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EXCUSE FOR LIVING.

This sheet is not issued to fill a felt want, nor is it an aspirant for philatelic fame; it is only an advertising sheet of the Western Stamp Co. It is a known fact that Philatelists do not pay, as a rule, and do not want to make one of many failures, we will publish the BUDGET each month for our own interests, and send to the philatelist who will send a cent for it. We will exchange for all philatelic papers, review any philatelic book or pamphlet that may be sent us. When we have more time to attend to the BUDGET we will probably enlarge it, and always try to run from two to four pages of interesting matter. The paper will be edited by Mr. T. J. Mitchell at the present. Any short items of interest will be gratefully accepted and due credit given the

from? Mr. Jacobs, an old collector of this city, claims that he purchased the remainder of Allen's stamps, also the plate, and that the plate was destroyed. Allen said that he sent the plate to his home in the east. Some collectors had the idea that a St. Louis dealer had the plate. At all events the weight of the evidence seems to indicate that the plate was destroyed.

This is somewhat interesting, especially as several parties have claimed that the plate was in existence, and we have in our possession a specimen of a counterfeit black on white, Allen's. We give a correct list of the varieties of this local, which, notwithstanding all talk from S. Allen Taylor, was a genuine one, as can be readily proved by reputable business houses in this city who patronized "Allen's Post" when it was in operation. We notice that the Scott Co. list the unperforated variety. That it was used there is no question; but we recollect a stamp firm of Chicago who used to cut up the

ALLEN'S LOCALS.

What became of the plate that Allen's locals were printed

unperforated sheets and use them for hinges. The list is as follows:

- Red on yellow, unperforated.
- Red on yellow. Red on white.
- Black on white. Plum on white.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Petford has found the 10c. Belgium 1870 issue, having a ground work of crossed lines in the circle surrounding the head. This variety so far has only been found in the yellow green.

Porto Rico changed the 5c yellow green of 1891 to the dark green. We have a specimen of the new 5c. 1892 before us which appears in orange red.

The Mexican stamps are appearing on both woven and laid paper, with the usual watermark. Now if the Post Office authorities can only get some writing paper and run off a few stamps on it, we will have an issue similar to the 1888 issue.

An eastern expert is authority for the statement that three fourths of the grilled stamps of the 1870 issue on the market are forgeries.

It is said that the stamps to be exhibited at the World's Fair in 1893 will eclipse everything ever attempted by philatelists in the way of an exhibition. It is

said that the value of the stamps promised will exceed \$1,000,000.

We fail to find the Die A—or so called rejected die—catalogued in the 52nd edition of Scott's catalogue. What is wrong, has the company been left out in the cold when others were collecting a stock?

The Western Stamp Co., located in Room 414, 17-21 Quincy St., is under the management of Mr. T. J. Mitchell, an old and well-known dealer of Chicago, who has again gone into business. The Western Stamp Co. is probably the only Stamp Co. in Chicago who handle stamps and philatelic goods alone. Mr. Mitchell would be pleased to see his old friends and any new ones at the office from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Friend Sterling seems to be a lucky man. Many collectors recollect when he bought the old special tax stamps from the authorities, for a trifle. The officials have found out that they sold Mr. Sterling an immense number of current stamps, and we understand Mr. Sterling has sold them back for \$50,000. It is safe to say that the Treasury officials will be more careful in the future.

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The Advanced Catalogue for collectors issued by the Scott Co., is meeting with deserved recognition from collectors. We have booked several orders during the past month, and several others have it under consideration. Collectors can obtain sample sheets by sending stamp to our office.

We thought some collectors had some little knowledge of Geography, but a certain collector of this state, who poses as an advanced one, is very ignorant of that study. Having for a long time tried to get a settlement with him, for stamps sent him, we at last had to take stamps from his sheets. Among other rarities sent were some Cape stamps, surcharged G, evidently intended for Griqueland, only the stamps were post marked Port Elizabeth, a part of the Cape Colony.

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