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The National Philatelist.

Devoted Exclusively to Philately.

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NO. 1.

NEW ISSUES.

As they appear in the leading Philatelic papers:

Bhopal—Another variety of the changed design has appeared in the form of a half anna green.

British Guiana—A new postal has appeared, value $1\frac{1}{2}$ ct., color not given. S. J.

Cashmere—Half anna blue has been added to the new set. C. U. There is also a 6 pies, new design, in vermilion. S. J.

Chili—Report states an unpaid letter stamp for Valparaiso, value 10 cents, blue.

Curacoa—A $2\frac{1}{2}$ gulden, 50, has been emitted, color violet, with bistre tinge.

Denmark—A large oblong stamp, brown and blue, on white, has been in use since September for dead letters that have been opened. M. C.

Egypt—Whitefield, King & Co., have favored us with a notice of the new stamps. The design is sphinx and pyramid in oval, within rectangular frame and emanated from the establishment of De La Rue & Co. They are printed in color, on white paper, watermarked with crescent and star; 5 paras brown; 10 do lilac; 20 do ultramarine; 1 piastre, rose; 2 do yellow; 5 sea-green. S. J.

Great Britain—We have received several of the new 1 d. International post-cards, and do not hesitate in pronouncing them first class designs.

Italy—The colors of the 10 and 20 cent estero are now the same as the regular issue, 10 and 20 ct.

Orange Free States—A 5 shilling green has been added to the set of this country. S. J.

Phillipines—Mr. Yfasi states that the 100 mils de peso, green, has appeared. S. J.

Panama—The 10c is cut diagonally, and each half used as a 5 cent stamp. M. C.

The National Philatelist will be published regularly on the 15th of each month, and hereafter each number will consist of six pages, and be illustrated with cuts of new issues.

Our apology is due to the Philatelic fraternity, for not affording it, in No. 1, of The Philatelist, a more finished representative and supporter of, what may be classed one of the fine arts, Philately. However, have patience, brethren for one month, and we promise you a rare treat in the form of No. 2 of the PHILATELIST, which will be unsurpassed in typographical beauty, originality and Philatelic information, and will be profusely illustrated with stamp cuts, besides consisting of six pages.

PRIZE WORD-HUNT.

For the Three largest list of words made from the word

PORTUGAL:

We will give the three following stamps as prizes, viz:

1st.—Deccan 1st issue 1 Anna, green, oblong, skeleton design, catalogued by most dealers at 50 cts.

Second.—A stamp from Bophal, 1878, ½ Anna, green, rectangular, catalogued at 25cts.

Third.—Nowanuggur blue, catalogued at 15 cts.

These are all rare unused Indian stamps. Next month we will offer as prizes South American stamps.

We warrant all these stamps genuine. Persons getting any that are not genuine will be given catalogue price for same.

CONDITIONS.

These prizes are open only to sub's, but money may be sent in with lists.

Only words found in the body of an English dictionary can be used.

No letter is to be used unless found in the Prize word and no letter is to be used more than once in the same word.

All lists must be in by May 25th and must be arranged alphabetically to secure a tention.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE DESIRE to call the attention of dealers to the fact that according to the new law enacted by Congress in regard to mailing monthly journals, periodicals, etc., after May 1st, 1879, sample copies of any publication can be sent to agents or persons whom the pub. desires to become agents, or whom the publisher desires to subscribers or to advertise, etc. etc., at

the rate of 2 cts. per lb. Such being the case, thousands of copies may be sent out by the publisher at little above the cost of printing. Taking advantage of this, we shall make our paper unparalleled as an advertisting medium in the U. S and print an immense edition of each number.—Dealers who may see fit to advertise in our next No., will have their "ads" displayed to the most advantage, and guarantee ample satisfactory returns.

+PHILATELIC BREVITIES.+

All persons subscribing to this journal before the 1st of June, will receive a rare stamp from Nowanuggur or a 1 centavo Nicaragua.

—Gamb's Directory and The Bulletin of the Wytheville Philatelic Society of Wytheville, Va., received. E. F. Gambs and Sec. of the Wytheville Society please accept our thanks for same.

—Next month will be opened a correspondents department, in which will be answered all questions relating to Philately which may be asked, and which it is our power to answer.

—We have a lot of nice stamps for sale on approval, such as Bhopal Nicaragua, Punjaub, Nowanuggur, etc., which we will send to advanced collectors who may wish same and send a good reference and stamp for reply.

We wish to have a good live agent in every town and city in the U. S. and Canadas, to solicit subscriptions and advertisements for this paper, to whom will be given a good cash commission or a better bargain if com. is taken out in stamps.

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The NATIONAL PHILATELIST,
Lock Box 27, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

EDITORIAL.

It is with much pleasure that we are enabled to present this "modest and unassuming journal to the philatelic fraternity, and former subscribers of the *The Little Spectator*. It has long been our desire to publish a paper of this description, but until the present time circumstances would not permit.

To those who see fit to subscribe we can say that they will be well posted in regard to the movements of the philatelic world, at once informed of the new issues as they appear, to date of publication, and offered bargains in stamps—and to subscribers only—unparalleled in cheapness. At the end of the year all subscribers unsatisfied with their paper will receive their subscription back.

Dealers advertising in these columns will have their ad's displayed to greatest advantage possible, in space desired. Those sending their advertisements first will receive the most prominent positions.

In closing, we wish to say that we will do all in our power to make this paper one of the best in the ranks,

and desire the assistance of all friends of Philately. Persons having anything new in the line of new issues, etc., would confer a great favor on the editor by informing him at once, and if any stamps are sent, they will be returned with all possible haste.

A FAR TRAVELED POST-CARD.

On the 24th of May, 1878, a gentleman in Chemnitz, Saxony, made a bet that a post-card which he intended to dispatch the same evening would travel round the world in one hundred and twenty days. The card was first addressed to Messrs. H. Gerbel & Co., in Alexandria, Egypt, where it arrived on the 4th day of June. From here it was immediately mailed to the German Imperial Consulate in Singapore, and reached there on the 29th of June. The same day it was despatched to Yokohama, and was delivered there on the 14th of July. Here, however, it was detained until the 31st of July. It reached San Francisco on the 25th of August, and New York on the 2d of September. At one o'clock on the 18th of September the card was delivered to Mr. Ludwig Ploss, the gentleman who dispatched it, in Chemnitz, and he had the pleasure of winning his wager. Before posting his card, Mr. Ploss wrote on the back a polite request, in English, that each person receiving it would immediately remail it, cancelling the old address and filling in the new one. The different addresses were then given as follows: From the Messrs. H. Gerbel & Co., Alexandria—1st, To Imperial German Consulate, Singapore; 2d, Imperial German Consulate, Yoko-

homa; 3rd, Messrs. Murphy, Grant and Co., San Francisco; 4th, Franz Hahman, P. O. Box 1126, New York; 5th, Ludwig Ploss, Chemnitz, Saxony. This post-card has been photographed, and bears the embossed German stamp, a Japanese and two United States adhesives and thirteen different post-marks. It is also in perfect preservation. — *Chamber's Journal.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

MAY PACKET.

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W. B. TAYLOR,

Mt. Pleasant,

Lock Box 27, Iowa.

STAMPS.

3000 stamps for sale or exchange. Agents wanted. Send stamp with order. W. F. Mason, Box 253, Muncie, Ind.

Stamp Packets. — No. 1, 16 var., 5c. No. 2, 25 var., 10 cts. Enclose 1c stamp. These packets contain no duplicate. We want a few good agents to sell sheet stamps at 30 ¢ com. Send reference. O. J. Lockwood, Muncie, Ind.

AGENTS WANTED!

To sell stamps on approval. Com. from 20 to 50 per cent. For full particulars address, W. B. Taylor, Lock Box 27, Mt Pleasant, Iowa,

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Is able to supply collectors with all kinds of postage stamps and post cards at lowest prices.

Sheets of rare and obsolete stamps sent on approval to persons furnishing good references. Agents wanted, to whom will be given a liberal commission. Correspondence solicited. Send 10 cts. for a set of U. S. Treasury stamps and list of sets.

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Singly or quantities, especially Executive, Justice, State, and Agriculture

WANTED,

for which the best cash or exchange price will be given. Persons having such will do well to let us know at once and send list of stamps desired in exchange, or lowest cash price.

I will buy or exchange for any quantity or kind if price suits. I also wish to purchase all kinds of South and Central American, British Colonial and British American, such as Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Isle, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc. for which I will allow from \$1.25 to \$5.00 per 100 in exchange.

W. B. Taylor,

Mt. Pleasant,

Lock Box 27, Iowa.

Three Months Free!

Southern Philatelist, Galveston, Texas.

VARIETIES U. S. Official Stamps, War, P. O., Interior, Treasury, P. O. Envelope, sent postpaid to you for 2 3-ct stamps. Don't forget this but send at once to L. C. Schliep, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. —9-11

LOUIS SCHLIEP, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa,

Journal Printer.

The National Philatelist.

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NO. 2.

Communicated.

Philatelic Frauds.

DEAR SIR:

I notice that several journals have attempted what they term "purging Philately of dishonest persons." by publishing the names of collectors who have defrauded dealers, who were simple enough to send stamps on approval to parties unknown to them, and that no one but themselves is to blame is the rule, nine cases out of ten.

The first Philatelic furo swept into its ranks, men of wealth who were struck with the novelty of the new science, and it was not until the years 1866 to '68, that Young America became enthused and from that day we may say that Philately lost its financial standing.

Although it became more universally popular, the majority of collectors that have supported dealers since 1867, have been a class, who's financial abilities are rather limited, but who ask no small amount for their money, in fact they demanded cheap stamps or none at all.

The demand was met by issuing counterfeit stamps, these collectors only, are responsible for the appearance of counterfeit stamps, they are the ones who gave birth to irresponsible dealers who have brought about such a state of affairs that honest dealers find it difficult to exist, and many of them are forced to such "queer" methods of doing business, that if they are dependent on Philately for their salt and are therefore forced to it, then I would suggest with the kindest

of feelings, that it would be a deed worthy of any philanthropist's attention, to hand these dealers over to the tender care of the county poor-master.

One of the dealers that I now refer to resides in Louisville at present. He persistently sends stamps on approval to every Tom, Dick and Harry who's name has appeared in some list as a collector.

These dealers are the cause of Philatelic thieves, and this evil cannot be cured until collectors refuse to have any dealings with them.

To young and inexperienced collectors, I need only say, reliable dealers pay no attention to your letters, but class you with rogues when you ask for approval stamps, without sending a cash security for them.

A DEALER.

Messers Scott & Co. are publishing a descriptive catalogue of Postage stamps, price \$2.50 From the specimen paragraph issued, we find it is only a reproduction of what has appeared in the A. J. of P.; as such we may criticize it and safely say it will never replace, either Dr Grays or Pemberton's hand-books.

It is well known among advanced collectors that Scott & Co. consider any light thrown on Philatelic subjects an injury to the business. This will also account for the continual rehashing of old and worn out subjects in what they term their magazine. For this reason the work is useless to advanced philatelists, while amateurs can find the same information in any 25 cent catalogue.

PRIZE WORD-HUNT.

For the Four largest lists of words made from the word

BELGIUM,

we will give the following stamps as prizes, viz:

1st. U. S. of Columbia, 50 Cen. 1867, generally catalogued at 50 cents.

2nd. U. S. of Columbia, 25 Centavo 1867, generally catalogued at 25 cents.

3rd. Argentine Confederation, set of 4, worth 15 cents.

4th. Peru, set of 3, worth 10 cents.

CONDITIONS.

These prizes are given to subscribers only, but subscriptions may be sent in with lists.

No letter is to be used more than once, and no word can be used unless found in an English Dictionary.

Lists must be in by July 12, and must be arranged alphabetically and numbered to secure attention.

Winners of Prizes in No. 1.

1st. Chas. Wendit, San Francisco. 191 words.

2nd. W. D. Errant, Chicago, Ill. 183.

3rd. A. T. Cotsworth, Burlington Ia. 124.

Philatelic Brevities.

THE OMNIBUS CLUB, according to a report in the May no. of the S. P., which reports the proceedings of a meeting held on May 1st. '79, is of very ancient origin; at present it consists of only 38 members, (?) who have the audacity to discuss stamps entirely unknown to the the most eminent Philatelists, in a manner simply heart-rending.

THE PIECE ON the first page, entitled "Philatelic Frauds," was written by a prominent Iowa Philatelist, and deserves more than passing notice. We can not

say we agree with all, that the writer asserts, yet, most of the principal points being well sustained, we cannot but admire their clearness and originality.

We would be pleased to have the opinion of our contemporaries on this subject.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY of Wythville, Va. is becoming quite an institution of Philately, and at present consists of 8 active members besides numerous honorary members and correspondents. Its monthly meetings are chronicled by most of the leading journals, and its bulletin for 1879, a copy of which we received, contains a good constitution, which an association is worthless without. If Wythville, a place of not over 10,000 inhabitants, and which probably contains no Philatelists except those included in the association, can boast of a society, what should we not expect of our larger cities such as St. Louis, Boston, Philadelphia, etc., etc., where Philatelists of greater distinction are numbered by the dozen.

THERE IS AN INCIDENT of the Chute-Beifeld affair that has never been in print, and which shows that the loss to Philately was not a serious one when Beifeld was strayed out of it. When the "Western Philatelist" appeared containing Chute's name in the column devoted to frauds and counterfeits, one of the leading dealers wrote to Beifeld for particulars, expressing a doubt about the matter; in reply Beifeld wrote a silly lot of stuff and made a proposition to the dealer to test the truth of the charge.

This was immediately accepted, but imagine the dealers surprise when per return post, Beifeld informed the dealer that he had reconsidered his offer and returned the order he had agreed to forward to Chute. No persuasion on the part of the dealer could coax Beifeld into ANY scheme of testing the truth of his statement, he preferring to remain a confessor, rather than a convicted blackmailer.

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Per line, 5 cts. : three times 12 cts.
Per inch, 50 " : three times \$1.15.
Per $\frac{1}{2}$ column, \$1.20 : 3 times, \$3.00.
Per column, \$2.00 : 3 times, \$5.00.

The NATIONAL PHILATELIST.

Lock-box 27 Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

NEW ISSUES.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.— Two international post-cards, single and double, were prepared months ago. The design on the stamp is the arms of the republic.

6 cen. rose on white

6 x 6 green on white. S: J

BOLIVAR.— The design on the 5 cen. stamp has been changed but the color remains the same. We'll give an illustration of it in our next number and save a description in this.

BOLIVIA.— The issue of 1876 has at last made its appearance, thus doing away with the Provisionals of 1870. For design see any 25 cent catalogue.

CASHMERE.— A new series for 1879 has been issued.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna (?) $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red.

1 anna mauve. 2 annas purple.

EGYPT.— An International card was issued May 1st. Has 20 paras stamp in the upper right hand corner. The inscriptions are in Turkish and French. S. J.

GREAT BRITAIN.— Recent British

mails bring the half penny wrapper brown on buff paper.

FINLAND.— New International card. Inscriptions in four different languages. Quite a polyglot. S. J.

LABUAN.— An English island about the size of New York City, off the coast of Borneo, with a series of stamps all to itself. Profile of Victoria in upright rectangle—Labuan post above, value below, and inscriptions on either side in Chinese and Indian. S. J.

2 c. green.	6 c. orange.
12 c. rose.	16 c. blue.

MEXICO.— A new issue for 1879 is out. Although we've seen only the lower values, we learn from the P. M. that the set consists of

1 cen. black.	
2 cen. violet.	5 cen. orange.
10 cen. blue.	25 cen. carmine.
50 cen. green.	1 peso (?)

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.— A 100 mils de peso has been issued.

RUSSIA.— The P. M. says that a 7 k. stamp has been issued, same color and design as the 8 k. and further that that a new postal has been emitted.

3 kop. black on buff.

SPAIN.— We have before us the 5, 10, and 25 centimos of the 1879 issue of this country. Design, head in circle to the left. "Correos Yetelegs above, and value below.

2 cen. black	5 cen. green.
10 cen. carmine.	20 cen. brown.
25 cen. blue.	40 cen. brown.
50 cen. orange.	1 pes. carmine.
4 pes. gray.	10 pes. bistre.

TRANSVAAL.— Four new values have been added. S. P.

3 p. mauve.	6 p. olive.
1 s. green.	2 s. blue.

SALVADOR.— The new issue of this country we will not describe, but probably illustrate next month; colors and values as follows:

1 c. green.	2 c. rose.
5 c. blue.	10 c. black.
1 r. green.	2 r. carmine.
	5 r. blue.

TURKEY.— The 1 piastre envelope with "chick" surcharged for local use. S. J.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—The color of 25 centavo black on blue is now changed to green on white.

EDITORIAL.

THE greatest draw-back, we find, in publishing a journal of this class, is the lack of original Mss. A person may publish a science monthly, a sensational weekly or a newspaper daily, and he will be continually bored with a superabundance of matter "to be inserted in your next issue," but let him once publish a stamp paper, and his vexation at having too much Mss. is exchanged for his anxiety at having too little.

The demand for philatelic Mss., it is true is not great, but the demand is greater than the supply. Right here let us say that sole cause of at least two thirds of the many enterprising Philatelic editors being unable to issue more than the initial number of their "representative" journals is due to the lack of original Philatelic matter.

It is the rule that in whatever science, art, or profession, you may seek, you will find writers of all grades in countless numbers; Philately is the exception. Now why is this? do not publishers pay a high enough price for productions, or are philatelists as a class lazy to write

about their pet art? We imagine we hear the reply, "Give us something easy."

It is our endeavor to make the National Philatelist the representative Philatelic journal of the World, and we will do all in our power to make it such, but we cannot do it alone. We must have the support of Philately's authors. Without this we can do nothing, at present our paper consists of only six pages but we would enlarge it to twelve, had we only the matter to insert therein.

We do not wish or expect anything for nothing, but will give a good price for Philatelic productions that meet with our approval, and desire all first-class authors to patronize us. Should any person desire to contribute anything free, of course we will not refuse, but do not expect it.

Another Pony Express.

From the Daily Tribune, for a copy of which we are indebted to an esteemed correspondent in Denver, we learn that a pony express was started on Saturday April 5, to run between that place and Leadville. The charges are 50 cents per letter and \$1.00 per pound for papers. No stamps have as yet been issued but if they appear our correspondent promises early specimens and the readers of the Monthly can depend upon being among the first to hear of them. P. M.

A NEW LOCAL.

We lately received among an assortment of stamps forwarded us from New York, two new local stamps used by the Douglas City Despatch of New York

city. The design on the stamps is similar. Colors, blue and pink. The design is simply the words Douglas City Dispatch in center. Douglas and Dispatch forming a circle around City. The face of the stamp is covered with a net work of fine lines. The letters and lines are white.

 ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. B. RAUB,

Foreign Stamp Importer.

New London Conn.

Is able to supply collectors with all kinds of postage stamps and post-cards at lowest prices. Sheets of rare stamps sent on approval to persons sending good references. Agents wanted to whom will be given a liberal commission. Correspondence solicited. Send 10 cts. for a set U.S. Treasury stamps and list of sets.

E. A. WELCH & Co.

Dealers in Foreign Stamps.

13 Hammond St. Worcester, Mass.

Agents wanted. Send 6 c. for lists and 25 varieties foreign.

Agents wanted to sell stamps at 30 per cent commission. Specimens sent on approval to responsible parties. Enclose stamp and address, Wm. Berry, Box 84, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.

Stamps, 25 foreign for 2-3 c. stamps, 100 for 15 c. Rush in the orders to F. M. Bixby, Brockton, Mass.

Stamp Packets.—no. 1, 16 var., 5c no 2, 25 var., 10 cts. Enclose 1 c stamp. These packets have no duplicate. We want a few good agents to sell sheet stamps at 30 per cent. Send reference. O.J. Lockwood Muncie, Ind

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3000 stamps for sale or exchange. Agents wanted. Send stamp with order. W. F. Mason, Muncie, Ind.

W. B. TAYLOR,
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AND

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All kinds of foreign postage stamps kept constantly on hand and sold at the lowest cash price. Sheets of rare stamps sent on approval to persons sending a satisfactory recommendation, guarantee or a deposit of \$2.00.

Agents wanted to sell sheet stamps, to whom I will give a liberal commission of from 25 to 50 per cent.

Correspondence and Consignments solicited from dealers and collectors in all parts of the world.

U. S., South American, and British North American, exchanged for African, Asiatic, Australian, and British Islands.

Philatelic Printing of every description, such as price-lists, letter heads, note heads, envelopes, business cards, etc., etc., done with neatness and dispatch, and at prices lower than the lowest. Send for estimates before getting your printing done elsewhere.

All kinds of printing illustrated with stamp cuts without extra charge.

July Packet.

Contains 75 varieties of rare foreign stamps including Salvador, 1879, Argentine Republic, Grenada, U. S. of Columbia, Spain 1879, Swiss unpaid, Mexico, Natal etc., etc., sent postpaid for 28 c.

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ria, 4 Brunswick, 10 Canada, 3 Cuba, 10
Denmark, 5 Finland, 10 France, 10 Ger-
many, 8 Great Britain, 3 Greece, 10
Holland, 8 Hungary, 8 Italy, 4 India, 3
Jamaica, 2 Japan, 2 Newfoundland, 3
New Zealand, 6 Norway, 2 Porto Rico,
3 Portugal, 3 Roumania, 5 Russia, 6
Saxony, 6 Sardinia, 2 Sandwich Islands,
3 Straits Settlements, 8 Spain, 7 Swiss,
8 Sweden, 3 Tasmania, 3 Turkey, 4 Vic-
toria, 8 Wurtemberg, 4 U. S. Int., 5 P.
O., 6 Treas., 5 War, 10 document, 8
Match and Med., 10 U. S. postage, 10
U. S. envelopes, 2 Centennial env., red
and green, 6 Canada Bill, 5 Foreign Re-
venues, 3 Barbadoes, 3 Queensland. Any
12 sets, 50 cts. 25 sets, \$1.00, or the en-
tire 50 sets for \$2.00. A 3 cent stamp
for return must be sent with orders un-
der 25 cents.

Either of the following sets for 10 cts.
3 Argentine, 4 Alsace, 8 Austrian Italy,
5 Brazil, 4 British Guiana, 15 Canada,
5 Cuba, 2 Cape Verde Islands, 3 Danish
West Indies, 15 Denmark, 2 Ecuador,
16 France, 3 French Colonies, 20 Ger-
many, 16 Great Britain, 15 Hol and, 2
Honduras, 15 Italy, 4 Japan, 3 Mexico,
3 Naples, 4 Newfoundland, 5 New South
Wales, 3 Nova Scotia, 12 Norway, 2
Portugese Indies, 3 Prince Edwards Is-
lands, 8 Prussia, 4 Sandwich Islands, 10
Sweden, 10 Swiss. Any 6 sets for 50
cents, 12 sets for \$1.00. 25 sets for \$2.00
or the entire 30 sets for \$2.35. Orders
under 25 cents must contain 3 cent
stamp for reply.

J. C. RASMUSSEN.
DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Has concluded that the hard times
are breaking the boys and the price of
everything having come down about one
half, with the exception of postage stamps
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key, Tasmania and Egypt and my new
price-list, without stamps free. Chas. W.
Spinney, Fitchburg, Mass.

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NUM. 6.

REPARTEE.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir—I must trespass on your columns once more in order to defend myself against the attack of "Philomath" in the S. P. who grows wrathful because I have no sympathy for defrauded stamp-dealers who are so anxious to do business that they trust to parties utterly unknown to them. His letter does not require a second reading in order to discover wherein I have hurt the feelings of my youthful friend, but I must confess my surprise to find that the "small fry" irresponsible dealer has found a champion who is willing—even anxious—to display his "superabundant" eloquence in their behalf; or is it possibly in his own behalf? He says the records of "Philately" sustain him in the position that the first counterfeiters were unprincipled men, who entered the business with the intention of issuing counterfeit stamps. As this is well understood and is nothing more than what I claim, Philomath's useless waddle on this subject does not help his case in the least. I also claim that these men would have starved had there not been that element in the ranks of Philately who demanded cheap stamps, and cared far more for quantity than for quality. This element has always been in our ranks, but assumed no serious proportions until 1868, since that time they have liberally supported an increased

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Newly Issued Stamps

Alwar—The 1 anna is now pale brown. P. M.

Bosnia and Herzegovina—Stamps for these countries are now out, bearing arms of Austria, with values in upper corners. Set consists of

1 k grey,	3 k green,
5 k rose,	15 k bistre,
10 k blue,	25 k violet.

Bulgaria—This is an illustration of the 5c of this country. It is reported that the three lower values are of this design, while the higher value are without numerals in upper corners. The series consists of

5c black and yellow,
10c green,
25c mauve,
1 F black and red.

Dutch Indies—7½c card, 20c envelope. L. T. P.



Egypt—Post-card, 20p, brown or buff.

Finland—A 25 penni carmine, which according to the L. T. P. supersedes the 32 p rose.

Greece—The 1 and 2 drachma/unpaid stamps are now surcharged.

Heligoland—The 10 pfennig envelope is to hand, with the words "Postal Union, Postale Universalle" printed in large letters along the upper margin. Below this, is the word "Heligoland." The values, (1½ d. 20 p.) are entirely obliterated by black squares being printed over them.

Ionian Isles—The blue stamp has been found water-marked with a large figure 1, instead of a 2. T. M.

Jamaica—3 d. card is now surcharged 1½ d.



Labuan—This is an illustration of the 2c. described in our last. All values are identical in design.

Mexico—2 postals are reported for this country. Values not given. Full description next month.

Natal—One penny surcharged, on the 6d pink, revenue, and used for postage.

Persia—Post card, value 2½ Shahi.

Swiss—A 10c. double card for use in the postal Union has been emitted.



Rajpootana—This Indian state is said to have issued 4 stamps of the annexed design. Values 1, 2, 3, and 5, paisa

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Philatelic Brevities.

A correspondent sends us the following, which may account for the abundance of unused U. S. stamps offered for sale by European dealers:

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Every collector should try the above word-hunt, as it is very simple, and anybody can get a large list who is energetic and persevering. For instance, commence with “a,” take the next letter in the alphabet which is in the word, and in this way go through the whole word. **TRY IT.** You are as likely to get the first prize as any one else, if you work hard enough!

GONE TO GRASS!

It occasionally becomes the duty, even of stamp journals, to write an obituary notice, and the sad task we are now called upon to perform is to announce to our readers that the

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“They exhibit a happy combination of the brazen impudence of the blackmail operator, with the true inwardness of the confidence man. The dealer has his choice either to pay 15 cents, and be classed with the good, reliable dealers, or refuse, and be regulated among the bad, unreliable class.”

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Newly Issued Stamps

Alwar—The 1 anna is now pale brown. P. M.

Bosnia and Herzegovina—Stamps for these countries are now out, bearing arms of Austria, with values in upper corners. Set consists of

1 k grey,	3 k green,
5 k rose,	15 k bistre,
10 k blue,	25 k violet.



Bulgaria—This is an illustration of the 5c of this country. It is reported that the three lower values are of this design, while the higher value are without numerals in upper corners. The series consists of

5c black and yellow,

10c green,

25c mauve,

1 F black and red.

Dutch Indies— $7\frac{1}{2}$ c card, 20c envelope. L. T. P.

Egypt—Post-card, 20p, brown or buff.

Finland—A 25 penni carmine, which according to the L. T. P. supersedes the 32 p rose.

Greece—The 1 and 2 drachma unpaid stamps are now surcharged.

Heligoland—The 10 pfennig envelope is hand, with the words "Postal Union, Postale Universalle" printed in large letters along the upper margin. Below this, is the word "Heligoland." The values, (1½ d. 20 p.) are entirely obliterated by black squares being printed over them.

Ionian Isles—The blue stamp has been found water-marked with a large figure 1, instead of a 2. T. M.

Jamacia—3 d. card is now surcharged 1½ d.



Labuan— This is an illustration of the 2c. described in our last. All values are identical in design.

Mexico—2 postals are reported for this country. Values not given. Full description next month.

Natal—One penny surcharged on the 6d pink, revenue, and used for postage.

Persia—Post card, value 2½ Shahi.

Swiss—A 10c. double card for use in the postal Union has been emitted.



Rajpore—This Indian state is said to have issued 4 stamps of the annexed design. Values 1, 2, 3, and 5, paisa

black.

Philatelic Brevities.

A correspondent sends us the following, which may account for the abundance of unused U. S. stamps offered for sale by European dealers:

"A United States postage stamp manufactory has been unearthed in France. It was ascertained by the Post Office Department some time ago that one A. L. Alexandria, Jr., in Paris, was engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit United States postage stamps. An investigation resulted in showing that, although the party named manufactured facsimiles of United States stamps, he sold them only to persons who were making collections of postage stamps, and that the object was not to defraud the government. The practice, however, was discontinued. It was found that a similar business is carried on in England and Germany."

2,000,000 of the 2½ Shahi cards, were ordered by the Shah of Persia, at Paris. The bulk of these will find their way into the hands of European dealers, who in turn will wholesale them out to American dealers at an advance of 25 per cent. on first cost. Why is it that the American wholesale dealers are unable to get them direct?

PRIZE WORD-HUNT.

For the Four largest lists of words made from the word

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For the largest list,	-	-	\$1.00
" 2d "	-	-	.50
" 3d "	-	-	.25
" 4th "	-	-	.15

CONDITIONS.

These prizes are given to subscribers only, but subscriptions may be sent in with lists.

No letter is to be used more than once in the same word, and no word can be used unless found in an English Dictionary.

Lists must be in by Nov. 15, and must be arranged alphabetically, and numbered, to secure attention.

Every collector should try the above word-hunt, as it is very simple, and anybody can get a large list who is energetic and persevering. For instance, commence with "a," take the next letter in the alphabet which is in the word, and in this way go through the whole word. TRY IT. You are as likely to get the first prize as any one else, if you work hard enough!

GONE TO GRASS!

It occasionally becomes the duty, even of stamp journals, to write an obituary notice, and the sad task we are now called upon to perform is to announce to our readers that the

"Southern Philatelist" is no more. This was not unexpected, for experience has taught us that stamp journals usually die in their infancy. In fact, this is the only virtue most of them possess. Though they are fearfully and wonderfully made, yet as the days and weeks pass away, they prove to be weak and of the die-quickly order. A battle does not help them in the least, though it might cheer the exhausted editor.

We have not been informed as to the nature of the troubles which ended the career of our more or less esteemed contemporary, the "Southern Philatelist." It may have been yellow fever, or brain fever, or a "busted pocket book," but it is sufficient for the present to know that the "S. P." is a thing of the past, and we make this announcement with sincere regret, for the "S. P." has proved a bright, readable, little paper, with but few faults—in fact, but one fault, though a very serious one. We now refer to the blackmailing scheme, usually called the "Directory dodge." Trifit's journal used the following plain language regarding editors who turn their papers into blackmailing sheets. He says:

"They exhibit a happy combination of the brazen impudence of the blackmail operator, with the true inwardness of the confidence man. The dealer has his choice either to pay 15 cents, and be classed with the good, reliable dealers, or refuse, and be regulated among the bad, unreliable class."

The person that concocted this scheme is a low, dirty, unprincipled fellow, by the name of Beifeld, who was a disgrace even to the low haunts of Chicago, where so much of his

miserable life was spent. His career was cut short, because the villainies associated with his name made him disgusting in the sight of all honest collectors, who did not wish to lose all self-respect, by dealing with him in any way. And this will be the fate of all papers who attempt to re-stitute any of the monstrosities known as "Beifeldism." We can unhesitatingly attribute the demise of the "S. P." to this cause, for respectable collectors will not support a paper that indulges in these games.

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