

THE Stamp Collectors' Monthly.

USEFUL AND INTERESTING TO ALL STAMP COLLECTORS.

VOL. I.

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No. 2.

Newly Issued Stamps.

Guatemala.

A new set of stamps is reported to have been issued for this country.

Dutch Indies.

One of the values announced for this colony has come to hand; the design is the same as the others of the series—2½c. orange; another value, 2c. chocolate, is announced, and it is reported that the 15 and 25 c. will be withdrawn from circulation.

India

We are informed that two new values, 6 a. bistre and 12 a. chocolate, will shortly be issued for this colony. Perhaps, as her Britannic Majesty is about adding "Empress of India," to her other titles, the worn-out name of East India may be replaced by Indian Empire.

Persia

is reported to have issued a new set of stamps; the values and colors are 1 shaki, black; 2 shaki, ultramarine; 4 shaki, vermilion; 8 shaki, green.

Luxemburg.

is to have two new post cards, 10 c. for Belgium and 12½ for international use.

Egypt

is about issuing post cards.

Mexico.

We learn from a correspondent in Mexico that a new postal card is in preparation; the value is 5 c., brown.

Sierra Leone.

has issued a new half-penny stamp. The color is pale brown, and as the design is pretty, there will undoubtedly be an eager demand for it from collectors.

Russia.

Two more Russian envelopes at mps, of the modified type, are now before us, 5 k., dark violet, and 20 k., dark blue.

Victoria.

Has lately issued a new penny stamp. The design is a diademed head of Victoria to 1 ft. in oval frame, inscribed VICTORIA ABOVE, ONE PENNY BELOW, 1d in circles in lower corners, circular ornaments above; color, green.

Canada.

The 10 c. stamp has lately been issued, of a very bright carnation color, making a very decided variety.

Turkey.

The new set of stamps for this country will be very similar to the present issue, the principal difference consisting in the surcharge and colors, if those now in use can be said to have any regular color. The new set will have the value surcharged over the crescent and star, with the value in Arabic figures and Roman letters. The colors and letters are as follows:

¼ piastre	mauve green.	2 piastres	cinnamon.
½ "	pale red.	5 "	ultramarine.
1¼ "	flesh rose.		

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Postage Stamp Collecting.

We extract the following from an interesting article in *St. Nicholas*:

"The collecting of postage stamps is not always such a frivolous pastime or occupation as many people imagine.

"These little bits of colored paper, ornamented with portraits, or coats-of-arms, or peculiar devices, have a great deal of information in them. They tell of the rise and fall of princes; of the history of republics; of the manners and customs of the people; of the peculiar characteristics of the country. The French and Spanish stamps are epitomes of the histories of their respective countries; the English colonial stamps are a geography in themselves; the South American stamps present a fine display of mottoes and devices; from the West Indian stamps we learn something of the peculiar characteristics of these islands; while in the stamps of our own country, in common with others issuing from other quarters of the globe, we have national portrait galleries.

"In stamp collecting the judgment is sharpened in endeavoring to detect the good stamps and to discard the counterfeit; the eye is drilled to appreciate the harmony and contrast of colors, in the proper arrangement of the stamps; patience is acquired and taste cultivated in the efforts to produce fine effects; and cases are known of foreign languages being studied simply to enable the collector to decipher the legends and inscriptions on the stamps. A pursuit which is productive of so much good should not be derided as a mere childish pastime."

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 Argentine Republic, 3 var..... 15
 Austria, 30 rare var..... 18
 Antigua, 2 var..... 8
 *Azores, 1871, 3 var..... 15
 *Baden, unpaid letter, 3 var..... 15
 *Bergedorf, 5 var..... 20
 Brazil, 6 var., head..... 15
 *Brunswick, 5 var..... 4
 Bolivia, 2 var..... 12
 *Bremen, envelopes, 2 var..... 10
 British Guiana, 1860, 5 var..... 15
 Chili, complete set..... 20
 Costa Rica, 2 var..... 10
 *Curacao, 2 var..... 15
 Canada, Registered Stamps, 2 var..... 10
 Canada, 3 issues, 12 var..... 15
 *Confederate States, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c..... 15
 *Cashmere, 2 var..... 20
 Cuba, 1870, 2 var..... 10
 " 1874, 2 var..... 8
 " 1875, 2 var..... 10
 " 1876, 2 var..... 12
 Cape of Good Hope, 3 var..... 5
 " " " triangular, 2 var..... 15
 Denmark, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50 ore..... 10
 " Official, complete set..... 8
 Dutch India, 2 var..... 6
 Ecuador, 2 var..... 8
 Egypt, 1867, 5 var..... 25
 " 3 issues, 6 var..... 20
 Finland, 5, 10 kop., 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 pen..... 10
 France, 5 issues, 15 var..... 15
 Grenada, 2 var..... 10
 *Germany, 14 var., 1859..... 30
 Greece, 6 var..... 10
 *Greece, unpaid letter, 3 var..... 8
 Hanover Head, 1, 2, 3 Gr..... 10
 Hamburg, 6 var..... 30
 *Hamburg, 10 var..... 10
 " envelopes, 7 var..... 50
 *Holligoland, 7 var..... 20
 " 1, 2, 5 pf..... 8
 *Holland Arms, 6 var..... 10
 *Hungary, newspaper stamps, 4 var..... 15
 Italy, officials, complete set..... 25
 India, 4 var..... 4
 Japan, 3 var..... 8
 " complete set, 1873..... 60
 Jamaica, 5 var..... 15
 *Mauritius Britannia seated, vermilion, blue, red
 on blue, 3 var..... 1 00
 Mexico, first issue, 2 var..... 13
 " 1864 " 3 "..... 18
 " 1868 " 5 "..... 25
 " 1872 " complete set..... 20
 " 1874 " "..... 20
 *Modena, 3 var..... 10

*Montenegro, 2 var..... 12
 *Naples, head, 6 var..... 20
 New Grenada, 2 var..... 8
 New Zealand, 6 var..... 15
 Nicaragua, complete set..... 40
 Newfoundland, 3 var..... 10
 Norway, 4 issues, 12 var..... 25
 *Orange Free States, 3 var..... 20
 Portugal, 6 var..... 10
 Peru, 5, 10, 20c..... 15
 *Portuguese Indies, 2 var..... 20
 Queensland, 2 var..... 2
 Romania, 1872, complete set..... 15
 " old issues, 10 var..... 25
 Russia, 5 var..... 5
 *Roman States, first issue, 8 var..... 15
 " " 1867, perforated..... 20
 *Sarawak, 1871-'75, 6 var..... 1 25
 *Saxony, 1863, 6 var..... 8
 Swiss Fappen, 3 var..... 8
 Spanish Officials, 1855, 4 var..... 15
 Spain, rare old issues, 20 var..... 30
 Sweden, 1858, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24, 30, 50..... 10
 " 1872, complete set of 9..... 10
 " officials " "..... 25
 Servia, 20 and 40 p..... 5
 Turkey, 5 var..... 10
 Victoria, 8 var..... 10
 Württemberg, 7 var..... 7
 Western Australia, 2 var..... 6

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	1	2	3	6	7	12	10	15	24	30	90
Agriculture.....	5	1	1
Interior.....	1	1	1	..	1	7	1	2	3	3	..
Justice.....	5	4	1	1	..	2	5	5
Navy.....	2	1	1	1	6	3	3	2	8	5	..
Post Office.....	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Post Office Envelopes.....	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Treasury.....	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	1
War.....	1	3	1	1	..	3	..	3	4	3	..
War Envelopes.....	1	..	3	2	..	4
Interior, complete set.....	\$ 20										
Navy, " ".....	50										
Treasury, " ".....	6										
Executive, " ".....	35										
Post Office, " ".....	25										

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United States.—The 3 cent Executive Department official stamp is now printed in quite a different hue from the others.

Cape of Good Hope specimens of a half penny stamp have been received. They are of the same design as the current set, and the color is gray.

Bavaria.—The 3 and 5 pfennige stamps of the late issue are printed of a light pearl color, and surcharged in red, "Fom Empfänger Zahlbar." Doubtless they succeed the Black 1 and 3 kreuzer unpaid letter stamps.

Switzerland.—The 5 centime newspaper wrapper, so long expected, has at last been issued in bistre.

New South Wales.—The post card has already undergone a change, the size having been considerably reduced; otherwise it remains the same.

Luzon.—We have received specimens of a 12 c. de peseta stamp, color violet. There are also said to be three other values. In design they are similar to the current Spanish stamps, but have "Filipinas" at the top.

Shanghai.—The 1 and 3 cand. stamps, which appeared not long since on tinted paper, are now printed on white. The color of the cand. has been changed to green, that of the 12 cand. to brown, and a new value has been added, 9 candareens, light blue.

How to Mount Postage Stamps.

BY A. W.

Of late there has been a great deal written about this subject, for when a person begins collecting, the principal difficulty is the proper mounting of his or her stamps. As a general thing, the amateur takes his stamps, be they good or bad specimens, and then the gum-brush, and after daubing up the whole back, he puts them into his album, for he is determined to have them in tight, come what may. Others again, only touch the gum-brush to the corners; this is a great deal the better way of the two, but still it is not quite the thing, for if you wish to remove a poor specimen to make room for a better one, you will, in about nine times out of ten, tear the corners.

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ORIGIN OF THE POSTAGE STAMP

The postage stamp was born in London on the 10th of January, 1840, and England employed it alone for ten years. France adopted it on the first of January, 1849, and Germany in 1850. According to M. Alphonse Equiros, it was a curious incident that gave rise to the idea of postage stamps. A traveller was crossing, about forty years ago, a district in the north of England. He arrived at the door of an inn where a postman had stopped to deliver a letter. A young girl came out to receive it; he turned it over and over in her hand, and asked the price of the 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 that she had no money, and so returned it to the postman. The traveller was a man who rambled about the earth for instruction and observation. Having a good heart, he offered to pay the postage of the letter, and, in spite of the resistance of the young girl, he paid the shilling. This resistance made him reflect. Scarcely had the postman turned his back than the young innkeeper's daughter confessed that it was a trick between her and her brother. Some signs marked on the envelope had told her all she wanted to know, but the letter itself contained no writing.

"We are both so poor," she added, "so we invented this mode of corresponding and prepaying our letters." The traveller, continuing his road, asked himself if a system giving place to such frauds was not a vicious one.

The sun had not set before Mr. Rowland Hill (that was the name of the traveller), had planned to organize the postal service upon a new basis. He said that in England, where family ties were strong, and where the members often live far apart, where, too, the spirit of commerce knows no limits, the correspondence was only limited by the cost of the post; and that by lowering this barrier a great service would be rendered to society without hurting the resources of the treasury. These views were agreed to by the English Government, and on the 10th of January, 1840, not more than a penny was paid for letters which circulated all over the whole extent of the British Isles. This bold scheme soon surpassed the hopes of the legislators. Ten years later, in 1850, the number of letters increased from 1,500,000 to 7,239,962. Mr. Rowland Hill occupied in England the post of Secretary to the Postmaster-General.

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 Norway, 4 issues, 12 var. 25
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 Oldenburgh, 1866, complete. 25
 Portugal, 6 var. 10
 Peru, 5, 10, 20c. 15
 *Portuguese Indies, 2 var. 20
 Queensland, 2 var. 2
 *Romania, 1865, complete set. 12
 " 1866, " " 15
 Russia, 5 var. 5
 *Roman States, first issue, 8 var. 15
 " " 1867, perforated. 20
 *Sarawak, 1871-'75, 6 var. 1 25
 *Saxony, 1863, 6 var. 8
 Swiss Bappen, 3 var. 8
 Spanish Officials, 1855, 4 var. 15
 Spain, rare old issues, 20 var. 30
 Sweden, 1858, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24, 30, 50. 10
 " 1872, complete set of 9. 10
 " officials " " 25
 Servia, 20 and 40 p. 5
 Turkey, 5 var. 10
 Victoria, 8 var. 10
 Württemberg, 7 var. 7
 Western Australia, 2 var. 6

PRICE LIST OF U. S. OFFICIALS.

At the head of each column is the facial value of the stamp for which the selling price is given. All are used.

	1	2	3	6	7	12	10	15	24	30	90
Agriculture.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Interior.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Justice.....	5	4	1	1	1	2	5	5	5	5	5
Navy.....	2	2	1	6	3	3	2	5	5	6	6
Post Office.....	1	2	1	1	1	3	4	3	4	4	5
Post Office Envelopes.....	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Treasury.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
War.....	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	4	3	3	3
War Envelopes.....	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Interior, complete set.....	\$ 20										
Navy, " ".....	50										
Treasury, " ".....	6										
Executive, " ".....	35										
Post Office, " ".....	30										

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VOL. I.

NEW YORK, JUNE 1, 1876.

No. 4.

NEW ISSUES.

HELIGOLAND.

The island of Heligoland has inflicted two more of its bright green and red creations on the stamp collecting public. The design has been diversified this time by omitting the portrait of the British Queen, and substituting in- stead thereof a shield surmounted by a crown, the shield presenting the "national colors" of the island, which happen to be the "green above the red," or below the red, it does not make much difference which.

The values of the new-comers are twenty pfennig and three pfennig each if you buy them in German money, and 2½ pence and 2½ farthings each if you buy them in English money, which means that the two stamps will cost you in English money the equivalent of six and one-eighth cents U. S., while in German money they will cost only five and three-eighths cents, and so "you pays your money and you takes your choice."

These stamps of the island of Heligoland are much too vastly numerous for any postal use, as the island only contains a few hundred inhabitants, and it must be evident to any unprejudiced collector that the gentleman who occupies the position of apothecary and postmaster to the good Heligolanders has an eye a good deal more to the wants of stamp collectors than to the accommodation of the few illiterate fishermen and the gaming-house attaches who form the whole of the inhabitants of the island. of which he is, by royal commission, the exclusive purveyor of pills and postage stamps.

EGYPT.

We understand, from a British Stamp Journal, that post cards and certain new values of adhesives are in preparation.

SHANGHAI.

The colors of the Shanghai stamps have been again changed, and a new value (nine candareens, blue color) has been added. As they now stand, the colors of the altered set are as follows: One candareen, yellow; 2c., rose; 3c., green; 6c., blue; and 12c., brown.

COATS OF ARMS OF THE WORLD.

This beautiful Chart contains accurate representations of the arms of the nations, emblazoned in gold and silver. By their aid it is easy to determine the nationality of many stamps, which a new collector often finds difficult to place. They make an attractive addition to stamp album and a fine appearance when framed. The sheet of eighty-eight arms will be furnished for fifty cents.

1776. Centennial Envelopes. 1876.

These envelopes, which were described in No. 1 of the Stamp Collectors' Monthly, are now being manufactured and sold on the Centennial Grounds. As they are of a pretty design, there will be an eager demand for them from collectors. We will use these envelopes for reply on all orders of fifty cents, or will sell them unused at seventy cents per dozen. We annex an Engraving:



The Patroni Stamp Counterfeiting Case.

At the request of several of our subscribers, we give the real facts of the above somewhat prominent affair, which certain stamp journals have, for reasons best known to themselves, taken great pains to misrepresent.

Patroni, who with a person named Wilson, had been indicted by the Grand Jury for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, for the selling of counterfeited stamps of Nicaragua, and for the making of counterfeit stamps of Nicaragua, Egypt and other foreign governments, with intent to thereby defraud the said foreign governments, as alleged in the indictment, was tried in the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia, in the latter part of November last year.

The charge of selling failed, it having been shown that the 1c. unused counterfeited stamps of Nicaragua, which he sold, were sold at the rate of thirty cents per dozen, which fact nullified the idea that they were sold with intent to defraud the Nicaragua government.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty of the making of Nicaragua stamps. The other countries having been, for various reasons, "ruled out." It having become apparent to the Court, in the progress of the trial, that these stamps were merely intended for stamp collectors, and not for fraudulent use in foreign countries, as charged in the indictment, no sentence was passed on Patroni; and these, we beg to assure our readers, are the real facts of the whole matter.

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DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL.

Muggins Maharba has lately returned from Japan, and has written a pathological account of his pilgrimage among the heather Mongolians, which will be interesting reading for Sunday Schools. He has been interviewed by a reporter, who thus describes the great man:

"Did you but see his stately pace,
His auburn beard and unwashed face,
And his cork leg, with pensive grace,
So stately sweeping on,
You'd swear that ne'er did artist paint
So just an image of that saint,—
Who propped the virgin in her faint,—
The loved Apostle John."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Persons sending stamps to us on approval must prepay their letters sufficiently, enclose stamp for return postage, otherwise they will not be returned if rejected, and always state their lowest cash or exchange price for them. Soiled or torn specimens are worthless.

In ordering stamps, remember that all orders must contain the necessary cash, and sufficient stamps for return postage.

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*Alsace and Lorraine, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 20
 *Angola, 2 var. 15
 Argentine Republic, 3 var. 15
 Austria, 20 rare var. 15
 Austria, newspaper head of Mercury, 3 var. 15
 Antigua, 2 var. 8
 *Azores, 1871, 3 var. 15
 *Baden, unpaid letter, 3 var. 15
 *Bergedorf, comp etc set. 18
 Baden, old issues, 14 var. 1 50
 Bavaria, return letter, 4 var. 15
 Brazil, 6 var., head. 15
 *Brunswick, 5 var. 4
 Bolivia, 2 var. 12
 *Bremen, envelopes, 2 var. 10
 British Guiana, 1860, 5 var. 15
 Belgium, various issues, 10 var. 15
 Chili, complete set. 20
 Costa Rica, 2 var. 10
 *Curacao, 2 var. 10
 Bermuda, 9 var., incl. surcharged. 60
 Canada, Registered Stamps, 2 var. 6
 Canada, 3 issues, 12 var. 10
 *Confederate States, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. 15
 *Cashmere, 2 var. 20
 Cuba, 1870, 2 var. 10
 " 1874, 2 var. 8
 " 1875, 3 var. 6
 " 1876, 2 var. 6
 Cape of Good Hope, 3 var. 5
 " " triangular, 2 var. 15
 Denmark, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50 ore 10
 " Official, complete set. 8
 Dutch Indies, 5 var. 20
 Ecuador, 1/2 and 1 real. 8
 Egypt, 1867, 5 var. 25
 " 3 issues, 6 var. 20
 Finland, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 pen. 10
 France, 5 issues, 15 var. 15
 Guatemala, 1875, 2 var. 15
 Grenada, 2 var. 10
 Great Britain, 10 rare var. 10
 *Germany, Turn and Taxis, 14 var. 30
 Germany, 1875, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 pf. 10
 Greece, 6 var. 10
 *Greece, unpaid letter, 3 var. 8
 Hanover Head, 1, 2, 3 Gr. 10
 Hamburg, 6 var. 10
 *Hamburg, 10 var. 30
 " envelopes, 7 var. 50
 *Heligoland, 7 var. 20
 " 1, 2, 5 pf. 8
 *Holland Arms, 6 var. 10
 Italy, officials, complete set. 25
 India, 4 var. 4
 *Japan, first issue complete. 60
 Japan, 1, 2, 4 sen 8
 " 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30 and 45 sen. 60
 Jamaica, 5 var. 15
 Luebeck, 3 var. 12
 *Mauritius Britannia seated, vermilion, blue, red
 on blue, 3 var. 1 00

Mexico, first issue, 2 var. 16
 " 1868 " 5 " 25
 " 1872 " complete set. 20
 " 1874 " " " 20
 *Modena, 3 var. 10
 *Montenegro, 2 var. 12
 *North German Officials, 1, 2, 3, 7 k. 10
 " " " 1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 12 g. 15
 *Naples, head, 6 var. 20
 New Grenada, 1869 issue, 5, 10, 25, 50, \$1 peso, com-
 plete. 90
 New Grenada, 1869, 5 and 10 pesos, large, rare. 5.00
 New Zealand, 4 var. 10
 Nicaragua, complete set. 40
 Newfoundland, 3 var. 10
 Norway, 4 issues, 12 var. 25
 Orange Free States, 3 var. 20
 Oldenburgh, 1866, complete. 25
 Portugal, 6 var. 10
 Peru, 5, 10, 20c. 15
 *Portuguese Indies, 2 var. 20
 Queensland, 2 var. 2
 *Romania, 1865, complete set. 12
 " " 1866, " " 15
 Romania, 1872, complete set. 18
 Russia, 5 var. 5
 *Roman States, first issue, 8 var. 15
 " " 1867, perforated. 20
 *Sarawak, 1871-'75, 6 var. 1 25
 Sa'vador, 1/2, 1 and 2 reals. 25
 *Saxony, 1863, 6 var. 8
 Swiss Rappen, 3 var. 8
 Spanish Officials, 1855, 4 var. 15
 Spain, rare old issues, 20 var. 30
 Sweden, 1858, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24, 30, 50. 10
 " 1872, complete set of 9. 10
 " officials " " 25
 Servia, 20 and 40 p. 5
 Turkey, 5 var. 10
 U. S. Envelopes, old issues, 7 var. 15
 U. S., 1870, complete set. 15
 Victoria, 8 var. 10
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Navy.	2	2	1	1	6	3	6	3	5	5	6
Post Office.	1	2	1	1	6	3	4	3	4	4	5
Post Office Envelopes.	1	1	2
Treasury.	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
War.	1	3	1	1	..	3	..	3	4	3	..
War Envelopes.	1	..	3	2	..	4
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No. 5.

NEW ISSUES.

UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.



We are enabled, on account of our large correspondence with South American countries, to be the first to chronicle the new issue of U. S. of Columbia. Thus far we have only seen three values, viz.: five, ten and twenty centavos. We shall be able to describe them further in our

next number. We give an engraving of the 10c. The design of the 20c. is the same as the 10c. profile of Liberty with nine stars in the field. The band encircling is described CORREOS NALES. EE. UU. DE COLOMBIA, VEINTE ABOVE, CENTAVOS below, in curved lines, numerals of value in each corner, frame of ornamental foliage. We extract the following from the *Diario Oficial*, which gives the colors and values as follows:

5 centavos,	violet,	on white paper.
10	"	brown, " " "
20	"	blue, " " "
50	"	green, " " "
One peso,	red,	" " "
Five	"	black, " green "
Ten	"	" " rose "

VICTORIA.

This country, along with the rest of the Australian colonies, has issued a penny post card. The one we have seen is very similar to the English, but the frame is not so neat, and the card work is very poor. The value is one penny, violet, on buff card.

SPAIN.



We have received specimens of the new set of stamps which this country has issued for the second time within one year. The new stamps, as will be seen by our engraving, are a decided improvement over the previous efforts of this country. The values and

colors, as far as we have seen, are as follows:

2cs. peseta.	25cs. peseta, brown.
5cs. " brown.	40cs. " dark brown.
10cs. " blue.	50cs. " green.
20cs. " "	1 " rose.

A Series of War Tax stamps has also been issued the design being the profile of the King to the left, the values and colors, as far as we have been able to ascertain are 5cs. preseta, green, 10 blue, 25 gray, 1 preseta, lilac.

BRITISH GUIANA.

This country has issued a set of new stamps, the only value which we have thus far seen is two cents; this is the same color as the same value in the last set. We are unable, on account of space, to give an illustration this month, but offer, in its stead, the following description: Ship, surrounded by *Damus petunusque viusim*, in white letters, on solid band; in the white marginal frame is the name and value, *British Guiana Postage*.

MEXICO.

We have it from first-class authority, that this country will soon issue a new set of stamps. The values and colors will remain the same as those now in use. The head of Hidalgo will be replaced by that of Juarez, the late President. We have also been informed of the issue of a *Post Card*; the value is five centavos, brown, and the design is something similar to the old U. S. post card. This card is made specially for correspondence with the interior of Mexico.

AT THE CENTENNIAL.

The only countries exhibiting stamps at the Centennial are Sandwich Islands and Japan. Sweden, and several other countries, exhibit coins or bank notes, but the two first are the only foreign governments showing stamps. Japan exhibits a complete set of the postal and fiscal stamps, a complete sheet of each value being exhibited; but, unfortunately, they are hung up too high for a careful examination. The Sandwich Islands' Department has a few sets of the late issues, on the well-known cards prepared in the islands for collectors. The United States' Department display of stamps is magnificent. For want of space we are unable to give a description of them in this number, but shall do so in our next.

POSTAL RATES.

A one-cent stamp for a circular,
 A two-cent stamp for a newspaper,
 A three-cent stamp for a sealed letter—
 All licked on in the right corner.
 Lick, brothers, lick, with care,
 On the right-hand side—not everywhere;
 Unless you want the postmistair
 To make things hot, and cuss and swear.

—Mark Twain.

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*Alsace and Lorraine, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 20
 *Angola, 2 var. 15
 Argentine Republic, 3 var. 15
 Austria, 20 rare var. 15
 Austria, newspaper head of Mercury, 3 var. 15
 Antigua, 2 var. 8
 *Azores, 1871, 3 var. 15
 *Baden, unpaid letter, 3 var. 15
 *Bergedorf, comp'ete set. 18
 Baden, old issues, 14 var. 1 50
 Bavaria, return letter, 4 var. 15
 Brazil, 6 var., head. 15
 *Brunswick, 5 var. 4
 Bolivia, 2 var. 12
 *Bremen, envelopes, 2 var. 10
 British Guiana, 1860, 5 var. 15
 Belgium, various issues, 10 var. 15
 Chili, complete set. 20
 Costa Rica, 2 var. 10
 *Curacao, 2 var. 10
 Bermuda, 9 var., incl. surcharged. 60
 Canada, Registered Stamps, 2 var. 6
 Canada, 3 issues, 12 var. 10
 *Confederate States, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. 15
 *Cashmere, 2 var. 20
 Cuba, 1870, 2 var. 10
 " 1874, 2 var. 8
 " 1875, 3 var. 6
 " 1876, 2 var. 6
 Cape of Good Hope, 3 var. 5
 " " " triangular, 2 var. 15
 Denmark, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50 ore. 10
 " Official, complete set. 8
 Dutch Indies, 5 var. 20
 Ecuador, 1/2 and 1 real. 8
 Egypt, 1867, 5 var. 25
 " 3 issues, 6 var. 20
 Finland, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 pen. 10
 France, 5 issues, 15 var. 15
 Guatemala, 1875, 2 var. 15
 Grenada, 2 var. 10
 Great Britain, 10 rare var. 10
 *Germany, Turn and Taxie, 14 var. 30
 Germany, 1875, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 pf. 10
 Greece, 6 var. 10
 *Greece, unpaid letter, 3 var. 8
 Hanover Head, 1, 2, 3 Gr. 10
 Hamburg, 6 var. 10
 *Hamburg, 10 var. 30
 " envelopes, 7 var. 50
 *Heligoland, 7 var. 20
 " 1, 2, 5 pf. 8
 *Holland Arms, 6 var. 10
 Italy, officials, complete set. 25
 India, 4 var. 4
 *Japan, first issue complete. 60
 Japan, 1, 2, 4 sen. 8
 " 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30 and 45 sen. 60
 Jamaica, 5 var. 15
 Luebeck, 3 var. 12
 *Mauritius Britannia seated, vermilion, blue, red
 on blue, 3 var. 1 00

Mexico, first issue, 2 var. 16
 " 1868 " 5 " 25
 " 1872 " complete set. 20
 " 1874 " " " 20
 *Modena, 3 var. 10
 *Montenegro, 2 var. 12
 *North German Officials, 1, 2, 3, 7 k. 10
 " " " 1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 12 g. 15
 *Naples, head, 6 var. 20
 New Grenada, 1869 issue, 5, 10, 25, 50, \$1 peso, com-
 plete. 90
 New Grenada, 1869, 5 and 10 pesos, large, rare. 5 00
 New Zealand, 4 var. 10
 Nicaragua, complete set. 40
 Newfoundland, 3 var. 10
 Norway, 4 issues, 12 var. 25
 Orange Free States, 3 var. 20
 Oldenburgh, 1866, complete. 25
 Portugal, 6 var. 10
 Peru, 5, 10, 20c. 15
 *Portuguese Indies, 2 var. 20
 Queensland, 2 var. 2
 *Romania, 1865, complete set. 12
 " 1866, " " 15
 Romania, 1872, complete set. 18
 Russia, 5 var. 5
 *Roman States, first issue, 8 var. 15
 " " 1867, perforated. 20
 *Sarawak, 1871-'75, 6 var. 1 25
 Salvador, 1/2, 1 and 2 reals. 25
 *Saxony, 1863, 6 var. 8
 Swiss Rappen, 3 var. 8
 Spanish Officials, 1855, 4 var. 15
 Spain, rare old issues, 20 var. 30
 Sweden, 1858, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24, 30, 50. 10
 " 1872, complete set of 9. 10
 " officials " " 25
 Servia, 20 and 40 p. 5
 Turkey, 5 var. 10
 U. S. Envelopes, old issues, 7 var. 15
 U. S., 1870, complete set. 15
 Victoria, 8 var. 10
 Württemberg, 7 var. 7
 Western Australia, 2 var. 6

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	1	2	3	6	7	12	10	15	24	30	90
Agriculture.	5	1	1
Interior.	2	1	1	..	1	5	2	2	3	2	..
Justice.	5	4	1	1	..	3	6	5	..	5	..
Navy.	3	3	1	1	6	3	6	4	5	6	8
Post Office.	1	2	1	1	6	3	4	3	4	4	5
Post Office Envelopes. ....	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Treasury.	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
War.	1	3	1	1	..	3	..	3	4	3	..
War Envelopes.	1	..	3	2	..	4
Interior, complete set.	\$ 20										
Navy, " "	50										
Treasury, " "	6										
Executive, " "	36										
Post Office, " "	30										

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PERSIA.

The stamps of this country, which have been chronicled in various stamp journals for the past year, but without any certainty of its existence, is now reported to be in actual use in the postal service. The values and colors thus heard of are:

1 shahi, black.	4 shahi, vermillion.
2 " ultramarine.*	8 " green.

SPAIN.

The 2cs. de peseta stamps mentioned in our last number was a mistake, as no such stamp exists.

HUNGARY.

This country is reported to have issued a new value, 20 kreutzer, black.

NORWAY.

This country has also in preparation a new set of stamps. The design is to be the same as the current issue, with value in öre. The values and colors thus far reported are as follows:

1 öre, gray.	12 öre, green.
3 " orange.	20 " red.
5 " blue.	25 " lilac.
10 " carmine.	50 " rose.

AUSTRIA.

A new post card has just been issued. It has a 2 kr. stamp printed in the right upper corner, and in the opposite corner the arms of Austria. Between stamp and arms are the words "Correspondenz Karte." Below comes two dotted lines, the first preceded by *An*, beneath them and in the centre is, and below still a dotted line to left and a thick line to right. There is no frame. The card is buff colored, and the impression is red brown.

JAPAN.



The stamps for this country, of which there has been so much said of late, now make their appearance. Thus far two values have only been seen, they are 1 sen, black, and 2 sens, olive. We give an engraving of the 1 sen.

FRANCE.

A 15 centimes stamp of the new set has come to hand. The design consists of two figures resting on a globe, which is partially concealed by a large slab bearing the numeral of value. The design is pretty, and the workmanship is well done. The colors and values are as follows:

1 centime, emerald green.	20 centimes, red brown.
2 centimes, " "	25 " ultramarine.
4 " " "	30 " bistre.
5 " " "	40 " bright red.
10 " " "	75 " carmine.
15 " mauve.	1 franc, bronze green.
	5 francs, lilac.

GREECE

has also issued two new values, the design being the same as current set. The colors and values are:

30 lepta, brown.	60 lepta, green.
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*Azores, 1871, 3 var.	15
*Baden, unpaid letter, 3 var.	15
*Bergedorf, comp ete set.	18
Baden, old issues, 14 var.	1 50
Bavaria, return letter, 4 var.	15
Brazil, 6 var., head.	15
*Brunswick, 5 var.	4
Bolivia, 2 var.	12
*Bremen, envelopes, 2 var.	10
British Guiana, 1860, 5 var.	15
Belguim, various issues, 10 var.	15
Chili, complete set.	20
Costa Rica, 2 var.	10
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Canada, 3 issues, 12 var.	10
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*Cashmere, 2 var.	20
Cuba, 1870, 2 var.	10
" 1874, 2 var.	8
" 1875, 3 var.	6
" 1876, 2 var.	6
Cape of Good Hope, 3 var.	5
" " triangular, 2 var.	15
Denmark, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50 ore.	10
" Official, complete set.	8
Dutch Indies, 5 var.	20
Ecuador, ½ and 1 real.	8
Egypt, 1867, 5 var.	25
" 3 issues, 6 var.	20
Finland, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 pen.	10
France, 5 issues, 15 var.	15
Guatemala, 1875, 2 var.	15
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" envelopes, 7 var.	50
*Heligoland, 7 var.	20
" 1, 2, 5 pf.	8
*Holland Arms, 6 var.	10
Italy, officials, complete set.	25
India, 4 var.	4
*Japan, first issue complete.	60
Japan, 1, 2, 4 sen.	8
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Mexico, first issue, 2 var.	16
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*Modena, 3 var.	10
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*North German Officials, 1, 2, 3, 7 k.	10
" " " ½, ½, ½, 12 g.	15
*Naples, head, 6 var.	20
New Grenada, 1869 issue, 5, 10, 25, 50, \$1 peso, complete.	90
New Grenada, 1869. 5 and 10 pesos, large, rare.	5.00
New Zealand, 4 var.	10
Nicaragua, complete set.	40
Newfoundland, 3 var.	10
Norway, 4 issues, 12 var.	25
Orange Free States, 3 var.	20
Oldenburgh, 1866, complete.	25
Portugal, 6 var.	10
Peru, 5, 10, 20c.	15
*Portuguese Indies, 2 var.	20
Queensland, 2 var.	2
*Romania, 1865, complete set.	12
" " 1866, " " "	15
Romania, 1872, complete set.	18
Russia, 5 var.	5
*Roman States, first issue, 8 var.	15
" " 1867, perforated.	20
*Sarawak, 1871-'75, 6 var.	1 25
Sa vador, ½, 1 and 2 reals.	25
*Saxony, 1863, 6 var.	8
Swiss Rappen, 3 var.	8
Spanish Officials, 1855, 4 var.	15
Spain, rare old issues, 20 var.	30
Sweden, 1858, 3, 5, 9, 12, 17, 20, 24, 30, 50.	10
" 1872, complete set of 9.	10
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Servia, 20 and 40 p.	5
Turkey, 5 var.	10
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Navy	3	3	1	1	6	3	6	4	5	5	8
Post Office	1	2	1	1	6	3	4	3	4	4	5
Post Office Envelopes	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Treasury	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
War	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	4	3	3
War Envelopes	1	1	3	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
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STUDY.

No doubt many of our young readers have often seen in the pages of some ephemeral stamp publication certain advice from its editor or publisher to the effect that collectors should "study" their stamps. This is well and the advice is very excellent, the only trouble is in specifically defining what is meant by the term study, for as likely as not in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the ready scribbler of philatelic counsel does not himself very well know what he means by his "study."

Stamps are among the everyday things of everyday life, are of modern invention and application, and above all exceedingly common. And however respectable they may be, there is nothing of the respectability of antiquity about them; and they are not valued on account of their age or antiquity. Nor are they objects of curiosity any more than is a new issue of the fractional currency, at which people look once and then pass as a matter of course. And those feeble-minded persons who can see a *curiosity* in a postage stamp, can, if so disposed, see as equally great a *curiosity* in the label of an inkstand that may happen to strike their perverted fancy as being peculiar, and therefore a *curiosity*. What, then, is the reason that stamps are worth study? Simply on account of the indisputable fact that a thorough acquaintance with all matters of fact regarding stamps, unconsciously fixes in the minds of those who study these facts, certain points of information of an historical, geographical, financial and other character, which to say the least is very well worth study, and is useful in a thousand ways. The stamp collector who thus studies his stamps must, perforce, become familiar with the form of government, the language and the currency of all civilized nations, while the varying style of the stamps remind him of the changes in their political government. For this reason alone postage stamps are well worth collecting, and when it is remembered that a knowledge of the relative values of all foreign money is acquired as well, we need not pursue our subject further. The philatelic adviser, however, does not advise the collector to do this—study the stamps—the stamps is the refrain of his song. In the stamps themselves what is there to study? The perforation—well, with a pair of scissors a perforated specimen can be transformed into a large unperforated one in less time than it takes to write this. The shade of color! What if the sunlight, or some other influence, has faded a stamp, or what if a careless workman had, in the printing of the stamp, mixed the ink of a somewhat lighter or a darker color than usual. Is that to be made a subject of curiosity, when neither the printers or the P. O. Department noticed it? Then the gum must be studied and

licked and tasted. But we need not follow this theme further, and yet it is a study of all these and more frivolous absurdities which the philatelic "article writer" of the period holds forth as being the first great duty of collectors. Postage stamps, like engravings of any other kind, afford no food for abstruse study. Mere mechanical creations, their collection can in no wise be deemed a science, and a study of them as they are, finds its comparison in the grammarian who expects to master Etymology by studying the cover of his text-book. We, therefore, commend to collectors a stricter attention to first principles, and a study only of those things which our reason and common intelligence teach us are worth study, and in that way stamp collecting may regain some of that dignity it has lost in the pursuit of studies both frivolous and unprofitable.

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PORTUGAL.



Our first engraving this month is the new Journal Stamp of this country. As will be seen the design is much changed from the former issues, and, in our estimation, the stamp is much poorer in print and engraving than any issued by this country. The same stamp being appropriately surcharged for service Azores and Madeira. The stamp is printed in olive on white paper.

ICELAND.



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6 " gray.	20 " violet.
10 " red.	40 " green.

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COUNTERFEITS.

In accord with the other stamp journals of this country, we take up this theme, which has been reversed hundreds of times, but to the new collectors which are daily adding to the ranks of Philatelists, we will attempt to give them a few valuable hints. There are plenty of counterfeit stamps, and plenty of dealers who deal in them, and it will be nonsense for us to attempt to describe each and every counterfeit stamp that is in existence; we shall merely give note of a few of the most dangerous which dealers who have no conscience are trying to impose upon the unwary. For instance, there is a finely engraved stamp of Sandwich Isles of the 1853 issue, 13 cent, red. The difference from the genuine can be easily detected in the paper; the paper in the genuine is much thinner, while in the counterfeit the paper is *thick*. There is no difference in the engraving, it being a well executed stamp, and is rarely met with. The parties who have them do not propose to sell them at 2c. each,—as most common counterfeit stamps are sold at,—but try and impose them on you as being genuine. We would feel obliged to any of our friends who have purchased one of these stamps to send it to us, that we may be able to trace it to its manufacturer. We shall say further about this stamp in an early number. There are also in existence some Japan stamps of the recent issues, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30 and 45 sen. We would caution collectors against purchasing any of these stamps if they are offered at an extraordinary low price. Some spurious dealers in Eighth Street, New York, attempted to impose on the stamp collecting public an Egyptian envelope stamp, and succeeded in selling one to a Nassau street dealer for 50 cents. We are sorry to say the dealer who bought the stamp was very little informed—or he would at once have seen, by referring to any stamp catalogue, that such an envelope was never issued by the Egyptian Government. We would caution collectors about dealing with Stamp Companies, or to have anything to do with parties who do not carry on their business in their own name. Any person concealing his name must have a reason for it, and, in nine cases out of ten, he either intends to sell you counterfeit stamps, or keep your money and make no returns. We would therefore say, have no dealings with any one who trades under a false name. The sale of counterfeit postage stamps casts an odium upon Philately.—Hundreds of collectors have become indifferent, careless and negligent, and cease altogether because some swindler imposed upon them with his vile wares. How many shining ornaments Philately has lost through these swindlers can not be estimated, but still they exist. Some sharp and strong measures should be taken in

this matter, but the ones that ought to see to this shirk their duty. We have no doubt but every stamp journal has contributed their share in the shape of talk and printers ink, but that is all.

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 Austria, 20 rare var..... 15
 Austria, newspaper head of Mercury, 3 var..... 10
 Antigua, 2 var..... 8
 *Azores, 1871, 3 var..... 15
 *Baden, unpaid letter, 3 var..... 15
 *Bergedorf, complete set..... 18
 Bavaria, 10 var..... 12
 Bavaria, return letter, 4 var..... 15
 Brazil, 6 var., head..... 15
 *Brunswick, 5 var..... 4
 Bolivia, 2 var..... 12
 *Bremen, envelopes, 2 var..... 10
 British Guiana, 1860, 5 var..... 15
 Belgium, various issues, 10 var..... 10
 Chili, complete set..... 20
 Costa Rica, 2 var..... 10
 *Curacao, 2 var..... 10
 Bermuda, 9 var., incl. surcharged..... 50
 Canada, Registered Stamps, 2 var..... 5
 Canada, 3 issues, 12 var..... 10
 *Confederate States, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c..... 15
 *Cashmere, 2 var..... 20
 Cuba, 1870, 2 var..... 10
 " 1874, 2 var..... 8
 " 1875, 3 var..... 6
 " 1876, 2 var..... 5
 Cape of Good Hope, 3 var..... 5
 " " triangular, 2 var..... 15
 Denmark, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 25, 50 ore..... 10
 " Official, complete set..... 8
 Dutch Indies, 5 var..... 20
 Ecuador, ½ and 1 real..... 8
 Egypt, 1867, 5 var..... 25
 " 3 issues, 6 var..... 15
 Finland, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 pen..... 10
 France, 5 issues, 15 var..... 15
 Guatemala, 1875, 2 var..... 15
 Grenada, 2 var..... 10
 Great Britain, 10 rare var..... 10
 *Germany, Turn and Taxis, 14 var..... 30
 Germauy, 1875, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 pf..... 10
 Greece, 6 var..... 10
 *Greece, unpaid letter, 3 var..... 8
 Hanover Head, 1, 2, 3 Gr..... 10
 Hamburg, 6 var..... 10
 *Hamburg, 10 var..... 30
 " envelopes, 7 var..... 50
 *Heligoland, 7 var..... 20
 " 1, 2, 2½, 5 pf..... 10
 Holland Arms, 6 var..... 10
 Italy, official, complete set..... 20
 " " " signetasse..... 20
 India, 4 var..... 4
 *Japan, first issue complete..... 60
 Japan, 1, 2, 4 sen..... 8
 " ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30 and 45 sen..... 60
 Jamaica, 5 var..... 15
 *Mauritius Britannia seated, vermilion, blue, red
 on blue, 3 var..... 1 00

Mexico, first issue, 2 var..... 16
 " 1868 " 5 "..... 25
 " 1872 " complete set..... 20
 " 1874 " " "..... 20
 *Modena, 3 var..... 10
 *Montenegro, 2 var..... 12
 *North German Officials, 1, 2, 3, 7 k..... 10
 " " " ¼, ½, ¾, 12 g..... 15
 *Naples, head, 6 var..... 20
 Nova Scotia, 2 var..... 8
 New Grenada, 1869 issue, 5, 10, 25, 50, \$1 peso, complete..... 90
 New Grenada, 1869, 5 and 10 pesos, large, rare..... 5 00
 New Zealand, 4 var..... 10
 Nicaragua, complete set..... 40
 Newfoundland, 3 var..... 10
 Norway, 4 issues, 12 var..... 25
 Prince Edwards Isl., 4 var..... 15
 Portugal, 6 var..... 10
 Peru, 5, 10, 20c..... 15
 Queensland, 2 var..... 2
 *Romania, 1865, complete set..... 12
 " " 1866, " "..... 15
 Romania, 1872, complete set..... 15
 Russia, 5 var..... 5
 *Roman States, first issue, 8 var..... 15
 " " 1867, perforated..... 20
 Sandwich Islands, 3 var..... 15
 Sa vador, ½, 1 and 2 reals..... 20
 *Saxony, 1863, 6 var..... 8
 Switzerland, 6 var..... 8
 Swiss Rappen, 3 var..... 8
 Spanish Officials, 1855, 4 var..... 15
 Spain, rare old issues, 20 var..... 30
 Sweden, 1858, 3, 5, 9, 12, 20, 24, 30, 50..... 10
 " 1872, complete set of 9..... 12
 " officials " "..... 25
 Servia, 20 and 40 p..... 5
 Turkey, 5 var..... 10
 U. S. Envelopes, old issues, 7 var..... 15
 U. S., 1870, complete set..... 15
 Victoria, 8 var..... 10
 Western Australia, 2 var..... 6
 Those marked thus * are unused.

PRICE LIST OF U. S. OFFICIALS.

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 All are used.

	1	2	3	6	7	10	12	15	24	30	90
Agriculture.....	5	1	1
Interior.....	2	1	1	5	1	2	2	3	2
Justice.....	5	4	1	1	..	6	3	5	..	5	..
Navy.....	3	3	1	1	6	6	3	4	5	5	8
Post Office.....	1	2	1	1	6	4	3	3	4	4	5
Post Office Envelopes.....	1	1	2
Treasury.....	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
War.....	1	3	1	1	3	3	4	3	..
War Envelopes.....	1	..	3	2	4
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REVIEW OF COUNTERFEITS.

The various Stamp Journals of this country are to be commended for their vigorous support in trying to suppress and expose dealers in counterfeit stamps. This meritorious act should not cease until the whole pack of counterfeiters are made to go out of the business. They do more harm towards stamp collecting, than can be imagined at a glance. When a collector finds that some of the choicest specimens in his collection and which he prized most of all are counterfeit, he gets disgusted and ceases to collect. Were it not for the gang of counterfeiters who infest New York, (and whose names it will be unnecessary to mention,) there would not be half as many dealers in them through these swindlers. Small dealers out of town are supplied with bogus stamps, and by these means counterfeit stamps are imposed on the market by unprincipled persons, who do not know what they are selling or do not care; they only look forward to what can be made doing so. We have in view a few of these dealers, who have extended their operations too far to be good to the stamp collecting community, and we warn them unless they stop this nefarious trade, we shall expose them in full. Counterfeits are becoming more numerous every day; collectors should be careful to purchase stamps of reliable dealers only. Many persons labor under the impression that if a stamp is used it must be genuine; it is not so; some of the most dangerous counterfeits are obliterated by a postmark, it being a very convenient cloak to hide any deflection there may be in the stamp itself. In addition to the bogus stamps mentioned in our last, we would warn collectors against the following, of which there are a great many counterfeits afloat: Strats Settlements, St. Helena, Cape of Good Hope, Shanghai, Virgin Isles, Buenos Ayres, Cuba, Fiji Isles, and numerous others which we shall mention in an early number.

CABUL.

The stamps purporting to be from this country, and of which there is still some doubt, is an interesting subject for study; an English journal describes it thus: Another series of mysterious Cabul stamps has made its appearance. It has the usual cat's face in the centre, which in this instance appears to have thrown a kind of broken reflection of its outlines on the margin. Collectors who wish to escape a hideous night mare, should not study these stamps just before going to bed. The denominations are 1, 2, 4 and 8 shahi, and 1 rroupi. The value of these stamps is unknown; their variety are 48 in number.

COLLECTING.

During this month many old and new collectors will commence to look over their albums. We would advise them to have clean hands before doing so. A clean and neat album of stamps, is an ornament which none should be ashamed to exhibit to their friends. A person who once collecting stamps and gets that mania, never ceases until he has a fine collection. We would advise our friends to shun counterfeits, as they are a disgrace to any album. To persons who are about to enter the ranks of Philatelists, we would advise them to purchase a blank book wherein to keep their stamps. To beginners, packets will be found the best way of increasing their collections at a small outlay. Collectors who have a collection of over 500 stamps, and wish to make a nice display of them, we can cheerfully recommend to them the new International Stamp Album, circulars of which will be sent on receipt of a 1 cent stamp.

NEW ISSUES.

The scarcity of new issues prevents our illustrating this column as is our wont. When there are any new stamps of which we can obtain an engraving, and which we think will be interesting to collectors, we shall publish it in our journal.

JAPAN.

Another new value for this country appears. The value is 4 sen, green; the design is something similar to our engraving. Adding this new value, the new set comprises 4 stamps in all, 1, 2, 4 & 5 sen. It is probable that some high values, will be issued as soon as the stock on hand is exhausted.



ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

Has issued a new envelope stamp, value, 5 centavos. value is expressed in circles on each side. In the centre is the head of Rivadavia.

TURKEY.

A Belgium journal reports a post card for this country

BELGIUM.

The post card of this country is now issued in green.

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