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VOL. I

NO. 1

## Stray Notes On Sheets of Stamps.

RUSSIA.

R. R. THIELE.

Russian stamps are not specially favored by American collectors, but they deserve more attention than is usually devoted to them. They are straight-forward issues with diverse minor varieties to delight the heart of the specialist, and but few varieties to relieve his purse. Withal they are all of an attractive neatness, original in design and splendidly printed. As far as I know all the governmental issues have been made on sheets of 100, 10x10, Russia having decimal currency. An exception is made in the case of the high ruble values, the 3.50 and 7 rubles; these are printed in sheets of 25, 5x5, presumably because of the slight demand for them. If I remember right these are furnished regularly to only two postoffices, St. Petersburg and Moscow, and to others only on special requisition.

Some curious sheets are found in the issues of the Russian Offices in the Levant. The three issues given

in Scott under 1864, 1865 and 1866 were not made by the Russian Government, but by a steamship company operating between Odessa and various ports on the Black and the Mediterranean seas, which carried mail between these ports under contract with the Russian government, receiving a share of the postage proceeds. The initials of this company are found on the issues of 1865 and 1866; they are the Russian letters R. O. P. i T., standing for "Russkoie Obshtchestwo Parochodst-wa Torgowli," or "Russian Company for Steam Navigation and Commerce." The enormous labels of 1864 are printed in "sheetlets" of 4, perhaps the smallest sheets in point of number of stamps contained, but hardly in point of size, considering the size of the stamps. The issue of 1865 was made in sheets of 63, 7 x 9, there being that many varieties in the sheet. The differences are to be found in the network and ornamentation; if I am not mistaken the steamship and eagle are uniform on all the stamps of the sheet, being printed from another stone which contained so many reproductions of the original die of the eagle and steamer. The

1866 issue came in sheets of 28, 4 rows of 7, though not type-varieties. I suppose these odd sized sheets are due only to the convenience of the lithographers, as they have no relation to the currency. You will notice, by the way; that no currency is expressed on these two issues; I think that Scott's catalogue correctly gives the value in Russian currency, but various European catalogues give the value of the stamp designated by Scott as 2 kopeks at 10 paras, and that of the 20 kopeks at 2 piasters. I doubt the correctness of this statement, as all the other stamps for the Russian Levant bear kopek values. The issues from 1868 up to the new surcharged issue are made in the same manner as the Russian government issues; you will notice that these also bear no government inscription, but merely the indication "Wostotchnaya Korrespondenzia," or "Eastern Correspondence."

I do not intend to deal with the so-called Russian Semstwo or Rural stamps, as they are no doubt collected by very few in this country. But as the stamps of Livonia (or Wenden) are often included in the catalogues and albums, I make an exception by inserting here a note I find in my book. It concerns the issue of 1863 with plain oval; this was printed in small sheets of 16, arranged in 2 vertical rows of 8. Number 6 of the sheet, the third stamp from the top in the second row, is tete-beche to the others. This merely by the way.—Adhesive.

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#### EDITORIAL.

This issue may appear somewhat slim to some, but let them remember that we come twice a month. The subscription price is not large and we

hope to have many subscribers. The paper will be enlarged in future issues.

There has been a great deal of discussion over the inverted 4 cent Pan-American recently, and its existence has been fully established. One is offered at J. M. Bartel's next sale (April 29) and there will no doubt be some lively bidding. A sheet of inverts was just detected in time recently in Washington, but instead of destroying them as is the usual course, the word "specimen" was printed in red ink, and the postmaster distributed them among his friends. Lucky friends! A well known dealer advertised one for sale the other day for \$100.

It was surprising the great number of reports we had of the withdrawal of the new English stamps. The following is quoted from the London letter in the Adhesive.

"Our new English stamps seem to be causing the most astounding rumors that have ever been aloft respecting any nation's stamps. I have just been reading a paragraph in one of the stamp journals from America, in which the following statement is very noticeable, and more so because it stands under a heading IMPORTANT ITEMS: 'The new issue of English stamps has been called in, owing to the fact that the cancellation can easily be removed from the stamp. It is impossible to get any at the postoffices today, January 25, '02.' Truly the above news absolutely astounded me, for though I am living within half an hour of the G. P. O., I have not heard any such tale as this. My experience is that there are more chances now of being served with the

King's Head stamps than there was when the issue was but 12 hours old. There is no anticipation of them being withdrawn, but there seems a possible chance of them being retouched. The reason our friend could not get any on that date referred to, is in consequence of the fact that all the postmasters have received instructions to sell out the old Queen's Head design before the new ones are permanently put on sale."

Since the above was written, it has been said that after the Coronation the crown will be lowered onto the King's head.

### CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES. (ADHESIVE.)

For the Month Ending April 21, 1902.

COMPILED BY ALBERT H. HALL.

British Guiana. Regular Issue.  
6 cent. gray-black and ultramarine.

Columbian Republic. (Cartagena.) Provisional Issue.  
5 centavos, violet.  
10 centavos, light brown.

Dutch Indies. Regular Issue.  
½ cent, violet.

German Empire. Regular Issue.  
2 pfenning, slate.  
3 pfenning, bistre-brown.  
5 pfenning, green.  
10 pfenning, carmine.  
20 pfenning, ultramarine.  
25 pfenning, carmine and black on yellow.  
30 pfenning, orange and black on salmon.  
40 pfenning, lake and black.  
50 pfenning, lake and black on buff.  
80 pfenning, red and black on rose.  
1 mark, carmine-rose.  
2 marks, gray-blue.  
3 marks, black violet.  
5 marks, black and carmine.

Greece. Regular Issue. Postage due stamps.  
1 lepton, brown.  
2 lepta, gray.  
3 lepta, orange.  
5 lepta, green.  
10 lepta, red.

20 lepta, lilac.  
30 lepta, violet.  
40 lepta, dark-brown.  
50 lepta, maroon.  
1 drachma, black.  
2 drachmae, bronze.  
3 drachmae, silver.  
5 drachmae, gold.

Hong Kong. Regular Issue.  
12 cents blue.

India. (Bussahir) Regular Issue.  
¼ anna, chestnut-brown.

India. (Chamba) Regular Issue of India surcharged "Chamba State."  
¼ anna, light-green.  
1 anna, carmine.

Nine. Provisional Issue. Regular Issue of New Zealand surcharged "Nine."  
1 penny, carmine.

North Borneo. Regular Issue, surcharged "British Protectorate."  
25 cents, slate-blue.

Orange River Colony. Provisional Issue.  
4 pence on 6 pence, ultramarine.

Persia. Provisional Issues. Surcharged "Provisoire, 1319."  
1 shahi, gray on green.  
2 shahi, brown on green.  
5 shahi, yellow on green.  
10 shahi, pale blue on green.  
1 kran, red.  
2 krans, deep green.  
With additional surcharge. Lion and Persian characters in rectangle.  
3 shahi, violet.  
With additional surcharge of new value.  
12 shahi on 1 kran, red.  
5 krans on 50 krans, red-brown.

Roumania. Regular Issue.  
15 bani.

St. Helena. Regular Issue. King's head.  
½ penny, gray-green.  
1 penny, carmine.

Spain. Regular Issue.  
15 centimos, lilac.

Trinidad. Regular Issue.  
5 shilling, lilac and purple.

The Inter-Ocean is here. It is a lively little paper and is fully worth the subscription price. It pays considerable attention to the collection of philatelic literature, and its principal value is the list of the different philatelic magazines published in the English language.

Written for the Fortnightly Philatelist.

### **The Stamps of the Netherlands.**

Although the Dutch have been a nation for hundreds of years, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is comparatively a recent creation. In the year 1815, William Frederick, Prince of Orange, became ruler of Holland, Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg. In 1830 Belgium revolted and became a separate Kingdom together with a part of Luxemburg. In 1840 William abdicated in favor of his son, William II, and on his death in 1849, his eldest son, William III, became king. William III. died in 1890 leaving the crown to Wilhelmina his daughter, who married Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, in 1901. At William III's death the Grand Duchy passed to a Prince of Nassau, and now the Netherlands consists only of Holland and its colonies. The stamps, however, still have "Nederland" on them.

The currency is is gulden and cents, the gulden being equal to 100 cents. The gulden is equal to 40c in United States money.

ISSUE I, 1852.

Holland was slower than Belgium in introducing postage stamps, the first series not making its appearance until 1852. In November 1851 a decree announced the issue of three values 5, 10, and 15 cents, to be placed on sale the 1st of January, 1852. The design was the head of William III to the right in an oval wreath, with a rectangle  $19\frac{1}{2}$  by  $17\frac{1}{2}$  mm, surrounding it. The numeral of value was in the lower left hand corner and "C" in the lower right the inscription, Postzegel, across the top. The Stamps were printed from copper plate in four panes of 25 each.

Paper—Hand made, white wove  
Gum—Brown to white  
Watermark—Poshorn.  
Imperforate.

1. 5c., dark to light blue
2. 10c., lake red.
3. 15c., orange (sometimes yellowish)

The margins of the sheets were watermarked with a frame of four parallel lines with "Postzegels" in the different sides.

(To be continued.)

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*Hawaii, No. 34, no gum	15
Labaan, 1896, 25c, 50c and one dollar	10
*Serbia, 1894-96 1d blue green	6
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**Texas.**

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## EDITORIALS.

The interest in stamp collecting does not diminish like a fad when the craze is over. A good illustration of the interest in stamp collecting is the sale of the 4c Pan-American inverted at auction. To an outsider the price paid, \$310, would seem absurd for such a little bit of paper, but to a collector it is perfectly reasonable.

The terrible disaster which has happened lately will probably cause a big raise in prices of the stamps of Martinique and St. Vincent. Persons having a good stock of these stamps will do well to hold on to them for the present. Many important events have drawn the attention of the World to the West Indies recently, and there has been a marked effect in the stamp market.

We are now just entering into the so-called dull season in the stamp trade. If there was ever a misnomer I think this is one. A true collector will examine his album nearly as much in the summer as he will in the winter. Many dealers do not advertise in the summer, and as a result the remainder of them get more trade. I think that the Philatelic West is right in saying that the stamp trade extends from January 1st to December 31st.

You had better look at A. H. Hall's ad in this issue. It is a splendid chance for persons interested in new issues. The stamps that you get for 25 cents 400 will probably cost you a dollar in a year or two.

## STAMPS OF THE NETHERLANDS

(Continued.)

ISSUE II, 1864.

Perforation coming into use, new plates were made, the old ones being too close together to allow perforation. The new design showed the king in uniform with the values at the upper corners, and Post Yegel under the oval frame. The groundwork was composed of vertical and horizontal lines instead of horizontal alone as before. The stamps were larger and the impression was line-engraved. Ten sheets were composed of 100 stamps in 10 rows of 10.

Paper—white wove.

Gum—same as before.

Watermark—none.

Perforation—12 by 12.

4. 5c blue (various shades)

5. 10c lake red (various shades)

6. 15c orange (various shades)

ISSUE III, 1867.

When the postal service was extended in 1867 it was necessary to issue new values, and a new design was made for all values, the stamps being supplied as fast as the former issue became exhausted. The design showed the king's head to the left, on a horizontally lined ground within a circular band of loops. Across the bottom was the value and "cent" and across the top was "nederland." The impression was line-engraved. There were two sets of plates, the numerals being slightly different.

Paper—white wove.

Gum—yellowish white.

Watermark—none.

Perforation—12 by 12½ to 14, also 10 by 10½ except 25 and 50c.

7. 5c blue (various shades)
8. 10c lake red (various shades)
9. 15c brown (various shades)
10. 20c green (various shades)
11. 25c purple.
12. 50c gold.

The set also exists imperforate but they are unofficial.

(To be continued.)

### EIGHT ADVANTAGES OF REVENUE COLLECTING. ❀ ❀

1.—It is comparatively easy to obtain immense supplies of many revenue stamps for a very moderate outlay.

2.—Fiscals are nearly always in fine condition when received first hand.

3.—They open out a grand field for research.

4.—The designs are, in nearly all cases, greatly superior to those of contemporaneous postals.

5.—The numbers although very great are not so appalling as one would at first suppose: it is true that Mexico, Argentine Republic, Great Britain, Austria and India possess a great number of varieties (there are 465 different Austrian fiscals compared with 221 postals), but these countries are exceptional.

6.—There are no commemorative or speculative stamps or unnecessary values.

7.—There are practically no reprints or forgeries.

8.—States and countries which are unrepresented in our postal album issue fiscal stamps, e. g., Croatia, Mysore, Ireland, Nevada, Isle of Man.—N. Y. Philatelist.

### REVIEW.

*The New York Philatelist* for May is one of the best numbers I have seen of that excellent paper. There are ten good pages of reading matter besides the society reports. The principal articles are "Envelope Memories," "New Zealand's Government Printery" (from *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*), "Auction Sale Prices," "Review" and "Pre-Cancelled Stamps." The front page contains an interesting reproduction of old Netherlands on original cover. With this number the *Philatelic Bulletin* is absorbed, and I gladly notice that with it comes Miss Amy L. Swift, who will hereafter conduct the review column.

We all welcome the *Philatelic West* and the May number is better than ever. It has its usual assortment of fine articles, departments, society reports, etc. To me one of the most interesting parts is the "Inquiry Department;" a great deal of useful information can be picked up there. The *West* carries more ads than any paper I know of, and I think that is a pretty good sign of interest and a large circulation. I think if Brody would change his style of binding it would be much better.

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*U. S. P. O. Dept 1c black cat 40	18
Labuan 1896, 25c. 50c & 1d cat 93	32

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### Security Stamp Co.

GALVESTON. P. O. Box 106. TEX.

## CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

(ADHESIVES.)

April 22 to May 19.

(COMPILED BY ALBERT H. HALL.)

**Bechuanaland Protectorate**—Regular Issue.

British stamp surcharged Bechuanaland Protectorate.

½ penny, green.

**Benadir**—Regular Issue.

1 besa, brown.

2 besas, green.

1 anna, red.

2 annas, yellow.

2½ " blue.

5 " orange.

10 " violet.

**Bulgaria**—Postage Due Stamps.  
Regular Issue.

5 stotinki, red.

10 " green.

30 " lilac.

50 " orange.

**Cape Colony**—Regular Issue.

3 penny, red-violet.

**Congo**—Regular Issue.

1 franc, carmine-rose and black.

**Cook Islands**—Regular Issue.

2½ pence, blue.

**Fernando Po.** Regular Issue.

5 centimos, green.

10 " blue.

25 " carmine.

25 " black-brown.

75 " lilac.

1 peseta, rose.

2 pesetas, bronze-green.

5 pesetas, vermilion.

**Great Britain**—Regular Issue. King's Head.

2 pence, green and carmine.

4 pence, brown and green.

5 pence, lilac and blue.

9 pence, blue and lilac.

10 pence, carmine and lilac.

1 shilling, carmine and green.

5 shillings, carmine.

10 shillings, blue.

1 pound, green.

Official stamp. King's Head stamp, surcharged "Govt. Parcels."

6 pence, violet.

**India**—(Patiala) Regular Issue. Indian stamp surcharged "Patiala State."

½ anna, pale green.

**Liberia**—Provisional Issue. Official stamp surcharged "Ordinary."

1 cent green.

2 cent blue.

2 cent orange-red and black.

**Malta**—Regular Issue. King's Head.

3 pence, brown and blue.

**Netherlands**—Regular Issue.

1 cent, olive.

**New Caledonia**—Provisional Issue.

Current issue surcharged "N. C. E." and figures of value.

5 on 30 centimes, brown.

15 on 40 centimes, red on straw.

**Nine Islands**—Provisional Issue. Regular issue of New Zealand surcharged with hand stamp.

1 penny, carmine.

Same surcharge printed.

½ penny, green.

1 " carmine.

2½ pence, blue.

**Obock**—Provisional Issue. 5 on 75 centimes, lavender and orange.**Paraguay**—Regular Issue.

1 centavo, gray-green.

10 centavos, red.

**Penrhyn Islands**—Provisional Issue. Regular issue of New Zealand surcharged "Penrhyn Islands."

½ penny, green.

1 penny, carmine.

2½ pence, blue.

**Persia**—Provisional Issue.

12 shahis, blue on white.

**Spanish Guinea**—Regular Issue.

5 centimos, green.

10 " blue.

25 " carmine.

50 " black-brown.

75 " lilac.

1 peseta, rose.

2 pesetas, bronze-green.

5 " vermilion.

**Transvaal**—Regular Issue. King's Head.

½ penny, green and black.

1 penny, carmine and black.

2 pence, lilac and black.

2½ pence, ultramarine and black.

6 pence, orange and black.

1 shilling, olive green and black.

2 shillings, dark brown and black.

**Every Subscriber**

to the FORTNIGHTLY PHILATELIST should be a member of the

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To celebrate the occasion we included in it with other stamps the Orange Free State 6 pence, blue, surcharged in black "V. R. L. 6d." and again surcharged in red "4d."

This stamp has been selling in London for 8c, yet we sent it out with others in a 25 cent packet.

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**Subscription Stamp Society,**

*Albert H. Hall, Sec.,*

*Cambridge, 16 Gray St., Mass.*

2 shillings, 6 pence, black and violet.

5 shillings, dark brown and black on yellow.

10 shillings, olive and black on yellow.

**Uganda**—Provisional Issue. Stamps of British East Africa surcharged "Uganda."

$\frac{1}{2}$  anna, yellow-green.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$  annas, dark blue.

**SWEDEN** 

25 var. (something fine) 08

25 var. Australia 12

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All papers which copy this notice in their language for six months or one year will receive in payment stamps of Cuba and Venezuela.



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NO. 3

EDITORIALS.

There is a report that the head of some prominent American woman will soon adorn one of our postage stamps. Although several names have been suggested, Martha Washington seems to be generally thought the one that will be selected. It is altogether suitable that the wife of "the first American" should be honored in this way. There is no better way to have the face of that noble woman become familiar to all than this.

There seems to be considerable mixing of designs of the king's head issue of Great Britain. In some cases the king's head has been substituted for that of the queen in the old designs and in others the new design has been used. It is not definitely known yet whether a change will be made after the coronation or not.

The June *Adhesiv*e disputes the announcement made in the May *Perforator* that philately's most popular writer is "Veritas" (Herman Moeller), and announces itself in favor of Miss Amy L. Swift. It would perhaps be a little better to say that philately's most popular *writers* are Miss Amy L. Swift and Mr. John N. Luff. Of course there is no doubt about the popularity and excellence of Miss Swift's ar-

ticles, but I think that Mr. Luff's articles on the early Hawaiian issues, etc. have also given him the same title.

As the time for the repeal of the revenue law approaches, the prices of the documentary stamps both uncut and cut go up. Some of the later values will be quite scarce as a great many papers will be destroyed when the law goes out of force.

The advent of the *Perforator* under the new management has produced quite a stir in the philatelic world. The general impression is very favorable, and the *Perforator* seems destined to succeed after a varied career. Although the ad-rates have been raised the subscription price has been lowered from 50 cents to 30 cents, and by the looks of things the paper is worth more nearly 50 cents now than it was worth 30 cents before.

It will be worth your while to look over our ads. There are many splendid bargains.

STAMPS OF THE NETHERLANDS.

(Continued.)

ISSUE IV, 1869.

The issue of 1869 was used only for printed matter, but it is generally the custom to list it among the regu-

lar postage issues. Only two stamps, the 1 and 2 cent were issued at first, but late in 1870 (November) two more values were added, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents. A new value of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents was also added in May, 1869. The design consisted of a shield with the arms of the kingdom on it, and a crown at the top, all within a circle of pearls. The ground was uncolored and the rectangle which surrounded the stamp measured 18 by  $22\frac{1}{2}$  mm. The word "Nederland" was above the circle and the value in "cents" below.

Paper—white wove.

Gum—white.

Watermark—none.

Perforation—various, mostly 13 x 14 and  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x  $13\frac{1}{2}$ .

13.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, yellow-brown.

14. 1c, black.

15. 1c, green.

16.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c, rose.

17. 2c, buff.

18.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, violet. (also purple)

This issue is also known to exist imperforate. The 1c black was only in use four months and is rather rare. The stamps of this issue were printed typographically.

#### ISSUE V, 1872.

A decree dated June 6, 1872, announced the issue of a new set of stamps for July 1st, the new values being supplied as fast as the old stock was used up. The 5, 10, 20 cents and the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gulden appeared first. The 15 cent appeared in 1873, and the 25 cent and a new value, the  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cent, in 1875. A decree of November, 1888, provided for three new values, the  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $22\frac{1}{2}$  and 100 cents, the stamps being placed on sale in December of the same year. The design was on the same general plan as the previous issues, the head of the king being placed to the left on a horizontally-

lined ground, within a circle of pearls. At each of the upper corners was the coat of arms surmounted by the crown, and the word "Nederland" was placed on a curved scroll above the head. The values in cents were on a straight scroll at the bottom, and the word "cent" had no period after it. The rectangle surrounding the stamps measured 18 by 22 mm. The  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gulden was a larger stamp printed in two colors with "Nederland" at the bottom and the value at the top. The frame measured 19 by  $24\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

The dies were engraved at the state printing works in Berlin, on wood and not on steel as is generally supposed. The stamps were printed at Haarlem by Messrs. Enschede and Sons in sheets of 200, 20 rows of 10; an exception is the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gulden which was printed in sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10, the stamp being bicolored and requiring two impressions.

During the 19 years in which this set was in issue, the perforations of course varied materially, but the earlier values seem to be mostly between  $11\frac{1}{2}$  and 14, while the later ones were confined to 12 by  $12\frac{1}{2}$  and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  by  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . The issue is also said to exist imperforate.

Paper—plain white wove,

Gum—yellowish to white.

Watermark—none.

Perforation—varied.

19. 5c blue.

20.  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c reddish brown.

21. 10c rose.

22.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c gray.

23. 15c yellowish brown.

24. 20c green.

25.  $22\frac{1}{2}$  dark green.

26. 25c violet.

27. 50c bistre.

28. 1g, greyish violet.

29. 2g, 50c rose and blue.

(To be continued.)

## STRAY NOTES ON SHEETS OF STAMPS.

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PORTUGAL.—  
R. R. THIELE.

A country which is all too little favored by the specialists is Portugal with its colonies. True, Portugal has none too good a reputation with us of late years by reason of Henry the Navigator, St. Anthony, Vasco da Gama and other superfluous saints of the philatelic calendar, let alone all the various reprints of its earlier issues. But then we need not collect this rubbish—not to mention the fact that the Omaha and Pan-American issues deprives us of the right to throw stones at others, at least not very large stones. The older issues of Portugal nevertheless offer a fine field for the collector—and what is more to our present purpose—both old and new issues offer some unusual sheet arrangements.

The first issue, with portrait of Donna Maria, was printed at the Mint at Lisbon in a peculiar manner, each stamp being impressed singly from one die. This process was copied from that in use at the time for printing the British embossed stamps—the dies also being cut in imitation of the British dies.

The mode of impression necessitated very small sheets, as the machine could not take large sheets between its arms; the sheets contained 24 stamps, 4x6. Mr. Castle in a late article in the *London Philatelist* states that the sheets consisted of 96 stamps, arranged in four panes of 24, but I learn from the very best of authority, who has made personal investigation at the mint that such sheets are im-

possible because of the construction of the machine.—The same is true of the following issues, with portrait of Dom Pedro and of Dom Luis, up to 1866; these are all printed on the same machine in sheets of 24. The dies of all these were engraved by Francisco Borga Freire, a Portuguese engraver; his initials F. B. F. (not A. B. F., as given in Scott's Catalogue) are found on the base of the bust on the first issue. With the 1866 issue the sheets were changed, being now printed to contain 28 stamps, in 7 rows of 4. These also were printed on an embossing machine; the engraver's name for this die was Charles Wiener, a brother of the man who engraved the early Belgian stamps. The 1871 issue comes in sheets of the same size; the die for this set was engraved by M. Campos, a Portuguese engraver.

When the embossing process—costly and slow—was abandoned for typographic impressions in 1880 there would have been no further necessity for the small sheets of 28, but they had by this time become so well established that the typographed stamps of 1880, 1882 and 1884 were also printed in such sheets. Perhaps it may interest my readers to learn the names of the artists responsible for all these stamps. The 5 and 50 reis and the two 25 reis stamps of 1880 were native products; they were all engraved by Joao Pedrozo Gomes da Silva, an engraver in the employment of the Mint at Lisbon; they make somewhat the impression of having been engraved with hatchet and cold-chisel.—For the 1882 and 1884 issues foreign talent was employed. Mouchon, the celebrated Parisian engraver, cut two dies with portrait of the King only; one was used for the 25 reis (Scott Type A20), the other for the 5, 10, 50

and 500 reis of 1882-84 and the 20 reis of 1887 (Scott Nos 55, 56, 59, 61 and 63). The borders for these were added at the Mint, being all engraved by V. Alves, also in the service of the Mint. The 2 reis stamp of this period was engraved by Azedo Gneco and the 2½ reis newspaper stamp, also issued during this period, by F. Augusto de Campos, both at the Mint.—But to return to our mutton—I mean to our sheets. In 1887 the Mint purchased a new perforating machine, the one responsible for the 11½ perforation dating from that time. This machine was really built for sheets of 150 stamps (although some sheets of 28 stamps for the Portuguese Colonies perforated on it) and for this reason since 1887 many values, especially those most in use, have been printed in sheets of 150, 10 rows of 15. Of the 1887 issue the following, so far as I know, have been printed in this manner: 2½ reis (newspaper), 5 reis black (Scott No. 67), 10 reis green (Scott No. 68), 25 reis lilac rose (Scott No. 65), 25 reis purple (Scott No. 64) and 50 reis blue (Scott No. 59); all of them, therefore, must occur perf 11½, though Scott does not list the 5 and 10 reis with this perforation except as used with surcharge. The 1000 reis of 1884 and the 500 reis of 1887 came in sheets of 28, not being used so much. These were engraved as follows: For the 500 reis of 1887 (Scott No. 66) and for the 5 reis gray-black and 10 reis green of 1892 (Scott No. 27 and 28) the Mouchon die was used for the center, the frame being engraved by V. Alves; for the two 25 reis of 1887 (Scott Nos. 64 and 65) the Mouchon die furnished the center, but the frame was added by Azedo Gneco. Native talent was also responsible for the 1892 issue (both the one for the mother country with

Continente and the one for the colonies); the portrait was engraved by Diogo Netto and the frame by J. Sergio C. Silva, both engravers employed at the Mint. Of this issue the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75 and 100 reis were also printed in sheets of 150, as before; about the three higher values I am not positive, but if I am not mistaken, of all the higher values there were sheets of 28 also (if not *only*).

Next comes the Navigator issue. This was designed by Veldaso Salgado, a Portuguese painter living in Paris; all the values were engraved on steel by the firm of Giesecke & Devrient of Leipzig, Germany (the same firm which furnished the last issue of Saxony and the 1892 issue of Paraguay.) I do not know how this firm came to be selected; the issue was really not made by the Government but by the Committee in charge of the Prince Henry festivities which paid a lumpsum to the Government for the term during which the stamps were in use. Only the higher values, 150 to 1000 reis, were printed from steel plates, the lower values, from 5 to 100 reis, were printed from lithographic transfers taken from the steel dies. All these stamps were printed in sheets of 100, though it seems that the high values were, at least in part, distributed to the offices in smaller part sheets—how large I do not know.

In 1895 a definite issue appeared, engraved by Mouchon (you will see his signature at the bottom), but printed at the Mint. This comes in sheets of 150, like that of 1887. The 500 reis value of this 1895 set was at first printed in sheets of 28, but at present this also comes in sheets of 150, like the lower values.

In the same year comes the ridicu-

lous St. Anthony issue, perhaps the lowest depth reached by any stamp-issuing country. As you will observe there are four types of this issue. The two designs showing the sermon to the fishes (Scott type A51), used for the values from 5 to 25 reis, and the assumption of the saint (Scott type A52), used for the values from 75 to 100 reis, were designed by an artist named Ramalho; the design exhibiting the portrait of the saint and used for the values from 150-1000 reis was made by another artist named Carlos Reis. The stamps in these three designs were engraved and printed by the Companhia Nacional Editora, a publishing firm at Lisbon. Presumably they contracted to furnish the set cheaper than the Mint would do, but their work was likewise so miserable that the engravers at the Mint determined to show the world how much better they could have done the job. Accordingly one of them, Diogo Netto, engraved the 2½ reis black on wood, the stamps being printed from electrotypes of this die. His work is admirably executed, one must admit. This value was printed at the Mint in sheets of 56 stamps, 7x8, while the values printed by the Companhia Nacional Editora came in sheets of just twice the size, numbering 112 stamps. I have no idea why these odd numbers were selected; presumably they were merely owing to the convenience of the printers. I may add here, by the way, that the postal card belonging to this set was designed by an artist named Casanova and also printed by the Companhia Nacional Editora.

Not enough with these atrocities, Portugal must needs get out another commemorative set in 1898, this time in honor of Vasco da Gama, the dis-

coverer of the sea route to India. With your permission I will here insert the designers of the various values. The 2½ reis was designed by Roque Gameiro; the 5 reis by Manuel Pedro de Faria Luna; the 10 reis by S. Garcia Belem; the 25, 75 and 150 reis by J. Vaz; the 50 reis by J. J. G. Coelho; the 100 reis by Jorge Sergio de Carvalho e Silva. All these stamps were engraved and printed by the celebrated firm of Waterlow & Sons, of London, England. As might be expected, they are splendidly executed; but now the jealousy of the Mint was again roused and the Mint engravers determined to show that they could have done as well. Accordingly the set of unpaid stamps was designed by C. M. Miranda da Costa and engraved by da Silva, employed at the mint. The stamps of the regular set printed by Waterlow & Sons came in sheets of 100, 10x10, but the unpaid stamps printed by the mint numbered only 40 to the sheet.—Adhesive.

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### REVIEW.

The *Adhesive* for June is a good number. R. B. Thiele continues his interesting "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps," the entire article in this issue being devoted to Portugal. The editor contributes a good article on "The Persian Provisionals." The other articles of note are the "Check

List of New Issues," "London Letter," and an article on the possibility of making a complete collection by Charles E. Jenney. With this issue the new associate editor, Frank Pierpont Lothrop, makes his first contribution.

The last two numbers of the *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy* have been better than the earlier issues of 1902, but there is room for considerable improvement yet. The principal contents of the May number are news items and the report of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

The *May Perforator*, the first issue of that paper under the new management came out about May 20, but I did not see one until it was too late for last issue. The paper is a very pleasant surprise, and is a great improvement on the old issues. There have been several innovations, the principal one being "The Auction Reporter," giving interesting quotations of the prices realized in recent auction sales. "The Fraud Reporter" has been purchased from the *New York Philatelist* and will hereafter be published in the *Perforator*. The principal other contents are "The First Issue of Austria," by Miss Amy L. Swift, "Philatelic Observations," by Veritas and "The Chinese Treaty Ports" by Wm. A. McDonnell. A department for the assistance of advertisers has also been started.

The *May Philatelic Inter-Ocean* contains reviews, extracts from other philatelic magazines, and a complete list of all the philatelic papers published in the English language. The latter is very useful, especially to collectors of philatelic literature.

### WITH THE DEALERS.

We have received the catalogue for the 17th sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society. There are over 600 lots with many chances for the collector to fill up his blank spaces. About 90 lots are U. S. and foreign blocks and pairs.

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452	Good copy, 7d green good margins, fine.....	15.00
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504	Another almost as fine..	20.00

The sale will be held on the evening of June 14, at society's club room.

**DEALERS**—Please send your price lists, unpriced and priced auction catalogues, etc, to the FORTNIGHTLY office. Interesting quotations from them will be published in this column.

Check list of New Issues no copy received.—Editor.

**A QUE'E'RY COLUMN.**

*Our Philatelic Motto:* My son, observe the postage stamp! Its usefulness depends upon its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there. *Josh Billings.*

Bartels, Boston: No, we never heard of saucer numbers but surmise they are the half penny Australian stamps with an attachment of what are usually called plate numbers.

Osgood, Fork-it-over, Col.: Wire at our expense the color of the next *Stampman*. Since you have had Caucasians, Mongolians, and Indians we suggest you have the next one of the Ethiopian race.

Chas. Entire-cover S. Shekago: You will find the different types of triangles and capped letter varieties of our current two-cent stamps fully explained in Scott's 61st Standard catalogue which can be obtained for 58 cents from almost any dealer.

Henry Apples Chapfellow: We have received hundreds of inquiries from all over the world asking about a Mr. A. H. Peittheer of Australia. As you know him, he is known to the "Major" portion of United States collectors, but as we know him only as the man of the postal card, we would be pleased to have you supply us with some biographical data so we can answer the many anxious queries we have received.

Brodie, the Superior: Yes, from your chirography we are certain you would be fully capable of conducting, in your elephant publication, a department of hieroglyphics.

we've noticed that in your review department you have not been clinging as many Stones as formerly. Is it because you have been brought to realize the proverb about individuals residing in domiciles of a transparent nature not indulging in the precipitation of geological specimens of the earth's strata? If it's true, as you state, that there is to be this summer a philatelic convention at Springfield, we indorse your suggestion that it would be a good thing to have a special issue of pre-cancelled stamps to celebrate it.

Lewis Lye Robie: We certainly do miss you muchly. No, we didn't know that the reason the private proprietary stamps bearing your picture were never issued, was because your pink whiskers were so warm that they melted the engraved plates before the printing could be made.

(Hereafter no questions answered by mail unless with the query is sent return postage and the answer.—Ed.)

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EDITORIALS.

The use of pre-cancelled stamps is being discontinued in many places. This news will be very welcome to the collectors of these stamps as it will give a more definite end to work for. It is hoped that the government will stop them altogether.

We are now fairly in summer, the most trying time of the year for the dealer, yet the advertising does not seem to decrease much. So far we have noticed but one decrease in size of a stamp paper while there have been several increases. There are fewer stamp magazines in this country now than there has been for some years, and this probably has something to do with the success of the remaining ones. The conventions of the different stamp societies which are held in the summer do much to help along the trade and promote general interest in philately.

A new monthly, the *Chicago Philatelist*, was announced for May 15, but we have neither seen it nor heard of its appearance. We would like to be

enlightened on the subject.

Henceforth Mr. A. Lloyd Jones will contribute an article to each issue of the FORTNIGHTLY. We heartily welcome him and are sure that his articles will be much appreciated. Mr. Jones is one of the best authorities on pre-cancelled stamps in America.

The following is taken from the United States Minutes of the June issue of *The Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*. We have not heard of any such change as is here stated, and would like to see if any of our subscribers have.

"The courts have forced the Postmaster General to restore to second-class privileges some of the journals displaced by recent orders on his part. *The Mekeel's Stamp Collector* has now forced its way through and now comes under pound rates. One of the arguments of the department in favor of excluding certain classes of periodicals is that they are the medium for the advertisements of various kinds of swindling schemes, in fact, they are wholly supported by frauds operating through the mails."

## THE CATALOGUE QUESTION.

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BY THE EDITOR  
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I have read the article by Oliver Crinkle on "Catalogues and Classification" in the June *N. Y. Philatelist*, with great interest, and I will first quote some of it here.

"The cataloguer's task in those primitive philatelic days consisted solely in setting down all discoverable varieties, and he felt no little pride in every bit of research that enabled him to swell the number. And the problem now is not one of inclusion but of exclusion. The limits of philately have spread so far, philatelic study has revealed such tremendous depth, to which the cataloguer may go if he chooses that the question of where to draw the line has become most momentous. . . . To the great majority of collectors, the catalogue is an infallible men.or. What it includes, must be sought after; what it makes no mention of is beyond the pale of philatelic desirability. . . . The tendency of the catalogues to each year set down and price a greater number of these lesser varieties has been for some time viewed with considerable alarm by many farsighted philatelists. . . . The medium grade general collectors who, say what you will in behalf of the specialists, are the real backbone and sinew of Philately. . . . Say that the collector has reached the point where he finds a printed album unsatisfactory and turns to a blank album for relief. What course does he almost invariably adopt in laying out? What but to take his catalogue and leave spaces on the blank pages devoted to each country for the exact number of varieties therein listed—with per-

haps the exception of a few of the extreme varieties which he has no reasonable hope of ever securing. . . . The question of simplifying the collecting field is going to be a very important one in the not distant future. And it may be set down as certain that no matter how many other plans may be proposed, the curtailing of minor variety lists in the catalogues will be found, to be the only feasible means of simplification."

This article states that some time in the near future minor varieties such as shades, perforations, varieties of paper and even watermarks will have to be dropped from the catalogue. The question then arises where to go to find the minor varieties which the specialist delights in. The answer is the handbook. But will this do? The general specialist who takes up most countries must then have a complete set of handbooks and there must be one on every country. The handbooks must be continually revised to accommodate the new varieties and new issues. He will in fact need a whole library of handbooks. What can be done?

In the first place let us go back to the general collector. He is said to be the backbone of Philately. But let us consider him a moment. In fact he is wrongly named and there really is no such person; every collector no matter whether he is a novice or not he has his country or several countries that he is specially interested in. He gets all he can of that country and tries to make it complete. He keeps all the oddities and minor varieties he gets, and is in truth a specialist—in that country. He is what we call a limited specialist, and is the true backbone of Philately.

Now we have two courses open for

us. First, discard minor varieties and let the specialist use the handbook; this would be very advantageous to the limited specialist who would need but one or two books, but very disadvantageous to the *general* specialist who needs most of them, and would continually have to be changing and correcting them. Or second, drop the minor varieties *entirely* as Mr. Crinkle suggests, but issue a *specialist's catalogue* with *all* the minor varieties. The beginner would only need the general catalogue which would be much smaller than our catalogue of today. The limited specialist would need both catalogues, but the specialist's catalogue could be made so that it would not be much more expensive than his several handbooks would be and finally the general specialist who would have all his material at a great reduction of cost.

The expense of the specialist's catalogue would be much less than the expense for handbooks all the countries both to the publisher and the user. Of course, handbooks for England, United States, and a few other large countries would be all right, but when one gets down to such countries as Abyssinia, all the different British and French colonies, South and Central American countries, etc, it would not be worth while to have a separate handbook for each one.

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 The *Canada Stamp Sheet & Enquiry* for June is better and the United States Minutes are interesting but it would be better to have some regular article in once in a while.

The leading article of the June *New York Philatelist* is "Catalogues and Classification," a very interesting article by Oliver Criakle. Part of it is quoted in this number of the FORTNIGHTLY. Mr. A Lloyd Jones contributes his usual "Check list of Pre-cancelled Stamps."

The *Perforator* for June is not quite

so good a number as the May issue. The inside history of the 4-cent Pan-American invert and an article on national societies are the leaders, and they are both good. The "Auction Reporter" is also interesting. There is quite a falling off of advertisements in this issue. With the exception of the two inch squares on the inside covers, the decrease is very marked.

The June *Philatelic West* is as good as ever and certainly lives up to its motto: "The Best—And Plenty of it." There is the usual array of departments, reports, etc. The illustrations for this number are especially good. There is a good illustration of the drawing power of the *West* in the ad of the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. It consists of five pages.

The *Stamp Exchange* for June is much better than some of the issues of that paper that I have seen. There are three good illustrations of the editors and the business manager. One article by a dealer, "Trials and Tribulations" is to the point and Mr. A. L. Jones, the assistant editor, contributes an interesting talk on pre-cancelled stamps.

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## STAMPAGRAPHS.

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A. LLOYD JONES.

Philatelic side-lines such as sheet-cancelled revenues, pre-cancelled postage, postmarks, and state revenues seem to be very much in evidence at present.

*Stanton's Philatelic Index*, now a valuable feature of *Meeke's Weekly*, has

become very erratic of late

A don't—Do not judge a person's philatelic enthusiasm by the size of his collection.

If a person has a scientific temperament let him collect minor variations by all means, but we wish a certain prolific writer would get the idea out of his head that everybody ought to collect them and would be delighted to if only started.

Are you a philatelic literature collector? If so, don't neglect those publications with stamp departments, for often they contain more philatelic reading than some publications devoted exclusively to stamps.

We recently read the following statement in a monthly paper: "The new fad of collecting postmarks has superceded the postage stamp collection." However we haven't heard of any of the big stamp dealers being forced to quit business on this account.

An advertiser will mention only the best stamps in a packet and yet he will expect a printer to put his smallest strawberries on the top of the basket.

Don't believe implicitly that all illustrations of stamps portray the originals precisely as they are any more than that all the pictures of Roosevelt are as "natural as life."

Some shrewd advertisers who mail large amounts of printed matter are now having the printing and other work done in Mexico at reduced prices, and then save transportation and half their postage by mailing in Mexico with Mexican stamps.

The following is an interesting clipping from from the *Chicago Record-Herald*:

"Just now, for some reason or another, there is an unusual demand for postal cards and the contractors who make them for the government are running their factories night and day to keep up with the orders. The big mill at Rumford Falls, Maine, is turning out about 3,000,000 postal cards a day, and arrangements are being made to increase its capacity. New York, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburg, Detroit, Cincinnati, Baltimore and Troy use more postal cards than any other cities."

### CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

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For the month ending June 18th.

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#### France.—Regular Issue.

- 20 centimes, brown-purple.
- 30 centimes, lilac.

#### Gambia.—Regular Issue. King's head.

- ½ penny, green.
- 2 pence, orange and lilac.
- 2½ pence, ultramarine.
- 3 pence, mauve and blue.
- 4 pence, brown and blue.
- 6 pence, green and carmine.
- 1 shilling, violet and green.
- 4 shillings, gray and buff.

#### Gold Coast.—Regular Issue. King's Head.

- ½ penny, lilac and green.
- 1 penny, lilac and carmine.
- 2½ pence, lilac and blue.
- 3 pence, lilac and orange.
- 6 pence, lilac and mauve.
- 1 shilling, green and black.
- 2 shillings, green and carmine.
- 5 shillings, green and violet.
- 10 shillings, green and brown.
- 20 shillings, lilac and black on red.

#### Grenada.—Regular Issue. King's

#### Head.

- ½ penny, lilac and green.
- 1 penny, lilac and carmine.
- 2 pence, lilac and brown.
- 2½ pence, lilac and blue.
- 3 pence, lilac and ochre.
- 6 pence, lilac and green.
- 1 shilling, green and ochre.
- 2 shillings, green and blue.
- 5 shillings, green and carmine.
- 10 shillings, green and mauve.

#### Persia.—Regular Issue.

- 1 shahi, gray, red surcharge.
- 2 shahis, brown, red surcharge.
- 3 shahis, green, red surcharge.
- 5 shahis, red-brown, red surcharge.
- 10 shahis, olive-yellow.
- 12 shahis, ultramarine.

#### Somali Coast.—Regular Issue.

- 5 centimes, yellow-green.

#### Straits Settlements.—Regular Issue. King's Head.

- 3 cents, lilac and red.
- 8 cents, purple on blue.

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	Cat Price	Our Price
*Shanghai, 1893, 7 var.....	\$.51	\$.20
"    unpaid.....	.74	.30
*Serbia, 1894-96 1d blue-green.....	.15	.05
*U. S. P. O. Dept 1c black.....	.40	.18
Chili 1901 50c brown, scarce.....		.12
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Barry's Prop., 2c green.....	.20	.12
Chas. N. Crittenton, 2c black.....	.10	.05
Dalley's Pain Ext., 1c black.....	.20	.10
A. H. Flanders, 1c green.....	.10	.05
G. G. Green, 3c black.....	.10	.07
John F. Henry, 1c black.....	.10	.05
"    "    4c red.....	.05	.03
"    "    4c red.....	.10	.05
S. D. Howe, 4c blue.....	.40	.20
Herrick's, 1c red.....	.05	.03
Dr. Kennedy's 2c green.....	.05	.03
Hall & Ruckel 1c green.....	.10	.06
Lyon Mfg. Co., 2c black.....	.05	.03
Radway's, 2c black.....	.10	.05
Voegler, Myer & Co., 1c red.....	.05	.03

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### The Subscription Stamp Society

has already sent to its members most of the new set of Great Britain. We have ordered from abroad the King's Head series of Cayman Islands, Gambia, Gold Coast, Grenada, Malta, St. Helena, Straits Settlements, Transvaal and other colonies and shall send them to our subscribers throughout this summer.

You should send 25c a week for a packet of fine, unused King's Heads and other desirable new issues. All packets fully returnable and exchangeable if you do not want them for any reason.

### Subscription Stamp Society,

Albert H. Hall, Sec.,

Cambridge, 16 Gray St., Mass.

## PRE-CANCELED STAMPS WANTED

in exchange for others or for philatelic literature or for cash. Especially want Chicago fifty cent and Fricks, Pa., on original cover. Also have to exchange a lot of *Philatelic Literature* for certain stamp papers issued this year.

A. L. Jones, (A. P. A. 1685  
Lock Box 346) Monroeville, Indiana.

## A. Fde Betancourt,

36 San Nicolas, Havana, Island of Cuba.

I wish to exchange stamps with collectors of all countries by approval sheets or in lots. I offer the best stamps of Spain, Cuba and Venezuela found in the following catalogues: Scott, Galhez, Bellin, Senf and Yrert & Fellier of 1900 and 1901.

I want to sell all varieties of Cuba and Venezuela priced according to the latest catalogue. All purchasers can make their selection and will have a discount of 50 per cent. on lots of \$10.00 or more. I wish to receive philatelic papers and price lists. All orders registered.

All papers which copy this notice in their language for six months or one year will receive in payment stamps of Cuba and Venezuela.

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NO. 5

EDITORIAL.

The *Adhesive* has been appointed official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society in place of the *Montreal Philatelist* which has ceased publication. We congratulate Mr. Chapman, and are sure that his magazine deserves the position. The *Adhesive* is a bright magazine and has been distinguished for its promptness.

It is with much regret that we read the farewell number of the *Montreal Philatelist*. Although we have never had any business with the *Montreal Philatelist*, we have read it with much interest. The editor, Mr. Wurtele, states that the paper has not proved profitable enough to warrant continuance.

We notice that Mr. C. W. Brown, manager of the Co-operative Collectors Company, and editor of the *New York Philatelist*, has accepted a position with B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston, and will assume his duties on September 1st. The *New York Philatelist* will lose an able editor and we are sorry to have him go. Mr. K. A. Brown will succeed to the management and editorship.

In the last issue we doubted the statement of "Usona" in the June *Canada Stamp Sheet* that Mekeel's *Stamp Collector* had been restored to second-class rates. We have found out since that our authority was wrong and wish to beg "Usona's pardon for our error." The subscription price of the *Collector* will probably be lowered now, as a large item of expense has been removed.

You will oblige us very much if you will read the convention notice and request elsewhere in this issue.

Owing to lack of space the article on the Stamps of the Netherlands was left out of last issue; it is continued in this number.

Next number will be our convention special. Watch for it.

STAMPS OF THE NETHERLANDS.

(Continued.)

ISSUE VI. 1876. (December)

This issue superseded issue IV. of 1869 for postage on printed matter. The design was a simple one consisting of the value in large numerals in a circle with white background. "Nederland" was across the top and

"cent" across the bottom. The numeral that was in the center was repeated in each corner in a small circle, and the rest of the stamp was covered with fantastic scroll work. The frame around the stamp measured  $17\frac{1}{2}$  by 22 mm. The stamps are the most common of the Netherland issues, being in use many years.

Paper—plain white wove.

Gum—yellowish to white.

Watermark—none.

Perforation—varied.

30.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c rose (shades)

31. 1c green (shades especially bright green.)

32. 2c yellow (olive yellow.)

33. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c violet (shades.)

The impression was the same as in issue v. This issue also exists imperforate.

#### ISSUE VII. 1891.

When William III. died in 1890, his daughter Wilhelmina became Queen, but as she was but eleven years old, her mother acted as regent until 1898 when Wilhelmina became of age. As the supply of the old stamps gave out, new ones were printed with the Queen's head substituted for that of the King. The stamps were alike in other respects to those of issue v. and were printed by the same firm as before. A 3c value was added in 1892. Until 1894 when some of the colors were changed, the perforation was  $12\frac{1}{2}$  mm but after that date it became varied.

34. 3c orange. (yellowish)

35. 5c blue. (shades)

36.  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c brown.

37. 10c rose. (reddish)

38.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c gray. (grayish)

39. 15c brownish-bistre.

40. 20c green. (shades)

41. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c yellow-green.

42. 25c violet. (shades)

43. 50c olive-bistre.

44. 1g gray-lilac.

45. 2g, 50c, rose and blue. (shades)

In 1896 the gulden values were made the same size as the other stamps and a 5 gulden value was added.

#### NEW COLORS. 1894-99.

46. 5c ultramarine.

47. 10c lake.

48. 15c yellow-brown.

49. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c dark green.

50. 50c green and yellow-brown.

51. 1g brown and olive-green.

52. 5g bronze-green and red-brown.

(To be continued.)

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The July *Adhesive* consists mostly of notes, but they are bright and interesting, and good for the philatelist to read in hot weather. Mr. Chapman's remarks on the sales departments of societies are good. More attention ought to be paid to this.

We miss Mr. Thiele's "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps," but suppose



that they will be resumed soon.

The Brooklyn Philatelic Advertiser is a new sheet published by Mr. Chas. A. Philduis. It has made a good start and should be well patronized. It has many foreign agents.

The *N. Y. Philatelist* for July is especially good and has a number of interesting articles. Mr. Perry's "Minor Varieties" contains many good ideas. The article on the Trinidad Principality Stamps is very interesting and contains some good information for collectors.

We would be pleased to receive the *Era*, *Mekeel's Weekly*, *Mekeel's Stamp Collector*, *Robinson's Review*, and the *American Journal of Philately*.

### CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES (ADHESIVES.)

For the fortnight ending July 1st.

COMPILED BY ALBERT H. HALL.

**Abyssinia**—Provisional Issue. Regular issue surcharged "Posta" in Amharic.

- ¼ guersch, green.
- ½ " salmon.
- 1 " blue.
- 2 guerche, dark brown.
- 4 " lilac-brown.
- 8 " lilac.
- 16 " black.

**Chile**—Regular Issue.

- 2 centavos, carmine.

**Columbian Republic** (Boyaca)—Provisional Issue.

- 5 centavos, blue-green.

This stamp is printed on both white and bluish paper, and in each case is issued both perfor-

ated and unperforated.

**Columbian Republic** (Panama) Provisional Issue.

- 10 centavos, brown-red, surcharged in blue "20."

**Danish West Indies**—Provisional issue.

- 3 cents blue and lake, surcharged "2 cents 1901."

**Liberia**—Provisional Issue. Official Stamps surcharged "Ordinary.

- 1 cent green.
- 5 cent blue and black.
- 10 cent yellow and blue.
- 15 cent slate.
- 20 cent vermilion.
- 25 cent yellow-green.
- 30 cent steel blue.
- 50 cent red-brown and black.
- \$1 blue and black.
- \$2 brown on yellow.
- \$5 carmine and black.

**Mauritius**—Regular Issue.

- 5c violet-gray and lilac on chamois.
- 8c sea-green and black " "
- 12c gray-black and carmine " "
- 25c sea-green and carmine on pale green.
- 50c gray-green and dark green on yellow.
- 1 rupee, dark gray and carmine.
- 2 rupees, 50c sea-green and black on sky-blue.
- 5 rupees, brown and carmine on red.

**Obock**—Provisional Issue.

- 5 centimes on 25 francs, brown and blue.
- 25 centimes on 25 francs, brown and blue.
- 50 centimes on 50 francs, brown-violet and green.

**Persia**—Provisional Issue.

- 5 shahis on 10 shahis, blue on green.
- 1 kran, violet.
- 2 krans, olive-green.

10 krans, dark blue.

50 krans, red.

**Peru**—Postage Due Stamp. Provisional Issue.

10 soles, blue-green, surcharged "Deficit cinco centavos."

**Somali Coast**—Provisional Issue.

5 centimes on 40 centimes, orange and blue.

10 centimes on 10 francs, Obock orange and red-violet.

**South Australia**—Regular Issue.

Watermarked Crown S. A.

9 pence, magenta.

**Trinidad**—Regular Issue.

5 shillings, lilac and purple.

## Our 50 cent Weekly Packets

Of unused new issues are becoming constantly more popular. They contain not only all the stamps issued in our 25c packets but also the shilling, mark, and franc values.

Everybody wants to keep in touch with the new King's Head colonials, and everybody wants the 9 penny and 1 shilling values. These are sent out in our 50c packets, and many members are changing from the 25c to the 50c section to get them. Don't you want to get them, too?

## Subscription Stamp Society,

Albert H. Hall, Sec.,

Cambridge, 16 Gray St., Mass.

## To the Members of the Philatelic Sons of America.

Your support of the FORTNIGHTLY PHILATELIST for official organ of the P. S. of A. is solicited. We believe that the FORTNIGHTLY is a suitable magazine to represent you. Be sure and attend the convention if you can.

**The Fortnightly comes twice a month**

If you cannot, send a proxy and support the FORTNIGHTLY. The fare is only \$25 a round trip from Chicago. The headquarters will be at the hotel Albany.

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# DENVER.

If there is a pleasanter spot on the globe to visit than Denver, in the summer time, it must be very hard to find. No one ever came to Denver for his summer vacation that didn't want to come back. Denver is the ideal convention city and the Denverites have grown used to strangers and a beribboned man or woman with some new convention ribbon or badge on his always welcomed as one of our very own.

A visit to the Rocky Mountains is an ideal one and from the numerous cuts in this issue it will be noticed that a garden spot is located away out west. Many kind things have been said about Denver in years past. All that were at the P. S. of A. meet in '95" will bear witness that the largest crowd of any year was present.

The directors of the P. S. of A. have decided that it is to the best interests of the society to change the date of meeting to August and the meeting place to Denver. As they are regularly instructed to do this it should be welcomed with pleasure by those P. S. of A. members who were present at the previous meeting in 1895. It has also been suggested that the Kansas and Nebraska philatelic societies hold their annual convention in Denver at the same time. Roy Farrell Greene also suggests that the Society of Curio Collectors may also come and join with us at the same time. As this is the week just preceding the Elks' convention in Salt Lake City, we should have a goodly attendance and a fine time. P. S. of A. members will take notice of this change in place of meeting and join with the officers in making this the gala meet of them all. Several matters of importance are to come before this meeting and it is to the interest of the society that we have a good attendance.

ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN, Acting Secretary P. S. of A.

## *Denver, Colorado, The City of Sunshine.*

Denver, the Queen City of the Plains, is especially blessed in the possession of numerous parks. The largest and most prominent of them, "City Park," is unsurpassed in beauty and attractions by any western park and rivals the famous Lincoln Park of Chicago. Amusements to satiate the desires of all may be found. Particular attention is given the floral display and boats are in readiness for those who enjoy rides on the spacious lake. Refreshments of the most delicious sort may be obtained at the pavilion and this feature is especially enjoyed by cyclists. Constant and valuable additions are being made to the zoological part which bids fair to eclipse the much renowned Philadelphia Zoo. Satriano's celebrated band delights the music lover with perfect renditions of carefully selected and classical music. Two concerts are given daily, beginning at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. respectively.

Unlike eastern parks, "City Park" is for the complete enjoyment of the public. "Keep off the grass" signs are conspicuous by their absence and those who frequent this delightful pleasure ground may perambulate the velvet lawn at will. With its other attractions and advantages, a well kept cycling path, a ball ground, a race track and a shaded boulevard do much to make "City Park" a fair rival for even the "Quaker City's" much praised parks.

**Broadway Theater**—Summer season. The Boston Bijou Opera Company, presenting both grand and comic operas, 60 singers, including double set of principals and 20 orchestra.

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*What to do.*

*Where to go.*

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of any kind and in any quantity bought if price is right or will give generous exchange for varieties not in my collection. I especially desire pre-cancellations on the higher denominations and those of Chicago with dates of 3-1 or 4-2. Names and addresses of one hundred collectors of pre-canceled stamps sent for 50 cents.

**A. L. Jones, (A. P. A. 1685)  
Lock Box 346) Monroeville, Indiana.**

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EDITORIAL.

With this number we make two very important additions to the FORTNIGHTLY. We have purchased the *Minnesota Philatelist* published by Mr. Ed. B. Howe of Minnesota Lake, Minn., and the *Monarch Philatelist* published by Mr. Fred C. Lang of Chicago. We will fill out all unexpired subscriptions and all communications, advertisements, payments etc., to either of the publications shall hereafter be made to us. We extend a hearty welcome to our new patrons and will do all in our power to make the change pleasing. The announcements from the former publishers appear elsewhere in this issue. We also become organ of the *American Stamp Dealers Protective Association* formerly represented by the *Monarch Philatelist*; the preliminary report appears in this issue.

The postoffice department has issued an order prohibiting the use of enameled postal cards after August 1st. Additional weight and the manufacture of counterfeit cards has caused this step. The government

will redeem uncanceled cards, un-serviceable by reason of writing or printed matter on them. The order authorizes the payment of 75 per cent of the value of the cards.

Some persons have requested the postoffice department to issue a set miniature stamps for use on small envelopes containing notes, invitations, etc. They claim that the large stamps are way out of proportion to the envelopes. Next.

Convention time grows near. Remember that little trip also—P. S. A. members, remember us when you vote for official organ. Go to Denver if you can and if you cannot, then send a proxy. Remember the cheap rate from Chicago, \$25 for the round trip.

The McKinley postal card, have you seen it? If you have not, you had better buy one the first chance you get. The execution is as good as that of our stamps and is an immense advance over the old cards. Compare the two and you will see. The cards are bound to be very popular.

### A FAREWELL.

It is with deep regret that I hand over to Mr. Graves the rights to the Minnesota Philatelist, but it had to be done. My time was too much occupied with other business to give the Minnesota Philatelist the time that should be spent on a good philatelic paper. I believe that Mr. Graves, the worthy publisher of the Fortnightly Philatelist, will give his readers a paper that they will be proud of. Thanking you for all the favors I received when interested in philately, I am, Yours Fraternally,

ED. B. HOWE.

### TO MY FRIENDS.

For over two years, I have been connected with "The Monarch," from the start to the present time. The paper during the first part of this year run along very smoothly and even netted a profit, which the books will show.

Along in March I received an offer from several well known philatelists in regard to forming a stock company.

I myself was very interested in this plan and thought it to be a good thing.

Agreements were made by the other parties and never kept and then the new owners disagreed with each other.

So the best thing advisable to do was to have the paper go to better hands.

Mr. Graves has purchased The Monarch. I was sorry to have it go. Indeed, it was like losing an old friend. He will fill out all subscriptions and you no doubt will all be pleased with The Fortnightly. Thanking you all for past favors I remain as ever,

FRED C. LANG.

### STAMPAGRAPHS.

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

The average philatelist has achieved Karma when his collection reposes in a five-dollar blank album.

Are there any superstitions that can be said to belong to philately?

According to some non-collectors, the philatelist who paid one thousand dollars for a stamp, paid \$999.70 more than both stamp and man were worth.

The person who disposes of counterfeit stamps without knowing their nature, is a more difficult case to deal with than that of the man who knowingly utters forged stamps.

If asked to name the colonial possessions of some country who, besides the stamp collector, could give you a complete list?

One thing that the new stamp companies are able to do that the real old stamp firms cannot is to say in their advertisements: "We offer in this advertisement the lowest figures on this stamp we have ever quoted."

The discontinuance of the *Montreal Philatelist* is being generally deplored. It was one of the oldest American papers and also one of the most worthy. It is surprising to think of the great number of our older papers that have left us since the last stamp convention. There are fewer American stamp papers now published than has been the case for some years back. It is not now very difficult to read all of the American stamp publications and the collector of current philatelic literature has found his labor much eased.

It now appears as if the Springfield meet will not be as representative as it might be.

Another new issue for the United States that has been officially decided upon is a four-cent wrapper. It is clamored for by those wishing to mail the bulky Sunday editions of Metropolitan newspapers.

### CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

(ADHESIVES.)

For the month ending July 18th.

COMPILED BY ALBERT H. HALL.

- Bosnia**—Regular Issue.  
20 hellers, rose, value in black.
- Columbian Republic**—(Panama)  
Registration Stamp.  
Provisional Issue.  
20 centavos on 10 centavos, brown red, surcharge in blue.  
Return Registration Stamp. Provisional Issue.  
10 centavos, yellow, surcharged "A. R." in red.
- Great Britain**—Official Stamp. Regular Issue.  
5 pence, lilac and ultramarine, surcharged "Goot Parcels."
- Orange River Colony**—Provisional Issue.  
1 penny Cape, rose, surcharged "Orange River Colony."
- Somali Coast**—Provisional Issue.  
40 centimes, orange and blue, surcharged "5 centimes.\*"  
10 francs, Obock, orange and red-violet, surcharged "10 centimes Djibouti."
- Transvaal**—Provisional Issue. South African Republic stamps surcharged "E. R. I."  
3 pence, red-violet and green.  
4 pence, olive and green.

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- 100 Foreign Stamps.  
30 diff U. S.  
1 Blank Album, holds 480 stamps.  
15 Blank Approval Sheets.  
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### *Wanted!*

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**Herbert Bowen,**

83 Moffat Bld'g.,

DETROIT, - - - MICH.

### *\* \* For Sale For Cash \* \**

A collection of U. S. and foreign stamps mounted in an Imperial Album; will catalogue \$65. Also a lot U. S. Rev. cat. \$11. Will take \$25 for them. Just the thing for some one starting a collection; most of them are in fine condition. I also have a lot of Philatelic papers and Confederate money and some duplicate stamps for sale. If interested write for particulars.

O. E. JACOBSEN.

Boulder, 2120 Hill St., Colorado.

10 8c Omaha	.30
10 4c Omaha	.12
10 pack. 50 var., for each	.25
5000 Omega hinges	.35
5000 Ideal hinges	.30
5000 English Imported	.60

**Commercial Stamp Co.,**

Melrose, 80 Park St., Mass.

Owing to the confusion in getting our lists straight we have delayed our special until later in the season.

ERRATUM—The ad of Maurice J. O'Leary should read \$3.00 for \$1.00.—Printers.

Below I offer a few

**SPECIAL SNAPS**

- for readers of the Fortnightly Phil.  
 100 dif stamps from Peru, Bermuda, Japan,  
 etc., mounted in a pocket stamp album 10c  
 30 var Sweden including official 10c  
 44 var Australia, many scarce 25c  
 Bulgaria 1901 1, 2 and 3s unused 5c  
 14 var New Zealand, old and new 12c  
 Niger Coast 1897 1/2 and 1p unused 8c  
 Argentine Rep. 1892 1 peso lake 9c  
 Canada 1892 20c vermilion 08c  
 Canada 1892 50c deep blue 12c  
 Canada 1897 50c Jubilee 20c  
 North Borneo 1896 50c red-brown cat 35c 15c

A fine line of sheets at 60 per cent.

**LEON V. CASS, McGRAW, N. Y.**

**60** Genuine, beautifully colored, all different, new and old issues. Hungarian Stamp for only 25c.

**Extra**

- 1 Crown (brown) Hung. stamp, 10c each.  
 2 Crown (blue) very rare even in Hungary, only 25c each.

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