizaverigrad (cherson) 2 kop, violet.

ST. HELENA.—Has now a ½d green.

ST. LUCIA.—Is using two fiscals for postage. One shilling orange surcharged "shilling stamp," and one shilling orange surcharged "one shilling stamp."

STRAIGHT SETTLEMENTS.—Has some new provincials 5 cents surcharged verucaly in block capitals, in black, and 4 cents in two lines in red, and the 12 cent surcharged 8 cents in two lines in black.

NORWAY.—There has been a postal card issued for the use of the soldiers. Blue on yellowish paper, with the words "Militvert Tjenestebrevkort."

SUNGEI UGONG.—The 4 cent brown Straight Settlement has been surcharged with the name of this State.

SWEEDEN.—The *Ph. R.* says that on the first of January the rate of inland postage will be 10 ore, instead of 12 ore, which will necessitate a stamp of a new value. It is rumored that a new series of stamps is to be issued bearing the King's head.

TOLMA.—Has three new stamps—5 centavos, brown; 1 Peso, red; 2 Pesos, violet.

TURKEY.—Has issued two new stamps—20 paros, rose red, with gray

background; 2 piastres, olive brown, with stone-colored background.

TURKS ISLAND.—Has a new provincial 2½d on 1d red.

—SEND 50 cents to Arthur C. Smith, Scranton, Pa., for a Stylographic Pen.

—ARTHUR C. SMITH, Foreign Stamp Importer, Scranton, Pa., U. S. A. Sheets on approval at 30 per cent. commission. Agents wanted.

—BARGAINS.—100 mixed assorted Foreign Coins, poor to good, for only \$1.25; 100 "V" Nickles, 1883, five without "cents," for only \$10. Will retail readily at from fifteen to twenty cents each.

T. S. SPARROW,
Verona, N. Y.

—JAY GOOD, 1937 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., 50 varieties of foreign stamps, 6 cents; 100 varieties, 10 cents; 300 mixed, 10 cents; 1,000 mixed, 25 cents; 1,000 finely assorted, including Brazil, Brunswick (unused), Ceylon, India, Japan, Russia, Portugal, Interior, Treasury and War Department, price only 50 cents. The Imperial Stamp Album is the cheapest. Price, \$1. It contains spaces for 3,000 stamps, and is illustrated with engravings of stamps of every country; it also has engravings of the Coats-of-Arms and Merchant Flags.

—BARGAINS!—In order to reduce our stock, we will sell the following stamps at reduced prices for the next sixty days: 10 War Department, 12c; 10 Brazil, 10c; 10 Roumania, 15c; 7 Victoria, 10c; 3 Argentine, 1862, new, 20c; 4 Suez, new, 25c; 6 Bulgaria, 15c; 6 Mexico, 1884, 15c; 30 France, 15c; Guatemala, 1878, 4 var., 40c; 5 Saxony, 8c; 5 Austria Telegraph, 10c; 7 New Granada, 10c; 5 Husseys Locals, 1869, 25c; 6 Venezuela, 10c; 15 Hungary, including 20 and 25 kr., 15c. The above lot, \$2. Continentals Post Free, 23c. per 1,000.

WM. LECKIE & Co.,

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IT took \$11,201 worth of ink to cancel the postage stamps of 1883.

MR. J. K. TIFFANY, of St. Louis, an attorney at law, is the owner of one of the finest coin collections in the United States.

SEND for one of our sheets on approval at thirty per cent. commission, at the same time promise to return within ten days. You will not regret it.

As our readers will see, this is a double number. We were suddenly called away from home the first part of December and were unable to return until the first part of January. So please excuse the omission of the December number.

NEW price list received from the trade: A. N. Ridgely, James S. McHenry, Dr. M. Vedel, Edward England, Taylor & Co., Theo. F. Lane, Whitfield, King & Co., Wm. Leckie & Co., Stanley, Gibbons & Co., J. T. Hanford, Carson Stamp Co., P. H. Shields, Lymah H. Lowe, Wm. V. D. Wettern, jr.

KNOCKS which we are all obliged to endure—the equinox.

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BRAZIL.—A double 50 reis card is issued with the new stamp.

BULGARIA.—Has issued three unpaid stamps—3 stotinki orange, 25 stotinki red, 50 stotinki blue. The inscriptions are all in Bulgarian.

GADELOUPE.—"Le T. P" says that there are ten varieties of the new unpaid letter stamps. These are repeated six times on the sheets, which consist of sixty stamps.

HUNGARY.—Has a postal card 2 kr., lilac on buff.

LABUAN.—The 16 cents blue is surcharged one dollar, and initials of postmaster in red ink by a pen.

MEXICO.—There are a three and ten centavos cards; also a five pisos adhesive stamp.

NEVIS.—The six pence green is in use at last.

NEW ZEALAND.—The "Ph. R." has received the current 1d. adhesive, surcharged half, for provisional use as a half-penny stamp.

NORWAY.—The twelve ore is changed to brown.

PARAGUAY.—Has two post cards with stamp of the new type two-cent red and three-cent blue.

RUSSIA.—The one kopek yellow of the new series is now in use.

SENEGAL.—Has some unpaid letter

stamps. More in the future.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The arms on the newspaper wrapper are smaller than at first.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Five cents blue is surcharged four cents in red.

SHANGHAI.—The twenty cash is green and the sixty cash violet.

TAHITI.—The twenty-cent is surcharged ten cents, and the old one franc is surcharged twenty-five cents.

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