

THE PHILATELIC CURRIER.

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NO 1.

STAMP NEWS.

A new Philatelic Society has been formed in Albany N. Y. known as the Albany Philatelic Collector's Union.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., have just announced to abolish the illustrations of cuts of stamps and stamps on cards etc., to advertise their business.

There is a branch of the S. of P. soon to be organized in N. Y. City by Messrs. C. B. Kingham and Spooner of that place. The Countries of France and Germany now show a crime to imitate a surcharge and give a postmark. Would it not be a good idea in this Country to?

Collectors and Dealers are advised to be very careful when purchasing the French stamps as it is stated that forgeries are in the market. A skillfull pen can make a very good imitation by writing on the current French stamps the value in piastres with a pen and red

NEW COUNTERFEITS.

The following are some new counterfeits that have been found. Trinidad, 1851 about value; the red, purple, brown and blue stamps made from Mauritius stamps of similar type. Great Britain, 1d perforated.

Hanover, 10 gr, green, made from 2 gr. and heavily postmarked over the value.

South Australia, 3d on 4d, with black surcharge changed to red, 4d, old type.

NEW ISSUES POSTAL CARDS.

BAVARIA.- The 5pf., green card has the date "91" and watermark of wavy appearance. We should think that our great and glorious Republic could furnish better specimens of the long looked for Postal Cards which have at last put in an appearance. The new cards are a dismal failure, especially the Ladies size which are 75 by 118mm.

Whew! how United States stamps have been going up! On the desk before me lays a copy of Durbin's catalogue for 1878. In that year a set of used Executive could be purchased for 90 cents.

Only one value of the used is now priced the 3c carmine. The set new for \$18.00

The 5 and 10 cents of the 1847 issue then sold for 5 and 50 cents respectfully.

Now they are priced at 40 cents and \$2.00. And so we might go on as nearly every stamp would show a proportionate increase in price. This increase in price goes to prove one thing, and that is that a collection of United States stamps is a good investment, and that the collector is wise that adds as much to this portion of his collection before prices advance.

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At a small inn at North Bersted, near Bangor, is to be seen a room the walls and ceiling of which is covered with stamps of all nationalities. The proprietor has been indulging in his hobby for three years and he calculates that at least a million stamps, worth before circulation £14,000, have been used in the room.—Youths Journal.

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STAMP NEWS.

Mr. Charles Osborne has sold his collection of stamps to Stevens & Co., same, numbered about 2000 varieties.

I should judge it contained some good Foreign stamps though not many U. S. [S

A good way for young stamp collectors to arrange their stamps.— A blank book the size you want; by the exercise of a little time, patience, and ingenuity you can make one if you do not find one to suite. Lay your stamp on the page first where you wish it to be, mark with the point of a pen-knife one sixteenth of an inch from each end, close to the side, take up the stamp, and with a sharp knife cut slits between the two lower dots, having a piece of paste board under to keep from cutting the other leaves

Slip an end of the stamp through each slit, and it is done You can move them as often as you like without injury. (D. S.

The most valuable collection of stamps in the world, is supposed to be owned by a son of the Duchess de Galliera. It is valued at \$350,00, and most people seem to think that collecting stamps is a small business, a mere boy's play.

Where are the collectors of the far West? We should like to hear from them.

The "Jerseman," of Flemington, N. J. is by far the finest amateur paper we have seen. Couldn't you give us a little more Philatelic matter Bro. Deats?

The postage of the U. S. A. for the year ending June 30, 1870, amounted to \$681,864. June 30, 1880, \$3,068,797, June, 30, 1891, \$11,174,754. In 1870 the number of pieces of mail handled was 245,267,549, in 1880, 932,121,843, and 1891, 3,606,354,820.

NEW ISSUES POSTAL CARDS.

VICTORIA.—A new surcharge has reached us. The 2 pence on which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ is the surcharge in red. It is the 1889 card, violet on dark buff. "By the long sea route," this together with "For the United Kingdom" is blotted with a heavy red line, above which is "Universal Postal Union." The 1883 reply card is surcharged $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. Universal Postal Union, in red. Under the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d two heavy red lines appear, on both cards. (T.E.C.F)

Dover, N. H., has several enthusiastic collectors, among whom are several of the leading citizens of that city. They are most of them making a specialty of U. S. revenues, and hold some very fine collections of these stamps. (E.F)

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VOL. 1 MARCH, 1892 NO. 2

Editorial.

We wish our readers would get over that false idea of modesty about seeing their names in print, and send us their experiences either on stamps or curios.

To anyone in the business there must be some little item that would be interesting to all, why not jot it down at the

moment and then send it to us? We shall all like it, and when you see an experience of your in the paper, you will feel more at home with us—as if you owned a part interest in THE CURRIER.

We want to make our paper a success, to do so you must help us. We want correspondents from all the States, Territories and Canada. We want to make our paper so entertaining and helpful that you will look forward to it every month. Just try it once, and if you do not think you have derived enough pleasure to pay for the trouble, we won't ask you again.

During the month we have received the following.

Price lists from the Monumental Stamp Co. There are some very rare bargains advertised therein.

The Philatelic Fraud Reporter advertises quite a number of frauds each issue besides it has some Editorial matter.

The book "Advertised Philatelic Frauds" is a very valuable work and should be in the hands of every collector and dealer in the U. S., and soon will be.

I compliment you on your valuable book Bro. Merrill.

Quite a lot of price list from various firms have been received and some are very good indeed.

All interested in the organization of a new Philatelic Society, for the benefit of collectors, address the EDITOR.

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FRAUD LIST.

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"The Empire Stamp Co.," of Phelps,
 N. Y. has stopped sending out approvals
 because there are too many frauds they
 said. One year they lost over \$100.00
 sending out sheets and not getting them
 back. [z. swartout.]

As some of the readers of the CURRIER
 have requested the prices of U. S. stamps
 I will insert a list in these columns and
 beginning with year 1847. Ed.

DATE. VALUE. COLOR. NEW. USED

GENERAL ISSUE.

1847	5c	brown (Franklin)	\$1.50	40
"	10c	black (Washington)	5.00	2.00
Head in oval. Unperforated.				
1851	1c	blue (Franklin)	50	15
"	1c	" variety		30
"	3c	red (Washington)	25	2
"	5c	brown (Jefferson)	10.00	5.00
"	10c	green (Washington)	1.50	50
"	12c	black "	2.00	1.00

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**VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS TO DEALERS &
 COLLECTORS:**—Never consider time wasted
 that is spent in learning rudiments. In
 acquiring a knowledge of any art or
 handicraft the greatest difficulty is experi-
 enced at the beginning, because our
 work then possesses little or nothing of
 interest. Our first lessons in Philately
 are very simple; indeed so simple are they
 that we are disposed to undervalue their
 importance. To learn principles thor-
 oughly is to succeed. What ever you
 learn, learn it absolutely, without possi-
 ble question. This will enable you to
 advance steadily, step by step, year by
 year, and some day you will wonder why
 you have been enabled to distance the
 geniuses who seemed so far in advance
 of you.

Next Month we shall begin the first
 of a series of short lessons on Mineralogy
 which will be very interesting besides
 instructive to all interested in this branch
 of study.

A letter came to the Clarkesville, Georgia, Postoffice a short time ago with an old 2c revenue stamp in place of postage. Whether the Post Master's along the route noticed it or not is not known, but certain it is it reached the person to whom it was addressed all right. (D. SWEET.)

A letter came to the same office some time since; sent from Germany to some place in Italy. It was sent on its way, and it is to be hoped has reached its owner by this time. (D. S.)

During the past hundred years there has been thirtyeight postmaster general's with an average tenure of office of two years and a half. [E. swartout.]

"Pigeon Post" as a means of transmitting information is, under certain circumstances, superior to the telegraph wire. For instance, the wire cannot take sketches, and cannot even transmit messages in war time if the enemy have taken the precaution of cutting it. A new "post" has, however, been found by a French gentleman—the bee—which sometimes might even supersede the pigeon. For instance, a pigeon can be hit with a bullet, but he would be a good marksman who could bring down a bee. However, the bee as a messenger is little more than a toy, and apparently the limit of his journey is from two-and-a-half to three miles. (STAMP NEWS.)

We have quite a lot of interesting reading matter for the next no issue

Next no we shall give a few lines on advertising worth reading.

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