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We would call attention to our descriptive articles on United States and foreign stamps, in another column. We shall continue them from month to month, and hope they will prove instructive to collectors.

We wish to make our journal interesting and reliable, and would invite contributions from collectors in the United States and foreign countries.

We shall publish in each issue a descriptive list of what counterfeits come to hand, and shall endeavor to keep all frauds and dealers in counterfeits out of our columns.

SEND ten cents and we will send you THE PHILATELIST on trial, six months.

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PRETTY GOOD PROPERTY.

If some of those who can see no instruction or amusement in collecting postage stamps, could have attended a recent auction in this city, they would at least have been obliged to admit that there is considerable money in a good collection. The highest price ever paid

for a single stamp was at this sale, being \$175 for the 5 cent Brattleboro' U. S. Provisional, while a New York Post Office 3 cent buff sold for \$75, and a 3 cent blue for \$5.50. The other United States stamps which sold at a high figure, were the New Haven Post-Office 5 cent, \$25; St. Louis Post-Office 10 cent, \$15.25; Providence Post-Office 10 cent, \$7.75, and a number of private locals which sold at prices ranging from \$5.70 to \$27.00. The highest price for any foreign stamp was \$16 for the Nova Scotia 1 shilling mauve. There were fifteen stamps which sold at \$10 each and upwards.

Of course, stamps commanding such high prices are out of the reach of the majority of collectors, but any one having a taste for collecting, can, in a short time, get a collection of stamps worth quite a sum. To collectors we would give the following advice: first, study your stamps. In this way you will soon learn to detect all counterfeits before they get into your collection, and get instruction as well as amusement out of your stamps. Second, keep your album neat and clean. Put in your stamps with adhesives and allow no counterfeits or torn stamps to get into your collection. A neat, well kept album of fine specimens is better in every way than a slovenly, dirty collection, containing one half more stamps gummed directly to the album.

Postage Stamps of the United States.

I.

PROVISIONALS OR GOVERNMENT LOCALS.

These are the earliest United States stamps, and were issued by and at the expense of the postmasters, although recognized by the government. They are all very rare, some being almost unobtainable. We give below a list and description of the different varieties:

NEW YORK.—3 cents, buff, 1842, rect., unperforated. Full face portrait of Wash-

ington in banded oval; "United States City Despatch Post" above; "Three Cents" below.

Same as above, 3 cents, blue, 1843.

The paper of these stamps vary, and there are several dies of the blue. Both these stamps are rare, the 3 cents buff being sold at a recent auction for \$75.

5 cents, black on gray paper, 1847, rect., unperforated. These stamps are rather larger than preceding, showing three fourths face of Washington. "New York" in the upper corners; "Post Office" in circle above head; "Five Cents" in circle at bottom.

NEW HAVEN.—5 cents, red, 1845, large octagon, unperforated. This stamp was impressed with hand stamp on white or buff envelopes. Each stamp was signed by the postmaster, E. A. Mitchell, in blue ink. Large numeral of value in centre, "Post Office" in one line at top, "New Haven, Ct." in circle above figure, "Paid" and signature "E. A. Mitchell, P. M." below. As when Mr. Mitchell retired from the Post Office, all stamps remaining on hand, were destroyed, this stamp is very scarce.

ST. LOUIS.—5 cents, black; 10 cents, black; 20 cents, black, 1845; rect., unperforated. These stamps are all of the same general design. Arms of Missouri in centre, "Saint Louis" and numeral of value above. "Post-Office" below, in lined frame. These stamps were engraved in copper, and there are several varieties of each, in dies and paper.

BALTIMORE.—5 cents, black on bluish paper, oblong, unperforated. Fac-simile of the signature of Postmaster "James M. Buchanan." "5 cents" below, enclosed in a single line.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—5 cents, black; 10 cents, black, 1846; large oblong, unperforated. These stamps are the same with exception of value. "Post-Office, Providence, R. I., Five Cents" in three lines in transverse oval with ornamental corners. The work on these stamps is very poor, and they have been counterfeited by the same man who engraved the originals.

BRATTLEBORO, VT.—5 cents, black on buff, small oblong, unperforated. Initials of postmaster, Fred N. Palmer, in octagon in centre

on groundwork of vertical lines, "Brattleboro, Vt." above, "P. O." at sides, "5 cents" below. These stamps were engraved in copper. But few were used, and it is the rarest United States stamp. One was recently sold for \$175.

This closes the list of Provisionals, and in our next we shall give descriptions of the carrier stamps issued in 1851.

COUNTERFEITS.

WE have the following counterfeits which we describe for the benefit of our readers:

BOLIVIA.—1868. We have this entire set, 5 centavos, green; 10 centavos, red; 50 centavos, blue; 100 centavos, orange; 500 centavos, black. The designs are identical with the originals, but they are easily distinguished on comparison by the inferiority of the work. They are either unperforated or pierced by small points.

REUNION ISLE.—We have a set of fictitious stamps purporting to hail from this island; six values, 1 cent, slate; 5 centimes, green; 10 centimes, brown; 20 centimes, blue; 40 centimes, red; 80 centimes, rose. They are all the same design, square, unperforated; ornament in circle in centre; "Reunion Isle" above; "1 cent" on lowest value, "centimes" on others below. They are printed on paper slightly tinted same color as impression. They are all post-marked in black with parallel lines. Those in our possession were found with several thousand other counterfeits in a desk, which was sold by a Boston stamp dealer to a second-hand furniture firm, and were presumably manufactured by him. As the whole thing is fictitious, of course none will be deceived by them.

OUR STAMP PAPERS.

I.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

These stamps were issued in 1870-71, by the German authorities, and used in the parts of France occupied by the German army. There are several values all of the same general design; large numeral of value in centre.

on reticulated groundwork; "Postes" above; "centime" below, in narrow solid frame; rect., perforated. 1 centime, green; 2 centimes, brown; 4 centimes, gray; 5 centimes, green; 10 centimes, yellow-brown; 20 centimes, blue; 25 centimes, brown. Some are found with lines of ground-work reversed, owing to a mistake in printing, these stamps being printed at two impressions.

NOTES.

ALL the envelopes issued at present are water-marked 1882.

WE have seen the 10 cent brown, 1870 issue, used unperforated.

THE first die of the 2 cent blue envelope, issued October, 1883, is becoming rare.

THE Lubeck issues of 1859 have been reprinted on paper slightly different from the originals.

REPORT says the plates of the Corrientes stamps have been sold to speculators, and large quantities struck off on different colors.

A NEW 10 cent stamp of special design is shortly to be issued by this Government, which, when affixed to a letter, will insure its immediate delivery, at any free delivery office, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 12 midnight.

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NEW ISSUES.

ANTIOQUIA.—Two new adhesives have been issued—5c. brown; 10c. green, unperforated.

BELGIUM.—A new set of nine values has recently been issued: 1c. red; 2c. yellow; 5c. green; 10c. carmine; 20c. gray; 25c. blue; 50c. violet; 1f. lilac; 2f. brown; all bear the same portrait of King Leopold.

NEVIS.—This island has fallen into line with halves of penny stamps surcharged "Nevis, ½d." in small type.

RUSSIA.—The set issued to the public last February are as follows: 1k. orange; 2k. green; 3k. carmine; 5k. violet; 7k. blue; 14k. blue and red; 35k. purple and green; 70k. brown and orange; 3½ roubles, lavender, black and white, 7 roubles, yellow, black and white.

ST. VINCENT.—A 5 shilling stamp, red, has been issued.

SURINAM.—Double 5 cent cards are in use; violet on green.

SIAM.—The new set from this country is as follows: 1-16 fyang, blue; ¼ fyang, carmine; ¼ fyang, vermilion; 1 sig. orange; 1 salyng, yellow; these are a very handsome set.

UNITED STATES.—We have received the current 2 cent envelope in brown, watermarked U. S. P. O. D., 82. Have seen it only on amber and white as yet, but suppose it will be issued on all other color of envelopes used by the department. The old die is used, and the color is slightly darker than the current 2 cent adhesive.

POSTAL NOTES are hereafter to be printed on blue-tinted paper, instead of the buff now used.

The five cent stamp now in use was manufactured by the American Bank Note Co. of this city.

The rates of ocean postage fixed by Franklin in 1853, remained unchanged until 1868, when the cost was reduced from 25 to 12 cents. This explains why an ocean steamer is represented on the 12 cent stamp of 1869.

The large newspaper stamps are still in use, several hundred dollars' worth having been sold last year.

JAPAN postage is lower by a quarter of a cent than ours, but when it is considered that letters are conveyed over 3000 miles regularly and occasionally to Alaska, some 7000 miles from Philadelphia, for two cents the United States can justly claim to have the cheapest postage of any country in the world.—*Selected.*

WE would call special attention to the advertisement of the American Stamp Co., in another column. Their stamps are all in fine condition, and prices very low, besides being subject to a large discount.

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THE *Stamp News*, of London, England, has some very interesting reading for philatelists.

THE summer vacation season, as might be expected, has a very depressing effect on the stamp trade.

AN apology is due our readers for our late appearance this month, but we will try to do better hereafter.

AGENTS and collectors will find it to their advantage to send their address to E. B. Martin, 189 Maxwell Street, Chicago, soon as possible.

We hear that Will M. Clemens wishes to sell *Old Curiosity Shop*, on account of his removal to Chicago. His successor has our best wishes.

We recently received a very pleasant call from Mr. Von Glohn, of the *Philatelic Headlight*. He informs us that his paper will re-appear in September.

A VERY fine lot of stamps was recently sold at auction in this city. It included a full set of used United States newspaper stamps, and all the higher values of United States revenues.

WE would call attention to the advertisement of Edwards, Peeke & Co. Being an old, established firm, they have the best facilities for obtaining stamps at the lowest possible cost, and some of their prices are really astonishing.

OUR first foreign exchange and the best one we have received yet, is the *Philatelic Referee*, a 28 page magazine published at Ipswich, England. The two prize essays, "Reprints," and "Stamp Collecting: a Retrospect," were especially interesting to us.

NATURALLY any philatelic journal is looked upon with suspicion during the first few months of its publication, owing to the number that suspend after the first or second issue; but we would have our subscribers and advertisers know that when we decided to establish THE PHILATELIST, it was after due consideration of all the difficulties accompanying such a venture, and, having entered upon the publication of it, we propose to make it a successful as well as a permanent institution.

WHAT WE WANT.

We desire the following stamps for our own collection, and will exchange any stamps on our sheets of equal value (by Scott's prices) for them, or will buy them for cash.

UNITED STATES.—New York Post Office, local, 3c., 5c.; Saint Louis Post Office, local, 5c., 10c., 20c.; Carrier stamps, Eagle, 1c., and Messenger, 1c.; 1847, 10c.; 1851 60, 5c., 12c., 24c., 30c., 90c.; Newspaper, 1865, 5c., 10c., 25c.; Agriculture dept., 1c., 2c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 24c., 30c.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.—4c.

BAHAMAS.—6d.; envelope, 4d.

CANADA.—¼d., 6d., 7½d., 10d., 12d.; '59-

'64 issue, 2c., $12\frac{1}{2}$ c., 17c.; '68, 1c., red; registered, 8c.; envelope, 1860, 5c., 10c.; 1877, 1c.

DOMINICA.—6d., 1s., $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d.

EASTERN ROUMELIA.—1881, 1p., 5p.

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HAYTI.—7c., 20c.

IONIAN ISLES.—10., 20., 40.

JAMAICA.—2s., 5s.

LABUAN.—6c., 12c., 16c.

MALTA.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., orange.

Postage Stamps of the United States.

II.

CARRIER DELIVERY STAMPS.

These stamps were issued in 1851, to prepay the charge of carrier delivery on letters, and were suppressed in 1852. Originals of any are very scarce, but reprints of the Franklin and Eagle varieties are quite common.

1 cent, black; same, rose; oblong; unperforated. Mounted carrier, holding banner with inscription "One Cent," horse galloping to right; "Government" in curve above; "City Despatch" in curve below. Varieties of the black impression are found with the inscription spelled "One Sent." These stamps were used in the city of Baltimore, Md., and many philatelists believe they were issued by the postmaster of that city. They have never been reprinted by the Government, but counterfeits of both colors are numerous.

1 cent, blue on pink; rect.; unperforated. Profile of Franklin to left, on solid oval ground; reticulated frame; stars in four corners; "Carrier" above; "Stamp," below. Specimens of this stamp are also found in brown, but these are supposed to be merely essays.

1 cent, blue; oblong; unperforated. Eagle rising for flight from bough of tree, in transverse oval; "U. S. P. O. Despatch," above; "Pre-paid, One Cent," below. This stamp was used chiefly in Philadelphia, Pa., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

We shall continue these articles with the

adhesive stamps issued for general use of the public, and in our next shall describe the issues of 1847 and 1851.

NEW ISSUES.

BELGIUM.—The new 1f., adhesive, has appeared in brown, instead of lilac, as announced.

BRITISH GUIANA.—A 2c. wrapper has recently appeared.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The color of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. has been changed to dark purple, same as current 5d.

MONTERRAT.—A $\frac{1}{2}$ d., provisional, has appeared, halves of current 1d. being surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ d."

SANTANDER.—Two new stamps have appeared here, 5 centavos, red-brown, 10c., lilac.

STELLALAND.—Two new values have recently appeared, 4d., blue, 10d., violet.

TRANSVAAL.—A 2d., violet, of the current type has appeared.

URUGUAY.—A new series of stamps prepared by the American Bank Note Co., of this city, will soon appear. They are as follows: 1 centesimo, green; 2c., red; 5c., brown; 10c., bistre; 20c., violet, and 25c., purple.

UNITED STATES.—A new die of the 2c. envelope stamp has made its appearance. It is similar to the one it supersedes, but there are three diamonds above and below the numeral on each side, and instead of there being four wavy lines in the oval band there are but two. It was reported that something in the brown ink acting on the metal of the November die caused it to wear out so quickly, but we find this new die printed in the same brown ink, as well as red.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that all the old issues of St. Domingo stamps were destroyed by order of the Government. They were scarce enough before, without having had this new difficulty put in the way of getting them.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

OUR STAMP PAPERS.

II—ANGOLA.

Stamps were first introduced into this Portuguese colony in 1870. The first issue consisted of six values, all of the same design; rect.; perforated; crown in solid circle, with ornamented frame; "Angola," in rim-shaded letters above; value in bold-face letters below—5 reis, black; 10 reis, orange; 20 reis, bistre; 25 reis, rose; 50 reis, green; 100 reis, mauve. In 1875, a 40 reis, blue, was issued, and in 1877, two new values appeared—200 reis, orange, and 300 reis, chocolate. In 1881, the colors of four values were changed, as follows: 10 reis, green; 25 reis, gray; 40 reis, yellow; 50 reis, blue.

THERE is no pastime of the present day so popular, and certainly none more instructive, than that of collecting English and foreign postage stamps.—*Amateur's Journal.*

THE cheapest postal service in the world is that of Japan, where letters are conveyed all over the empire for two sen—about one and three-fourths cents. This is the more wonderful considering the difficulties of transit over a mountainous and irregular country, which has less than 100 miles of railway, while wagons can pass over but a few of the chief roads, and the steamers connect but a small number of coast stations.—*Selected.*

COUNTERFEITS.

NATAL.—We have a very poor imitation of the 1d., carmine, 1860 issue, evidently printed from a common woodcut; dull red; unperforated. The head is very indistinct, the crown being almost undistinguishable, and the letters of the inscription at the bottom are run together. Surely so poor an imitation will deceive no one, even those who never saw the genuine stamp.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—We have another woodcut imitation of a steel-plate stamp, also, with the addition of having the color changed—6d., rose, 1865, of which we have counterfeits in green.

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We shall have to apologize to our subscribers this month, as our advertisements have crowded our reading somewhat. As soon as we can complete necessary arrangements, however, we shall enlarge.

We have received a copy of the *Young Oologist*, a 16 page monthly, published at Gaines, N. Y. It contains some very interesting reading for birds' egg collectors, and all such who have never seen it should send for a copy.

J. T. HANDFORD'S advertisement, on last page of this paper, is worthy of careful perusal. Judicious purchase of packets and sets is acknowledged to be the cheapest and best way for those having small collections to buy, and the packets he advertises are surpassed by none.

The attention of philatelists is called to the announcement of the *Philatelic Jour-*

nal of America, in another column. The well-known reliability of the publishers, as well as the fact that there has long been felt the need of just such a magazine in this country, will help to establish it on a successful basis. We would earnestly advise all collectors to help it along with their own subscription, and use their influence with others.

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III.

ADHESIVES.

The first stamps issued by the Government for the use of the public, appeared in 1847. The set comprised two values, as follows:

5 cent, brown; rect.; unperf. Three-quarters face of Franklin, to left, in oval, shaded ground. "U" and "S" in upper corners; "Post Office," in curve above head; "Five Cents," in curve below; large Arabic numerals in lower corners.

10 cents, black; rect.; unperf. Three-quarters face of Washington, to right, in oval, shaded ground. "U. S. Post Office" above, same as on 5 cent; "Ten Cents," and large Roman numerals, below.

The paper of these stamps has a very slight bluish-gray tint, and the 5 cent is found in many shades of brown.

From Scott's "Revised List" we learn that halves of the 10 cent were used as 5 cent stamps, but we have never seen them used thus.

New dies of these stamps were made by the Government to print the "specimens" issued for collectors from, but they are easily distinguished, being shorter and wider than the originals.

Our limited space forces us to omit the article on the issue of 1851 which we had prepared for this number, but we shall insert it next month.

NEW ISSUES.

ANGOLA.—The *Philatelic World* reports a 20 reis, red, and 25 reis, magenta: also the same for Cape Verde and Mozambique.

ARGENTINE.—The 5c., 1867, is surcharged "1884 ½," and used as a ½c. provisional.

FRANCE.—A 60c. *Chiffre Taxe* has been issued recently, and the 2f. is now printed

in brown. A 5c. envelope, green on white, is also reported.

MONTSERRAT.—A ¼d., green, of the De La Rue type, has appeared.

NORWAY.—The 3 ore, orange, 12o., green, same, brown, and 25o., of the new type have appeared.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—A new 2d. mauve, has appeared.

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PERAK.—A 2c. stamp, mauve, has appeared; "Perak," being surcharged on a Straits Settlement.

PORTUGAL.—The *Philatelic World* reports 2 reis, gray, 10 reis, green, and 20 reis, red.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE'S ISLAND.—10r., green, 20r., red, 25r., magenta, and 40r., yellow, are reported in the *Philatelic World*.

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We have received from F. L. Mills, publisher, a neat little pamphlet entitled "How to Deal in Foreign Stamps." It is gotten up in good style, and contains a deal of useful information, while its low price brings it within the reach of all.

We hear that a new stamp journal is to be issued about September 20th, devoted to the interests of the colored philatelists, by Francis J. Mathews, 14 Blossom St., Boston, who "proposes to make the hair of some of the immaculate nabobs curl." We wish him much success in his new venture.

AGENTS wishing sheets will do well to try W. L. Emory, Fitchburg, Mass., as he sells his stamps at very low prices, and also gives a large commission.

TWO OF A KIND.

The item on the Reunion counterfeits in THE PHILATELIST for June, has brought us the following interesting epistle from a Boston stamp dealer:

BOSTON, August 23rd, 1884.

DEAR SIR:—A week or two since you were good enough to send me a copy of your PHILATELIST

with a pencil mark pointing to an item about certain Reunion stamps, and a desk, and a second hand furniture man, and some other non-stampical articles. In as much as you seem to think that it concerns me, I beg to explain the mistake. The story is an old and venerable chestnut. It occurred in Chicago, not in Boston, many years ago. The second-hand furniture man not only thought he saw Reunion, etc., etc., but he also saw in his mind's eye, a large and lively selection of unpleasant specimens of natural history—two-headed snakes, alligators, cat-amounts, conger eels, cimex lectorii, New Jersey stamp dealers, and other unprepossessing quadrupeds.

You see, he had a fit of the jim jams, precipitated by his son, who was an eternal philatelist, and had driven his father insane with his antics. The son was editor, proprietor, manager, writer up, and general supervisor of a *Chicago Philatelist*—25 cents per annum, etc. It was a sad case. The second hand furniture man jumped, finally, from a seven story window, and was drowned in Lake Michigan.

Please send any other interesting stories. I will send you my circular for September. Please send No. 2 of your PHILATELIST.

Yours truly,

Now either our esteemed correspondent is laboring under a mental delusion of the most delusive kind, or—horrible to think—there must have been *two* desks, second hand furniture men, etc. The facts in the case to which we referred, and of which we had personal knowledge, bear a strong resemblance to those to stated by our correspondent, though differing in some principal points. The case which we referred to occurred in *Boston*, about nine years ago. As in the *Chicago* case, there was a desk, also a second hand furniture man, also a son.

As to the desk we have no particular information, but suppose it must have been worth more than our correspondent received for it, for who ever knew a second hand furniture man to give for a thing what it is worth?

Concerning the second hand furniture man, our information is a little more explicit. As referred to above, said s. h. f. m. purchased the desk, chair, cuspidor, pen-wiper, and other office furniture of our esteemed correspondent, and, as stated in our June item, the stamps in question were found in the desk. Subsequently he left Boston, and, with his interesting progeny, took up his abode in the quiet town of Standish, Maine, of which we were at that time (1876) a resident. Now we heard from said s. h. f. m. a short time since, and he was well and happy, and in full possession of his mental faculties. Whatever antics this diabolical son may have previously cut up seem to have had no such effect as described by our esteemed correspondent on said s. h. f. m., but possibly his last antic may bring both father and son to the state referred to, and certainly our correspondent could not wish the son any worse fate, for he—alas! was married a few weeks ago. By the way, we are informed by our Chicago correspondent that there is not a seven story building in Chicago within two blocks of Lake Michigan, and to jump from the nearest one into the lake, he would have to jump about a quarter of a mile, and over three railroad tracks. Could it be that our correspondent made a slip of the pen, and meant that, driven to desperation by this last awful act of his son, the s. h. f. m. jumped from the backwoods of Maine into Lake Michigan?

Now as to the son, we would first state that all of Chicago which he ever saw was what passing glimpses can be caught from College Hill, the Breakheart, or the top of Bunker Hill monument; and the nearest he ever came to being editor of a stamp journal is to be second cousin to THE PHILATELIST. We finally closed a bargain with said son, and became the owner of a fine assortment of counterfeits, all neatly put up in the printed envelopes of our correspondent, with address given as 81 Washington St., Boston. As this closed all philatelic aspirations on the part of the son, we think our correspondent is hardly justified in calling him an "eternal philatelist."

Well, to close this somewhat lengthy article, we will say that we were glad to have heard from our correspondent. We had not heard from him for some time, and did not know but he had gone out of the business, but we see by his circular that he is still flourishing, and selling sets of Bolivia, Buenos Ayres, Pacific Steam Navigation, and other rare stamps, for which other dealers charge \$1 to \$20, for ten and fifteen cents.

OUR STAMP PAPERS.

III.

ANTIGUA.

This West Indian island has been a British colony for about 100 years. It contains only 108 square miles, and has a population of about 35,000.

The first stamps were issued here in 1862—two values, 1d., lake; 6d., green, The color of the 1d. was changed to red in 1868, and the 6d. is found in several shades of green.

The design on both these stamps is the same: Diademed profile of Queen Victoria to left, on shaded ground; "Antigua," on solid label, above; value on same below. Stamps issued previous to 1873 are water-marked with a six pointed star; subsequent to that date with a crown and "C. C." In 1880, two new values were issued, 2½d., brown, and 4d., blue; and in 1883, a ½d., green appeared. In 1884, the color of the 2½d. was changed to blue, and a 1d., rose, was issued. These stamps are all of the De La Rue type,—diademed head of Victoria on octagonal, shaded ground, with ornamented frame; "Antigua," on white label, above; value on same below. This completes the list for this colony up to the present time.

THE Postmaster-General has discontinued the practice of supplying specimen postage stamps to collectors, as it has been found unprofitable and a source of annoyance.—*Philatelic World.*

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NEW ISSUES.

BULGARIA.—Three surcharged stamps are in use: 8s. on 10s.; 5s. on 80s., and 15s. on 30s.

CUNDINIMARCA—A new 5c., blue, has just been issued.

GUADALOUPE.—The stamps of the French Colonies used here are surcharged "G. P. E." in small black letters.

PARAGUAY.—The *Philatelic World* reports the 1 real surcharged with a large "1" in black, and used as a 1 centavo.

PERSIA.—The *Philatelic Monthly* reports 5s. provisionals, made by cutting 10s. and 50s. stamps in halves and surcharging; also 10s. on half 1f.

PORTUGAL.—The *Stamp News* chronicles a 10 reis, green, adhesive, similar design to current 50 reis; also a 2 reis, black.

SANTANDAR (U. S. of Colombia).—A 1c., blue, has appeared.

SIERRA LEONE.—We have received from Wm. v. d. Wettern, a newly issued ½d., green, same design as ½d. brown.

UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.—A 50c., brown, of the current type, has been issued.

URUGUAY.—The 7c. stamp reported last month bears the portrait of General Artigas, and the 10c. that of President Santos.

It is said that not more than ten of the Nevis penny stamps, cut in half, could be bought by one person, and that they had to be affixed in the presence of the postmaster to be valid for postage as half-penny stamps. —*Philatelic Monthly*.

We regret to hear that the impaired health of Mr. E. B. Martin, the well known Chicago stamp dealer, compels him to close out his business, and seek a different climate. We sincerely hope that he may soon return with health greatly improved and resume his connection with the philatelic world.

We have received from C. B. Thurber, publisher, Bay Shore, N. Y., the *Agents' Star*, a large eight page monthly, devoted

to the interests of agents. It is handsomely printed and has a large circulation.

The wholesale stamp firm of Wm. v. d. Wettern has been changed to Wettern & Ridgeley, and a new price list for dealers issued.

The *Philatelic News*, recently published by W. L. Emory, has been transferred by him to John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., and the subscribers to the *News* will receive the *Granite State Philatelist* for the balance of their subscription. Mr. Emory will devote his time entirely to his stamp business.

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STILL another. L. F. Barker, Whitby, Ont., informs us that he will issue the first number of the *Canadian Philatelist* about December 1st.

S. E. CASSINO, Peabody, Mass., proposes issuing a directory of stamp collectors. He will print only the number subscribed for at \$1.00 per copy.

WE have some very fine South and Central American and West Indian stamps that we are putting on sheets at half price, with a further discount of 33 1/3%.

THE second sale of stamps and confederate money by John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., will occur November 1st. The lots are small and include many rare U. S. departments.

THE *American Boys* has been changed to *Our American Youth*, and comes out for Au-

gust and September with a double number, eight four column pages and cover. It is a handsome and interesting paper, and deserves a large circulation.

THE *Collector's Companion* is the name of a coin and stamp paper to be issued about November 1st, by Shields & Murkin, publishers of the *Southern Naturalist*. Arthur C. Smith, Scranton, Pa., also proposes issuing a stamp and coin paper about October 15th.

WE would warn all publishers against inserting the advertisements of C. H. Mekeel & Co., without cash in advance. We inserted an advertisement on their written order, and for three months have been trying to collect for the same, unsuccessfully. We are told by a prominent stamp dealer that many other publishers are in the same boat with us.

WE have not seen the *Colored Philatelist*, which was to be issued September 20th, by Francis J. Mathews, 14 Blossom St., Boston, but have received a notice from the postmaster at Boston that no such person was to be found at the address given. The *Philatelic Journal of America* announced by C. H. Mekeel & Co. has also failed to appear.

Postage Stamps of the United States.

IV.

ADHESIVES.—CONTINUED.

On the reduction of postage in 1851, the series of 1847 was suppressed and a new set of eight values prepared. Only the 1c., 3c., and 12c. were issued during that year, however; the 10c. was issued in 1855, the 5c. in 1856, and the 24c., 30c., and 90c. in 1860. The 1c., 3c., 5c., 10c., and 12c. were issued unperforated up to 1857; after that date they were issued with small perforations. The higher values were issued with the small perforations only, although a few specimens of the 24c. are found unperforated; but as when

the stamp was issued in 1860 all the other values were perforated, it is supposed that the issuing of these was merely accidental. Below we give the designs and colors.

1 cent; blue; rect.; perf. and unperf. Profile of Franklin to right on oval ground; "U. S. Postage" in curve above; "One Cent" in curve below.

We have a proof of this stamp, with slightly different framework, in black on buff paper, surcharged "Specimen" in red, but are not fully convinced of its authenticity.

3 cents; red; rect.; perf. and unperf. Profile of Washington to left on oval ground. "U. S. Postage" above; "Three Cents" below. Reticulated frame with ornamented corners.

5 cents; brown; rect.; perf. and unperf. Three-quarters portrait of Jefferson to right, on oval ground. "U. S. Postage" above; "Five Cents" below; ornamented frame. There are several dies of this stamp, due to an accident to the plate of one of the stamps and the subsequent altering of the entire plate to make them uniform.

10 cents; green; rect.; perf. and unperf. Three-quarters portrait of Washington to left, on oval ground. Thirteen stars and "U. S. Postage" above; Roman numerals in upper corners; "Ten Cents" below.

12 cents; black; rect.; perf. and unperf. Three-quarters portrait of Washington to left, on oval ground. "U. S. Postage" in curve above head; "Twelve Cents" in curve below.

24 cents; lilac; rect.; perf. Three quarters portrait of Washington to right, in oval. "U. S. Postage Twenty-four Cents" in band surrounding head; ornamented frame-work. A few specimens of this stamp in black are found in large collections, but they are merely essays.

30 cents; orange; rect.; perf. Profile of Franklin to left, on oval ground; shields in four corners. "U. S. Postage" above; "30" below; "Thirty" at right side; "Cents" at left.

90 cents; blue; rect.; perf. Bust of Washington in military uniform, on solid ground; three-quarters face to left. "U. S. Postage" in curve above; "Ninety Cents" below.

All these stamps were suppressed on the breaking out of the civil war, in April, 1861.

This series was reprinted, perforated, by the Government, but the perforations are larger than the originals, and they are easily distinguished by comparison.

NEW ISSUES.

ARGENTINE.—The *Philatelic Monthly* reports the following provisionals: "1884 $\frac{1}{2}$," in red on 15c. 1867 issue; same in black; "1c. 1884" in red on 15c. 1867 issue; "Cuatro Centavos 1884." on 5c. 1867 issue; also a new die of the current $\frac{1}{2}$ c., brown, better engraved and of lighter color.

AUSTRIA.—News bands of the same design as the current adhesives have been issued.

BELGIUM.—The color of the current 1c. adhesive has been changed to gray.

BRAZIL.—A new 100r. lilac is reported; also a 200r. red-brown, of the same type.

CUNDINIMARCA.—The *Philatelic Monthly* reports a new 5c. blue.

GRENADA.—An 8d. bistre is announced.

GUADALOUPE.—A new series of unpaid letter stamps have recently been issued. Numeral of value in centre in square frame. "Guadaloupe" above; "A Percevoir" below. The values are as follows: 5 centimes, white; 10c. blue; 15c. violet; 20c. rose; 30c. yellow; 35c. gray; 50c. green.

GUINEA.—A new series has recently appeared. Bust of King of Portugal in oval frame; "Guine Portugueza" above; value below. The values are as follows: 5 reis, black; 10r. green; 20r. red; 25r. violet; 40r. yellow; 50r. blue; 100r. lilac; 200r. orange; 300r. brown.

HAWAII.—The series of envelopes recently issued are as follows: 1c. green; 2c. pink; 4c. vermilion; 5c. blue; 10c. black.

LABUAN.—It is stated that the postmaster by writing his initials on the 16c. changes its value to one dollar.

NEVIS.—The color of the 1 penny has been changed to rose.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Stamp World* reports the 1s. on brown paper.

PARAGUAY.—The *Philatelic World* reports a new 1 centavo stamp as follows: "The arms are in a circular band, inscribed 'Republica del Paraguay.' Above this 'Centavo' and below in two lines 'Union Postal Universal.' There are figures of value in the four corners in circles. Blue green on thin watermark paper. Perforated 13."

PORTUGAL.—Two new adhesives, 500r. and 1000r. black, are reported.

TOLIMA.—A new series, as follows, has been issued: 5 centavos, brown; 10c. blue; 20c. peso, red, 2p. violet.

TRANSVAAL.—A new series is reported: ½ penny, gray; 1d. carmine; 3d. violet; 4d. greenish-gray; 6d. blue; 1 shilling, green; 2s. 6d. yellow; 5s. blue-green; 10s. brown. The design on all is as follows: Arms in circle; "Postzegel Z. Afr. Republiek" above; value below in letters; figures of value in all the corners.

TRINIDAD.—A registered envelope, 2d. blue, is in use.

TURKEY.—The *Stamp World* gives the following new issues: 10 paras, green; 20 paras, carmine and pink; 1 piastre, dark and light blue; 5 pi. dark and light brown; 25 pi. gray and black. The entire set are printed on wove paper and perforated.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—The 2½d. is now printed in blue.

POSTMASTERS have received orders not to pass matter through the mails prepaid with official postage stamps, and all government officers have been notified to use the "penalty" envelopes exclusively in future. The Treasury, and perhaps other departments, have been using official stamps to pay the fee on registered letters, but they can do so no more, and the official stamps have come to their end at last.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

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