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NEW ISSUES.

Azores.—The 25 reis of Portugal has been surcharged in small type.

Bolivar.—The new issues are as follows: 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 centavos, and 4, 5 and 10 pesos.

Chili.—Two new values of post cards have appeared: 1 centavo, green, and 2 centavo, carmine on green.

Dominica.—The penny has been cut in half, perpendicularly, and surcharged 1d. in red.



Costa Rica.—A new and very neat series have been emitted from this country. The design is here illustrated, and the list is as follows: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, carmine; 5 centavos, purple; 10 centavos, orange; 40 centavos, blue.

Hayti.—The *Stamp World* announced in their late issue that a new perforated 7 centimes stamp has made its appearance from Hayti.

India.—An entire new series of stamps is said to be in preparation.

Portuguese Indies.—Two new post cards have been emitted, as follows: 1/2 tanga, blue on buff; 1 tanga, red on buff.



Queensland.—A new 6-penny stamp has been emitted. The design is the same as the illustration of the 2-pence given. The color is green.

St. Christopher.—The half of a penny stamp, which has done duty as a 1/2-penny stamp, have lately been seen.



Trinidad.—Two new stamps have been emitted from this place (1/2 penny, green, and 1 penny, carmine). We give an illustration of the stamp.

United States.—The 1 and 2 cent envelopes, No. 2 size, on white and amber, have been withdrawn, and the same values, sizes 3, 4 1/2 and 5, will hereafter be supplied on the two papers. All envelopes under the new contract will probably have the new watermark, "U. S. P. O. D." and "82."

It is announced by Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen that the new 2-cent stamp for first-class matter would contain the vignette of Washington, with a neat border, instead of a picture of Gen. Grant. The latter had objected to his likeness being used, not only on this, but a previous occasion, when it was desired to use his vignette on the 5-cent stamp.

SHORT STORIES ABOUT STAMP- ISSUING COUNTRIES AND THEIR STAMPS.

BY F. H. S.

I. St. Christopher Island.

St. Christopher or St. Kitts is an island of the British West Indies, separated from Nevis on the southeast by a strait two miles wide and twenty-three miles long. It was discovered in 1493 by Columbus, who was so charmed with its appearance that he bestowed upon it his own Christian name. By its primitive inhabitants it was called Liaminga or Fertile Island. It is dry, esteemed healthy, and, with an area of sixty-three square miles, carries a population numbering 28,169 souls. The capital is Basseterre, described as a low, hot, dusty town, with good buildings. Its highest point is Mt. Misery, rising to the height of 4,314 feet.

It was settled by Sir Thomas Warner in 1623, was held afterward by the English and French, and finally was ceded to Great Britain by the treaty of Versailles in 1783.

A Governor, assisted by a Legislative Council, consisting of five official and five unofficial members, nominated by the Queen, conducts the affairs of the island.

Nevis has been recently united with St. Christopher, for the purpose of executive government.

The first and only stamps that were issued by this country was in 1870, and consisted of four different varieties, as follows: One penny, rose; 2½ pence, claret; 4 pence, blue; and 6 pence, green. The design was as follows: In the centre, the bust of the Queen, with St. Christopher and postage in a circle around, with the denomination at the bottom.

GOSSIP.

THE bus that crossed the ocean Columbus.

ALL persons who can write should, by all means, try for the grand prizes on page 5.

"You can't play that on me," said the piano to the amateur, who broke down on a difficult piece of music.

WITH ten cents, a man can have his shirt washed or can get a drink of whisky, which accounts for the number of dirty shirts worn in this broad land of freedom.

LETTERS posted in Japan within a week of each other often arrive in England on the same day, by way of Brindisi and by America, having made the entire circuit of the world.

THE young lady who made 100 words out of "Christmas" (in one of the word hunts of The Undine Stamp Co.) last month, has run away from home. Her mother wanted her to make three loaves of bread out of "flour."

FRENCH MAILED have increased in inclinations, etc., sent, from 865,000,000 in 1877 to 1,340,000,000 in 1881; French telegraphs, from 8,174,000 dispatches in 1876 to 19,466,000 in 1881; French money orders, from \$1,341,000 in 1879, when they were established, to \$9,775,000 in 1881.

"How much is your stick-candy?" inquired a Toledo boy of a candy dealer. "Six sticks for five cents." "Six sticks for five cents, eh? Now, lem'me see. Six sticks for five cents, five for four cents, four for three cents, three for two cents, two for one cent, and one for nothing. I'll take one." And he walked off, leaving the candy man in a state of bewilderment.

THE NEW UNITED STATES POSTAL NOTE.

BY F. H. S.

The new three-cent postal note, provided for by the recent Congress, and approved by the President March 3, 1883 (the last day of the session), is about as large as a greenback. On the left are three columns of figures. One, representing dollars, is numbered up to 4; the second, representing dimes, is numbered up to 9; the third, representing cents, is also numbered up to 9, and each series ends with a cipher. The note is for sums less than \$5. The postmaster at the office issuing the note will punch the month and the year, the number of dollars, number of dimes and number of cents in their respective columns, thus preventing any alteration of the amount or date. By this system the postal notes can be issued for any sum from one cent up to \$4.99.

The note will be bought like a postage stamp, and will be payable to the bearer at any time within three months from the last day of the month of issue. The body of the note is a form stating the office at which it is issued and the office to which it is sent. When paid, the person obtaining payment puts his signature upon the note.

The provisions of the act must go into operation within six months from the date of its approval by the President—that is, before September 3, 1883. It is believed that the new blanks may be printed and the new note be ready for distribution by July 1. The Washington correspondent of the *New York Tribune*, in a letter describing the new note system, says:

"The postal note system has been in use in Great Britain just two years, with

great popular acceptance. The last annual report of the British postmaster-general shows that 4,462,920 of these postal orders, amounting to £2,006,917, had been issued in one year. The average time they were in circulation was six days, showing that there was no foundation for the idea that they would be devoted to permanent use as currency."

SUPERIORITY OVER THE BRITISH SYSTEM.

The United States postal note is, however, better adapted to popular use in several respects than the British postal note. The note, costing three cents, can be issued, as already stated, for any sum from one cent up to \$4.99, while the British notes can be issued only for ten fixed amounts, from one shilling to twenty shillings, no provision being made for immediate sums. Our postal note will require only a single blank form, while the British system calls for ten different blanks for the ten grades of orders. The fee for the lowest British postal note is a half-penny; for the highest, two-pence. The fee for the United States postal note will be the same in all cases up to \$5—three cents.

The new rates for postal orders, which are to some extent reductions on existing rates, are as follows:

For orders not exceeding \$10, 8 cents; between \$10 and \$15, 10 cents; between \$15 and \$30, 15 cents; between \$30 and \$40, 20 cents; between \$40 and \$50, 25 cents; between \$50 and \$60, 30 cents; between \$60 and \$70, 35 cents; between \$70 and \$80, 40 cents; between \$80 and \$100, 45 cents. No money order is to be issued for a greater sum than \$100.

TIME is a good deal like a mule. It is better to be ahead of it than behind it.

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Hoping that you will give us a cordial welcome, and that you will not judge us too harshly on our first appearance, is the wish of the

EDITOR.

TO AGENTS.

We are anxious of obtaining an agent in every city and town to secure subscriptions for this paper, to whom a commission of 33 1/3 per cent. will be given. It is our purpose to secure only *one* agent in each town.

NO TWO-CENT POSTAGE FOR CANADA.

The government of Canada has announced that it is not their intention to introduce, during the present session, a measure reducing postage on letters to two cents, in view of the adoption of a like measure by the United States.

OUR LARGEST STAMPS.

The stamps of the largest denomination used under the Internal Revenue system, which is pretty well broken up by the Tariff bill, were for \$5,000, and they were used to stamp \$10,000,000 railroad bonds. Of course, they were not called for every day, but there was an actual demand for them. The \$5,000 stamp was two inches wide and three inches long.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The editors of the following mentioned papers will please accept our thanks: *Philatelic Monthly*, *Collectors' Guide*, *Granite State Philatelist*, *Monthly Echo*, *Union Exchange List*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelist's Journal*, *Stamp News*, *The Earth*, and the *Empire City Philatelist*. The publishers of all Philatelic papers are requested to send theirs in exchange for ours.

A GREAT INDUCEMENT!

In order to increase the circulation of our paper, we have concluded to give to each new subscriber received between now and May 20, a chance at the following contest:

To the persons writing the most words from the first chapter of Genesis within the circle of the size of a silver dollar, the following prizes will be given:

First Prize.—A Scott's International Stamp Album, worth \$5.

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Third Prize.—A Scott's International Stamp Album, worth \$2.50.

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Fifth Prize.—A set of six unused New Brunswick (1860 issue) stamps, worth \$1.25.

Sixth Prize.—A set of thirteen unused Prince Edward Isle stamps, worth \$1.

Seventh Prize.—A set of four unused Guatemala stamps (1875 issue), worth 60c.

Besides, each person contesting for the above prizes, whether he wins one or not, will receive, *free*, a Guatemala unused (1879 issue) One Real stamp, catalogued at 30 cents.

RULES.

- I. Draw a circle, the size of a silver dollar, on white, unruled paper.
- II. Take the first chapter of the Book of Genesis as the subject.
- III. The headings of the chapter and the numerals, at the beginning of the verses, may be left out. Only the reading matter and the punctuation need be copied. The verses need not necessarily be commenced at the beginning of lines.
- IV. Write within the circle with ink, in straight lines, beginning at the top, as much of the aforesaid chapter as you can, commencing at the beginning of the chapter, which opens thus: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," etc., etc.

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Chili.—The National Philatelist states that 7 new cards have been prepared, two single and one reply paid card, 2 centavos, blue; 3 centavos, red on lilac and 3x3 centavos red on lilac.

Costa Rica.—There are said to be three new provisional stamps, which have been issued since last month viz. 5 centavos, red, on 1/2 real; 10 centavos, black, on 2 reals; 20 centavos, red, on 4 reals. They also bear the surcharge "U. P. U." (Universal Postal Union.)



Capacua.—In South America. A new and very neat series have been emitted from this country. The design is here illustrated and the values are as follows: 1 centavo, green; 20, rose; 50, blue; 100, bistre and 200, violet.

Ecuador.—The 1 real of 1872 has been recharged, 4 "centavos," in black.

Great Britain.—The double half-penny card, brown on white has been seen without perforation between the cards.

Grenada.—We have seen a specimen of the one penny red, of the De La Rue type of the same country the other day.

Martinique.—The Philatelic Monthly informs us that this French possession in the West Indies rejoins in an unstamped postal card black on pink.



Peru.—A new provisional has appeared at which will give an illustration value 25 color, orange.



Portugal.—A new 5 reis stamp has been emitted. The design is here given, color gray.

San Marino.—The postal cards mentioned some time ago are now in use. They are 12 centesimi, and 15x15 centesimi, blue on lilac.

Sungei Ujong.—We have the 4, 8 and 12 cents Straits Settlements surcharged for Sungei Ujong, P. M.

U. S. of Colombia.—The "P. R." chronicles a new provisional. It says the 10 centavos of the current issue is surcharged "2 1/2" centavos, black on violet.

United States.—The design for the new two-cent postage stamp will be as follows: A medallion of Washington in a panel and half round the top the words United States Postage. At the lower portion of the stamp are the words "Two cents" divided by the figure "2". The design is conspicuous for its plainness and neatness and there is an absence of any decoration not in keeping with the subject.

Western Australia.—The P. T. P. T. mentions the 3 and 4 pence with the watermark "C. A. and Crown" 3d. brown and 4d. red.

ROGUE'S RESORT.

Below we give a list of those whom are considered rascals and as we are anxious of reducing the number of these "honorable dignities" we will demand a favor of persons who will stand in the parties names whom have by any means cheated them.

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No. 2.

NEW ISSUES.

Chili.—The National Philatelist states that 3 new cards have been prepared, two single and one reply paid card, 2 centavos, blue; 3 centavos, red on lilac and 3x3 centavos red on lilac.

Costa Rica.—There are said to be three new provisional stamps, which have been issued since last month viz. 5 centavos, red, on $\frac{1}{2}$ real; 10 centavos, black, on 2 reals; 20 centavos, red; on 4 reals. They also bear the surcharge "U. P. U." (Universal Postal Union.)



Capagua.—(In South America) A new and very neat series have been emitted from this country. The design is here illustrated and the values are as follows: 1 centavos, green; 2c. rose, 5c. blue, 10c. bistre and 20c. violet.

Ecuador.—The 1 real of 1872 has been surcharged, 4 "centavos," in black.

Great Britain.—The double half-penny card, brown on white has been seen without perforation between the cards.

Grenada.—We have seen a specimen of the one penny red, of the De La Rue Type, of the above country the other day.

Martinique.—The Philatelic Monthly informs us that "this French possession in the West Indies rejoices in an unstamped postal card black on pink."



Peru.—A new provisional has appeared of which we give an illustration value 25c. color, orange.



Portugal.—A new 5 reis stamp has been emitted. The design is here given, color gray.

San Marino.—The postal cards mentioned some time ago are now in use. They are 10 centesimi, and 15x15 centesimi, blue on blue.

Sungei Ujong.—We have the 4, 8 and 10 cents Straits Settlements surcharged for Sungei Ujong, P. M.

U. S. of Colombia.—The "P. R." chronicles a new provisional. It says the 10 centavos of the current issue is surcharged "2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " centavos, black on violet.

United States.—The design for the new two cent postage stamp will be as follows: A medallion of Washington in a panel and half round the top the words United States Postage. At the lower portion of the stamp are the words "Two cents" divided by the figure "2." The design is conspicuous for its plainness and neatness and there is an absence of any decoration not in keeping with the subject.

Western Australia.—"Le T. P." mentions the 3 and 4 pence, with the watermark C. A. and Crown; 3d. brown and 4d. red.

ROGUE'S RESORT.

Below we give a list of those whom are considered frauds and as we are anxious of ridding the country of these "honorable dignities" we will deem it a favor to persons who will send in the parties names whom have by any means cheated them.

The following are per H. N. Johnson, Coeymans, N. Y., R. G. Early, Woodstock, Ill., Eddie A. Peck, alias Geo. H. Strogoff, Waterbury, Conn., Samuel Flemming, Cannifton, Ontario, Canada, Geo. Grafton, Jr., Georgetown, Station, D. C.

CHATS BY THE WAY.

CONTINUED.

By C. B. Fernald.

CHAPTER II.

NOTES ON DIFFERENT INTERESTING SUBJECTS.

In 1876 "The Philatelic Stamp Company" was found to be a counterfeit stamp establishment and printing counterfeit stamps, being an infringement of Sec. 5465 of the Revised Statutes, the proprietor was tried, convicted and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. This had the effect of putting a stop to the counterfeit stamp trade. But like other evils, as soon as the vigilance of the government is relaxed then do the frauds begin their old tricks. Of late a good deal of attention has been given to this by the P. O. authorities and a movement is on foot in Boston which may extend here and elsewhere to the advantage and also the disadvantage of all collectors. In the above city an officer has visited all the stamp dealers and demanded the surrender of all dies, &c., of stamps, in their possession. This has the effect of cleaning out all counterfeit establishments but will also if extended to other parts prevent the illustration of stamps in catalogues, &c., and will prove a heavy loss to several large dealers. For the law regards all plates, dies or electrotypes of any description as counterfeits. It seems likely that there will not be a change in stamps of this country, further than the issue of the new two-cent and the withdrawal of the three-cent stamps. It is not unlikely that a four cent stamp will be issued for double letter rates. This would be convenient and is under consideration at present.

In July the matchbox and medicine stamps will pass out of use. These stamps will be worth double their present value in about two or three years and a good investment for collectors would be to obtain as many as possible now and retain them for that time or longer. The profits thus realized would be worth the trouble.

The Philatelic Press seems to have made more progress during the last two or three years than

ever before. In the past winter I can now call to mind no less than eight journals which have been started and are still running. If these papers can keep on, it is all very well, but the probability is than in the course of a year or two the largest part of them will be no longer published. Every year it becomes easier to find supporters for Philatelic Journals on account of the growing mass of collectors.

In the "Empire City Philatelist" a cut was recently given of a so-called Confederate stamp which was said to have been found in a Richmond scrap book. It consisted of a Confederate flag on a lined ground in the centre with "C. S. of A. Postage" about, and below "Ten Cents." Value, -10- in upper right hand corners, color blue. I would say it were ten to one that it is a counterfeit. I have a specimen of it but have always classed it as one. It may be the work of one Taylor of Boston. He advertises one hundred varieties of Confederate stamps for 21c. There are not 60 genuine varieties known, how zealous he must have been in hunting up these *rare* specimens and selling them for such small amounts! I have another stamp, which I judge may be the work of this fraud. This is of a green color and has a large figure "5" in the centre, on white ground, above is "Sparta Ala," below is "W. Beard, P. M." Taylor can only hope to swindle those collectors who collect without a good catalogue as one may see that there does not exist such a number of varieties. This is one of the manifold advantages of a catalogue. No collector should be without one, positively, and a volume like Scott's Revised List, doubles the interest one takes in Philately. This book has been a great help in bringing stamp-collecting under the notice of the people and showing it is no school boy's play. I was glad to see an article in the New York Sun of April 15th, headed "Stamp Collecting." It was an account of an interview of a reporter with a prominent New York dealer and show what large sums of money have been expended in this favorite pursuit. It was very interesting to those who had never heard of it before, but of course would contain nothing new to an experienced collector.

(To be continued.)

SHORT STORIES ABOUT STAMP ISSUING COUNTRIES AND THEIR STAMPS.

BY F. H. S.

Virgin Islands were discovered by Columbus 1493, and consist of a cluster of rocks. Only a portion of them belong to Great Britain, the Danes possessing St. Thomas, St. John, and Sainte Croix, and the Spaniards claiming those nearest to Puerto Rico. The largest island in the group belonging to England is Tortola, which is situated in 18° 27' N. lat. and 64° 39' W. long.

The Government consists of an Executive and Legislative Council. Sugar is grown in small quantities, and many of the landed proprietors have recently planted cotton with success. On the 29th October, 1867, the island were visited by a terrible hurricane, which caused great destruction to life and property. Sir Arthur Rumbold, administrator of St. Kitts, thus describes the calamity, which I extract as a specimen of the visitations to which these islands are frequently subjected:—

“The storm lasted from eleven a. m. to three p. m., but the greatest force was from twelve to two; in that brief space of time two-thirds of the miserable tenements of the town were blown down. The gaol is destroyed; the church, the hospital, pier, school-house, Wesleyan Chapel, and poor-house, are also destroyed; and my own dwelling unroofed and rendered uninhabitable.

“The loss of life cannot as yet be correctly ascertained. I have, however, been officially informed of about twelve deaths in the town, two at Peter's Island, two at West End; while I hear that a quantity of people are killed in other parts of the country, and scarcely a hut or habitation is left standing.

“All was bright and verdant; the withering blast has passed over it, and not a fruit or other tree remains. The works of the few remaining estates are all totally destroyed.”

Another hurricane, in August, 1871, inflicted nearly equal damage.

The island now belong to Great Britain were first colonized by a party of Dutch buccaneers, who, about 1648, established themselves on Tortola, but were soon afterwards driven out by English Adventurers of the same class, when, ere long, they were attached to the government of the Leeward Islands. It is to be feared that terrible cruelty was practiced towards the slaves in Tortola. In 1811 a planter named Hodge was hung for murdering his negroes by slow tortures—a measure that called forth such indignation amongst the whites that the Governor was obliged to proceed in person to Tortola, and proclaim martial law, before the sentence could be executed. This hideous ruffian was a member of Council!

The area of the Virgin Islands—so called after St. Ursula and the eleven thousand maidens—is 57 square miles with a population of 6651 Souls.

The first stamps issued by this country was in 1875 which consisted of 1 penny, green; with the figure of Virgin in the centre with name at the top and denomination at bottom, 4 pence red-brown, with same cut only about one third larger, 6 pence rose, with figure of Virgin, 1 shilling crimson with cut the same as the 6 pence, and shilling crimson with scarlet edge the same as the other. The next issue was in 1880 which consisted of 1 penny green, and 2½ pence green. The design was as follows: In the centre the bust of the Queen with Virgin Islands at the top and denomination at the bottom.

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By L. A. ECNERWAL.

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are Grand Bahama, Great and Little Abaco,
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Salvador, Rum Cay, Great Exuma, Watling
Island, Long Island, Crooked Island, At-
wood's Key, and Great and Little Inagua.
The group is about six hundred m. long,
and has an estimated area of upward of
3,000 sq. m.; pop. in 1871, 39,162. Most
of the islands of the group are situated on
the Bahama banks. They are generally
very flat, long and narrow, formed of cal-
careous rock, with a light, sandy soil;
though without running streams, there are
numerous springs. Fruit is produced in
abundance. Maize, yams, sweet potatoes,
oranges, limes, lemons, &c., are among the
products of the islands; there are also
several valuable woods, as mahogany,
fustic, lignum vitæ, &c. The principal
exports are salt, sponge, pineapple, and
oranges. The climate is salubrious, and
very beneficial to consumptives. The im-
ports in 1869 amounted to £240,584, and
the exports to £163,002. The government
is administered by a governor, aided by an
executive council of 9 members. There is
a legislative council of 28 members.

The first stamps issued by these islands
was in 1859 which consisted of 1 penny
carmine with the head of the Queen, and
country at the top with demonstration at
bottom. The second issue was in 1858
which consisted of 1 penny carmine, 4 pence
rose, 6 pence gray, 6 pence violet and 1
shilling green, the design was as follows:
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Bahamas at top, and demonstration at
bottom.

There was also an envelope stamp issued
by this country in 1881 which consisted of
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As the time is now approaching when the business community are seeking their summer resorts and trying to abandon the many trials and anxieties of their business life, we feel we would be doing justice to our self by taking a few months recreation and by so doing we have come to the conclusion it would be proper to unite the two following numbers of our paper into the September edition and issue a 20 page number so therefore the readers of our paper may expect to find an extra ordinary supply of interesting news pertaining to both new issues, stamp news, and besides a number of articles from our English and American writers.

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Collectors and Dealers whose names we can ferret out, in order to give it a good introduction for the coming year, so therefore we are sure an "ad" would prove profitable besides increasing your fall trade. Please send in copy for "ads" by the 18th of August to insure insertion in this number. Till our next number we therefore bid all of our kind friends "au plaisir."

GOSSIP.

"That's what beats me," remarked a boy as he passed a pile of shingles.

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J. M. Hubbard, of Laconia, N. H., informs us that there is in his town, a horse so balky that he "won't draw his own breath."

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OUR BIBLE CONTEST.

Below we give the names of the winners of our biblical contest, we have received a great many trials and although they did not receive any prizes they deserve to be honorably mentioned. The prizes will be sent on 25th of this month and the Guatemala stamp with this number at the head of the first page. Persons wishing their trials can obtain them by sending a 3c. stamp (to pay the postage,) to the publisher.

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THE COLLECTOR'S GUIDE.

Having received numerous letters from subscribers and persons interested in the above paper asking the reason of the discontinuation of the "Collectors Guide," and etc. We have therefore published a letter below for their benefit from the Publishers of the C. G., hoping that it will satisfy their wishes.

FROM THE PUBLISHERS OF THE COLLECTORS GUIDE TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS.

For various reasons, among which being the necessary absence from this city of the editor of the Collectors' Guide for an indefinite period, the Publishers of the above paper have decided to place it in the hands of Mr. F. H. Schwartz, publisher of the "Philatelic News" of Philadelphia, in which paper this notice now appears.

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- 20 " violet on lilac
- 1 peso claret on azure

A new provisional has also been formed by surcharging the 5 centavos, blue of the postal Union type of 1881 "CUARTO centavos" in black. Mr. G. T. Bishop has also received the 20 centavos black the same as usual, therefore proving that the die is not yet worn out.



TASMANIA—Four-penny registration envelopes have lately come into use, the stamp is of the design here shown and is impressed in blue on the envelope.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA—A 2c. double and single card has appeared.

VIRGIN ISLANDS—A $\frac{1}{2}$ d yellow, similar to the design of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the Grenada shown in our July issue, has appeared.

WURTEMBERG—A 5 pf card violet on buff will appear.

WEST INDIES We learn with regret that certain parts of the West Indian Islands will shortly be united for the purpose of government. Grenada, S. Lucia, S. Vincent and Tobago are to form one group; and Nevis and S. Christopher another; therefore the separate postal issues of these islands will then become obsolete, and a fresh set of stamps issued for each group.

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An important general order was issued July 10, from the Postoffice Department regarding the

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A few Notes on Detecting Counterfeit Stamps.

BY F. H. S.

The first great requisite of a stamp collector is the ability to detect counterfeit stamps, but how is this important faculty to be obtained? First, by practice; secondly, by becoming familiar with the appearance of rare stamps. In regard to the first method it is only the advanced collector who would be able to profit by it. A collector who has a great many stamps in his collection will be familiar with the appearance of the stamps of nearly every country. Consequently he can tell which countries print their stamps well and also those which merely daub them on the paper. But this article is not intended for the advanced collector but merely for those whose collections number from one to five hundred varieties.

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Again if a rare stamp is offered you at a very low price beware of it. Look at the stamp well and examine the quality of the engraving and if you detect the least flaw reject the stamp as a fraud.

Counterfeit stamps will be easily detected from the genuine, first, by the quality of the engraving, as stamps of the present time are very well engraved, with the exception of a very few half civilized countries; secondly, if there is a portrait on the stamp examine the features well and if you think the stamp suspicious compare it with one on which the same likeness appears. If you have not a stamp with the same portrait on, look at the photographs of rulers. These photographs can be obtained of the principal dealers and are very good for reference of this kind.

Thirdly, look at the quality of the paper, if the color of the stamp penetrates to the other

side of the paper it is a suspicious sign, for instance if the stamp is green and if the back of the stamp presents a green appearance WITHOUT BEING HELD UP TO THE LIGHT the stamp is in all probability a counterfeit.

Fourthly, compare the face value of the stamp with the price at which the **dealer** offers it. If the former succeeds the value of the latter, the stamp if unused, is a counterfeit; For no dealer is going to sell a stamp for less than it costs him, except on very rare occasions.

Now I will cite a little instance of this business of dealing in counterfeit stamps that came under my own observation: A has a great many stamps in his collection and B has not, B determines to eclipse the collection of A, and in order to accomplish that purpose, he writes to a dealer whose price-list he has received, ordering stamps and enclosing money to defray expenses; B has read the announcements of this dealer, who advertises unheard of bargains in the Philatelic Line, all going to show that the aforesaid dealer gives twice as many stamps as other dealers for one fifth the price, B receives his stamps, nearly all unused, and puts them in his album—an old book—and chuckles as he thinks of what A will say when he sees them, and when A **does** see them **he** chuckles at B; for having the advantage of a good album and catalogue he at once sees that B has been swindled, in fact B has been made the victim of a regular “skin” game. Many incidents like this occur every day; and I will say here that I was the B mentioned in the above case, the one who swindled me was WILLIAM J. SAXE of Montreal, Can., whether he holds out there or not at the present time, I can not say, as it was in 1879 that I had dealings with him.

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The stamps arrived, and were issued to the public; but, alas! unfortunate Mr. Connell had, in the eyes of Her Majesty's lieges of New Brunswick, committed a frightful crime. That he, a mortal created man, a descendant of Adam and Eve, should dare to engrave his honest countenance on a similar piece of paper to that on which the majesty of that broad domain, on which the sun never sets, was depicted! A mass-meeting presided over by a political opponent of Connell was instantly called, and it was resolved to request Mr. Connell to resign; but Mr. Connell dashed the reins of the post-office department back in the face of the governor, and retired once and forever, from the political arena.

The stamp was only used one day, and a number having passed through the post-office, it therefore could not be an essay.

The Japanese Post Office.

No other country in the world has in so short a time made such progress in their Post Office Department as Japan. In 1871 a Post Office Department was first established in this country. Previous to this there were no means by which persons of moderate circumstances could transmit letters to other parts of the country without paying the extravagant prices charged by the "kilkiyaku", or flying legs, then in vogue. These were a set of stalwart men who made a business of carrying letters. They could make some fifty miles a day. They were chiefly in the service of the higher officers at court. Since 1871, the Post Office Department has made rapid progress, and the latest report of the Post Master General shows that the people are not backward in taking advantage of this convenience.

During the year ended on June 30, 1881, the number of books, newspapers, and letters transmitted was upwards of 83,000,000—an increase of nearly 20 per cent. as compared with the previous year, and 49.3 per cent. as against 1879. The aggregate length of all the mail routes in operation was 48,475 English miles—an increase since the previous report of 6,170 miles, and since 1876 of 12,422 miles. During the year there had been established 442 new Post Offices, as well as ten receiving agencies, 2,878 stamp agencies, and 2,795 street letter-boxes. The total number of Post Offices is now 4,819, and the net profit derived from the department amounted for the period mentioned to \$79,800.

Our Postal Service.

The number of postoffices in the United States and Territories is now 46,231, and a total number of employees of the department is 66,299. The revenues of the department for the last fiscal year were \$41,876,410, an increase from \$27,531,585 in 1877. The number of postage stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes issued the last year was 1,700,000,000, valued at nearly \$41,000,000. Over \$2,000,000 in money, checks and money orders went to the dead letter office in the 4,000,000 pieces of mail received at that office. Over \$13,000,000 in money orders were issued during the year. As this department pays a profit the Postmaster-General recommends a reduction in the fees and also the abolition of postage on second class matter.

Postal Card Collecting.

(BY F. H. S.)

The collecting of postal cards forms no inconsiderable part of the science of philately although it is not as widespread as is to be desired. The first great obstacle to be encountered is the obtaining of specimens, the second, their arrangement. One reason for the great scarcity of foreign postal cards in this country is the fact that they are generally collected unused and the dealer is compelled to import them expressly and as the trade is not very lucrative there are not many who do this. Again it does not often occur that any one has the necessity to write a postal to this country. I do not refer to those with which the United States has intimate relations—so even the collecting of used specimens is attended with difficulty. But we will suppose the collector has mastered the difficulty of obtaining specimens how is he to arrange them? In the first place they should be collected intact. Never on any account cut a postal card you wish to collect. I recently saw a collection that was ruined in this manner. Secondly keep them separate from your adhesives as when they are put in the same album they present a very unsightly appearance. The best way, in my opinion, to arrange a postal card collection is to obtain a large blank book and having arranged a list of the countries in alphabetical order arrange the specimens by means of two long parallel slits in the paper through which the card is placed. Above this may be placed the date of issue together with such facts as may be of interest. If there should be such cards as are of a different color on the back than the front collectors generally obtain two specimens and place them so that the two sides will be seen; that is, one is inserted with the obverse visible the other with the reverse. This however is entirely at the discretion of the collector. There is also another important rule to be observed in postal card collecting; never paste a specimen in your album or it will be ruined.

Now a word about the many varieties of postal cards. Although there are many varieties of one card i.e., a card of the same design will frequently

be seen with two different colors on the back or the front; i. e. one may be buff on the reverse and the other light brown or *vice versa*, many of these collors are caused by the exposure and in my estimation such specimens should not be collected unless they are known to be authenticated government issues.

Finally I give a short editorial on postal cards which I clipped from one of our dailies:—

People who make use of postal cards to write about their domestic, personal or other affairs should remember that such cards can be read and undoubtedly are read by some one at least through whose hands they pass and may afford material for many rough jokes and other comments. Postal cards were designed for brief or hurried messages of interest only to sender and receiver and be but little if any the wiser and that none would care to read except the person to whom they are sent.

Frauds.

Frauds are springing up in Canada. It is only two or three months ago, that such a thing was unknown on this side of the line; but, alas! now they can be counted by the dozen. We think if such men or boys would cheat for the sum of a few cents or perhaps a dollar, the penitentiary is too good a place for them; but maybe they think by so doing, they get a free advertisement in all the philatelic papers. They generally do, but of such a nature, we would think, that would shock them. Besides injuring themselves, they also injure honest and upright dealers and collectors, to a large extent. We do not see why such a thing as Philately could not be carried on without roguery.—O. O. F.

Signs of Prosperity.

The other day we received a letter from a renowned stamp dealer asking us the terms of a $\frac{1}{2}$ column advertisement in two years number of our paper also 75 cents from a collector wishing three years subscription to same paper. We are positive we shall succeed if all of our friends give us as much encouragement as those two parties.

NOTES ON POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY A. HARVEY, JR.

A few facts about stamp collecting; it is said to have begun in a curious way. The story goes, that a french school teacher had considerable difficulty in impressing the leading facts of Geography on the minds of her scholars, she was almost giving up in despair when she sized on an idea; calling her pupils together she informed them that whoever collected the greatest number of varieties of postage stamps would receive a prize at the end of the year. The plan was entirely successful, the scholars took more interest in geography, and consequently strove to improve in that branch. Of course this tale may not be true, but it seems to be generally accepted as such by the majority of stamp collectors.

The number of stamp collectors that have passed the age of twenty is about one half as many as those under that age. Ten years ago there were very few, if any, collectors that were not boys. Is *Philately* increasing or decreasing?

The business of counterfeiting stamps, in spite of all assertions to the contrary, is on the decrease. There are so many Philatelic publications extant which give full descriptions of stamps counterfeited, or likely to be counterfeited, that the fraud must be a very good one to deceive the average collector. Consequently more expense is incurred in getting up counterfeits, which of course lessens the profits considerable, still there are many counterfeits of some of the rare stamps with which collectors are not very familiar and so the purchaser is imposed upon.

There are some collectors who collect United States stamps only, for this purpose a large blank book will answer the purpose best. Postage stamps should be arranged in their order of issue. Department Stamps should be separated

from the postage and even the slightest varieties should be collected, but the collector should be ware of counterfeits. The United States stamps, especially, open a wide scope for achievement in the counterfeiters art; first on account of their scarcity, secondly because of the ease with which the issues are counterfeited.

A counterfeit of the one cent Liberia has been issued, probably by Taylor of Boston, the color is blue and it differs mainly from the genuine in the following particulars: in the genuine the spear touches the oval, in the counterfeit it does not, the counterfeit has the horizon very blurred. In the genuine the shield ascends as high as the shoulder of Liberty, while in the counterfeit the shield is nearly as high as the forehead. There is also a very marked error which shows that the counterfeiter did not have much knowledge of nautical affairs, THE SHIP IS SAILING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, in the counterfeit the ship is headed to the left, in the genuine it is sailing to right.

The Collectors of the World.

We take the following statement of the number of collectors throughout the world from *The Philatelic Review*. It falls short, if anything, from the actual number:

United States, between 150,000 and 180,000
Canada, 30,000 to 50,000; South America, 4,000 to 5,000; Great Britain, 120,000 to 140,000; France and Belgium, 90,000 to 120,000; Germany, 50,000 to 80,000; Austria, 30,000 to 60,000; Italy, 6,000 to 8,000; Spain and Portugal, 4,000 to 7,000; Switzerland, 6,000 to 8,000; all other European countries, 30,000 to 55,000; Asia, 1,500 to 3,000; Africa 600 to 1,500; Australia, 2,000 to 3,000; West Indies, 600 to 4,000; countries and colonies not included in the above list, about 1,000; or a grand total of about 700,000.

WHAT PHILATELY TEACHES.

BY A. H. J.

"What does *Philately* teach?" many people ask, and yet the answer is very easy. To an **observant** collector *Philately* teaches a great deal. It teaches history, for one thing; how? Because nearly every stamp gives a portrait of the ruler of the country to which it belongs. Thus, English stamps give a portrait of VICTORIA; United States stamps give a portrait of WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, GARFIELD, or other eminent men.

We also learn from *Philately* the relative value of the coinage of the different countries. For instance, if it takes five cents to send a letter from here to England and if a letter will come from England to this country for 2½ d. the collector at once knows that five cents of United States money and 2½ d. of English money are the same in value.

Stamp collecting also informs us whether the country to which a stamp belongs is civilized or not. For example, compare the stamps of the 1871 issue of France with an issue of the same year of Deccan. The former are well engraved, and the design is that of a country in which art, at least, is not neglected. The latter, however, are at once conspicuous for their rudeness of design, and the pooriness of the engraving. So it is that the stamps of these two countries show their exact standing as regards civilization and art.

We can also learn of *Philately* the amount of progress made by various nations. Take as an example, the stamps of British Guiana, look at the 1850 issue, any person who examines these stamps can tell that the inhabitants of British Guiana had not at that time attained to any great degree of civilization. The issue for 1853 however is a very decided improvement and shows that the country had at least made some progress, while the 1876 sets will at once be recognized as the stamps of a civilized nation.

Philately also gives us a pretty fair idea of the

financial standing of a country; poor countries always having great many surcharged stamps, while the more wealthy powers will issue new sets whenever the old ones have become useless.

Again we learn from *Philately*—but enough! We might go on for hours,—I had almost said forever—enumerating the things we learn from *Philately*. And now collectors be always willing to defend *Philately*, and when you hear stamp collecting abused.

EARLY FORGERIES.

Many collectors fondly imagine, especially those who have collected for many years, that certain specimens which they happen to possess must be genuine, because they obtained them before counterfeits were thought of. Now, a hand-book, published in 1863, probably the first in America, gives a description of stamps issued for Iceland and Paraguay. As the first genuine emission of these states came out several years later, does it not prove the existence of forgeries in the first days of *Philately*?

CONDUCE TO CULTURE.

Philatelic writers, in attempting to point out to school children the benefits of stamp collecting, seldom go beyond the fact that it is an aid in geography, teaching the money values of every country, its government, etc. All this is true, but we can feel attracted to stamp collecting for other reasons. When a young gentleman informs us he is an enthusiastic collector, it is an assurance to us that he possesses more than ordinary seriousness and intelligence, and through his hobby he becomes imbued with artistic ideas which when developed in after years mark him as a gentleman of culture.—(C. C.)

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EDITORIAL.

We now come before you in form of our Consolidated Number which combines the months of July, August and September, and hope that by our enlarged edition and interesting reading matter you will feel amply repaid by waiting so long. We have been enjoying our vacation in the beautiful valleys and hills of northern Pennsylvania, and feel better prepared to go on with our fall publications than we would if we had not consolidated the numbers, so therefore it will prove beneficial to both ourselves and our subscribers. We will endeavor to improve our paper with every issue and feel confident that we will make it *the* stamp paper of the period if we still continue to receive the support from our philatelic friends that we have had for the past six months. Thanking all of our kind advertisers for their support in this number and hoping it may continue is the wish of the PUBLISHER.

PERSONALS.

Mr. G. B. Calman, of New York City, is the largest wholesale stamp dealer in the world.

Messrs Barries Bros., of this city intend deserting the stamp business this winter and go into a more lucrative trade.

Mr. Weettern, of Baltimore informs us that he will resume his stamp trade in January on wholesale principles exclusively.

Mr. Wm. E. Ringwalt, of the *Evening Critic*, Washington, D. C., is a very enthusiastic collector of our hobby.

Messrs. C. H. Mekeel & Co., of Chicago, have removed to Poplar Ridge, N. Y., where they will continue their stamp business.

Persons having Autographs of distinguished persons which they wish to dispose of will do well by addressing Mr. C. F. Gunther, whose advertisement appears in this number.

While we were spending our vacation, this summer in Lewisburg, Pa., we had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman of New York City who figured *very* prominently in the philatelic ranks a few years ago.

Mr. H. L. Adler, of the Undine Stamp Co., of this city accidentally shot himself in the upper lip while toying with a loaded revolver last month, also Mr. Harvey, the philatelic writer shot himself in the right arm in the same manner. Fortunately neither of the shots proved serious.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The publishers of the following mentioned papers will please accept our thanks for the same, *Empire City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Monthly Echo*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Referee*, *Granite State Philatelist*, *Old Curiosity Shop*, *Union Exchange List*, *Curiosity Collector*, *The Stamp Collectors Journal*, *Our Home*, *Tabernacle Magazine*, and the *Fireside Journal*. All publishers finding this notice marked will please infer that we would be pleased to exchange regular with them.

U. S. Postal System in its Infancy.

(BY F. H. S.)

We had the pleasure of looking at a copy of, the Postal Laws and Regulations, issued in 1825, the other day, and as the difference between the present law and that of 1825 are so numerous and important we thought it would prove interesting to some of our subscribers if we would give a description of them.

At that time and until 1836 all postmasters, or, as they were sometimes called, "deputy postmasters," were appointed by the Postmaster General. The postmasters of the important offices are now appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate. The postage rates as they were fixed in 1816, and remained for nearly thirty years, were on a sliding scale that must have required a high degree of arithmetical skill on the part of postmasters. The rates for a letter of a single sheet of paper were, for any distance under 30 miles, 6 cents; over 30 and under 80 miles, 10 cents; over 80 and under 150 miles, 12½ cents; over 150 and under 400 miles, 18¾ cents; and over 400 miles, 25 cents. Letters of two sheets were charged double postage, those of three sheets triple postage, and others on the same scale.

The instructions given to the postmasters in 1825 indicate some of the difficulties that were found in applying the law. One regulation says: "it may sometimes be difficult to discover whether a letter is single or double or treble, but after a little experience you will generally be able to decide by feeling or by holding the letter to the light." Postmasters were directed to reckon the distance between two places by the shortest post-route. Circuits were sometimes made for the delivery of letters, so that the carriers did not return by the same route that they used in going, and the method used in calculating the distance was sometimes highly important. "Thus in New Jersey," says the regulations, "there is a circuit,

ous route from Trenton to Allentown, Shrewsbury, etc., to New Brunswick, and thence to Somerville Court-house and Flemington to Trenton. From Trenton by the route on which the mail is carried to Flemington is 131 miles, and the postage by that distance would be 12½ cents, but the actual distance from Flemington to Trenton is only twenty-three miles and the postage of a letter sent either way would be only 6 cents."

The postage was not usually prepaid. Stamps were not introduced until 1847. Newspapers were sent within the State or a distance of 100 miles for 1 cent each, and for 1½ cents for greater distances. "Ship" letters, or those brought by vessel, were charged an extra rate. A regular foreign mail was not organized until 1847. The mails were carried in "portmantaus" on horseback or by stages. Steamboats were utilized after 1813 and railroads after 1838.

By a law of 1810, which remained in force for fifty years, only free white persons were allowed to be employed in carrying the mails, lest colored persons should use the mails to "make combinations to the detriment of the whites." The letters were fastened in packages and a "post bill" was enclosed, so that the receiving postmaster might know what charges were to be collected. The postmasters were paid by commissions, except that additional allowances were made to the postmasters of Washington and New Orleans. No postmaster could receive a compensation of more than \$2000. The number of free letters sent in 1825 was proportionately larger than at present, as the privilege of franking was freely bestowed. All the important and many minor officials at Washington could send and receive letters without the payment of postage; others could receive newspapers free; postmasters might exchange letters without cost, and printers of newspapers might freely exchange their publications. The dates of the most important changes in the postal service since 1825 are: the use of railroads, 1838; deduction of postage, 1845; postage stamps and arrangement of a scale according to the weight of letters, 1847; registered letters, 1854; free delivery in cities, 1863; railway mail service, 1864; and at about the same time the postal money order. The reduction in letter postage to two cents on October first now be a further step in advance.

GOSSIP.

Wholly uncalled for,—A Dead letter.

"Oh! dear" said the wheel to the blacksmith,
"you make me TIRED."

Well Mr. W. G. Karpe, publisher of the *Philatelic Journal*, please remit what he owes us, also other dealers who are in debt to us.

The man who rides horse back, always takes a back seat.

A letter containing \$3.00 in bills, turned up at Ilion, N. Y., the other day, after wandering through various post office, for sixteen years.

The pig finds a living in his pen and so does the editor. The similiarity, however, ceases at this point.

We are sorry to state that Mr. Kealhofer, of Memphis, Tenn. is in such poor health that he will have to go to Florida, and therefore discontinue the *Memphis Philatelist*.

It is reported that a country of South America intends issuing a set of stamps of a bleached mouse color. We presume, that they mean it is a kind of A RAT TAN color.

Boston is said to be one of the three places where the business of counterfeiting postage stamps expressly to delude collectors is most largely carried on. Glasgo and Hamburg, are the other members of the trio.

Messrs Raymond & Thurman, intend to issue an International and Dealers Directory, about October 15th. We wish you success in your new enterprise.

Ahem; Good evening, Miss, may I see you home to-night? why certainly, but I would

advise you to come in the day time as you could get a better view of it.

During our vacation, we had the pleasure of anticipating in a game of base ball with our enterprising young coin dealer. Mr. W. H. Steadman, of Mifflinburg, Pa. And we most heartily recommend him as a reliable person to all coin collectors.

Down in Georgia they have named a new post office Langtry, after the "Jersey Lily," we suppose the mails are always on time there.

PROFESSOR: "If you attempt to squeeze any solid body, it will always resist pressure." Class smiles and recides examples of exception which prove the rule.

Now the watermelon-patch
Is its owner's pride,
Now the little Ethiops scratch
Buckshot from their hide.

The English mails were first conveyed by railway in 1830. Nine years later the letters sent averaged three to each person, and at the present time the average has risen to thirty-six. The Post Office savings banks last year had nearly 3,000,000 depositors, whose deposits reached the sum of about \$195,000,000.

When a man's wife comes in and sees him, razor in hand, and with his face all lather, and asks him, "are you shaving?" it's a provoking thing in him to answer. "No, I'm blacking the stove," but it's a human nature so to reply.

A North Carolinian has asked permission from the Post Office Department to send four-pound cans of whiskey by mail. He says they will be easy to handle, that there will be no breakage, and that it "will break up a lot of blockading through the country, and throw freight money into the Postal Office.

COLLECTORS' DIRECTORY.

This Department is intended for collectors names, so they can exchange their duplicate stamps with each other.

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WHAT SHALL WE COLLECT?

BY E. B. HANES.

This is a well worn subject, to be sure. In fact, I believe it is generally understood that the question is settled, and that we can all suit our individual fancies as regards varieties. There is one class, however, which I have never seen touched upon by any writer which I think it would benefit Philately to ignore. I refer to such colour varieties as result from the action of light, from age, or other influences which alter the original color of the stamp. Some colors used in printing stamps fade out entirely by exposure to sunshine—notably some purples and violets, producing all shades from purple-black to the lightest violet tint. The wonderful variety in color of the first issue ten cent Canada; triangular six pence, Cape of Good Hoop, and many others, are due to this cause. They are certainly widely different in color; and so are collected; but the point I raise is this: any one can make these shades by exposing the stamps to sunshine. So anyone can make a blue stamp of a green one by exposing it to muriatic acid; the principle is the same. Discolored stamps might be put in the same class. There are the numerous old issues on blue paper—quite a discussion was held a few years ago in England on these stamps, the conclusion being that most of them owe their blue color to the action of the gum on the paper. I will relate some experience of my own on this subject. The first issue of Chili is first type on white paper. I left a portion of the envelope attached to the stamp. In the course of time, the portion of the stamp which adhered to the envelope turned to a deep blue, while the balance remained white. I still possess this stamp, and I think it is a good witness concerning Chili's blue paper issue. Sometimes the printers make slight changes in colors, which are interesting to collect. Varieties of type, watermark and perforation may be called true varieties; but if the collection of faded and discolored stamps is to be encouraged, philately as a science, will take a rank beneath paper dolls and mud pies. Actual types are numerous enough to discourage most collectors: surcharges and half stamps are disgusting many; and it behooves all who have a true interest in philately to discard all varieties caused by changes after the stamps are printed.—*Stamp World*.

Stamp Collecting.

Probably there are few persons outside of those personally interested, who are aware of the immense numbers of cancelled stamps which are annually amassed by collectors. So great has become the demand for them that several firms have become incorporated for the sole purpose of carrying on this business, and many people make a fair living by selling stamps gathered from letters received by the large importing houses. It is estimated by an experienced dealer that there are to-day at least a million persons seriously devoted to collecting stamps, some of whom are enthusiasts, and collect simply from a love of rare and curious, while others purchase them in order to reap the golden harvest which they eventually yield. The sums realized from good collections are almost incredible. In 1876 one was sold in London for £8,000, another was sold in Paris for 40,000 francs, and it unfrequently happens that \$5,000 is received for them by dealers in this city. The album of stamps owned by a leading banker, whose residence is in Madison Avenue, is worth \$30,000 at the lowest estimate. Another owned by a lady, is valued at \$25,000, while those worth from 20,000 down to \$5,000 are numerous. These figures will not seem so surprising when one takes into consideration that a single stamp often sells for \$200, among those which bring his price are the provisional stamps issued from 1844 to 1846 by the postmasters of Baltimore, St. Louis and Brattleboro. It is true that at one time many of these valuable stamps found their birthplace in the factories at Chicago and other cities, but now stamp counterfeiting has been entirely broken up; and besides, it is almost impossible to deceive a stamp dealer as to the genuineness of them.

The origin of stamp collecting may be said to date from 1862 when Mount Brown, of London, published the first list of postage stamps. This list was followed by another, written by Dr. J. E. Gray, of the British Museum, in the same year and these works being widely read, stirred so much curiosity and caused thousands to become stamp collectors. For these persons are prepared hundreds of various styles of stamp albums, (N, P.)

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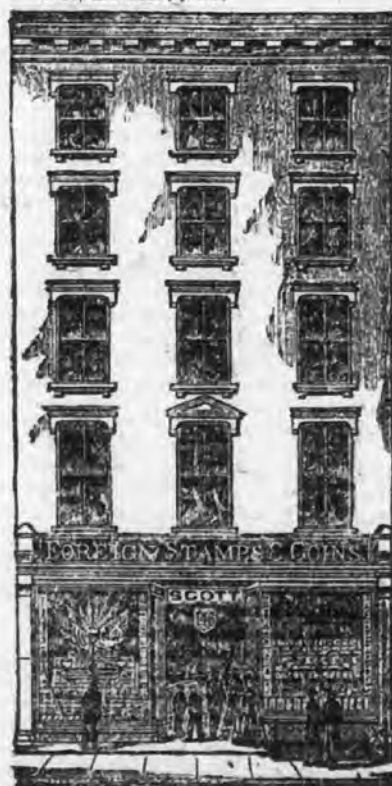
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A BOOM IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Largest Day's Business Ever Done by the Philadelphia Post Office.

The inception of Uncle Sam's generous reduction in letter postage created a decided boom at the Post Office, and about half a million stamps of the new two and four cent issues were sold, of which 456,754 were two-cent stamps alone. 956,896 stamps in all were sold, for which there were received twelve hundred dollars in pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters and halves; 2000 single one and two dollar notes, and sufficient more fives, tens and twenties to make an aggregate of \$11,043,60. This makes the largest amount of stamp money ever taken in at the office. The nearest approach to it was about six years ago, when the old system of selling stamps to sub-agents at a discount of 2 per cent. so that they could make a profit, was discontinued. On that day all the agents flocked in and sent their orders, and still the total only reached about \$6000, or one half of the above.

During the Centennial the highest day's sale was about \$4000, or nearly \$8000 less. Contrary to expectations, postal cards did not suffer any decrease in sale. They rather seemed to sympathize with the upward movement of stamps, and in place of the ordinary average sales of 60,000, over 100,000 were disposed of. The largest single sale of the new two-cent stamp was to Powers & Weightman, the wholesale druggists who bought 10,000.

Representative Bingham, the member of Congress who introduced the "two-cent bill" together with Second Assistant Postmaster General Elmer, were at the Stamp Department several times to watch the first day's sale; and in the afternoon, together with General Huidekoper, went to New York for the same purpose. Many amusing incidents took place, of course, at the post office window, and Mr Charles A. Butler, who, for twelve years, has been superintendent of the stamp department, required all his years of experience to properly manage the crowds of

buyers. Lines had to be formed and stationed outside to keep the waiting purchasers in order. Probably more single stamps were sold than ever before. Questions about the old twos and threes of the most ridiculous and silly kind were each second put to the tired men at the windows. Some wanted to know if they were going to sell the old three-ct. stamp for two ct. now, and about 2000 misinformed individuals dropped city letters into the boxes with only a penny stamp upon them, under the mistaken idea that local postage had been also reduced.

POSTAL RATES NINTY YEARS AGO.

Now that the two-cent postage law has gone into effect the following provisions of the first law of Congress on the subject will be read with interest:

February 20, 1762, was the date of the first act fixing rates of postage on domestic letters, and established the following rates, to take effect June 1, 1792:

Act February 20, 1792, section 9, by land:
For every single letter not exceeding 30 miles. 6 cents,

For every single letter over 30 miles and not exceeding 60 miles, 8 cents.

For every single letter over 60 miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 10 cents.

For every single letter over 100 miles and not exceeding 150 miles, 12½ cents.

For every single letter over 150 miles and not exceeding 200 miles, 15 cents.

For every single letter over 200 miles and not exceeding 250 miles, 17 cents.

For every single letter over 250 miles and not exceeding 350 miles, 20 cents.

For every single letter over 350 miles and not exceeding 450 miles, 22 cents.

For every single letter over 450 miles 25 cents.

For every triple letter, triple the said rates.

For every packet weighing one ounce advoirdupois, to pay at the rate four single letters for each ounce, and in that proportion for any greater weight.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

No. 1. of the Philatelic Headlight to hand for which the publishers will accept our thanks we also will be pleased to place them among our exchanges.

Mr. Wm. Gallagher, of this city writes us that he has given up his stamp business and hereafter will be only interested in stamps as a collector.

Mr. W. L. Emory of Fitchburg, Mass., informs us that he will publish "The New England Philatelist in Jan. 1884. We hope Bro. Emory that your paper will receive as much encouragement from the philatelic world as the NEWS.

Can any one inform us where "The Empire City Philatelist and Monthly Echo are? We have not received a copy of either Journals since June. We hope that they have not deserted the philatelic ranks.

We received a letter the other day from a col-

lector asking us why is it that our paper is always so full of advertisements in every number? We informed him that we did not know the exact reason but we would get the opinion of outsiders, so therefore as a inducement we will offer a prize of \$5.00 to the best solution of the above question received before our next issue. Now all try and give your best reasons for we are positive they are some.

We received Mr. Sterling's catalogue of his first auction sale the other day, which took place on the 25th inst., and we recommend to all collectors wishing to increase their U. S. collections to send for one of his catalogues which are free to all.

We desire to inform the philatelic world that the Philatelist Journal of Los Angeles, Cal., has propelled its pedal extremities with violence against the familiar utensil generally used for the transportation of water and other fluids, i. e., speaking less fluently it has "kicked the bucket."

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COUNTERFEITS.

(BY A PHILATELIST.)

Among the many things that ought not to be collected, the so-called "bogus stamps," that is, counterfeits are the chief. Stamp-dealers who sell counterfeit stamps, are as bad as the stamp themselves. They do not generally succeed, unless they are very ingenious so as to "blind" the eyes of the young collector who can not tell the difference.

A collector ought not to have a counterfeit stamp with his genuine collection. When you see the so-called "bargains" of Pacific Steam Navigation Co's., stamps, at about fifty cents for the whole set of eight, you had better not buy any of them. A certain Canadian stamp dealer offers a lot of stamps, including Ionian Isles, Pacific Steam Navigation Co. Confederate State Local, and hundreds of others "*Warranted Genuine*", all for \$1.00. Have nothing to do with him *T. Gibson, alias W. V. B. Hall, 197 St. Montreal, Can.,* as he is the dealer who offers "such bargains."

Some forgeries are so good that they can hardly be distinguished from the originals. A law has been made, punishing those persons, who have dies of stamps of any description, and for forging and passing them as genuine. I think that when all the counterfeits have been disposed of; (if they can be) we will get on very rapidly in our science, and flourish more than heretofore. Speaking about "Bogus Stamps" there are a great many collectors that wonder where the word "Bogus" is derived from, so for their benefit I will give a story which will enlighten their ideas regarding the word.

It is believed, that the word bogus is a corruption of the name of one 'Borghese' a very corrupt individual, who about forty five years ago, did a large business by supplying the great West, and part of the South West with a vast number of counterfeit bills, principally upon fiction banks, which never had an existence out side of the "forgetive mind" of him, the said Borghese. The people of the West, who when excited talked very rapidly, soon fell in the habit of shortening the name of 'Borghese' to the more handy one of 'Bogus' and all other bills of like character were called by them 'bogus currency.' And now you will see this little word occasionally applied to sham mortgages, Bills of sale &c., and especially in our philatelic and mismatical papers, in regard to stamps, coins and fraudulent dealers.

Utilizing Old Postage Stamps.

A very new method of utilizing old postage stamps and to decorate your home. Is to gum them on to cups, saucers and plates with strong gum arranging them in various patterns and colors, and then varnishing them with fine copal varnish. The effect is surprisingly good, and they are said to bear washing, though not of course in hot water. Foreign stamps, especially the green half pennies and the lavender pennies of the English post office, work admirably with our own old-fashioned red stamps. Small tables are very prettily decorated in this way. The pattern selected may be open diamonds, the Greek key pattern, or triangles for a square table, or a border of inverted pyramids, or two interlaced triangles, one red and one green; if the table be round, an envelop in the center, stamped and addressed to the owner of the table, is appropriate.

Small photographs cut round and framed in postage stamps or Christmas cards are used for these decorations. We have seen the central pane of a window decorated in this way with excellent effect. The suggestion be of service for mothers who like to keep the nursery tribes amused as well as quiet, and who value their youngsters' "very own" artistic labor beyond all the priceless productions of high art manufactures. The squares of paper in stained glass effects, to be obtained at the art shops, are very effective, arranged as fire screens. The coloring is very fine, and a good deal of nice discrimination in the juxtaposition of colors and combinations is called for.

Origin of the Letter Stamp.

The alleged origin of the stamp had a tinge of romance in it. It was a good many years ago that Rowland Hill, while crossing a district in the north of England, arrived at the door of an inn where a postman had stopped to deliver a letter. A young girl came out to receive it. she turned it over in her hand and asked the price of postage. This was a large sum, and evidently the girl was poor, for the postman demanded a shilling. She sighed sadly, and said that the letter was from her brother, but she had no money. So she returned the letter to the postman.

Touched with pity, Mr. Hill paid the postage

and gave the letter to the girl, who seemed very much embarrassed. Scarcely had the postman turned his back when the young inn-keeper's daughter confessed that it was a trick between her and her brother. Some signs on the envelope told her all she wanted to know, but the letter contained no writing.

"We are both so poor," she added "that we invented this mode of correspondence without paying for the letter.

The traveler, continuing his road, asked himself if a system giving rise to such frauds was not a vicious one. Before sun set Rowland had planned to organize the postal service on a new basis—with what success is known to the world.

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Some of Our High Valued Stamps.

(BY F. H. S.)

The following is not intended as a complete list of our rarest stamps but our object is merely to describe some of the most important ones in order that the collector will get some idea of their appearance, worth etc.

First we will describe the 500 centavos of the 1868 issue of Bolivia. The color of this stamp is black, in the upper corners is the value and just below the words "Corros de Bolivia" between two curved lines along the bottom of the stamp are the words "Biez Centavos," in the centre is a circle inside which is an oval containing a landscape, arranged semicircularly around the lower part of the oval are several stars, while on top of it is the figure of an eagle just below flags.

Next comes the 180,300 and 600 reis of the 1844 issue of Brazil. They are all black in color. In the centre is an ornamented oval design while surrounding it are several other ornamented oval slightly dissimilar in appearance. In the centre and partially obliterating some of the ovals is the value. The stamp comes inwards at the corners.

We now come to the 3, 4 and 5 peses of the 1858 issue of Buenos Ayres colored green, red and orange respectfully. The design is as follows: In the centre of a transverse oval is a ship, to the right are several trees. Outside the oval is a double oblong with ornaments in the

angles, above is "Correos" and below Buenos Aires, to the left is "Dos-ps" and to the right, "Franco," to large round dots is in each corner.

Now we see the 1859 issue of the stamps of British Guiana. This set comprises a 4, 8 and 12cts. The design is circular bordered on the inside by the words "British Guiana." The value is in the centre.

For the same country in 1851 was issued a one cent red and 4 cents blue. The design consists of a shield on which is a ship, at the sides are the words "British Guiana." There are several more stamps of British Guiana of which we would like to give a description but space forbids.

We will next describe the $2\frac{1}{2}$ centaves black and one pesa rose of the 1861 issue of New Granada. They are rectangular in shape with the word "Correos Nacionales" arranged around the sides and top, along the bottom is the value. Inclosed in a half tinted oblong is an oval band with the words "Estados Unidos de Nueva Granada" arranged around in. On the lower part of the oval are grouped several stars while inside it is shield.

The 1854 issue of Philippine Ids., is the next in order. The stamps of this issue are the 50 orange and 100, carmine. The design is the head of Isabel inclosed in an ornamented oval band. Above is "Correos 1854 Y 55 and below "Franco 5 Cs.

The 2 reis red the 1853 issue of Spain comes next with the exception that the words above are "Correos 1853" the design very much resembles the stamps of Philippine Ids. just described.

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SWEEDEN.—The large size 6 ore card has been issued in double form.

The Parcel Post.

The introduction of a branch for the carriage of parcels in addition to that for the transmission of letters is certainly a bold innovation, but the English Post-office Department has, nevertheless, ventured to undertake it and the new adjunct actually came into operation on the 1st inst. The railway companies, as we showed some months ago, when the project was first before Parliament, made a strong fight against it, but as the Government was determined, and made besides such equitable concessions to the existing parcels' carriers it succeeded in prevailing. When the telegraph system of the country was absorbed by the Government all the latter had to do was to step into the offices vacated by its predecessors and continue the work as left to them. The organization was already completed and in good working order, requiring only such changes as the new proprietary might think it advisable to introduce. But in adding this new parcels' department the Government have an entirely new system to create in the place of finding already a perfected one to succeed to, and they have all their experience to acquire instead of inheriting it. It is too early yet to arrive at any definite idea of the amount of business to be done or the extent to which the facilities offered to the public will develop new business, as the project is yet quite in the experimental stage. In London, where the pressure of business is expected to be greatest, the whole work of of parcel collection and distribution is to be divided among twelve central depots, most of which will be set up in the vicinity of the railway termini. These depots will be for the parcel system what the district stations are for the letter post namely, local centres to which all the parcels of their locality will be conveyed, where they will be assorted, and whence they will be sent to their destination. In order to avoid as far as possible the friction incidental to the initiation of the system, new hands have been practiced in making up and sorting of dummy parcels, and in fact in doing anything that will be required in actual service except the dispatching. In London parcels will be collected and delivered by means of wagons. It is

expected that there will be from three to five deliveries in the metropolis during the day, three in some parts of the city and five in others. Each post town in the United Kingdom is charged with the responsibility of elaborating a delivery and collection machinery for itself. If the new system were intended to be confined to the towns and cities alone, the experiment would not only be unjust to the rest of the community, but would start with a fair certainty of failure. It will, however, like the Post-Office proper, penetrate throughout every nook and corner of the United Kingdom, and will thus, we imagine, soon be recognized as a universal benefit. It is said, nevertheless, that country shop-keepers and small traders everywhere are already contemplating the possible effects of its working with no little alarm, as it is feared it will largely still more centralize trade within the great seats of population. The railways, however have for years past fostered that tendency, and if the present scheme should still further develop it there will be no course but to submit and accept it is as one of the inevitable tendencies of the times and of the widened facilities of communication. Introduced into Canada it would go far to break down the extortionate monopolies of the existing Express Companies, and transfer from their hands enormous profits to fall into the national treasury. Matters, indeed, seem now to be so arranging themselves that the Government will shortly be compelled into taking into its own hands the whole of the existing methods of inter-communication—postals, parcels and telegraphic. The sooner the better:—*Philatelic Courier*.

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On account of not having the time I have been compelled to dispense with the stamp business carried on by myself the past two years and have therefore sold out my entire stock of stamps etc. to Wm. E. Baitzell, of 145 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md., who will still continue it under his name. I hope that all of my old customers will favor Mr Baitzell with an order for I am positive they will find him reliable in every sense of the word. Yours Resp.

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Mr. J. E. Erickson of Washinton, D. C., won the prize for our question in last issue.

Mr. C. E. Green, of Portsmouth, N. H. is a very enthusiastic collector of our hobby.

We would advise *all* collectors to take advantage of our splendid offer on the opposite page.

Mr. C. C. Simmons informs us that he will not publish the Frauds Directory this year as he intended.

The "Western Collector" has the honor of being the smallest stamp paper in the world as it is only $2\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size.

Mr. Geo N. Fownes, of New York will please accept our thanks for the information given us in regard to the "Empire City Philatelist."

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We respectfully refer all of our old customers to Wm. E. Baitzell of Baltimore, Md., as we are positive they will have all their supplies filled in the best manner.

Both the Stamp World and Granite State Philatelist informs us that they will give the philatelic public a grand treat in their Holiday numbers. We hope they may succeed.

The stock formerly owned by the Providence Stamp Co., of Providence, R. I. has been purchased by Charles T. Rothfuchs, of the same city who will still continue it.

The most important and valuable stamp collection in the world belongs to the son of the Dutchess of Galliera. Though it is yet incomplete the stamps alone have cost \$300,000.

The International Dealers Directory to hand, and it cannot be excelled for composition, typographical neatness etc. We advise all who are interested in the advance of philately to obtain a copy.

All collectors wishing to purchase a first class album no matter if the price is 25 cents or \$25. should refer to our advertisements on the second page of cover. They are all of the very latest issues and being marked at the lowest price they cannot help proving satisfactory.

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The publishers of the following mentioned papers will please accept our thanks for the same, Philatelic Monthly, Stamp World, Philatelic Referee, Granite State Philatelist, Old Curiosity Shop, Union Exchange List, Curiosity Collector, The Stamp Collectors Journal, Our Home, Tabernacle Magazine, Fireside Journal, The Comma, Amateur, Bayonne Philatelist, Agents Quarterly, Golden Hours and Philatelic Courier. All publishers finding this notice marked will please infer that we would be pleased to exchange regular with them.

PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

BY A. HARVEY, JR.

What an easy thing it is to grumble! Yet how much easier to praise! In these days of stamp journals, catalogues and albums the collector seldom thinks, if he ever does think, of the trouble to which the earlier votaries of philately were put when the science was yet in its infancy. At that time such a powerful and well organized system of philatelic journalism was never dreamed of. But the collectors of that period saw no difficulty in pursuing their hobby while our more modern philatelists persist in complaining that they receive no encouragement in the pursuit of stamp collecting that the journals of to-day are dry uninteresting sheets and a host of other equally groundless.

Surely the collector can not complain of the price at which stamp papers are offered. One can now obtain a bright readable journal, full of news of a character to interest philatelists and possessing other merits for only twenty five cents a year.

But a no inconsiderable number of philatelists complain that the matter in our journals lacks freshness and originality. This would be remedied if every philatelist would note down such facts as he may think of interest to philatelists and send them to any philatelic paper and no doubt they would be gladly received. This advice has been given before but it does not seem to have been followed. Longevity, as a rule is not a characteristic of philatelic journals. The life of the average paper set down exceeds three years. Many papers live only a year and some, after two or three issues, never appear again. Papers which have lived five years are very, very rare, while there is not one in all America which can truly claim to have been in existence a decade. This does not show much for the future of philatelic journalism.

Now this article has not been written with the view of growling at the whole philatelic world. A few facts—unpleasant facts, perhaps—have been presented for the fair impartial consideration of the stamp collector and, after having given the matter a due share of his consideration he will perhaps acknowledge that stamp papers might receive a little more encouragement than they do.

There are, it is true, many philatelists who earnestly strive to support the philatelic press by every means in their power. These collectors should, and no doubt do, receive the thanks of the entire editorial fraternity. But to the collector who is not a subscriber to any journal we say: think now, if it is worth while to be a philatelist without being informed as to the latest doings of the philatelic world—if the price charged for a stamp paper is exorbitant. If you do, very well let it be so. But use your brains and think.

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The Foreign Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 1.—The Postmaster General has received the annual report of Joseph Blackfan, superintendant of the foreign mails of the operations of his bureau during the fiscal year ended June, 30, 1883. The report shows that the total weight of mails despatched to countries of the postal union, with the exception of Canada, was 2,532,990 pounds, an increase of 329,114 pounds despatched last year. The weight of letter mail was 431,477 pounds, of printed matter and samples of merchandise, 2,051,513, an increase of 67,122 pounds of letters and 261,992 pounds of printed matter over the weight sent last year. Superintendent Blackfan strongly recommends the adoption of the double postal card (for message and answer) for use, in the foreign mails.

The Life of a Postage Stamp.

BY A. H. JR.

If a postage stamp could speak what a curious tale of adventure it would tell! One would hear of travels, adventures and perhaps stirring scenes the whole forming a biography that would rival in interest the best tales of Cooper or Marryat. But as this event is not likely to happen we must try and follow it from its departure from the post office to the close of its career—which latter is generally the waste basket.

It is perhaps, a good thing after all that so many stamps are destroyed, because, if they were not, there would be no room for them all. Of the millions of stamps which are annually passed from the post offices all over the world at least nine-tenths are burned, torn or destroyed through some other agency, and the remaining one-tenth adorn the albums of the collectors of the United States and Europe.

But there are many stamps which are destroyed through the carelessness of the collector and it is to this class that this article is addressed. To increase the life of a postage stamp is an easy thing. Below are given a few of the principal ways in which stamps are destroyed with the remedy for each. In the first place never carry a stamp in your pocket, unless it is in a book or something of the kind because the stamp will crumple. There are more stamps, perhaps, destroyed by this than any other means.

If a stamp should be stuck to another never pull them apart. You may succeed but you will as often fail, allow the stamps to soak in water a short time and you will separate them very easily.

In cases where stamps which lose their color in contact with water the best way is to breathe on them and pull them apart while you do so. But you must be very careful in doing this as such stamps are very easily destroyed.

Never buy stamps in quantities of five or ten thousand for purpose of exchange as the stamps are apt to be destroyed or lost for want of proper facilities for keeping them.

When in exchanging stamps give torn ones for good. This is not only dishonorable but will be sure to operate against you in your future dealings.

If a valuable stamp should by accident be crumpled dampen it and place it between the leaves of a book and allow it to remain some time. This remedy seldom fails.

Finally never allow your album or stamps to remain where they are to be lost or destroyed. By a close observance of the above you will be astonished to see how easy a thing it is to collect stamps.

Philatelic Items.

Pennsylvania has the largest number of post-offices of any state in the Union, and Lancaster county has the largest number of any county in the United States.

A letter mailed in San Francisco on the afternoon of October 10, reached London October 25—just fifteen days afterward.

Post office officials object to reduction of drop-letter postage to one cent. There were in the United States during the past fiscal year 154 free delivery offices. Of this number only fourteen paid expenses, and only one—New York—shows a surplus. Should a reduction be made, therefore, "drop" letters would have to be carried at a loss.

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NEW ISSUES.

BELGIUM.—The portrait of King Leopold is the same on all, but the framework differs in each value. They are as follows,—

1 centime,	red,
2 centimes,	yellow,
5 "	green,
10 "	carmine,
20 "	gray,
25 "	blue,
50 "	violet,
1 franc,	lilac,
2 francs,	brown.

BAHAMAS.—A new double 1½ penny card, is in use, carmine on buff.

CASHMERE.—A ⅛ anna has lately been described.

NEVIS.—A penny stamp cut in half, and surcharged "NEVIS ½d." in small type.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Owing to the exhaustion of some of the current stamps, and awaiting the arrival of more, the old type has come into use again, thus,

1½ rels,	black,
4½ "	yellow-green,
6 "	green,

PERU.—A new Arequipa provisional has appeared, 10 centavos, blue.

SURINAM.—There is in use now a double 5 cent card, violet on green.

SIAM.—We have seen the new set of Siam, and must say are very pretty; they are as follows:

1-16 fyang,	blue,
⅛ "	carmine,
¼ "	vermilion,
1 sig,	orange,
1 salyng,	yellow.

The postal card is valued at ⅛ fyang.

ST. VINCENT.—There has been issued a 5 shilling, red.

VIRGIN ISLES.—The color of the ½ penny is changed to green, and the 1 penny to rose.

UNITED STATES.—The two cent stamped envelope, issued October 1st, has a currency of only one month, being replaced by a better engraved die. These are certain to be scarce very soon.

CUTS.

We shall not use any more Cuts, and the **PHILATELIC MONTHLY** and **GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST** will not.

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Some Things About Stamps.

BY W. K. J.

It is not my intention to enter into any lengthy description of Postage Stamps, but merely to tell a few interesting facts, which may not be known to most collectors.

The first attempt at prepaying letters by means of stamps or labels was made in 1653. A certain Monsieur De Velayer started a private carrier delivery for letters and parcels. A paper band, bearing the words "Postpaid the — day of — 1653.", was put round the article sent. These bands were sold by porters of colleges and at convents. Boxes were placed on street corners into which the articles were put. The people never became accustomed to this mode and the labels were soon abandoned. The next appearance of stamps for public postage was in 1759, when another Frenchman, named De Chamouset, instituted a city post for Paris. The Government soon noticed the success of this enterprise and confiscated the post, giving De Chamouset an annual pension of \$4000. Owing to poor management, however, the stamps shortly disappeared. I have spoken of these early efforts at prepaying postage by means of stamps to give the collector an idea of the first attempts at what is now a great system. There were no government stamps for public postage until the British issue of 1840, introduced by the efforts of Rowland Hill, to whom the Science of Philately owes its existence.

There are many stamps of odd and curious designs, the best known being those of Egypt, bearing the Sphinx and Pyramids. Stamps were first issued in Egypt by Muzzi Bey, in 1865. The first issues of Nevis are of a unique pattern. Instead of the tiresome Queen's head which does not at all resemble Her Majesty, they represent Hygeia, the Goddess of Health, engaged in her benevolent labors. The stamps of Shanghai are embellished with a hideous Chinese dragon, those of Cabul and other cities of Afghanistan with a cat's head, and so on. As the designs of the United States stamps interest us more than any others I will speak of a few whose subjects are not, perhaps, known to all collectors.

The stamps of the 1869 issue bear the following designs;

- 1 c. Portrait of Franklin.
- 2 c. Pony Express.
- 3 c. Locomotive.
- 6 c. Portrait of Washington.
- 10 c. Am. Eagle and Shield.
- 12 c. Mail Steamer.
- 15 c. Landing of Columbus.
- 24 c. Signing of the Dec. of Indep.
- 30 c. Am. Eagle and Shield.
- 90 c. Portrait of Lincoln.

The portraits on the higher values of the 1870 and '71 issue are not generally known and it may be well to repeat them here. On the denominations above 3 cts. they are as follows;

- 6 c. Abraham Lincoln.
- 7 c. Ex-Sec. of War Stanton.
- 10 c. Thomas Jefferson.
- 12 c. Henry Clay.
- 15 c. Daniel Webster.
- 24 c. Gen. Winfield Scott.
- 30 c. Alexander Hamilton.
- 90 c. Com. O. H. Perry.

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Hoping that he may make it one of the best mediums of our interesting hobby and thanking *all* of my kind friends for the support they gave me while in the ranks, I remain

Yours Resp.,

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1407 N. 12th St. Phila., Pa.

Comments.

We now present to you the Jan. number of the News, and hope that it will be received as warmly as when Mr. Schwartz had charge of it.

Owing to the transferring of the paper we have not been able to get it out until now, so we hope you will excuse us. Hereafter the News will appear promptly on the first of the month.

There was no Dec. No., but all subscribers will receive 12 copies.

A good many will in this number find slips. We hope you will all sign your name, as desired and return the slip.

We have received W. F. Greany's new catalogue and it is a very good one

All collectors, whether beginners or advanced, should have a directory, and the International Dealers Directory contains a very complete list of all kinds of dealers. See ad.

We are sorry to learn that Gruat & Bonn have taken a back seat and gone to forging stamps.

Max Henry Lowinger informs us that he is on Feb. 15th to publish The Globe.

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All publishers finding this notice marked will please infer that we would be pleased to exchange regularly with them.

Coins; How to Collect Them.

BY F. W. D.

The collecting of coins has become a science, and perhaps no more pleasing one can be imagined than this which we call Numismatics.

Coins have in all ages been to students of history the certain and infallible guide to the events of the past. Books might exaggerate and misrepresent, historians deliberately falsify, but coins seldom or never carry inscriptions or representations which are other than the truth.

They are therefore of immense assistance to the historical student, as affording comparative evidence as to the reigns of kings and the foundation and overthrow of governments which can always be relied on.

Coin collecting is as old as time. We have the most positive evidence that the ancient Greeks fully appreciated the magnificent art work executed on their coins, and themselves made and carefully preserved large collections of the same. In fact such collections have been actually found, the pieces being in such a high state of preservation as to offer positive proof that they had never circulated as money.

The point of interest however to the collector just entering the field is not so much what *has* been done by others, as what *can* be done by himself.

Coins are divided into three groups, Ancient, Mediæval and Modern.

The first includes all pieces from the earliest times to the fall of the Roman Empire. The second, from the beginning of the sixth century to the end of the fifteenth, and the third and last from the year 1500 down to the present time.

Now the proper way to form a collection of coins is to start with some definite aim in view and adhere manfully to it. Determine what you will collect and bend your energies toward perfection in your particular line. Never refuse an opportunity to procure a good coin, but if it does not belong to your series use it to gain one which does.

Which shall it be then, Ancient, Mediæval or Modern? Ancient coins are the most interesting as they not only offer the advantage of affording the most extended historical field but are true antiques, of workmanship and artistic

merit, which in many instances has never been equalled even at the present day.

Ancient coins are divided as follows:—1st Greek and Greek Colonial. These are the oldest coins known and begin with those of the little island of Ægina about 800 B. C. and extend down to the period when Greece was overpowered by the Romans. 2d. Roman and Roman Colonial. This series is by far the most prominent of all. It offers an unbroken line of sovereigns for five hundred years, covering some of the most remarkable events in the world's history, which events this wonderful people invariably chronicled upon their coins, making it a metallic record of the occurrences of each reign and an invaluable companion to the student of history.

Greek coins are largely in silver and gold although some bronze was employed. In Rome the standard was bronze and silver and gold the exception. In fact the Romans for a long period coined no gold, and had but one silver coin the Denarius, a little piece of about the value of eighteen cents in our currency.

There are several other classes of ancient coin of more or less interest. The Egyptian, which began with Ptolemy Soter the follower of Alexander the Great, who took Egypt upon the death of that conqueror.

The Syrian, under the Seleucidæ, the descendants of another of Alexander's generals;—the Parthian, Bactrian, Indo-Scythic, Carthaginian and Phœnician, all of which are interesting in their way.

Ancient coins are in some cases easily and cheaply obtained, and in others command high prices according to their rarity and interest.

A complete set of the Roman Emperors can be made with one or two exceptions for a very moderate cost. Great care however must be taken to avoid counterfeits of which there are many, not only of the coins themselves, but in many instances positive fabrications of pieces which never had existence save in the fertile brain of their unscrupulous maker.

Mediæval coins fill an interesting position between ancient and modern times. They include the Byzantine series, or coins of the East-

ern Empire founded by Constantine, coins of the French barons, early English kings, of the Visigoths and Moors in Spain, the Caliphs of Bagdad which recall the charms of the Arabian Nights, of Haroun-al-Raschid and his faithful vizier, the petty German States, Principalities and Free Cities, the old Norse sea rovers and the prelates of the Rhine.

Here is a field almost without limit, but it is one which we cannot recommend to the beginner, for the coins for the most part are expensive and obscure, and are better designed to afford pleasure to the advanced student than to the young collector.

Modern coins, however offer a totally different field. Here is the true province of the beginner, but it is a large one, and which branch of it shall he choose?

Shall he confine himself to the American series, and get up sets of cents of different dates, dollars, half dollars and dimes?

Or, shall he collect the store-cards and tradesman's issues of our country, giving place to tokens of Brown's Boot and Shoe Store at Oshkosh, or Smith's Rag and Bottle Shop at Squash Hollow?

Shall he take up the Colonial Series of the country, and pay fabulous prices (as he will have to do if he desires to approach anything like perfection) for rare and unique specimens?

Or, pursuing our inquiry still further, shall he devote his time and money to find European coins and foreign silver generally, form a rich and expensive cabinet to fall a prey to thieves or be destroyed by fire?

Could we advise the beginner, we should say: "No, young man, not any of these things." The collection of dates teaches nothing, and profits nothing but money; and he who collects coins for gain can never become a numismatist in the true sense of the word.

The collection of individual tokens and tradesmen's cards is well enough in its way, but the information it affords is of but little value. The collecting of silver is work for millionaires.

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and which is entirely within the means of anyone who is in circumstances to collect coins at all.

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Here is a field which far surpasses the mere gathering of dates, which at best is nothing more than a selfish desire to possess something that your neighbor has not got, and it is one almost limitless in extent. It is of no use to attempt to complete the series of modern copper, and therein lies its greatest charm. New discoveries are constantly being made, new gems ever being obtained.

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The writer began to collect foreign copper coins when a boy at school, and has never during twenty years spent an amount of money which had an appreciable effect upon a very moderate income, and yet he has today a collection of about seven thousand specimens.

Anyone can do likewise: let those who will pay high prices for cents, half-dollars and rare American coins;—after they have obtained them they have not added one whit to their store of knowledge. Buy five dollars worth of promiscuous foreign copper, carefully study it, and you will be astonished at the information you have gained.

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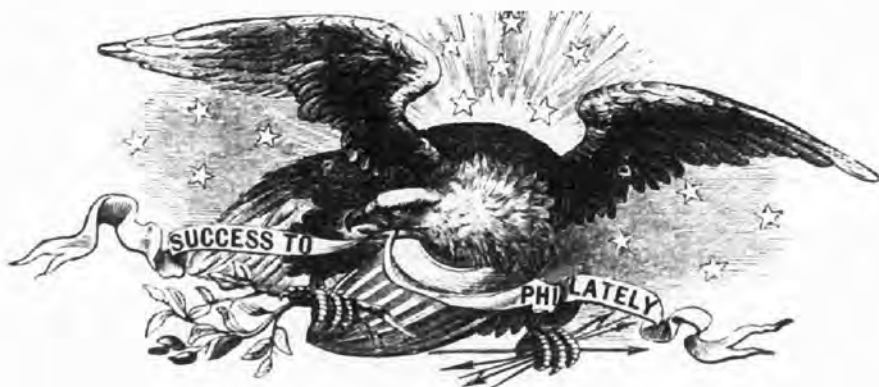
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SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Three new values are reported to be in preparation, viz: 25 cents, lilac; 50 cents, red, and \$1.00 carmine. The 25 cents will bear a representation of a statue of Kamehameha I; the 50 cents will have the head of Kalakua and the highest value a portrait of Queen Emma.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The penny card has been emitted in double form.

ST. LUCIA.—A 1 penny card has been issued, carmine on buff.

SWITZERLAND.—We have received specimens of the double 5 centime card printed on the 1st and 4th sides.

TOBAGO.—Double $1\frac{1}{2}$ penny cards are in use.

TURKEY.—The set of stamps for internal use (large surcharge) has been completed by the issue of the 5 piastres, blue and 25 piastres, lilac.

UNITED STATES.—A new stamp of Wells Fargo & Co. consisting of a representation of a railroad train, with a pony express rider in a circle on the right. The dates 1852-1883 are in ovals and the inscription is as follows: "Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express—Domestic Frank—Paid Over All Our Lines Within the United States."

URUGUAY.—A provisional 5 centesimos stamp has been made by surcharging the old green 5 centavos, "1883 Provisorio." An entire new series is said to have been ordered from the American Bank Note Co.

VICTORIA.—A new penny card is said to have been issued, rose on buff.

The Native Stamp-Issuing States of India.

BY W. K. J.

The stamps of the native states of India are among the most curious stamps known. Most of them are entirely different from other stamps in design, shape and size. Many are very rare, and all of them are of interest to the collector. It is therefore, worth the while to know something about the strange land from whence they come.

The entire area of India is about 1,528,000 square miles. Nepal is not usually included as a part of India in the common sense of the term but as a matter of convenience it will be so treated in this article and, therefore, comprised in the statistics following. Cabul, Candahar and the other cities of Afghanistan are not situated in India, though they are reckoned among the semi-independent states by some album publishers. As Afghanistan differs greatly from India in many respects, it cannot like Nepal be included under the same general head. Hence Afghanistan will not be mentioned again.

The British own over half of India and protect or oversee most of the rest, which is called the semi-independent states. British India is about the size of the Argentine Republic. The native states are, altogether, about as large as Texas and Alaska and have a population of something over fifty-six millions. There are, so far as known to the writer, fourteen states which have issued postage stamps. They are as follows: Alwar, Bhopal, Bhore, Cashmere, Deccan, Faridkot, Jhind, or Rampour, Nepal, Nowanuggur, Punjab, Rajpore, Scinde, Sirmoor and Sorouth. The principal of these fourteen are Cashmere, Deccan, Nepal and Punjab, to which Scinde may be added.

Cashmere is nearly as large as the states of Florida and Rhode Island combined. The capital of the country is Serinagur and its first issue of stamps was in 1860. None of the stamps of Cashmere are very common and some of the early ones are quite rare. I recently saw a price-list which advertised five varieties of Cashmere

stamps for ten cents. They were undoubtedly forgeries.

Deccan is a general name given to the lower half of India and is not a single state. Most of it belongs to the British, part to the French and Portuguese, and the rest to various petty princes. Stamps for this region were introduced in 1866.

Nepal is an independent native kingdom in the Himalaya Mountains and has an area of 53,000 square miles or, in other words, is nearly the same size as the state of Wisconsin.

The capital of Nepal is Khatmandoo, a place which corresponds in population to the city of Toledo, Ohio. The country is inhabited by a race of people called Goorkhas. Nepal has but lately adopted the use of postage stamps. The set is as follows:

- 1882 issue.
- 1 anna, blue.
- 2 annas, purple.
- 4 " green.

Punjab is a large district in Northwestern India with an area which about equals that of the state of Colorado. It was formerly ruled by a Hindoo maharajah, but was conquered by the British in 1849. Since then it has been under the administration of a lieutenant-governor appointed in England. The capital of Punjab is Lahore. The authorities of this province issued a set of postage stamps seven or eight years ago, but as they were not recognized by the English government, these stamps were never in full circulation and were soon dropped from the stamp catalogues.

Scinde (sometimes written Sindh) a province south of Punjab, was also ruled by native princes until 1843, when it was annexed to the British dominions. One solitary stamp of the denomination of one-half anna was issued for use in this state in 1851.

The latest addition to the stamp issuing states of India is Faridkot, a small protected state, with an area of only 600 square miles. It is ruled by a rajah and is the happy possessor of two stamps, both of them blue. Let us hope that other of the divisions of India will follow the example of Faridkot and provide for the prepayment of postage by means of stamps.

Exchange Department.

NOTICE.—All exchanges must be in by the 10th of the preceding month. Must not contain over 35 words. Any subscriber can use this column by having an exchange in every month. None who are not subscribers can have an exchange.

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I want U. S. Revenues of any kind not in my collection, medals, and the following U. S. coins:

Half-cents—'5, '7, '10, '34, '49, '50, '53, '54, '55, '56, '57, et. of '11, two-ct. of '73, nickel fives—'77, '78, nickels threes—'77, '78, '82, '83, half-dimes—'29, '73, '64, '66, '67, '68, dimes—'5, '7, '23, '25, '28, '46, '63, '66, '79—for which I will give birds' eggs, minerals, coins, stamps or fine proof medals. Dealers, send price-list of revenues or medals.

W. P. YOUNG, Box 1594, Portsmouth, N. H.

W. S. Ridley, Brooklyn, N. Y., has bought out the stock of the Brooklyn Stamp Co., of that city and will continue it under the same name. He will not send out the "Brooklyn Packet" as it did not contain five-hundred varieties, but will issue a better one at the same price.

The Diamond Stamp Co., of West Winsted, Conn., are agents for this paper.

The Nickel Stamp Co., of West Winsted, Conn., have sold out.

The Garfield Envelopes.

[Philatelic Monthly.]

There has been a good deal of discussion about the 5-cent stamped envelopes, bust of Garfield, on blue and fawn paper, some even going so far as to say that they were nothing but fancy impressions. The envelopes were not issued for several months after the adhesives made their appearance; perhaps not over six weeks before the expiration of the contract of 1878-82. At some time during this six weeks two hundred of these envelopes on fawn and two hundred fifty on blue were received by a certain post-office, in the regular way, and were sold in the usual way, most of them being purchased by a gentleman who is well known to us, and who, it seems, had a presentiment that these sizes would be abolished. They were; for No. 3 blue and No. 7 fawn had been so little called for in the past, that the Department decided to discontinue them at the expiration of the contract; and on the schedule issued on January 1st, they will not be found. The time (six weeks) we name is merely a supposition, as we do not know exactly how long it was between the appearance of the Garfield envelopes and the expiration of the contract under which they were made; but this we do know that the envelopes on blue and fawn paper were regularly made and supplied in the usual way to a post office and sold at that office, just as other envelopes are sold.

A GRAND OFFER.

Having made arrangements with JOHN M. HUBBARD of the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST (one of the best papers in the world), I will give (to increase the already large circulation of the News) the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST and the NEWS one year, post free, for only 35 cts. This is an offer that you should answer quickly. Good only till May 1st.

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Comments.

We are not out on the first of the month because we were unavoidably delayed in getting the permit to enter the News as second-class mail matter.

The *Stamp World* is to retain its cover, which improves its appearance 50 per cent.

In answer to W. C. and others, we would say that you need not be afraid to send us your manuscript. We will look it over and if we think that it is worth publishing we will keep it, and if not, we will return it.

The *Western Collector* has changed its name to the *Golden State Philatelist*, and has enlarged its size to $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Collectors should send for sample copy. Remember the address; Eureka Publishing Co., Box 380, Sacramento, Cal.

We would advise all collectors who wish to obtain a fine specimen of the 1 or 2 cent stamp of the 1869 issue of the U. S., to send to F. Y. Jones, Media, Pa., for one of his approval sheets. He will use the stamps of the 1869 issue on every sheet sent out, thus giving away rare stamps.

The new editions of the stamp catalogues of L. W. Durbin and Scott & Co. are both out and are models of accuracy and neatness.

We have seen the stock of James H. Daffy, and would say that he can send out some very good stamps.

In this No. we introduce an Exchange List, and we hope that it will be appreciated by all subscribers.

Our Contemporaries.

The publishers of the following mentioned papers will please accept our thanks for the same. *Philatelic Monthly*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Referee*, *Granite State Philatelist*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Golden State Philatelist*, *Old Curiosity Shop*, *Union Exchange List*, *Curiosity Collector*, *The Stamp Collector's Journal*, *Our Home*, *Amateur*, *Bayonne Philatelist*, *Philatelic Courier*, *Philatelic Headlight*, *Agent's Star*, *The Magazine of Philately*, *National Philatelist*, *Nashville Coin News*, *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News* and *California Philatelist*.

All publishers finding this notice marked will please infer that we would be pleased to exchange regularly with them.

Stamps of the Suez Canal Co.

BY C. F. R.

Who has ever seen a letter or parcel from Suez Canal franked with stamps of Suez Canal Co.? I have never seen a used specimen.

A resident of Suez informs me that he has never heard of any stamps being issued by the Suez Canal Co. and considered it absurd to ask for such stamps.

They are illustrated and advertised as genuine originals in some of the leading catalogues and price-lists published by many dealers who are considered honest and reliable.

If there are any who can, they will greatly oblige the Philatelic public by giving correct and full information through your Magazine whether they were issued by the above named Company and if they have ever seen any letters or parcels franked with the stamps of Suez Canal Co.

A New Departure.

BY P. LA T.

The fact that a prominent dealer in postage stamps has inaugurated a new departure by advertising Telegraph franks and labels is a serious one to collectors.

The tendency of going to extremes has always been marked among Philatelists, the collecting of shades, varieties of perforation and water-marks has already been carried to such an excess that a modern advanced collection of stamps will embrace many that will have to be critically examined to distinguish the trifling differences between them. We do not take upon ourselves to criticise this as it is the means of a great many beautiful varieties being preserved, but we think that collectors should all rise and protest against degrading the beautiful art of Philately by attaching any importance whatsoever to such utter rubbish as is now being forced on the Philatelic public by the aforementioned dealer. There is absolutely no more connection between a Telegraph frank or label and a postage or revenue stamp than there is between a Brooklyn Bridge Medal and a twenty dollar bill. The Rapid Telegraph Co.'s labels used

in their offices answered the purpose of a check on their employes and those that were attached to unpaid telegrams represented the amount to be collected from the receiver;—there is no reason why they should be thought of twice except as a nice piece of engraving and perforating.

But to get to the true inwardness of cataloguing these, a person must know that the party who advertises them has a monopoly, having bought in the whole stock when the Telegraph Company changed hands, and, having some Western Union franks, included them also, leaving all similar franks of other Companies out in the cold, entirely ignored. This certainly shows a laudable (?) spirit of speculation, but should Philatelists leave the well defined Government issues to buy what is not collectable or desirable, with the certain knowledge that if at any time they wish to dispose of their collections their franks would be virtually unsalable, for at an auction sale held in New York this winter a number of franks were offered for sale and brought absurdly low prices,—a few cents each—showing our advanced collectors are not to be caught by such chaff. Let all collectors unite in advancing Philately by ignoring such utter trash.

Another Forgery-Monger.

We recently saw a modest little ad. in a well known youths' paper which said that the ATLAS STAMP CO., STATION A., Boston, Mass., would sell 15 varieties of Sandwich Island stamps for 20 cents. Out of curiosity to see what these would be, we sent at once and received the stamps which purported to be the early issues of that country. They were sent for examination to L. W. Durbin of Philadelphia, and he pronounced them *counterfeit*. A set of Buenos Ayres, also bogus, was bought of this firm. These stamps were cancelled and postmarked, yet gummed. They would be worth if genuine, \$5.25 by the catalogue, yet they were sold for the sum of 12 cents. Who could possibly be gulled by any such stuff? They offered many other stamps at about 5 per cent. of their value, but this is enough to show what sort of a concern the Atlas Stamp Co. is.

British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

BY G.

British Columbia was the first Canadian province organized on the Pacific Coast, Vancouver is embraced under British Columbia and with this it has about 235,000 sq. miles of bold sea-coast, mountain ranges as well as rich fertile valleys. It owes its rise to the emigration of gold diggers in 1856 and in 1874 it is said to have produced \$1,072,500 of gold.

As explorations were carried on farther into the interior it was found that much gold could be got from those regions.

In 1861 its first papers were printed and its first stamps issued. The papers were called the *British Colonist* and the *New Westminster Times*. In this year they issued only one stamp, a 2½ pence pink. It is quite rare and many catalogues do not have it priced at all; it is unperforated.

The next issue was in 1865 when three more stamps made their appearance:

- 5 cent, rose.
- 10 " blue.
- 3 pence, blue.

The 5 and 10 cent were not perforated, while the 3 pence was.

Many collectors (new beginners) have when taking a hurried look at the two stamps of the 1865 issue called them the one penny and two pence Jamaica of the 1870-75 issue.

The stamps of the 1868 issue are the same as the third of the 1865, all being sucharged.

They are as follows:

- 2 cents, brown.
- 5 " red.
- 10 " pink.
- 25 " orange.
- 50 " violet.
- 1 dollar, green.

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resentative institutions, both in its local parliament and that of the Dominion, and has its own Lieutenant Government.

Two-Cent Postage.

BY N. L. C.

The pessimists who objected to the two-cent postage act on the ground that it would hopelessly deplete the revenues, closed their eyes to the plain historic facts about cheap postage. For instance, in 1845, single letters were charged five cents for every distance under 300 miles, the added rate on more than one sheet being retained; double letters were charged double postage. In 1851 the rate was reduced to three cents for 3000 miles. Each reduction was followed by a temporary decline in receipts as compared with expenditures, but ultimately there was a large increase in receipts. During the fiscal year 1874 the issue of postal cards was 91,079,000 (ninety-one million) and during the year ending June 30, 1874 the issue was 315,498,000.

The officials at the Post Office Department believe that any decrease of revenue following the reduction of letter postage one-third, will be made up in less than three years. Even in England where there is a much smaller population, and less mail correspondence the number of prepaid letters mailed increased from the year 1871 to 1881 from 867,000,000 to 1,227,000,000.

Our Post Office revenues yielded a surplus of nearly a million dollars last year. Of course it is desirable that the government should cover the expenses of mail transportation, but even if this cannot be done, the "general welfare" must be consulted. Cheap postage must be given to the people, whether the process is profitable to the government or not.

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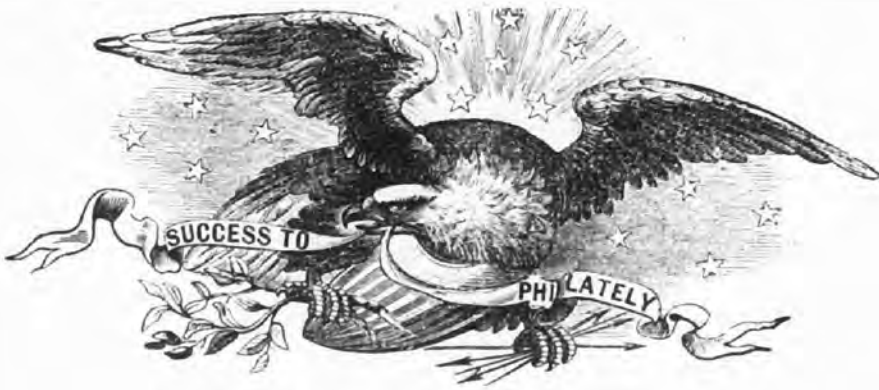
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CYPRUS.

BY W. K. J.

The island of Cyprus is situated in the north-eastern corner of the Mediterranean Sea. It is about 145 miles long in its longest part, and its greatest width is nearly 60 miles. It is exceeded in area by but two of the Mediterranean islands,—Sicily and Sardinia. The area of Cyprus is 3678 square miles and its population is estimated at from 135,000 to 200,000 inhabitants. The island is somewhat mountainous and was famous in early times for its copper and silver mines. There were also, and are still, extensive salt works there.

In ancient times the chief city of the country was Salamis. At present, the principal town and center of trade is Larnica. Nicosia (sometimes written Lefkosia), an inland town about twice as large as Larnica, is the capital and has been driving the last four centuries.

Cyprus was a Persian possession from very early times and, with the exception of a few short intervals, remained under the Persian power till the conquest of Alexander the Great. After the death of Alexander, the country belonged to the Egyptian kingdom and continued under the sway of the Ptolemies until the year 58 B. C., when it was taken by the Romans. The island formed a province of the Roman empire for nearly 1250 years. The Saracens gained possession of it several times but it was always recovered by the empire. In 1184 Cyprus was made an independent kingdom by a Byzantine prince and for three centuries the island enjoyed home rule. In the year 1570 it was captured by the Turks, who retained it until the Berlin Treaty of 1878, which gave it to the English.

For use in this island, the British government, in 1880 surcharged the following stamps of Great Britain with the word "Cyprus."

1880 issue,
 ½ penny, red.
 1 " red.
 2½ pence, claret.
 4 " green.
 6 " slate.
 1 shilling, green.

In the following year, the first mentioned stamp was superseded by the one penny red, surcharged "half-penny" across the lower part. It was thought expedient to change the values of the postage stamps into the current money of the country, which is the same as in Turkey and Egypt. The scale is:

3 aspers = 1 para,
 40 paras = 1 piaster.

Therefore the one penny red was surcharged "30 paras." Soon after an entire new set was issued. The design is the same as all the recent British Colonial issues.

1881 issue,
 ½ piaster, green,
 1 " rose,
 2 piasters, blue,
 4 " bistre,
 6 " brown.

In 1882, the one piaster rose was surcharged 30 paras and used provisionally in place of the one issued in 1881. A permanent stamp of this denomination appeared after a little, and is still in use. The half-piaster of 1881 is quite common surcharged "½" in black. Cyprus has three newspaper bands and two registered letter envelopes. The first of these, issued in 1880, is the second British one of 1878, surcharged "Cyprus." The other registered envelope was issued in 1881 and was especially designed for this colony. So much for the stamps of Cyprus.

This interesting island is of importance to the numismatist as well as the philatelist. Some Greek and many Roman imperial coins are found in Cyprus. Coins of Alexander the Great and of the Syrian monarchs also occur. There is a set of coins of the independent kingdom of Cyprus, many of which are still obtainable.

But this ancient island is of more interest to antiquarians than to any other class of students. A considerable number of antiquities had been discovered in past years, but the great fame of Cyprus is derived from the time when Gen. Di Cesnola, the American consul at Larnica, unearthed the tombs and temples of the buried city of Golgos. Here were found innumerable

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Exchange Department.

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Fitchburg, Mass., U. S. A.

Comments.

In the last number of the NEWS we exposed the Atlas Stamp Co. In this number we expose T. C. CUMMINGS, 4 DERNE ST., BOSTON, MASS. who advertises 100 genuine Confederate stamps all different, for 15 cents.

How is that, when there are only 56 in the first place and those worth many dollars?

Many collectors have been puzzled by the values of the Siamese stamps. For the benefit of all collectors we publish the following comparative table of Siamese money.

2 solots = 1 att,
2 atts = 1 siao,
2 siaos = 1 sik,
2 siks = 1 fyang,
2 fyangs = 1 salyng.

A salyng is about 16 cents in U. S. money. We propose to give all subscribers a stamp free, with each number after this.

We have been asked by a subscriber the meaning of the initials so often seen written with pen and ink upon the stamps of India.

In reply we would state that they are the initials of the writer of the letter. Letters at a distance from any post-office are collected by a postman. These officials are very deceitful, and would remove the stamps from the envelope, sell it and throw the letter away.

Therefore the government allows letterwriters to place their initials upon the stamps, though stamps so treated in the U. S. would be called cancelled.

We notice that Bro. Hubbard of the *Granite State Philatelist* has introduced a coin department into his paper. If he can make it as interesting as the rest of his journal, it will certainly prosper.

All subscribers will note that they receive a stamp here.

If not drop a postal to us.

Our Contemporaries.

The publishers of the following mentioned papers will please accept our thanks for the same. *Philatelic Monthly*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Referee*, *Granite State Philatelist*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Golden State Philatelist*, *Old Curiosity Shop*, *Union Exchange List*, *Curiosity Collector*, *The Stamp Collector's Journal*, *Our Home*, *Amateur*, *Bayonne Philatelist*, *Philatelic Courier*, *Philatelic Headlight*, *Agent's Star*, *The Magazine of Philately*, *National Philatelist*, *Nashville Coin News*, *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News*, *California Philatelist*, *Philatelic World*, *The Youths of America* and *Bay State World*.

All publishers finding this notice marked will please infer that we would be pleased to exchange regularly with them.

PORTUGAL, ITS COLONIES AND THEIR STAMPS.

BY GEN. D.

I suppose that most of the readers of this paper know something about Portugal, but I am going to write about Portuguese possessions and the stamps of those possessions and so I have thought it best to begin with Portugal proper.

It is a kingdom of Europe occupying the southwestern part of the Iberian peninsula. Its length from north to south is 360 miles, its breadth 130 miles and the area is 34,600 square miles; or in other words, about the size of the state of Maine. The capital of Portugal is Lisbon and is the chief city of that country. In the eighth century it was conquered by the Arabs or Moors from whom it was partly recovered by Alfonso VI., king of Leon and Castile, toward the close of the eleventh century. In the year 1095 he gave the country between the Minho and the Douro to his son-in-law Henry of Burgundy. He died in the year 1112 and was succeeded by Dom Alfonso who in the year 1139 defeated the Arabs or Moors in a great battle on the plains of Ourique near the Tagus. From this battle the Portuguese date the foundation of their kingdom. Dom Alfonso having been declared king on the field of victory.

I think that the reader now understands how it became a kingdom. Therefore I will now proceed to speak about all the stamps of Portugal.

Portugal was the fifth country of Europe to issue postage stamps and the first stamps were issued by that country in 1853 during the reign of Queen Maria. They were as follows:

- 5 reis, chocolate.
- 25 " blue.
- 50 " yellow.
- 100 " lilac.

The above stamps were all different, but they were alike in shape and each had the head of the queen on it. I may here state that all the stamps issued up to 1866 were different for each value of the issue. Thus this is a safeguard from counterfeits, and the collector that sees two different values of the same issue alike, may know one is a counterfeit.

In 1855 there was the second issue. It was like the 1853 issue in shape, but contained the head of Pedro in place of that of Queen Maria. They were the same as the 1853 issue in value and colors. In the following year (1856) there were two stamps issued. They were

- 5 reis, brown.
- 25 " blue.

In 1858 a 25 reis, rose, was issued. For four years there were no new issues but in 1862 5 values were issued as follows:

- 5 reis, brown,
- 10 " yellow.
- 25 " rose.
- 50 " green.
- 100 " lilac.

In 1870 there was one stamp issued, a 240 reis, mauve.

In 1881, the kingdom becoming dissatisfied with the 1866 issue, issued eight values, which I think, contained the best designs ever issued by that country.

They were of the following values:

- 5 reis, black.
- 10 " yellow.
- 20 " bistre.
- 25 " rose.
- 50 " green.
- 80 " orange.
- 100 " lavender.
- 120 " blue.

In 1873 one more stamp was added to the above set, namely, a 240 reis, mauve.

In 1875 the kingdom added a 15 reis, blue, to the 1871 issue. Again the following year, it added two more values, namely, a 150 reis, blue, and 300 reis, mauve; thus twelve stamps of different values had the same designs.

In the same year (1876) a 2½ reis, olive, was issued. The design on this stamp was very simple and could easily be counterfeited; but, happily it is not.

In 1879 two stamps were issued, namely:

- 10 reis, green.
- 50 " blue.

The first Portuguese envelope stamps appeared this year. [Continued in next No.]

statues, inscriptions ornaments. Previous to his excavations at Golgos, Cesnola dug up many small idols in the vicinity of Larnica. Three of these are before me as I write. They are made of baked clay and are commonly called terra cottas. They are the detached heads of images of the goddess Venus, once worshipped by the Cyprians. About 1100 years ago, the heads of all idols were broken off by order of the Eastern emperor. On this account no whole specimens could be obtained. Such heads as have been found are in a very perfect condition, considering their material and the time they have been in the earth. The small rosettes on the head dresses can be distinctly seen.

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Our standard (?) catalogues are all full of errors, serving more to show the stock-in-trade of the compiler than "A correct list of all the postage stamps ever issued by any government in the world.

"There is no time like the present." Now is the time to correct past errors. We are now laying the foundation of a future science and it is of the utmost importance that it should be unshaken. If not, then will Philately in the future become a "Lost Art." Philately is on a decline! I care not who disputes it;—it is a self-evident fact, and one that we cannot evade. We have looked in vain to the Press to revive it. And we now come to the grave question Is there a remedy? This I answer in one word *Societies, COLLECTORS' SOCIETIES!* let these be formed everywhere where there are three Philatelists.

Let them diligently seek the "Truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," and when they have found it, record it; their records are our future hope and a brilliant future awaits the Philatelist that publishes it in its simplicity, for "Truth is mighty and must prevail."

New Issues.

ANTIGUA.—The *Philatelic World* mentions a new 1d. stamp of the De la Rue type, rose color.

BULGARIA.—The 10 centimes post-card has been changed to a double one.

BRAZIL.—We have seen the 80 reis and 100 reis double cards.

FRANCE.—The higher values of the unpaid stamps have appeared in lilac.

FIJI ISLANDS.—A four Penny stamp has appeared with "V. R." engraved on it.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The *Philatelic Monthly* note that the new stamps which have long been looked for, are now being issued. They are as follows:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ Penny, Purple-black;
1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 Pence, Lilac;
4, 5, 6 and 9 Pence, Green;
1 Shilling, Green, 2 S. 6d. Lilac;
5 Shilling, Carmine; 10 S. Blue;
1 £, Violet; 5 £, Orange.

HONGKONG.—The color of the 10 cent has been changed to Green.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The 2 cent envelope has been surcharged "O. S."

SPAIN.—Six postals have been issued of the denominations:

5 centimos.
10 "
15 "

all double in form.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—The color of the penny stamp has been changed to bright Rose.

ST. VINCENT.—Another provisional is reported; "Half-penny" on a half of a six penny.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. — Provisional half-penny stamps have been made by surcharging penny stamps " $\frac{1}{2}$ " in red.

Salvador and its Stamps.

BY W. K. J.

The Republic of Salvador is the smallest of the Central American states, and lies on the Pacific coast. It is bounded on the north by Honduras; on the east by Fonseca bay, which separates it from Nicaragua; on the south by the Pacific ocean; and on the west by the Pazo river, which separates it from Guatemala. This country, like its neighbors, is mountainous and has sixteen active volcanoes. The mountains of Salvador are a part of the same range that runs through Mexico.

The republic is divided in eight sections or states with a total area of a little over 7,200 square

miles. Agriculture is the principal occupation of the people; the soil being fertile and the climate healthy.

The Salvadorians are a mixed race: about half the people being of mingled Spanish and Indian blood, two-thirds of the residue are pure Indian, and the rest, white. The Indians are the descendants of the ancient inhabitants of this region, who were similar to the Aztecs of Mexico in their religion and habits. The native name of the country was Cuzcatlan, an old Mexican word meaning "land of riches." The population of Salvador in 1870 is given as 454,520, but it has increased to about 600,000 at the present time. The capital and largest city is San Salvador with 17,000 inhabitants. The town of next importance is Sonsonate, a thriving place a little nearer the coast.

Salvador was conquered by the Spanish in 1524 and formed a part of the Spanish province of Guatemala till 1823, when all Central America became an independent republic with San Salvador for its capital. This confederation was finally dissolved in 1839 and the five states comprising it were formed into separate countries.

The first postage stamps of Salvador were issued in 1867. Below is the set:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ real, blue.
- 1 " red.
- 2 reals green.
- 4 " brown.

The stamps were of the annexed design and had a background consisting of the value in very small letters many times repeated. This can be more plainly seen on the higher values. The entire set made its appearance in 1874 surcharged in black with a circle containing the national arms and the words "Contra Sello." There are many trifling varieties of this surcharge but they are not worth collecting. A new issue with altered money and of rectangular shape, was put forth in 1879. It is quite common and the complete set is easily obtained.

- 1 centavo, green.
- 2 centavos, red.
- 5 " blue.
- 10 " black.
- 20 " violet.

A close observer will notice on the 2 cent. red just above the stars, the tiny letters "s. s." These are found only on the value mentioned. Last year the 1879 issue received the same surcharge as that of 1874. Nearly every collector has probably seen one or more by this time.

Exchange Department.

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Therefore, thanking all subscribers for past favors, and soliciting your future patronage,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Curios of Philately.

BY W. H. SYME.

It has been said, and truly too, by someone whom stern fate has long since consigned to oblivion "That he who would seek for knowledge must turn aside from the worn and beaten path and search for himself, in the by-ways and hedges."

Far too many of the articles that are published to-day have the appearance of having been concocted from the common school history of the country of which it treats, combined with information gleaned from our Standard Catalogues (?), thus giving collectors a few barren facts (?) that they are already cognizant of, and, to a certain extent, serve to make Philatelic Papers of less interest than they otherwise would be.

We will wander to-day from the usual course to spend a little time among new or less familiar scenes, hoping that we may reap some benefit from the change.

Carefully avoiding a tiresome series of dates of issue and scraps of history to turn our attention to

THE CURIOSITIES OF PHILATELY.

In almost any collection of a respectable age and size will be found many little "Labels" (if we may be allowed the term), around which cluster many facts and fancies; the history of some of these, if known, would clear away a mist of doubt, and render their possessors most happy in their possession. These Curiosities consist principally of Essays, Proof Essays, Proofs, Errors, Imposters, Interlopers, Doubtful Locals, Half Stamps, Revenues used for Postage, Albinos, and, in fact, anything and everything relating to stamps or Philately that cannot, or is not classed with the regular order of things, and must, out of necessity, form a separate collection, which, if of any size at all, will form a veritable Philatelic Museum, in which will be found many interesting specimens that may furnish the topics for future themes that may serve as lights to guide the Philatelic Wanderer on his weary way.

The beginning of all stamps is in the Essay,

and with these we will begin. Essays and Proof Essays often embrace many varied and beautiful designs, that, as we behold them, we feel compelled to stop and wonder that those who had the selection of the new stamp should have discarded these to choose sometimes not only a poorer design, but often to spoil the best design by having it printed in a color that is not in the least degree in harmony with it.

There being a very few of these varieties struck off, it is but few collectors that are fortunate enough to secure them. Proofs (proper). For one who collects proofs there is one consolation which those who do not collect do not enjoy; *i. e.*, they are thereby enabled to procure many proofs of rare or very high-valued stamps that they would otherwise be compelled to go without. Again, the Proof is often of more value than the stamp itself. Being printed with a clearness and distinctness that is rarely if ever equaled by the stamp, they are works of art that lend additional beauty to the collection.

Errors:—These being due in most instances to the party who furnishes the stamps, and never, except in rare cases, are they used for postage; unless they have in more than exceptional cases, they do not deserve a place in our albums. But, they are rare gems that we cannot pass unnoticed, or leave to pass out of existence, but we must give them choice location in our Philatelic Museum.

They exist in many forms; sometimes by being printed in false colors, by wrong wording on the stamp, by misspelled or incorrect surcharges. In cases where the stamp is printed in two colors, one of which is inverted by Stamped Envelopes being made from paper with a wrong water mark, and in other ways too numerous to mention, Errors are not to be catalogued, as it is utterly impossible to classify them.

Imposters, Interlopers and other such gentry have from time to time crept into the Philatelic ranks, and it is only by hard work and diligent research that they have been proven to be such, and been expelled from our collections. It is well, however, to preserve them in the

Rogue's Gallery of the Museum, as a warning to others of their baseness. In the case of pretended issues of any Government, there is but little difficulty of establishing their fraudulent character, as we have the Postal laws to back us up in our assertions, but in the study of Locals there is an entirely different state of affairs; we cannot prove many of them to be *absolutely authentic*.

Of the foreign Locals, we have nothing to say, as we take no interest in them, and leave it to other and more fluent pens to plead their cause. The Hamburg Locals deceived many collectors when the first came out, and time only showed how badly we were "*sold*."

Various large corporations that have at times effected the commerce of the world, have, for their own convenience, issued stamps. Of these, The Hamburg-American Co., The Royal Mail Co. and the Suez Canal Co. have shown themselves to be authentic; while the stamps of the Overland Express Co. and the Panama Canal Co. have proved to be miserable failures, that at the best can be called an attempt utterly failing to reach the goal of their projectors' desires. There are many U. S. Locals that are of a doubtful character, that have not as yet proven their title clear, while we cannot definitely state that they are not authentic. Of these it may be well to mention some of the more recent. Their origin is beautifully mysterious; and, while we would not dispose of them entirely, we will enroll them with the curious, retaining them in that position, awaiting the developments that time, and time only, will bring forth to substantiate their claims. The Cincinnati and St. Louis, the Cayton and others that have been thrust upon us for the last year or so past.

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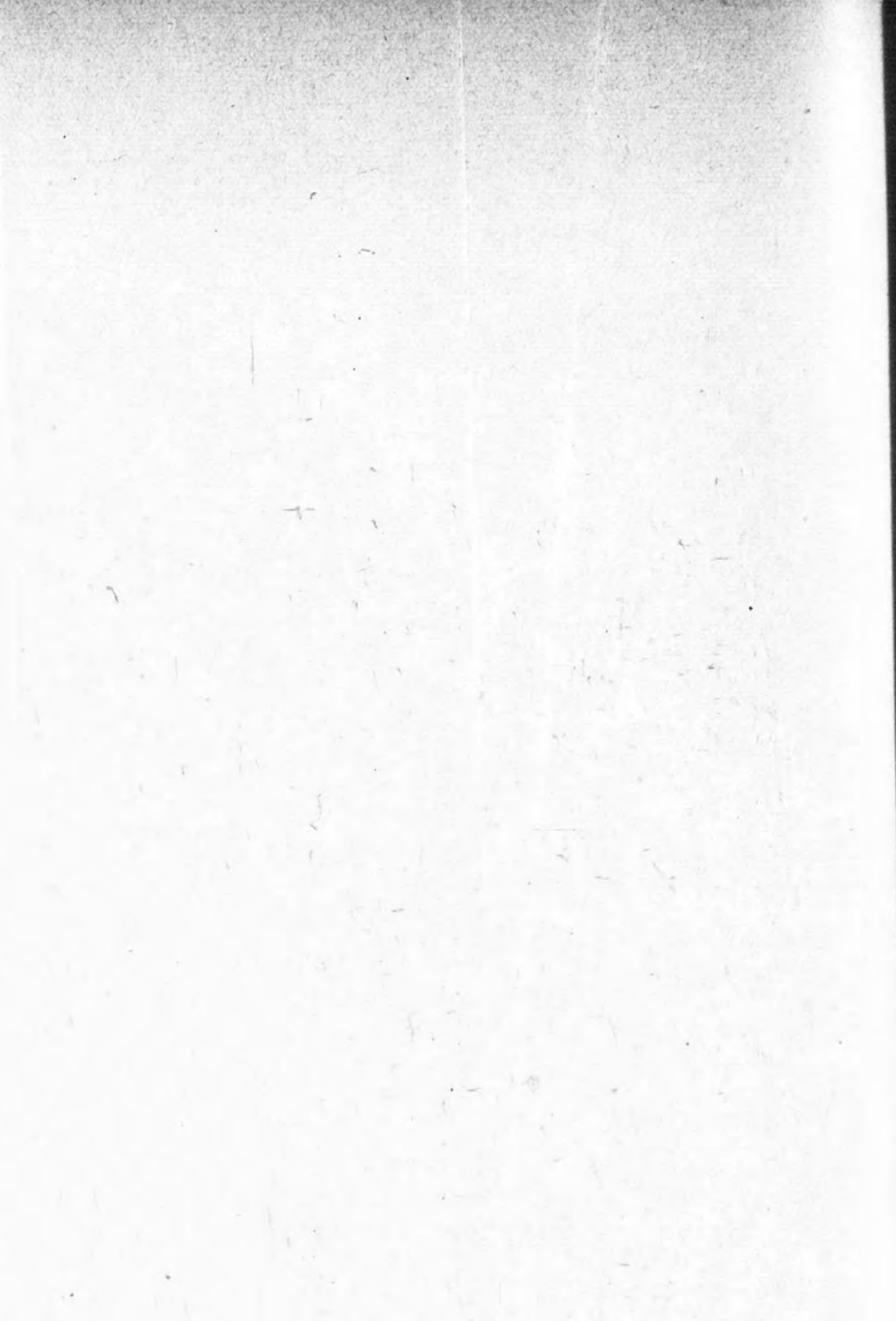
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