

THE POSTAGE STAMP REPORTER.

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ARTHUR H. WHEELER.

Dealer in Foreign Postage Stamps,
LOWELL, MASS.

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Price List of Postage Stamps. September.

Our stock numbers many hundred varieties. Instead of issuing a printed catalogue (for which a price would be charged) we furnish abridged lists which are less expensive, and we give our customers the benefit of the saving, in low prices. When more than one stamp is mentioned on the same line the price is so much for each. ALL ARE WARRANTED GENUINE. All letters of enquiry and orders, must contain a stamp for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk. For Stamps not on this list, see former and future advertisements.

		New.	Used.		New.	Used.
ALSACE and LORRAINE,	1c	\$0.03		HELIGOLAND, set 1/2, 1, 2, 6s	60	
"	"	2c	5	ITALY. White Letters, 1850,		
"	"	4c	5	"	5, 10, 15, 20c	4
"	"	5c	8	"	1862 5, 10, 15, 20c	2
Complete set of 7			50	"	1863 30, 40, 60c	3
AUSTRIA, 1850, 1 kr.			5	LUBECK. 1869 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 4, set	40	
"	1850, 3, 6, 9 kr.		2	NAPLES. 1868		
"	1858, 3 green, 3 black.		10	1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50g, set	10	
"	1858, 5, 10, 15 kr.		2	NORTH GERMAN CONFED. Set of 10		15
"	1861, 2, 3 kr.		5	NOVA SCOTIA. 6d		30
"	1861, 5, 10, 15 kr.		2	NORWAY. 1854 4 s		10
"	1863, 2, 3 kr.		3	"	1864 4 s	3
"	1863, 5, 10, 15 kr.		2	"	1867 2 s	5
"	1867, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 kr.		2	"	1867 4 s	2
NEWSPAPER STAMPS.				OLDENBURG. 1866 1/2, 1, 2, 3, set	25	
1851 Head Mercury, 1, 10, 50 kr.				PARMA. 1858 15c	15	
the set,		3.00		" Newspaper 9c	20	
1856 Arms 1 kr blue, 2 kr brown,			5	" 1859 20, 40c	15	
1863 Arms in oct.			3	PRUSSIA. 1850 1, 2, 3 s. gr		3
1867 Head in circle,			3	"	1857 1 s. gr	3
AUSTRIAN ITALY. 1860, 15, 30c.			3	"	1858 1, 2, 3 s. gr	2
"	1858, 10 kr.		5	"	1861 4, 6 pf, 1, 2, 3 gr	1
"	1861, 5 kr.		5	ROMAGNA. 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 20 set	50	
BADEN. 1864, 1, 3, 6			2	ROUMANIA. 1865 2, 5, 20 b, set	30	
"	" 9 kr.		3	RUSSIA. 1, 3, 10, kopce		2
"	1868, 1, 3 kr.		1	SPAIN. 1850 6c		6
"	" 7 kr. & 3 kr. env. 1862		2	"	1852 6c	6
BARBADOS. 1/2, 1 d			3	"	1856 4c	10
BAVARIA. 1849-58, 3, 6, 9 kr.			2	"	1857 4c	5
"	1862 1, 3, 6, 9 kr.		1	"	1857 1r	20
"	1867 1, 3		1	"	1862 4c	5
"	1867 6, 9		3	"	1862 1r	10
"	Env. 3 kr.		5	"	1864 1, 2r	5
BELGIUM. 1856 10, 20, 40c			2	"	1865 2r	10
"	1869 1c		2	"	1866 4c, 10c, de esco	5
"	" 2c		3	"	1867 20c, 50 m.	5
"	" 5c		5	"	1870 1, 2 m.	3
"	" 10, 20c.		2	"	" 4, 10 m.	6
BERGEDORF. 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 3, 4, the set			30	"	" 50 m.	5
BREMEN. Env. 1g. on blue or white			10	OFFICIAL STAMPS. 1854 Set of 4	30	
BRITISH GUIANA. 1c black.			5	SARAWAK. 3c 1871	15	
BRUNSWICK. 1, 2, 3 g			2	SAXONY. 1854 1/2, 1, 2, 3 ngr		3
"	Money orders 1 g. rose		20	"	1863 3 pf 1, 2, 3 ngr	2
CANADA. 1868 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 6c			2	SICILY. 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 g, the set	75	
"	1870 1, 3c		1	SOUTH AUSTRALIA. 1869 1d		5
CEYLON. 1/2d			5	"	" 1 shilling.	10
CONFEDERATE STATES. 1861				SWEDEN. 1855. 4 sk banco		3
* 5c green				"	12, 24, 30, 50 s	2
* 10c blue				SWITZERLAND. 1854 5, 10, 15, 20c		3
* 1862 5c blue				"	1862 2, 5, 10, 10, 20, 30	2
* 10c rose				"	1867 25, 30	3
1863 5c blue			5	Envelopes. 10c		3
20c green			5	"	25c	5
DENMARK. 1851 4 r. b. s			3	VICTORIA. 1862 4d		5
"	1853 4s		4	"	1864 1, 2, 4d	2
"	1857 4s		3	"	1870 2d	2
"	1866 2, 3s		3	WEST AUSTRALIA. 1, 2d 1865		5
"	1866 4, 16s		2	WURTEMBERG. 1857 1 kr		5
FINLAND. 1866 5, 10, 20, 40 k			5	"	1857 3, 6	3
FRANCE. 1871 1c			2	"	1862 1, 3, 6	2
GREAT BRITAIN. 1840 1d black			5	"	1869 1, 3	2
"	1855 4d		5	Envelopes. 1 kr. green		3
HELIGOLAND. 1/2s			5	"	3 kr, rose	2

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TERMS:—25 cents per year in advance. The postage, 3 cents per quarter, must be paid at the office where received.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

OUR object in issuing the *Postage Stamp Reporter* as a monthly publication, is not so much from any dearth of Philatelic literature as it is from the fact that most of the stamp journals of the day are filled with matter such that none but the most advanced collectors can hope to profit by their perusal; and in many cases we are inclined to think that even the writers themselves have no adequate ideas of the subject they are attempting to analyze, but wish to impress the reader with an idea that they are very wise on that momentous subject Philately. To furnish a medium which shall contain the more important facts and suggestions relative to stamp collecting in a style which the younger collectors can comprehend, and at the same time have a subscription price so low as to be within the reach of all, is our object in appearing in our present form.

We make no pretence to authority on any of the nicer points of distinction, but shall try to meet at all times the wants of its readers on all points of general interest. Our ideas of stamp collecting are not strictly those of the American school, although we do not advocate the wild nonsense of the so-called French school, or the little better ideas of the English school, by following either of which a collector must be at the trouble and expense of obtaining a hundred and one *varieties* of each stamp before he can call his sets complete.

For a dealer, however, the French school answers an admirable purpose: the more varieties there are the greater number he will be able to sell, and whoever attempts to follow this system will always find persons who will supply him with new *varieties* as long as his purse and patience lasts.

The present indications are that stamp collecting, which in its infancy was confined to a small class and that mostly of the juvenile denomination, has become a settled fashion, and collections are now to be found in the drawing-rooms of the fashionable, the study of the enlightened, and the locker of the school boy.

And thanking our friends for their past favors, and trusting in a continuance of the same, we wish you all

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

LOCAL STAMPS are stamps issued by private persons or companies, with or without the authority of the state, for the purpose of prepaying the proprietors' charges for carrying letters from one particular town to another, or from one part of a town to another. The Russian local stamps, however, have an exceptional origin, they being issued by the local authorities of the government in which they are current. Of the local emissions with which collectors are acquainted, and for which spaces are allotted in all the principal albums, scarcely one-half are genuine, the remainder being the fraudulent fabrications of dishonest engravers and speculators.—*Gray.*

TAKE CARE.—There is a regular manufactory of old and rare coins in Connecticut, and collectors cannot be sure of getting the genuine.

Revenue Stamps, 25 varieties for 25 cts. Post free, 28 cts.

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JANUARY 1st, 1872.

HONDURAS.

The first information concerning the stamp of this country appeared in the July number of *Le Timbre Poste* for 1865, after which it was duly noticed in its contemporaries of the day. The stamp in question has excited a great deal of suspicion on account of the difficulty of proving its authenticity, for no one could be found in Honduras who knew anything about the stamp; even the Postmaster General denied all knowledge of any postage or other stamps ever having been used in Honduras; With such an array of authority against it no wonder it has been subjected to many doubts. We have in our possession a letter which was received from the American Minister resident at Comayagua which we give below:

LEGATION OF THE U. S. AT
Tegucigalpa, Honduras,
June 30th, 1871.

Sir:

Your favor of May 29th, requesting me to send you a set of Honduras stamps, was received a few days since. As you request I send you the only stamp used in Honduras, and of necessity send a used stamp, not being able to procure any other at this time or should not send this. It will however give you the specimen.

Yours Truly,

(Signed)

HENRY BAXTER.

The stamps which he sent consisted of two unsevered specimens of the two reals rose cancelled with the word "Comayagua" in large roman letters extending nearly across both stamps. Such a statement coming from such a person might reasonably be considered as proof of its genuine character, were it not that other difficulties require to be overcome before we can accept it in full confidence. Prominent among which is the fact that the stamp is sold in this country at *less than its face value* 25c currency, (its face value being 25c gold) while those of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, neighboring countries, of the same value, are charged 50c for *just double their face value*.

Again, can it be that the Honduras government, having tried and tested postage stamps (if it be so) for seven years, has not perceived the advantages which must arise from the issue of a full set of stamps corresponding to those of neighboring states? We think not. Until these difficulties are explained satisfactorily, we would advise any of our readers who think of investing in Honduras stamps to reject them altogether, unless they wish to obtain as a curiosity, a specimen of what we believe to be one of the most ingenious humbugs connected with postage stamp collecting.

NEWLY-ISSUED STAMPS.

NEW GRANADA. This country favors us with two new stamps, the designs of which differ considerably from those of previous issues, more resembling those of Montevideo. The design consists of an inscribed figure 2 enclosing the arms of the country, with a background of heavily draped flags. In the upper corner, in minute letters, are words LIBERTAD and ORDEN, the motto of the Republic. In the lower corners, are small figures of value. The color is dark brown on white.

FRANCE. We learn that the French government is engaged in the manufacture of Postage Stamps of the value of ONE, TWO, and THREE FRANCS. They will be larger than the ordinary stamps, and will bear a figure of value, instead of the profile of Liberty.

ROUMANIA. The color of the 5 bani stamp has been changed from scarlet to carmine.

NEW SOUTH WALES. The tenpenny stamp of this country formerly printed in lilac, now comes printed in red, and surcharged in black NINEPENCE.

TOLIMA. We have to chronicle the emission of two stamps for this Granadine state, a 5c. brown and a 10c. blue. The design of the 5 cent. consists of the arms of the country enclosed in a white circular inscribed band, the words "correos del estado" above, "cinco cent" below, figure of value in each corner. The 10c. is of similar design but without the band, figure of value at sides and denomination of value, X, in each corner.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ALEXIS. The reason the black Holland stamp is scarce is because it was in use only two months, January and February, 1869. The dealer you mention is unknown to us. We do not think it possible for him to do such an extensive business as you describe, and not be more widely known. He is probably humbugging you for effect's sake.

W. H. T. We can have no sympathy for you if you have been taken in by S. A. T. If you purchase stamps at any such price, you must expect them to be counterfeit. Meanwhile you can warn others of the danger.

C. F. G. Elizabeth. By reading the "Special Notice" you will see how you can obtain the Handbook; the offer applies only until Jan. 30.

G. BERTRAND, New Orleans. We offer you \$6.00 cash for the locals, or \$8.00 in trade.

There is a general belief among younger collectors that the greater the number of stamps in their collection, the better it is. And so without any thought as to their genuine character, they make great haste to purchase those of which they can get the greatest number for the amount of money they have; and as the Hamburg Locals offer the biggest inducements of any, they are in most cases the collector's first purchase. Now we do not intend to deny the collector's right to collect what he pleases; but we think a few words of caution will save the beginner many regrets for his ignorance and, as we know from experience, some hard words against the dealer who so swindled him into buying *trash*.

Of the Hamburg Locals only those bearing the name of C. Hamer are at all *authentic*, the rest are fraudulent fabrications gotten up for the purpose of swindling collectors, and when we say that many thousand sets are sold annually in this country, it will be seen how well the projectors have succeeded in their scheme. Lest we should be called guilty of hypocrisy we will say that we have always sold these stamps, but with the understanding that they were *worthless*, and if any collector wishes to purchase them after the above *ventilation*, we will sell them at 25 cents per set of 116 varieties.

TO OUR PATRONS.

Every POSTAGE STAMP sold is WARRANTED GENUINE, and double the price paid will be refunded for any counterfeit or fictitious stamps purchased from us. All letters sent must be fully prepaid; and if an answer is required, must contain stamps for the same. In sending money, get the amount in as few pieces as possible. When the order is above \$2.00, send by post-office order or registered letter. We are not responsible for money sent in any other way. All letters are replied to, and orders sent per return of mail, and collectors may rely on receiving what they require without delay.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To any one purchasing one dollar's worth of stamps at one time, at our list prices, we will give a copy of the *Postage Stamp Collector's Handbook*, together with an *unused* stamp. The Handbook is a 20-page, closely-printed pamphlet, containing a complete description of all stamps issued up to date of its publication. This offer only extends to January 30th; after which we cannot offer it, as we have but a limited number. This is a rare chance, and collectors will do well to improve it.

READER! this is the beginning of a new year. Think how you can best improve yourself, and at the same time benefit others. We know of no better way of investing twenty-five cents than by sending it for a year's subscription to the *Postage Stamp Reporter*. It will do you more than twenty-five cents' worth of good, and it will enable us to make many improvements in its appearance.

We judge that the *American Coin and Stamp Review* has "gone up," not having heard from it for several months. We do not think it will be greatly missed.

 An *unused* stamp will be given with the next number. Subscribe NOW.

THE IMPROVED POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.—This Album will be found to be the cheapest and most correct yet issued, containing apartments for the latest issues. Neatly bound in embossed cloth, gilt lettered, sprinkled edges, &c. Price \$1.00. By mail, \$1.10.

LIST OF STAMPS FOR JANUARY.

When more than one stamp is mentioned on the same line, the price is so much for each. ALL ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

	New.	Used.
ALSACE & LORAINÉ. 1c	\$0.02	
" " 2c	.03	
" " 3c	.05	
" " 5c	.08	
AUSTRIA, 1850, 1 kr		.05
" 1850, 3, 6, 9,		.02
" 1858, 3 green, 3 black,		.10
" 1858, 5, 10, 15,		.02
" 1861, 2, 3,		.05
" 1861, 5, 10, 15,		.02
" 1863, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15,		.02
" 1867, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15,		.02
" Post Card,		.05
NEWSPAPER STAMPS.		
1851, 1, 10, 50 kr, the set,	1.00	
1856, Arms 1 kr, blue 2, brown		.05
1863, Arms in oct,		.02
1867, Head in circle,		.01
AZORES. 1871, 5c		.05
BAHAMAS. 1d		.06
BELGIUM. 1869, 1c		.02
" 2c		.03
" 5c		.05
BRITISH GUIANA. 1c		.04
BRUNSWICK. 1, 2, 3, 4-4,		.02
CANADA. 1861, 1, 5c,		.02
" 1868, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 1, 2, 3, 6,		.02
" 1870. 1, 3,		.01
CAPE GOOD HOPE, 1, 4,		.03
CEYLON, $\frac{1}{4}$ d,		.04
CONFEDERATE STATES. 5, 20c		.03
" 1861, 5c green,		.20
" " 10c blue,		.20
" 1862, 10c rose,	1.50	
DUTCH INDIES, 1864, 10c		.10
" 1870, 10, 20c		.15
" " 50		.05
EGYPT. 5p		.04
FINLAND, 1860, 5, 10,		.10
" 1866, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40.		.05
FRANCE. Republic, 1848, 20c		.05
" 1848, 25c		.03
" Presidency, 25c		.05
" 1871, 1c		.02
" 2c		.03
" 4c		.04
GREAT BRITAIN, 1d black,		.05
" 1855, 4d		.05
HELIGLOLAND. $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.05
HOLLAND. 1867, 5, 10c		.01
ITALY (Sardinia) 5, 10, 15, 20,		.04
" " 3 lire, bronze,		.25
LUBECK, 1859, $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.05
" " 4s		.08
" " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.05
LUXEMBURG. 1c		.02
" 2c		.04
" 4c		.05
MECKLENBURG SCH. $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.03
NOVA SCOTIA. 6d		.30
PARMA. 1858, 15c		.15
" NEWSPAPER, 9c		.15
" 1859, 20, 40c		.12

PORTUGAL. 1871, 10r	.08
ROUMANIA. 1862, 30p	.12
" 1865, 2, 5, 20 b. the set,	.30
" 1866, 20p	.06
RUSSIA. 1, 3, 10	.02
SPAIN. 1850-52 6c	.05
" 1856, 4c	.05
" 1857-62-66, 4c	.05
" 1857, 1r	.20
" 1862, 1r	.10
" 1867, 20c 50m	.05
" 1870, 1, 2m	.02
" " 4, 10m	.05
" " 10m	.05
" Official Stamps, 1854, Set of 4	.30
SANDWICH ISLANDS. 1853, 5c blue,	.20
SARAWAK. 1871. 3c	.10
SERVIA. 1869, 1p	.02
ST. DOMINGO. 1867, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1r	.20
SWEDEN. 1858. 5, 12, 24, 30, 50 ore.	.02
SWITZERLAND. 1862, 2, 5, 10,	.01
" 1867, 10 red,	.01
" 20, 25, 30, 30, 40c,	.02
" Envelope, 10c	.02
TURKEY. 1869, 10, 20pa.	.08
" " 1 pi.	.08
" Unpaid 1869, 20 pa.	.06
VICTORIA. 1, 2, 2, 4,	.02
WURTEMBERG. Env. 3kr.	.01

CHEAP SETS OF STAMPS.

Marked at our lowest prices, from which no discount can be made. Those marked with a * are unused.

*ALSACE and LORAINÉ. Set of 7	\$0.50
AUSTRIA, " 25	.50
AUSTRIAN ITALY, " 4	.12
BADEN, " 8	.15
BAVARIA, " 12	.25
BELGIUM, " 6	.10
*BERGEDORF, " 5	.25
CANADA, " 10	.15
DENMARK, " 5	.12
FINLAND, " 5	.15
FRANCE, " 8	.15
*HAMBURG, Envelopes, " 7	.75
ITALY, " 15	.30
*LUBECK, 1859, " 5	.25
" " complete, " 18	1.25
*NAPLES, 1868, " 8	.50
NORTH GERMAN CONF. " 10	.10
NORWAY, " 5	.15
*OLDENBURG, 1866, " 5	.25
PRUSSIA, " 15	.40
*ROMAGNA, " 9	.50
RUSSIA, " 4	.50
SPAIN, (old) " 5	.15
SAXONY, " 12	.20
*SICILY, " 7	.75
SWEDEN, " 6	.10
SWITZERLAND, " 12	.25
WURTEMBERG, " 10	.18

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We desire to express our thanks to those of our friends and patrons who have so generously responded to our call for aid in the way of subscriptions to the Reporter. In return we will try and make the paper well worth the money, and endeavor to meet all wants as fully as possible, and any persons desiring information on the subject of stamps are requested to forward their enquiries, and and if it is within our knowledge, we will give the desired information in the next number. Persons receiving this number who are not subscribers, are informed that it is a specimen copy; and they are requested to become subscribers. After this number we shall send it only to regular subscribers. Before closing we have one offer to make. If we receive 300 new subscribers before the first of March, we will make our appearance next month, enlarged to eight pages, double our present size, which will make it the largest stamp paper ever published at a subscription price of 25 cents per year; If we do not succeed in obtaining the 300 new names, we will reward the extra efforts of our friends in some other way.

THE C. S. PROVISIONALS.

In accordance with the numerous enquiries and requests of our correspondents, we annex a concise history and (we believe) correct list of these very interesting and valuable stamps. We say valuable, because of their extreme rarity, for of some of them not more than one or two specimens are known to be in existence, and these are held at fab-

ulous prices, some of them as high as fifty dollars.

Our readers will remember that at the commencement of the war in the spring of 1861, the U. S. government immediately suppressed the then current issue of stamps and issued a set of different designs. This, of course, obliged the C. S. government to fall back on its own resources for stamps, and it was a considerable time before the regular government issue could be prepared.

Meanwhile, there being no currency in circulation less than one dollar, to accommodate those wishing to mail letters, the postage thereon being 5 and 10 cents according to distance, the postmasters were obliged to issue stamps of the value of 5 and 10 cents, and in some cases 15 and 20 cents, on their own responsibility. Some of these were of the rudest design, being simply the post-mark of the town with the date removed and the value inserted in its place. Some were type set. Others were somewhat elaborate specimens of the (wood) engraver's art, for as yet none have been discovered which were from steel plates, although there are several fine lithographs, among which are the Mobile and Livingston. These then are what are now called "Confederate Provisionals." To give a complete list and description of them would be impossible at this time; for new ones are constantly being discovered. It is not known precisely how long these stamps were in circulation, but it could not have been longer than six months in any case, and three months would cover the existence of the greater number of them. Concerning the number issued of any one stamp nothing definite is known, for in most cases the records are not obtainable. Some cities such as Charleston, Knoxville, Memphis, &c., issued stamped envelopes, but the idea was not generally adopted. The handsomest stamp is accredited to Livingston, the homeliest it

would be difficult to locate, for nearly all of them seem to excel in this particular; for ourselves we look upon the Memphis 5c as an "ugly customer," but glad enough are we to meet with those ugly customers whenever fortune favors us. In the following list we omit all varieties of type and color, both of which are found in nearly all.

Athens, Ga.	5 cent, purple.
Baton Rouge, La.	5 " red.
Charlestown, S. C.	5 " blue.
"	Env. 5 " blue on yellow.
"	" 5 " " " blue.
Columbia, S. C.	" 5 " blue.
Fredericksburg, Va.	5 " blue.
"	10 " red.
Greenville, Ala.	5 " blue and red.
? "	10 " red and blue.
Knoxville, Tenn.	5 " black.
"	5 " red.
"	10 " blue.
"	Env. 5 " green.
Livingston, Ala.	5 " blue.
Lynchburg, Va.	5 " blue.
Macon, Ga.	5 " blue.
"	5 " green.
? Madison, Fla.	3 " gold.
* Marion, Va.	5 " black.
"	10 " "
"	15 " "
"	20 " "
Memphis, Tenn.	2 " blue.
"	5 " red.
"	Env. 5 " red on yellow.
Mobile, Ala.	2 " black.
"	5 " blue.
Nashville, Tenn.	3 " red.
"	5 " crimson.
"	5 " red.
"	10 " green.
New Orleans, La.	2 " blue.
"	2 " red.
"	5 " brown.
"	5 " red.
"	5 " brown on blue.
Petersburg, Va.	5 " red.
Pleasant Shade, Va.	5 " blue.
Rheatown, Tenn.	5 " red.
Stat'sville, N. C.	Env. 5 " black.

* The 2 and 3 cent which are mentioned in catalogues were never issued.

Boston has the honor of having produced

the greatest number of stamp journals of any city in the U. S. It also has the disgrace of being the headquarters of a set of notorious forgers and counterfeiters, and from these emanate to all parts of the United States, a class of stamps which cause the uninitiated collector a deal of vexation and oftentimes results in his giving up collecting in disgust. We refer to those arrant forgeries and humbugs with which every collector who has had more or less dealings in Boston must be acquainted. It is not our will or purpose to give descriptions of these worthless stamps, for we have not the space to devote to it, moreover their name is legion, and to attempt it would be an almost hopeless task. We simply desire to put our readers on their guard against all dealers who advertise such stamps as

Pacific Steam Navigation Co., set of 8 for 15 cents.

New Granada, set of 8 for 10c.

La Guaira, set of 4 for 10c.

Heligoland, set of 4 for 20c.

Buck's Richmond Express, set of 6 for 10c.

Brattleboro', Vt., P. O., set of 2 for 5c.

St. Louis, set of 4 for 5c.

&c., &c.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE. The new stamps have appeared. We can only say that they are far handsomer than we supposed they would be, from descriptions given of them. The colors and values are as follows:

$\frac{1}{4}$ groschen, mauve	1 kreuzer, light green.
$\frac{1}{3}$ " light green.	2 " orange red.
$\frac{1}{4}$ " orange red.	3 " rose.
1 " rose.	7 " ultramarine
2 " ultramarine.	18 " stone.
5 " stone.	

Of the envelopes, only the 1 groschen has yet appeared. Newspaper bands of the value of $\frac{1}{4}$ sgr. and 1 kr., same color as adhesive, have been issued.

RUSSIA. Various locals are appearing in all directions, but we do not think them of sufficient interest to give descriptions.

FINLAND is now using post cards; they are printed in green on buff, of the value of 8 pennia.

CEYLON. The S. C. M. says "that from January 1, 1872, new postage labels will in

connection with the decimal system be issued in *rupees* and *cents*.

SERVIA will shortly issue post cards.

CANADA. The new 6 cent stamp of the size of the current 1 and 3 cent stamps has been issued.

HAYTI.

The last number of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* contains an article which seems to put to the shade all former statements to prove the genuine character of this stamp. In a letter from the British Vice Consul and Post-Office Agent, the writer says: "I have been resident in Hayti, with but two short intermissions, for nineteen years, and am able, consequently, to state very positively that no government of that country has ever adopted or authorized the manufacture of any postage stamps whatever." In concluding his remarks the editor says: "We have reason to give a pretty shrewd guess as to the parentage of the impostures. Boston, of course, knows all about them; and that 'cute philatelist, Mr. S. A. T—, will doubtless be able to supplement our efforts by tracing them to their unclean source."

In regard to the latter statement, we have only to say that when in the office of the said Mr. T. some time since, we observed a quantity of the Hayti stamps, and upon mention of our suspicion concerning them, the proprietor gaily admitted their "unclean source."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JULIUS G., ALLIE P., HENRY B., Northampton, Mass., and JAMES H. M., Mich. City, Ind. Please send a list of the stamps you wish in exchange.

TO OUR PATRONS.

Every POSTAGE STAMP sold is WARRANTED GENUINE, and double the price paid will be refunded for any counterfeit or fictitious stamps purchased from us. All letters sent must be fully prepaid; and if an answer is required, must contain stamp for the same. In sending money, get the amount in as few pieces as possible. When the order is above \$2.00, send by post-office order or registered letter. We are not responsible for money sent in any other way. All letters are replied to, and orders sent per return of mail, and collectors may rely on receiving what they require without delay.

THE IMPROVED POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM. This Album will be found to be the cheapest and most correct yet issued, containing apartments for the latest issues. Neatly bound in embossed cloth, gilt lettered, sprinkled edges, &c. Price, \$1.00. By mail, \$1.10.

REVIEW.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine comes a little late this month, probably owing to the rough weather which has delayed the mail steamers. The Papers for beginners are continued, and we think they will be read with as much interest by advanced collectors as the beginner. We notice it has commenced a war upon the dealers in forged stamps, we hope it may continue in its good work. A list of newly issued stamps, a paper entitled *Postal Spheres*, an article on the Hayti stamp, and several letters from correspondents, complete the number.

The American Journal of Philately, for December, contains nothing worth noticing.

The Canadian Philatelist is a new paper hailing from Quebec. In an article on Philately in Canada, the editor speaking of the deplorable condition of collectors in the United States, says: "But in Canada matters are even worse, and the whole body of collectors are boys; in fact, we do not know of more than half a dozen adults who collect stamps, and are acquainted with but one *philatelist*." On the last page mention is made of a "stamp lottery." We had supposed such things were beneath the dignity of an American philatelist.

The Stamp Collector's Guide, although in its second year, does not show the originality which characterized it when in the hands of its former owners. It should improve with age. The last number contained an article on Mounting Post Cards, which it neglected to credit to the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*.

The Collector contains a good amount of news, part stamps and part amateur journalism. We wish it much success.

To any one purchasing one dollar's worth of stamps at our *list* (not packet list) prices, we will give an *unused* stamp valued at 25 cents.

We have a few copies of the *Stamp Collector's Handbook* which we will mail to any address on receipt of 15c and 2c stamp.

LIST OF STAMPS FOR FEBRUARY.

When more than one stamp is mentioned on the same line, the price is so much for each. ALL ARE

WARRANTED GENUINE.		New.	Used.
ALSACE & LORRAINE,	1c	\$0.02	
"	"	2c	.03
"	"	4c	.05
"	"	5c	.08
BELGIUM. 1869,	1c	.02	
"	2c	.03	
"	5c	.05	
BRUNSWICK, 1, 2, 3, 4-4,		.02	
CONFEDERATE STATES.	5, 20c	.03	
"	1861, 5c green,	.20	
"	" 10c blue,	.40	
"	1862, 10c rose,	1.50	
DUTCH INDIES, 1864,	10c	.10	
"	1870, 10, 20c,	.15	
"	" 50	.05	
FRANCE. Republic,	1848, 20c	.05	
"	1848, 25c	.03	
"	Presidency, 25c	.05	
"	1871, 1c	.02	
"	2c	.03	
"	4c	.04	
GREAT BRITAIN, 1d black,		.05	
"	1855, 4d	.05	
HELIGLOLAND, $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.05	
HOLLAND. 1867, 5, 10c		.01	
ITALY (Sardinia) 5, 10, 15, 20,		.04	
"	" 3 lire, bronze,	.25	
LUBECK, 1859, $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.05	
"	" 4s	.08	
"	" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s	.05	
LUXEMBURG	1c	.02	
"	2c	.04	
"	4c	.05	
MECKLENBURG SCH. $\frac{1}{2}$ s		.03	
NOVA SCOTIA. 6d		.30	
PARMA. 1858, 15c		.15	
"	NEWSPAPER, 9c	.15	
"	1859, 20, 40c	.15	
PORTUGAL. 1871, 10r		.08	
ROUMANIA. 1862, 30p		.12	
"	1865, 2, 5, 20 b. the set,	.30	
"	1866, 20p	.06	
RUSSIA, 1, 3, 10		.02	
SPAIN, 1850-52 6c		.05	
"	1856, 4c	.05	
"	1857-62-66, 4c	.05	
"	1857, 1r	.20	
"	1862, 1r	.10	
"	1867, 20c 50m	.05	
"	1870, 1, 2m	.02	
"	" 4, 10m	.05	
SARAWAK. 1871. 3c		.10	
SERVIA. 1869, 1p		.02	
ST. DOMINGO. 1867, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1r		.20	
SWEDEN. 1858, 5, 12, 24, 30, 50 ore.		.02	
TURKEY. 1869, 10, 20pa.		.08	
"	" 1 pi.	.08	
"	Unpaid 1869, 20 pa	.06	
VICTORIA. 1, 2, 2, 4,		.02	

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BADEN,	" 12	.25
BAVARIA,	" 6	.10
BELGIUM,	" 11	.15
CANADA,	" 5	.12
DENMARK,	" 8	.15
FRANCE,	" 7	.75
*HAMBURG, Envelopes,	" 15	.30
ITALY,	" 5	.25
*LUBECK, 1857,	" 18	1.25
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NORTH GERMAN CONF.	" 5	.25
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PRUSSIA,	" 9	.50
*ROMAGNA,	" 4	.10
RUSSIA,	" 5	.15
SPAIN. (old)	" 12	.20
SAXONY,	" 7	.75
*SICILY,	" 6	.10
SWEDEN,	" 12	.25
SWITZERLAND,	" 10	.10
WURTEMBERG,	" 3	.10
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HAMBURG,	" 4	.10
*SPAIN,	" 5	.12
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HOLLAND,	" 100	.60
PRUSSIA,	" 100	.50
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KNOW the world and know what's in it;
Read, and information gain;
Do not waste an hour or minute,
What is useless to explain:
But, O, daily strive for learning;
Seek more of the world to know;
Watch, and you may be discerning
Much — and great in knowledge grow!
E'en stamps used in nations foreign
May instruct and edify
Those who're with life's trials warring
As their days like eagles fly!

SURCHARGISM.

The word surcharged has been used by writers on stamp matters to indicate those stamps of which the ordinary color, denomination or style has been changed, by printing on them, subsequent to their issue, certain words or figures altering their denominational character.

The stamp of St. Helena is the most noticeable and probably the oldest of these, the single stamp issued by that island being printed in seven different colors representing as many values, and surcharged from one penny to five shillings.

The British Colonies appear to afford most of these hybrid emissions, although the governments of Spain, Portugal and Italy have favored stamp collectors with sundry specimens, none of which are remarkable, either for their beauty or peculiarity.

We do not propose to discuss the abstract question of whether these stamps are entitled to full consideration; our only object is to submit the claims of a country which our

brethren both in Europe and America seem to have forgotten. We, therefore, do, with all mild demeanor and humility, beg to set forth the claims of the misguided, misruled and misused Republic of Mexico.

In the first issues of the Republic, and in the first series issued by the precious "Archduke" Maximilian, whom the Mexicans so effectually cancelled, the name of each State was "surcharged" on the margin of the stamps issued within its boundary. We learn from a gentleman long resident in Mexico that if the stamps of one State were attached to a letter and then posted at a post-office in another State, they would not be recognized, and the letter would be treated as unpaid; but all stamps were exchanged for others of like value, by application to the Director General of Posts. These stamps, then, with the words Zacatecas, Tamaulipas, etc., printed along the edges were "surcharged" stamps, or else we do not know what "surcharged" means; and in this case, we hope the omission is one which some of the learned philatelists will rise to explain.

NEW ISSUED STAMPS.

FIJI ISLANDS. New stamps of the values and colors as follows:

- One penny, light blue.
- Three pence, light green.
- Six pence, rose.

Printed on white paper.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. A new three penny stamp, color, brown, is reported for this country.

CANADA. We have received copies of the 2 cent stamp, same size as the current 1, 3, and 6 cent. We presume the rest of the series will soon follow.

EGYPT. From the S. C. M., we clip the following:

"We have been officially informed of a new emission of stamps for this province, and

having been favored with a complete set, we now proceed to describe them.

The design is very similar to the late series, but the sphinx is to the left of the pyramid, instead of in the centre, as before; Pompey's pillar and Cleopatra's needle are absent, and Arabic and Roman inscriptions take their place; the star and crescent are represented in the spandrels; the numerals of value occupy each corner, and the lower margin has the inscription, *POSTE KHEDEUIE EGIZIANE*.

The series consists of seven values, an additional one being added in the form of a $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastre.

5 paras, light brown;	1 piastre, red;
10 " mauve;	2 " orange;
20 " dull blue;	$2\frac{1}{2}$ " purple;
	5 " light green;

These stamps are lithographed, and their execution is very poor, if we may judge from the blurred specimens before us."

SIERRA LEONE. The same authority says a new issue is officially announced, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. The new stamps, with value in *cents*, instead of *pence*, are in use.

SWEDEN boasts of an Envelope Stamp, color blue, value (tolf) ore. Post cards have also been issued of the same value and bearing the same design as the envelope.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

By official information from Prince Edward Island under date of Feb. 28th, we learn that the two values, one cent orange and three cents rose, are the only ones of the new series just issued. As they are by this time familiar to most of our eastern readers, we do not describe them, except to remark that they are evidently of British manufacture, and resemble as much as possible the other issue.

We had hoped they would have given us a series like the fourpence-halfpenny emissions, but it appears Prince Edward Island is inclined to take a retrograde course in the matter. However, as the island itself, stamps and all, will soon be "annexed," it doesn't make much difference anyhow.

Why are young ladies like unpaid letters? Because the males reject them unless they have *stamps*.

THE AMERICAN POSTAGE STAMP JOURNAL.

Another of the mushroom "amateur" publications devoted to stamp collecting and a display of the editor's lamentable ignorance. In his opening remarks, the "editor, proprietor, publisher, etc." takes occasion to remark that he has "been a stamp collector since its earliest days to the present time and has continued it in the interim." What does he mean? On the second page, he alludes to the *Kingdom* of Natal and the *Empire* of New Foundland. On the last page, "most wonderful to relate," he announces that the Confederate States stamps are now obsolete, having been used only from 1861 to 1865. We would advise to the "editor, proprietor, publisher, etc.," a consolidation of the *American Postage Stamp Journal* with the *Stamp Collector's Guide*, a precious philatelic sheet which seems to be an unwholesome compound of arrant self-conceit, childish impudence and hopeless ignorance, erected on a superstructure of humbug, delusion and make believe.

A catalogue of the various *aliases* used by the ubiquitous and aspiring young person who runs the concern would in itself form a valuable addition to the *Rogue's Lexicon*, the *Newgate Calendar*, or any other like work requiring a supplement. But after all, there is nothing to moralize on, for who that reads the papers would be likely to expect much else from any of the dead things who walk through the crime-stained and rum-soaked Kingdom of New Jersey.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENT'S.

C. B. C., Holyoke, Mass. You neglected to send 25 cents for the Packet.

Ossian E. Dodge. See notice of the new Album.

George W. Fishe, Me. Your letter contained no stamp, consequently no answer was given. We wish no agents.

Wilbur Blackman. The stamp is a Serbian.

C. E. Shaw. The postage is 12c per year, payable at the office where received.

C. M. The Nova Scotia shilling is worth \$8.00. The Connell Essay is worth \$3.00.

Lone Star. Can sell you Bergedorf sets at 25c. The dealer you enquire about was once respectable and reliable, but he has long since lost his reputation for honesty.

—, Franklin, N. H. Your letter was unsigned. Please send your address.

G. A. Freeman, Hartford, Conn. Your order of January was filled on the day of receipt. After lying in the Hartford P. O. ten days, it was returned uncalled for. We mailed it again in reply to your second letter, and it has again been returned "not called for." Please send your correct address.

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Nearly every person is to a greater or less extent greedy of gain. We are particularly reminded of this fact by the operations of a certain young chap hailing from Elizabeth, N. J., and signing himself some half-a-dozen mythical individuals, who has of late been putting into practice a series of swindling dodges, the nature of which consisted in writing to prominent amateurs and others, informing them that he had or could obtain certain of the always rare and now scarcely attainable Confederate Locals, at a price far below that for which genuine copies have formerly sold. Special inducements were offered to purchasers of Fredericksburg stamps, which were *guaranteed to be genuine*. We are not in a position to state how many of the gullible public this individual has thus swindled, but we would say 'to such of our readers as may have "long purses," take warning and look out for "Fredericksburgs!"

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FORGED STAMPS; HOW TO DETECT THEM!
—A very little sentence, and easily written; and as easily answered by us. Learn to examine stamps, learn their peculiarities, their style of engraving, their watermarks, and their perforations. Study your specimens, and you will find an imperceptible sense come to you, by which you can at once reject an ordinary forgery, and which sense will make you suspect—and that instinctively—the best of imitations. This is our advice, and has always been; and this is the true secret of how to become a good judge, both of genuine and forged stamps. *E. L. Pemberton.*

LIST OF STAMPS FOR MARCH.

When more than one stamp is mentioned on the same line, the price is so much for each. ALL ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

	New.	Used.
ALSACE & LORRAINE, 1c	\$0.02	
" " 2c	.03	
" " 4c	.05	
" " 5c	.08	
BELGIUM, 1866, 1c	.03	
" 1869, 1c	.02	
" 2c	.03	
" 5c	.05	
" Post Card,	.05	
AUSTRIAN ITALY, 1858, 10 Soldi.	.05	
" " 1861, 5 "	.05	
BADEN, 1862, 1, 3, 6, 9 kr.	.02	
" 1868, 1, 3, 7 and 3 kr Env.	.02	
BRAZIL, 10r,	.04	
BRUNSWICK, 1-2, 1, 2, 3, 4-4, gr.	.02	
CANADA, 1861, 1, 5c,	.02	
" 1868, 1-2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 6,	.02	
" 1870, 1, 3,	.01	
CONFEDERATE STATES, 5, 20c	.03	
" 1861, 5c green,	.20	
" " 10c blue,	.40	
" 1862, 10c rose,	1.50	
DUTCH INDIES, 1864, 10c	.10	
" 1870, 10, 20c,	.10	
" 50c	.05	
FRANCE, 1853, 1, 5, 10, 20c	.02	
" 1863, 1c,	.03	
" 1870, 1c,	.02	
" 1870, 2c,	.03	
" 1870, 4c,	.05	
FINLAND, 1860, 5, 10, k,	.10	
" 1866, 5, 10, 20, 40,	.05	
GREAT BRITAIN, 1840, 1d black,	.05	
" 1855, 4d	.05	
GERMANY, 1871, 1-4, gr,	.03	
" " 1-3, "	.05	
" " 1-2, "	.06	
HAMBURG, 1-2, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8,	.03	
" 1 1-4, 1 1-2, 9,	.06	
" 2 1-2,	.10	
HELIGOLAND, $\frac{1}{2}$ s	.05	
HOLLAND, 1867, 5, 10c	.01	
" 1869, 1-2, 1,	.02	
" " 1 1-2, 2,	.04	
ITALY (Sardinia) 5, 10, 15, 20,	.04	
" " 3 lire, bronze,	.25	
" 1863, 5, 10, 15, 20, 20,	.02	
" " 1c,	.01	
" " 2c,	.03	
" 1870, 1c,	.03	
" " 2c,	.04	
LUBECK, 1859, $\frac{1}{2}$ s	.05	
" " 4s	.08	
" 1863 $1\frac{1}{2}$ s	.05	
LUXEMBURG 1c	.02	
" 2c	.04	
" 4c	.05	
MECKLENBURG SCH. $\frac{1}{2}$ s	.03	
NORWAY, 1863, 4s,	.03	
" 1867, 4s,	.02	
NOVA SCOTIA, 6d	.30	
PORTUGAL, 1871, 5r,	.05	
" " 10r,	.08	

PRUSSIA, set of 10,	.25
QUEENSLAND, 2d,	.02
ROUMANIA, 1862, 30p	.12
" 1866, 20p	.08
" 1868, 3b	.08
RUSSIA, 1, 3, 10	.02
SARAWAK, 1870, 3c	.10
SAXONY, 1854, 1-2, 1, gr.	.03
" 1863, 3 pf. 1-2, 1, 2, 3, 5,	.02
SCHLESWIG, 1 1-4,	.03
SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN, 1 1-4,	.03
SERVIA, 1869, 1p	.02
SPAIN, 1850-52 6c	.05
" 1856, 4c	.05
" 1857-62-66, 4c	.05
" 1857, 1r	.20
" 1862, 1r	.10
" 1867, 20c 50m	.05
" 1870, 1, 2m	.02
" " 4, 10m	.05
SWEDEN, 1858, 5, 12, 24, 30, 50 ore.	.02
SWITZERLAND, 1854, 5, 10, 15,	.03
" 1862, 2, 5, 10, 10,	.01
" 20, 25, 30, 30, 40,	.02
TURKEY, 1869, 10, 20pa.	.08
" " 1 pi.	.08
" Unpaid 1869, 20 pa	.06
U. S. 1865, Newspaper 5c large,	.10
VICTORIA, 1, 2, 2, 4, d	.02

CHEAP SETS OF STAMPS.

Marked at our lowest prices, from which no discount can be made. Those marked with a * are unused.

	Set of 10	\$0.15
AUSTRIA	4	.12
AUSTRIAN ITALY,	" 8	.15
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CANADA,	" 5	.12
DENMARK,	" 8	.15
FRANCE,	" 15	.30
ITALY,	" 5	.25
*LUBECK, 1857,	" 18	1.25
* " complete,	" 8	.50
*NAPLES, 1868,	" 10	.10
NORTH GERMAN CONF.	" 5	.25
*OLDENBURG, 1866,	" 15	.45
PRUSSIA,	" 9	.50
*ROMAGNA,	" 4	.10
RUSSIA,	" 5	.15
SPAIN, (old)	" 12	.20
SAXONY,	" 7	.75
*SICILY,	" 6	.10
SWEDEN,	" 12	.25
SWITZERLAND,	" 10	.18
WURTEMBERG,	" 3	.10
SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN,	" 6	.15
HAMBURG,	" 4	.10
*SPAIN,	" 5	.12
HOLLAND,	" 5	.10
*BRUNSWICK,	" 6	.10
*SAXONY,	" 4	.10
*FRANCE,	" 5	.25
*BERGEDORF,		

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TERMS—25 cents per year. The postage 3 cents per quarter must be paid at the office where received. All subscriptions commence with the Second No.

Would you see the stamps for postage,
Maidens of each nation use,
When they're writing to their lovers
Whom their bonnie hearts would choose?
If you'd see them, and you'd have them,
And of them to friends would tell,
Recollect that A. H. Wheeler
Has got every kind to sell.

THE EGYPTIAN "OFFICIAL" STAMPS

Egypt has always been a land of speculation. In early times, the virtuous Joseph and his friend, King Pharaoh, made a corner in breadstuffs, which brought much treasure to the Egyptian coffers, and is believed to have been the first speculation of the kind on record. Then another Pharaoh, who knew not Joseph, engaged himself and his bondmen in the swindling operation of making bricks without straw, which, while morally no worse than the wooden nutmeg business, was no doubt a paying speculation. And then last of all, Pharaoh speculated in live Israelites, just as our Southern brethren did in live negroes a few years ago; but the live Israelite speculation didn't turn out as well as it might have done, owing to the overwhelming hydrostatic pressure of the Red Sea. But that it didn't turn out well was no fault of Pharaoh's—not in the least; the only thing to be regretted is the fact that a few of the Egyptians survived, and their descendants in the present age still engage in sinful speculations, whereby those who deal with Pharaoh (now spelt Faro) invariably come off second best. Joseph was,

no doubt, a brilliant and astute speculator, but he didn't live in this age; neither did Pharaoh; and if they had, there would not have been a ghost of a chance, either for Joseph, or Pharaoh, or any other man, for the Philatelic speculators of Great Britain, aided by their Egyptian coadjutors, could swindle Joseph or Pharaoh clean out of their sandals. And with this prelude, we come to the Philatelic part of the subject. Doubtless some of our readers have seen, perhaps purchased, certain colored paper labels of the shape, size and style of blacking box labels with inscription "Allesandria, Birket el Sab." etc. These things made their appearance some four years since, and the Philatelic Journals then, as now, described them as "Egyptian Official Stamps," and the dealers who published the Philatelic Journals proceeded to sell, and did sell, the said labels, at 10, 20 and 50 cents each, all warranted genuine, and no mistake about it. The appearance of these "official stamps" was, from the first, very much against them, but lest the faith of the brethren in their evangelical character should become shaky, the Philatelic mind was from time to time regaled with an "article" duly written up to order on the subject, well seasoned with assurances of their postal character, and copiously illustrated with engravings, all of which had but one intent, and that intent was to induce collectors to *keep on purchasing* the unsightly things. But there had to be an end to all this, and in the March number of *The Philatelist*, one W. E. Haynes, a British stamp collector of repute, boldly explains their true character; which is simply a label, having no more postal character than the labels which are pasted on the outside of registered letter envelopes in our own post offices. This Mr. Haynes is entitled to the thanks of the Philatelic public for thus forsaking the crooked paths of Philately to walk in the sunlight of truth

and common sense; and now that we know what these things are, we have a few questions to ask the stamp dealers of Europe and America:

1st—Is it possible that you were ignorant of their character for nearly four years, with all your vaunted facilities for obtaining information from all parts of the world?

2d—Among your many Egyptian correspondents, was there no one to intimate the true character of these labels, save the Egyptianized Greek, Morisini, who has evidently been both your correspondent and accomplice in representing these things to be stamps?

3d—Now that collectors know you have imposed upon them, do you propose to reimburse them, or, in the language of Boss Tweed, what are you going to do about it?

We pause for a reply.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CEYLON. The new issue has appeared; the set is as follows:

2 cents, brown;	24 cents, green;
4 " grey;	36 " blue;
8 " orange;	48 " pink;
16 " lilac;	96 " brown.

We have not yet been informed whether a complete set of Envelopes corresponding to the adhesives has yet been issued; we have seen but one value, the 24 cents, color blue.

NORWAY has a Post Card, value 3sk. carmine; also a new 4sk. adhesive, bright violet.

BRITISH HONDURAS. It is announced that a three penny stamp is to be issued by this country.

GREAT BRITAIN has changed the design of the sixpenny stamp. The *Philatelist* thus describes it: "Profile of Queen, with diadem, to left on linear ground, within a sexangular white frame; *postage* at top and *sixpence* at bottom, in straight lines; ornaments in spandrels; the usual large letters in angles; perforated and watermarked with a rose; color brown, similar in shade to the current 2 cents Straits Settlements."

CHILI brings itself under notice by issuing a post card, value 2c, the die of the adhesive being struck in the upper right hand corner. The *Phil. Jour.* mentions a set of envelopes, colors and values as follows:

2 centavos, bronze;
5 " red;
10 " blue;
15 " (?) undecided;
20 " green.

The Envelopes will be composed of white, yellow and blue tinted paper, and are to be manufactured by the American Bank Note Company. It also states that a 15c adhesive is to be issued.

PERU. The *S. C. M.* mentions a 1 peseta in orange, "apparently from the same die as the *una peseta* brown of 1862."

UNITED STATES. The Envelopes containing Registered letters are now sealed, or rather have stuck over the seal, a sort of "stamp," but as it of no postal value, and is used simply as a seal, we do not deem it of sufficient importance to give a description. Its size is 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; perforated, and printed in green.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. We hear that a 10 cent stamp has been issued, but are without proof.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. The stamps of this country are to be superseded by those of the Dominion of Canada.

ITALY, it is stated, has issued a Post Card.

REVIEW.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine commences with an account of an auction sale of Postage Stamps which took place in London on the 18th of March. The Editor evidently looks with distrust on the owner of the *celebrated collection*, and we think he has reason to. We copy a few items concerning the Confederate Locals.

Marion again with its untold riches of 2c., 3c! 5c!! 10c!!! is to us a mystery; none of the four values were postmarked; they realized about £5 apiece. We wish the purchasers joy; they have more faith in them than we possess.

Pleasant Shade again (lot 240, fetching 35s.) is a stamp we believe to be at best re-printed, but more likely a humbug altogether. Who ever saw an undoubtedly genuine postmarked copy? Athens (lot 235) realized 30s. We do not believe in this stamp at all.

The Macons (lots 236—9) seemed to be received by the company with great incredulity, a sentiment which we fully share. The Confederate Envelopes were a queer looking lot. One London amateur bit his fingers in paying 60s. for a copy (evidently re-printed) of the so-called Knoxville Envelope. Who ever saw a used copy of this? The fresh ink of the impression was clearly visible as the auctioneer's assistant held it up in passing our eyes.

In "Papers for Beginners" was an argument to prove the authenticity of the 27 paras Moldavia. If the learned philatelists succeed in establishing its identity, (?) reprints will undoubtedly be forthcoming. It looks "thin." "The Engraving and Printing of Postage Stamps" is interesting; also

the article, "Strange—if true," concerning the supposed issue of stamps by the commune.

The Philatelic Journal for March is very good. We would recommend as an improvement, however, that the "Review of Philatelic Publications" should contain a little more common sense and less self conceit. The Editor is evidently very jealous of a new publication, and thus "lets out" on it in his review:

In conclusion, the publication was uncalled for, and is so bad that if it does not die, it ought to. It is an eight-page journal, but its value may be gauged by the impossibility of finding any—even a single line of—matter worth repeating. We have no patience with this mania for publishing rubbishy papers.

The Editor will bear in mind that he was once a youngster, and that *possibly*, he, too, often tried the patience of his elders by his youthful ambition, either in his efforts to train his famous bull dog, or in his strivings for Philatelic fame. In either case, we think the subscribers who support the *Phil. Jour.* would prefer something more to their edification than a rehearsal of the various flaws which occur in its cotemporaries.

The American Journal of Philately. We have received nothing later than the February number of this magazine, although we have seen the March number reviewed in the English Journals. We think the enterprise of the publishers must be leaking out, for in the number before us, the only thing of any possible use to collectors, except the usual "Newly Issued Stamps," is an article on the "United States city despatch post," copied from *The Stamp Collectors' Record*.

Any person (not a subscriber) purchasing 50 cents worth of stamps from our list (not Packet list), will receive *The Postage Stamp Reporter* from now until the end of the year free (excepting postage, which must be paid at the office where received), providing a request to that effect is made at the time of purchase. We make this liberal offer in order that our paper may have the widest possible circulation. Persons wishing to make use of our columns for advertising (trade notices declined) can do so at the rate of 20 cents per line each insertion. The *Reporter* circulates in nearly every State in the Union, Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Great Britain and the Sandwich Islands.

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Letters addressed to the following persons have been returned, "not called for:"

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Julius Graves, Mass.

Marcus J. Eames, Pa.

Jacob H. Palmer, Ill.

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BREMEN Envelopes on blue and white paper, warranted genuine, 10 cents each.

CONFEDERATE STATES. *Fac Similes* of these very scarce stamps, 50 varieties post free, 18 cents.

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When more than one stamp is mentioned on the same line, the price is so much for each. ALL ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

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" " 2c	.03	
" " 4c	.05	
" " 5c	.08	
BELGIUM, 1866, 1c	.03	
" 1869, 1c	.02	
" 2c	.03	
" 5c	.05	
AUSTRIAN ITALY, 1858, 10 Soldi.	.05	
" " 1861, 5 "	.05	
BADEN, 1862, 1, 3, 6, 9 kr.	.02	
" 1868, 1, 3, 7 and 3 kr Env.	.02	
BRAZIL, 10r,	.04	
BRUNSWICK, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4-4, gr.	.02	
CANADA, 1861, 1, 5c,	.02	
" 1868, 1/2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 6,	.02	
" 1870, 1, 3,	.01	
CONFEDERATE STATES, 5, 20c	.03	
" 1861, 5c green,	.20	
" " 10c blue,	.40	
" 1862, 10c rose,	1.50	
DUTCH INDIES, 1864, 10c	.10	
" 1870, 10, 20c,	.10	
" 50c	.05	
FRANCE, 1853, 1, 5, 10, 20c	.02	
" 1863, 1c,	.03	
" 1870, 1c,	.02	
" 1870, 2c,	.03	
" 1870, 4c,	.05	
FINLAND, 1860, 5, 10, k,	.10	
" 1866, 5, 10, 20, 40,	.05	
GREAT BRITAIN, 1840, 1d black,	.05	
" 1855, 4d	.05	
GREECE, 1l,	.02	
" 2l,	.03	
GERMANY, 1871, 1/2, gr,	.03	
" " 1/2, "	.05	
" " 1/2, "	.06	
HAMBURG, 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8,	.03	
" 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 9,	.06	
" 2 1-2,	.10	
HELIGOLAND, 1/8	.05	
HOLLAND, 1867, 5, 10c	.01	
" 1869, 1/2, 1,	.02	
" 1 1/2, 2,	.04	
ITALY (Sardinia) 5, 10, 15, 20,	.04	
" " 3 lire, bronze,	.25	
" 1863, 5, 10, 15, 20, 20,	.02	
" " 1c,	.01	
" " 2c,	.03	
" 1870, 1c,	.03	
" " 2c,	.04	
LUBECK, 1859, 1/2	.05	
" " 4s	.08	
" 1863 1 1/2s	.05	
LUXEMBURG 1c	.02	
" 2c	.04	
" 4c	.05	
MECKLENBURG SCH. 1/2	.03	
NORWAY, 1863, 4s,	.03	
" 1867, 4s,	.02	
NOVA SCOTIA, 6d	.30	

PRUSSIA, set of 10,	.25
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" 1866, 20p	.08
" 1868, 3b	.08
RUSSIA, 1, 3, 10	.02
SARAWAK, 1870, 3c	.10
SAXONY, 1854, 1/2, 1, gr.	.03
" 1863, 3 pf. 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 5,	.02
SCHLESWIG, 1 1/2	.03
SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN, 1 1/2	.03
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" 1857-62-66, 4c	.05
" 1857, 1r	.20
" 1862, 1r	.10
" 1867, 20c 50m	.05
" 1870, 1, 2m	.02
" " 4, 10m	.05
ST. DOMINGO, 1/2, 1r,	.20
SWEDEN, 1858, 5, 12, 24, 30, 50 ore.	.02
SWITZERLAND, 1854, 5, 10, 15,	.04
" 1862, 2, 5, 10, 10,	.01
" 20, 25, 30, 30, 40,	.02
TURKEY, 1869, 10, 20pa.	.08
" " 1 pi.	.08
" Unpaid 1869, 20 pa	.06
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*BELGIUM,	10	.15
CANADA,	5	.12
DENMARK,	8	.15
FRANCE,	10	.20
ITALY,	5	.25
*LUBECK, 1857,	18	1.25
* " complete,	8	.50
*NAPLES, 1868,	8	.10
NORTH GERMAN CONF.	5	.25
*OLDENBURG, 1866,	10	.25
PRUSSIA,	9	.50
*ROMAGNA,	4	.10
RUSSIA,	6	.35
*MECK. STRELITZ,	12	.20
SAXONY,	7	.75
*SICILY,	6	.10
SWEDEN,	12	.25
SWITZERLAND,	10	.18
WURTEMBERG,	3	.10
SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN,	6	.15
HAMBURG,	4	.10
*SPAIN,	5	.12
HOLLAND,	5	.10
*BRUNSWICK,	6	.10
*SAXONY,	4	.10
*FRANCE,	5	.25
*BERGEDORE,		

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The learned scientific! Philatelists of England are greatly troubled by the thought that they have been made the dupes and fools of their smarter cousins "from the States". From time to time they have been regaled with glowing accounts, from the pens of American speculators, of the enormous demand and the very limited supply of those visionary gems—Confederate Provisionals. The effect has been, as was intended, to produce among the wise-acres of England a longing desire to handle and possess these extreme rarities, a desire which has been gratified to their heart's content. And now they have come to their senses, at least partially so; for in a late number of an English Journal they thus acknowledge the dupe. "We are—and we mean the British public of collectors—developing an amount of child-like simplicity in the assertions which come from certain sources that must be very encouraging to those who are fattening on our guilelessness."

While we do not for a moment doubt the fact that our English friends regret that such a swindle has been practised upon them, yet we think that the results of an auction sale of Postage Stamps recently held in London, at which as high as \$15.00 were paid for single stamps which never had a lawful existence, will not warrant the assertion that they are yet cured of their child-like simplicity or their implicit belief in the teachings of their cousins from the States. And, while we admire them for their perseverance and the wonderful manner in which they have

labored for the "cause" of Philately in England, we regret that such strong minds, such noble intellects, should have been deceived by such thin representations as those coming from Dr. Petrie, a man of questionable character, Jack Scott a notorious blower, with others of like character, and last of all from those *Jackals*, the curse of Philately, who inhabit the rum cursed state of New Jersey. We respect them for their frankness in acknowledging their weakness in the trying moment, and trust the lesson which experience has taught them will prove a lasting good to those who have been exercised thereby.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

PORTUGUESE INDIES. Another new stamp issuing country, so saith the wise men. The Portuguese Indies comprising the settlements of Goa, Diu, and Damaun, have issued a stamp value 10 reis, color black, badly printed on plain white paper. We believe it to be a humbug.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. We have to note the appearance of a 2 cent stamp. The design is the Queen's head in an oval, value in figures in each corner; color blue *ultramarine*. The set now consists of 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 12c.

TOLIMA. Companions to the 5 and 10 centavos have made their appearance, 50 centavos green, 1 peso red.

RUSSIA. Locals.—For some time past there has been a regular increase in the number of these so-called stamps. We ourselves do not profess to believe in their claim as postage stamps, yet as a faithful chronicler we are bound to notice their appearance. The new stamps are Gerkanioff, Snivelbolsk, Shouveloff, and Ballybosk, — description impossible.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS. It is likely that a new set will be issued. The values are said

to be 62½, 1.25, 2.50 and 500 centimos de escudo.

NEW GRANADA. 1c sap green.

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OBITUARY.
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The dead : the philatelic dead,
 Who doth not yearn to know.
 The secret of their dwelling place,
 And to what land they go !

With a tearful regret we are called upon to announce the untimely decease of the organ of "Canadian" philately, sometimes called the *Canadian Philatelist*, at the early age of three months.

And now with our readers leave we will speak in the order of its funeral. Philately, saith the gods, is composed of two Greek words, *Philos* signifying a friend, and *Telos* a tax,—hence a blind man may readily see that philately means stamp collecting. It is true there are some wayward American collectors who fail to see the illumination, but they are sadly wanting in that keen perception of the superior intelligence and reverential respect for the shining virtues of our British cousins, which becomes us poor unenlightened Americans, and which is the first great philatelic commandment.

Not so the poor departed, it was a true "dyed in the wool" Philatelist, it gloated over perforation; washy colors was its idol, and its faith in inverted watermarks was eternal. Smith was its guardian angel, and Pemberton its beacon star.

And now it is dead—Alas!!! could not all that pyramid of virtues keep in a little life? Was there no balm in Gilead, or no Stamps in Bath?—and echo answers in *basso profundo*—"No!"—And wherefore did it die? listen and ye shall hear. Philately is a Greek word, and its doctrines were worse than Greek to the rising generation of youthful Kanucks, who know no heathen tongue save "pigeon French," and whose highest idea of the value of a stamp is "tuppence, you know;" and so the aspiring *Canadian Philatelist* found it convenient to betake itself to the land of shadows, and thither it hath gone.

Unveil thy bosom faithful tomb,
 Take this new treasure to thy trust,
 And for philately make room
 To slumber in thy silent dust !

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The Collector, has ceased publication.

PLEASANT SHADE.

PLEASANT SHADE
 Virginia.
 Post Office.
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 R. E. DAVIS, P. M.

The very modest looking individual that heads our article has had an eventful history. The first notice of its existence appeared in the *A. J. P.* for 1870, Page 33, where after a short description, it is stated that "this stamp was first described by Mr. Watson in his paper read before the N. Y. P. S. June, 1868." Very strange that two-years should have elapsed before its existence was made known to the world; but stranger still, in view of these statements, that, upon one fine day in 1869, a young man should have entered the store of Mr. S— with a quantity of stamps, among them a Pleasant Shade, and that he, (Mr. S—) should have declared in the presence of a number of prominent dealers and collectors, that the stamp was new to him, that he had never before heard of it. The excitement concerning it was at times so great that—\$20.00 was offered and refused for single copies. But all things earthly have their day and pass away, and so with Pleasant Shade: it has had its day and now it must be consigned to the dust. For to crown the glory of its existence, after searching all the maps and Post Office directories of Virginia, we are unable to detect any such name or place as Pleasant Shade—a significant fact indeed. We congratulate the person who may be the fortunate! possessor of one of the above named things, particularly if he has acquired it by a generous contribution of shin plasters, and may he long live to enjoy the thought that he has been made the victim of an unprincipled New York Speculator!

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 We have the 10 pennia Finland, struck in the color of the 5 pennia, an error of impression.

We are soon to have Post-Cards.

MEXICO has just issued a new set of stamps UNITED STATES. Collectors who have paid fabulous sums for the 7 cent Envelope, can now repent of their folly, as they are to be used for the pre-payment of postage to Denmark, the rates having been reduced to 7 cents.

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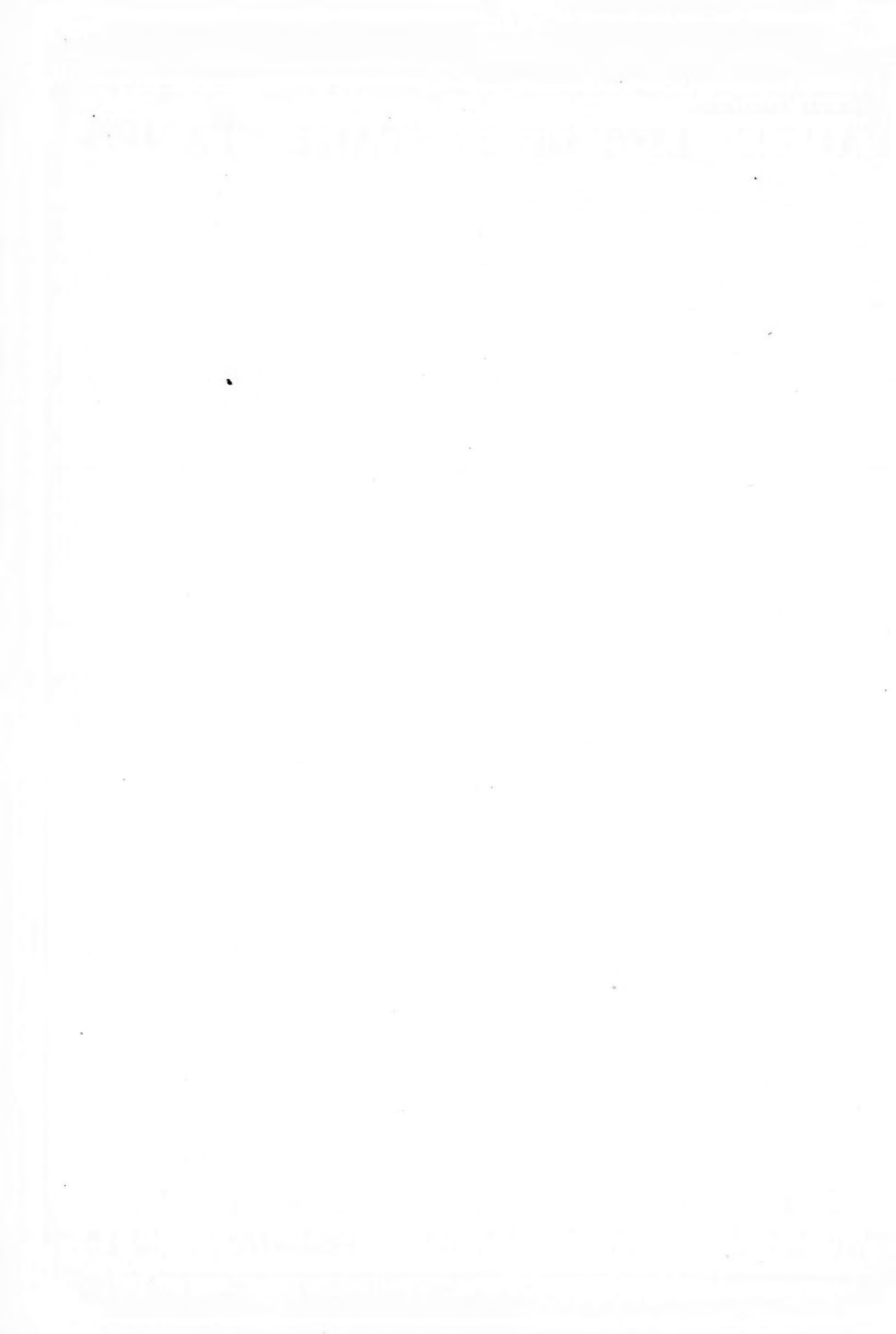
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" " 10, 20.		.02
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FRANCE Republic, 1848, 20.	.03	“ “ 3 k on ground of Vs.	.05
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“ “ “ 4.	.03	“ “ “ 1.	.02
“ “ “ 20.	.02	“ “ 1863, 3 pf. $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 5.	.02
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HELIGOLAND, $\frac{1}{2}$ s	.04	“ “ “ 1866, 1r, green.	.30
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The newest abrasion in English Philatelic circles is the result of a heated discussion on the comparative advantage of collecting stamped envelopes entire, or in that more convenient form, clipped square. Though a trifling matter in itself, this is of considerable interest to us, because of the evident revolution of public opinion which it heralds. The fact that differences of opinion upon this matter are creeping into the English school, convinces us that the hitherto tenaciously held ideas upon this point are in a fair way soon to be abandoned.

The arguments in favor of the first method, while they claim our attention as arguments, fail to convince us of its superiority over the latter, but rather have served to strengthen our belief that the system of cutting envelopes is for the great body of collectors the most practical method that can be devised, and is moreover best calculated to conform to the length, breadth and depth of the collector's pocket. The only argument in favor of the first method which possesses any weight whatever is, that it is the form in which the stamps are prepared and issued to the public, and therefore any change of form detracts from the value of the stamp as a representative of the postal issue of that government. This argument at first sight seems to be based on solid ground, but a moment's careful consideration is sufficient to convince one that it, in common with the rest, is faulty; for

it must indeed be a stolidly practical collector whose imagination is not sufficiently vivid to supply the trifling deficiency.

To English eyes this prominent display of a "barren waste of paper" may form a fitting background upon which to set forth most strikingly the result of a lavish expenditure of British gold, received by long ancestral descent; but we in this age of American independence are not accustomed to allow cheap surroundings to involve us in error regarding true worth. We by no means intend at this time to impose upon our readers a lengthy argument to prove the superiority of one system over the other, because viewed in the light of common sense, the matter has long since been placed beyond all controversy.

To the American collector who is simple enough to suppose that because his English neighbors indulge in a useless extravagance he must, in like manner, become a disciple of this school and thus add his name to the long list of those who have been duped by a set of avaricious dealers, we would say: To you belongs the right to follow whithersoever the spirit leadeth; but if in the exercise of this right, being filled with a desire to attain to that superlative degree of self-sufficiency which animates the English collector, you are compelled to do violence to your own reason and common-sense, would it not be well to waive this privilege, and allow American custom to be the guiding star of your Philatelic wanderings.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE. Since June 1st, the lately issued set has undergone a change in the design of the embossed eagle. The principal alteration is the enlargement of the shield on the eagle's breast, it now being four times its former size. The eagle itself is different, and is surmounted by a more elaborate crown.

GREAT BRITAIN. The three half-penny envelope which was prepared as an essay some ten years since, has now made its appearance as one of the regular issue. It is a tri-sided arrangement, printed in pale rose, but like many other English anomalies seems to have been issued more for display than for public convenience.

SWEDEN has brought itself under notice by the issue of a complete set as follows:

3 ore, brown,	24 ore, yellow,
5 " green,	30 " mauve,
6 " purple,	50 " pink,
12 " blue,	1 riksdaler, blue and
20 " red,	brown.

A numeral of value occupies the centre of a solid circular disk. A ring encircling the disk bears the inscription **PRIMARKE** in its upper half, and the value below, the whole enclosed in an upright rectangular frame.

HOLLAND. A new set bearing the King's head and inscribed **NEDERLAND** is being issued as fast as the old stock is exhausted. The colors and values are as follows:

5 cent, blue,	25 cent, violet,
10 " carmine,	50 " chamôis,
15 " brown,	2½ florins, rose and
20 " green,	blue.

DENMARK. A newspaper wrapper bearing the imprint of the current 2s, adhesive, has been issued by this government.

JAPAN. The first issue has been superseded by a new set similar in design but *perforated*. The values are, ½ tempo, green; 1 tempo, blue; 2 tempoes, vermilion.

FRANCE. The 2, 4 and 5 centimes are now engraved and perforated, which slightly improves their looks.

ST. DOMINGO. The latest issue of the variable stamps of the dusky Republic of St. Domingo show the inscriptions printed in black while the balance of the stamp is printed in a pale *blue color*, the *Medio Real* and *Un-Real* on rose paper, both appear in this new style of printing in two colors, and look worse than ever.

WE have the 10 pennia Finland, struck in the color of the 5 pennia, an error of impression.

FIRST schoolboy—"You're the new boy, ain't you? Look here, do you collect stamps?" Second ditto (reassured) "Y-es." First schoolboy—"Then there's one for you!" (Comes down heavily on his toes, and cuts off!)

FORGERY OF THE NEW 4c GREEK-PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

We have to warn all our readers—more experienced collectors, equally with beginners—against a most dangerous forgery of the above mentioned stamp, in which the design, in all its principal points, is more carefully imitated, and there is so slight a difference in shade, as to render comparison with a genuine stamp necessary for detection. The most noticeable points of variation between the forgery and the genuine stamp are as follows:

GENUINE.

1.—The crown of the head of the portrait does not touch the frame. There is a plainly visible space between it and the frame, along the whole length.

2.—The square disks in the lower angles, containing the figure 4, are a trifle higher than the band running between them, inscribed with the value.

3.—There is a clear space between the letter o in the word **POSTAGE** on the first line of the inscription, and the letter E of **PRINCE** in the second line.

FORGED.

1.—The crown of the head touches the frame along a certain distance and in a direct line with the letters **DW** of the word **EDWARD** in the inscription in the upper margin.

2.—The square disks in the lower angles containing the figure 4 do not project above the intervening band, inscribed with the value.

3.—The letter o in the word **POSTAGE** in the first line of the inscription, touches the letter E of **PRINCE** on the second line.

We could give other distinctive characteristics between the genuine and forged, but think enough have been given whereby they can be at once detected by itself, without the necessity for comparison with a genuine specimen.

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THE Attorney-General has decided that the postal card system cannot go into effect till Congress makes a special appropriation for it.

"I've in my house some curious things
To visitors to show,
I've portraits rare of ancient kings
Who died long, long ago!
I've curious rings and coins antique,
I've many things to please,
O, is there aught else I can seek
Of curiosities?"

"Have you the grand collection seen
That Wheeler has on hand,
Of Postage Stamps strange kinds I ween,
From every foreign land?
From lands where winter cannot show
A windy day severe;
From lands that never witness snow
But summer all the year?"

"I've not seen that collection grand,
But I shall quickly see
The stamps from many a foreign land
And purchased some shall be!
I will at once on Wheeler call
And if his stamps but please,
I soon shall show my neighbors all
Rare curiosities!"

"O call on A. H. Wheeler, call,
The way he understands,
How to collect to please you all
Rare stamps from foreign lands;
His Postage Stamps of every hue
The critic's eye must please;
And he's prepared to show to you
His curiosities!"

ODONTOMETIC.

The fools are not all dead, and judging from appearances, we are led to believe that that little British settlement (sometimes called Great Britain) is blessed with a goodly number of them. We refer to a certain class—Timbro-maniacs—they are called, in other words, stamp collectors, who in the pursuit of their favorite "science"? eager to obtain knowledge even under great difficulties and privations have, in their investigations of the deep and complex subjects of Philately, sustained a loss of their mental equipoise and are now living monuments of the inevitable result of too much Philatelies.

To ameliorate the labors of these self-sacrificing individuals, a good Frenchman has invented an instrument, the use of which is set forth as being to "easily and accurately determine the number of dents on the side of any stamp," an article "long wanted by Philatelists," &c.

We are not perhaps fully booked up on the subject of mental hallucinations, but, so far as we can judge from present indications, this morbid psychological affection of our English brethren is one which is liable soon to develop symptoms of the gravest character,

and unless some precautionary measures be adopted to prevent the further spread of such preposterous notions, we fear that the so-called "science," as well as its followers, are destined to share the same ignominious fate.

A NEW JAPANESE CURRENCY.

The Japanese propose to revolutionize their currency and financial system, and, in fact, have already begun the change. The Japanese embassy which was in this country and in England a year ago or more had charge of this matter. At first they were inclined to adopt the English system, this seeming to them better than any other which they examined in Europe; but when they reached the United States and became acquainted with our system, their views were changed, although the English sought earnestly to prevent this. The Japanese Commission finally decided to adopt our decimal system, taking our dollar as their unit, and immediately took measures to put it in operation. Part of the commissioners went home to change the coinage, and the others remained here to superintend the printing of bills and bonds like ours. This work, we believe, is not yet finished, but the coinage has been so far changed that new coin is already circulating in Japan. An article in the *New York Times* describes this new Japanese coinage as follows:

"The lowest denomination of their gold coin is 'one yen,' equal to one dollar. There are then gold coins of the denomination of two, five, ten and twenty yens. The silver coin is called 'sen,' the denominations being five, ten, twenty and fifty sens, the lower denomination being equal to five cents of our currency. The copper coinage is one sen, equal to the one-hundredth part of one yen, one half-sen, equal to the two-hundredth part of one yen, and one rin, equal to the one thousandth part of one yen. These low denominations are absolutely necessary in that land of cheap commodities and cheap labor."

This adoption of our financial system in Japan give us an advantage which was understood and appreciated by the English, when they sought so persistently to give Japan their system; but the Japanese commissioners decided wisely, for not many years hence we shall have more direct communication with their country than all the nations of Europe together.

Try the "Globe" Packets.

If a Postage Stamp collection
 You're desiring to obtain,
 Stamps will stand a close inspection!
 And more confidence will gain!
 Buy no postage stamps from any
 Man who has more names than one,
 For his counterfeits are many—
 And his presence all should shun!

Though a little sheet, I'm speaking
 Of some stamps are genuine,
 Stamp collectors should be seeking,
 New and old, and coarse and fine,
 None are frauds—I can be proving
 All are real—all are true,
 And as the great world keeps moving—
 I would keep advancing too!

CHAPMAN* you have been deceiving
 People with the stamps you've sold,
 Names you have adopted leaving,
 But your game has got too old!
 People learn you've been a "skinner"
 And your game was gulling them,
 And you'll never be the winner
 In tricks honest folks condemn.

All the stamps for sale I'm naming
 All I've ever named before,
 Rivals cannot be defaming,
 They are true—who'd ask for more;
 If you wish a good collection
 O'er my little columns read,
 Know of stamps can stand inspection—
 If *real* Foreign Stamps you need!

*Better known under the *alias* of Tredwell, Rogers & Co.

PHILO-PHRENOLOGICAL.

Phrenologists, in their manipulations of the human cranium, have been pleased to style one excrescence of considerable prominence the bump of acquitiveness, believing as they do, that just at this point is located the nervous center of that faculty of the mind which is known by the above name.

This is but one of the many parts into which the whole brain mass is divided, and each separately represents some one distinct mental trait.

Whether or not each of these is capable of further and continued subdivision we are not sufficiently well versed in phrenological lore to determine; it would seem, however, a most logical deduction from their train of argument to assume the possibility, even probability of this, in which case Stamp collecting has of course, with the rest, its own particular cranial division, and those who have expressed themselves as unable to conceive of a cause for this "mania" are furnished with a lucid and strictly scientific explanation of the mystery.

History makes no mention of stamp collecting in the days of Adam; indeed it is now very generally conceded by scientists that the ancients (poor benighted race) were wholly unacquainted with the luxury of Postage Stamps. But neither does Phrenology make any mention of "bumps" in those days; and the fact that Adam did not meander in the paths of Philately is no proof that he did not desire to. It is only fair to suppose that he possessed the rudiments of this passion, which only required favorable circumstances to develop them to even modern intensity.

We are disposed to believe that the external periphery of Adam's cranium would contrast strongly with that of the rising generation of to-day in other respects than one. Oh! ye youthful bipeds, what an unsightly array of bumps, hollows, ridges and furrows must your degenerate *capites* present when compared with the unvarying smoothness and uniform symmetry of Adam's? Circumstances! my friend, circumstances favorable to development (if otherwise to morality) have effected this change in the configuration of your head and it was only the lack of these which saved the lucky head-piece of our first-father from a similar metamorphosis.

And now, since this passion is inherent in every one as a distinct mental trait, we would recommend to the skeptic and scoffer that they take heed upon what ground they tread lest "favorable circumstances" shall develop their Philatelic propensities and they are forced (though most unwillingly) to ally themselves to that unfortunate class of "maniacs."

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The dead: the philatelic dead,
 Who doth not yearn to know
 The secret of their dwelling place,
 And to what land they go!

The "*Collector*" was published in Newburgh
 Of Postage Stamps many to tell,
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" 1869, 1c.	.02	

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" " 10, 20.		.02
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BRUNSWICK, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4,	.02	
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" " 25.		.02
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" " 4.	.03	
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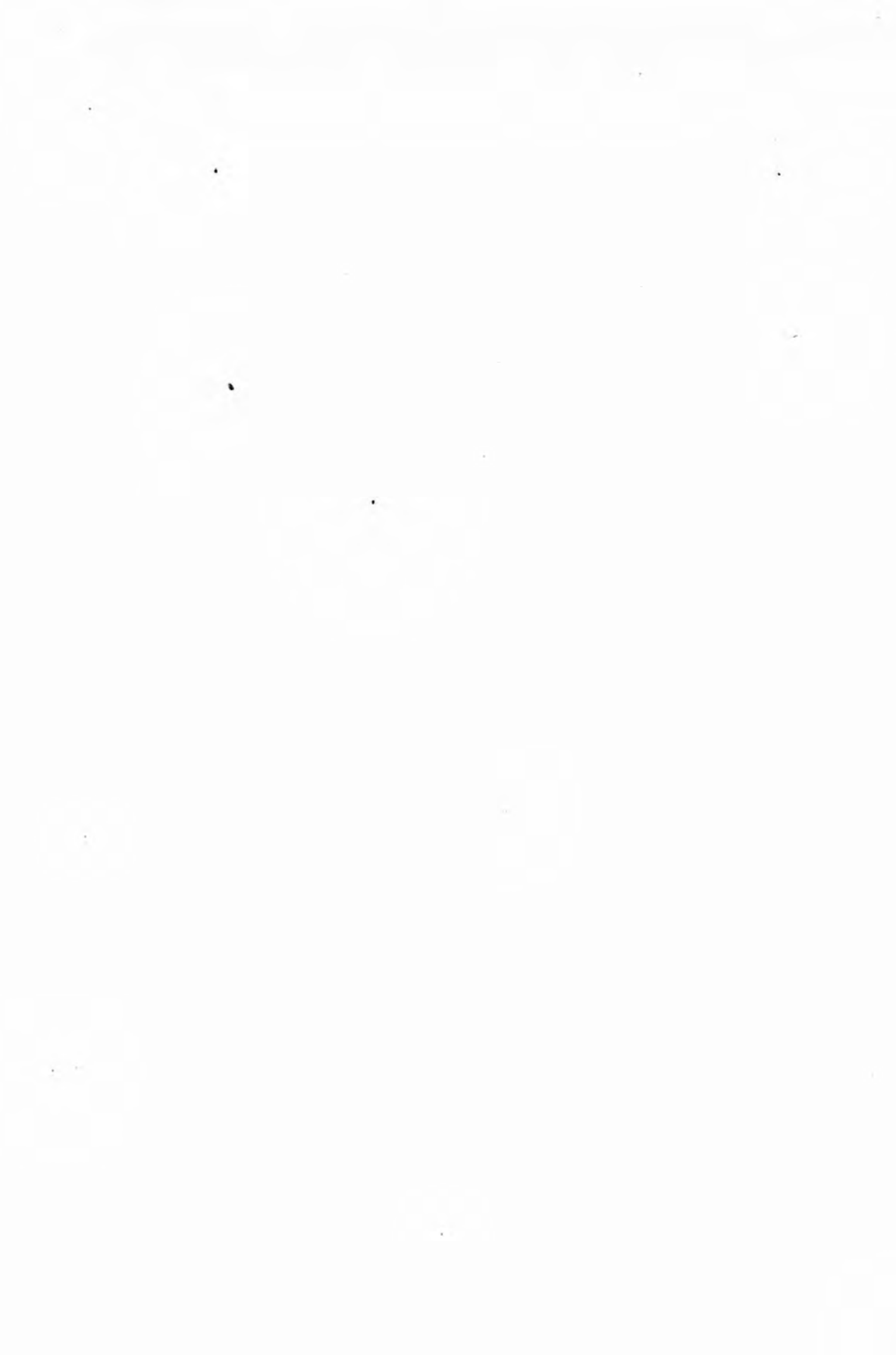
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And of every rainbow hue!

SARAWAK is about to issue a set of six values similar in design to the current three-cent stamp. The values are to be Two—Four—Six—Eight—Twelve and Twenty-four cents.

CANADA has added to its postals by the issue of a 10c. stamp, design and size same as the current 2c. green, the numeral of value being in the upper angles. It is printed in rose.

GRIQUALAND WEST. It now appears that the fourpenny stamps surcharged 1 penny, and also the sixpenny stamp treated in the same manner, which were supposed to have

been issued as a kind of provisional for the Diamond fields, were simply used in place of the one-penny stamp, the stock of that value having become exhausted.

UNITED STATES. The new postal regulation concerning Newspaper Postage has necessitated the issue of a series of stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96 cents and 2, 3, 6, 12, 24, 36, and 60 dollars. These stamps are not affixed to packages of Newspapers, but are retained at the office, where books with counter-foils are kept in which to note the amount of postage received for newspapers. The amount of money received is acknowledged on a receipt given to the purchaser, and an equal amount in stamps is affixed to the counter-foil and obliterated. The books are retained at the office for examination by officials from Washington. There seems to be no way of obtaining specimens of these stamps, for the Postmasters are not allowed to remove the stamps from the books.

UNITED STATES.— *Berford's Express Stamps*. The Berford Express Stamps are not a new issue, but there has recently been a "reprinting" of three values, 3c. black, 10c. purple and 25c. red, which are just now attracting some notice.

The facts are, that the editor of the *American Journal of Philately*, conceiving that the wants of *Philatelists* were not fully met by stamps now attainable, undertook to satisfy their cravings by means of a set of forgeries of the above named stamps, but the aforesaid editor's little game didn't work worth a cent, and he has been removed from the position of editor of the "A. J. P.," much to the credit of its publishers.

TO OUR PATRONS.

Every POSTAGE STAMP sold is WARRANTED GENUINE, and double the price paid will be refunded for any counterfeit or fictitious stamps purchased from us. All letters sent must be fully pre-paid; and if an answer is required, must contain stamp for the same. In sending money, get the amount in as few pieces as possible. When the order is above \$2.00, send by post-office order or registered letter. We are not responsible for money sent in any other way.

THE son of a Congregational professor at Washington is an enthusiastic collector of postage stamps. During the last year he received from the Sandwich Islands a gift of nine stamps, three sets of three stamps each of the earliest emissions of that missionary isle. Improving his own collection by the addition of one set, he wrote to a dealer in such articles offering a second set for sale, and the dealer sent him ten dollars for each stamp, or thirty dollars for the set. Encouraged by this success, he wrote to another dealer in England, offering the third set for sale, and the dealer wrote back offering twenty-five dollars for each stamp, or seventy-five dollars for the set. The offer was accepted, and the bill of exchange then sold for ten per cent. premium. The six little stamps therefore realized one hundred and twelve dollars to the young collector.

THE names impressed on the side of the Mexican Stamps are those of the State in which they are issued.

WE have on sale sets of six back numbers of *The Postage Stamp Reporter*, which we will mail for 30 cts.

WHAT is the difference between a mule and a postage stamp? One is licked with a stick, and the other is sticked with a lick.

REMITTANCES.

All sums under \$2.00 may be sent in a carefully sealed envelope plainly directed. We furnish printed return envelopes to all our customers. When the order is above \$2.00, always register the letter or send by P. O. Order, the cost of which can be deducted from the amount, or Banker's draft, payable to Arthur H. Wheeler, Lowell, Mass. Unused Postage Stamps of low denomination will be received from parties residing abroad, in sums under £1.; above that amount, by draft.

IN SAXONY a letter carrier not long since brought back a parcel to the "dead letter" office, with the notification, "Party addressed hung himself half a year ago. Present whereabouts not known."

IONIAN ISLANDS.

We have to warn collectors and dealers against a most dangerous forgery, of the trio of Ionian Islands Stamps. These forgeries have been in existence for two years, in fact they have been sold in England by the highest and most respectable dealers, though we do not accuse them of *knowingly* offering them for sale. The stamps in question were engraved in Boston, and were originally intended for the European market only, but a few sets have been sold in this country. The imitations are simply perfect, the engraver's remuneration depending upon the closeness with which he copied the genuine. The paper is of the same texture, and differs only in that it lacks the *watermark*, although in some copies which were first struck off, the paper is thin.

The forged Sandwich Islands 13 cent, and the bogus 5 cent Paraguay, were both short lived. But the savans don't seem to discover the character of the Ionians so readily, possibly because it's too profitable a thing to loose. But more in our next number.

It is to us a matter of surprise that there are collectors who as yet have failed to discover the advantage of having a neat Album in which to display their treasures.

It is true that a common blank book may answer every purpose where the collection numbers less than one hundred varieties. In fact it may be all that is necessary in the case of those much more extensive, if the only object is to prevent the stamps from being lost, but such, we take it, is not the chief end of stamp collecting. We desire, of course, to arrange our specimens in the most convenient and attractive form, and it is patent to every one that this convenient and attractive arrangement adds to the real value of a collection. With ruled spaces for every stamp issued, combining the different issues of the same country under one heading; clothed in a handsome binding which would render it an attractive ornament for the center table, the Album recommends itself to the collector

as being the "*sine qua non*" of Philatelic pastime.

ENJOYING IT!—The Germaus have their Post-cards as well as we. A Dresden gentleman recently received a card conveying the following message:—"I have lost my purse yesterday at the Elbe Baths, with three napoleons in it. I dropped it close to the watermark, where it must still lie. As you are a good diver, pray go a-bathing with me this evening at six."

The gentleman kept the appointment, and was surprised to see two or three postmen go into the baths before him. On the platform his astonishment increased, for in spite of the unusual hour there were numbers of post-office clerks there. They took uncommonly long dives. The writer of the card was sitting at a short distance enjoying the sight.

SAXONY ENVELOPES ENTIRE.

1863, $\frac{1}{2}$ ngr.,	- - - -	orange.
1 "	- - - -	rose.
2 "	- - - -	blue.
3 "	- - - -	brown.
5 "	- - - -	violet.

The set of 5 values unused, entire, and warranted genuine, for 50 cents.

ARTHUR H. WHEELER, Lowell, Mass.

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN,
ENVELOPES ENTIRE.

1860, 1 s.,	- - - -	red,
2 "	- - - -	lilac.
3 "	- - - -	orange.

The set unused, and entire, for 15 cents.

ARTHUR H. WHEELER, Lowell, Mass.

WE HAVE THE OLD STAMPED LETTER SHEETS, 1861 issue, on blue paper, two sizes, note and letter sheet, watermarked P. O. D. U. S.

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ARTHUR H. WHEELER, Lowell, Mass.

MY GOOD BROTHER JOHN.

I stood by a stream
 And I pondered awhile,
 While Nature all round me
 With beauty did smile;
 I thought no one near me—
 That I was alone,
 Then heard some one saying :
 " All these are my own."

The voice was a sweet one,
 Yet strange 'twas to me,
 But, O, in a minute
 A face I did see !
 Surpassingly lovely
 And charming it was,
 A maiden then told me
 For joy she had cause !

" My good brother John
 Who's so clever and gay,
 And who was nineteen
 On the eighth of last May,
 Who is a fine fellow
 You would like to see,
 Who always is trying
 His best to please me !

" He knew my great fondness
 For what had long wear,
 For old Indian relics,
 For coins quaint and rare,
 For battle mementoes
 Knew not many hands,
 And strange little notions,
 From far foreign lands.

" So it was but last night
 That he came home to me,
 And said, ' Sister Annie,
 Here's something to see !
 Here's something for you
 Will my sister delight.'

I opened a box—
 And, O, beautiful sight !

" Rare postage stamps many
 From foreign lands brought,
 I found as a present
 From brother I'd got.
 I looked them all over,
 With pleasure did view
 Stamps from every nation
 Of each rainbow hue !

" And where did you get them ?"
 Of John I enquired,
 " For they're what your sister
 So long has desired !
 They're specimens grand
 And they're pleasing me well,

O, where did you get them
 Where are they to sell ?"

" A young man named Wheeler,'
 My brother then said,
 ' In postage stamps curious
 In Lowell does trade !
 To please many people
 He sells them, my dear ;
 He likes to deal in them
 Because they bring *queer*.

" Both new and old stamps
 He keeps constant on hand,
 Remember he has them
 From each foreign land ;
 He issues a paper
 Will of postage stamps tell,
 Describe every kind
 That he has got to sell !"

" Now, sir, I have told you,"
 The maiden did say,
 " The cause of my joy,
 So I'll hurry away !"
 " O, not so fast, Annie ;
 If you'll be my wife
 I'll supply you with stamps
 For the rest of your life."

We soon made the trade,
 And in her I confide.
 'Twas young Wheeler's stamps
 That did win me a bride !
 My purse is yet full,
 And to neighbors I tell
 Of postage stamps many
 That Wheeler does sell !

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ARTHUR H. WHEELER, Lowell, Mass.

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LOWELL, MASS., January 20th, 1875.

DEAR SIR :

I send you a copy of **THE POSTAGE STAMP REPORTER** for January, 1875, and would call your attention to the fact that I have one of the largest assortments of **FOREIGN STAMPS** to be found in this country.

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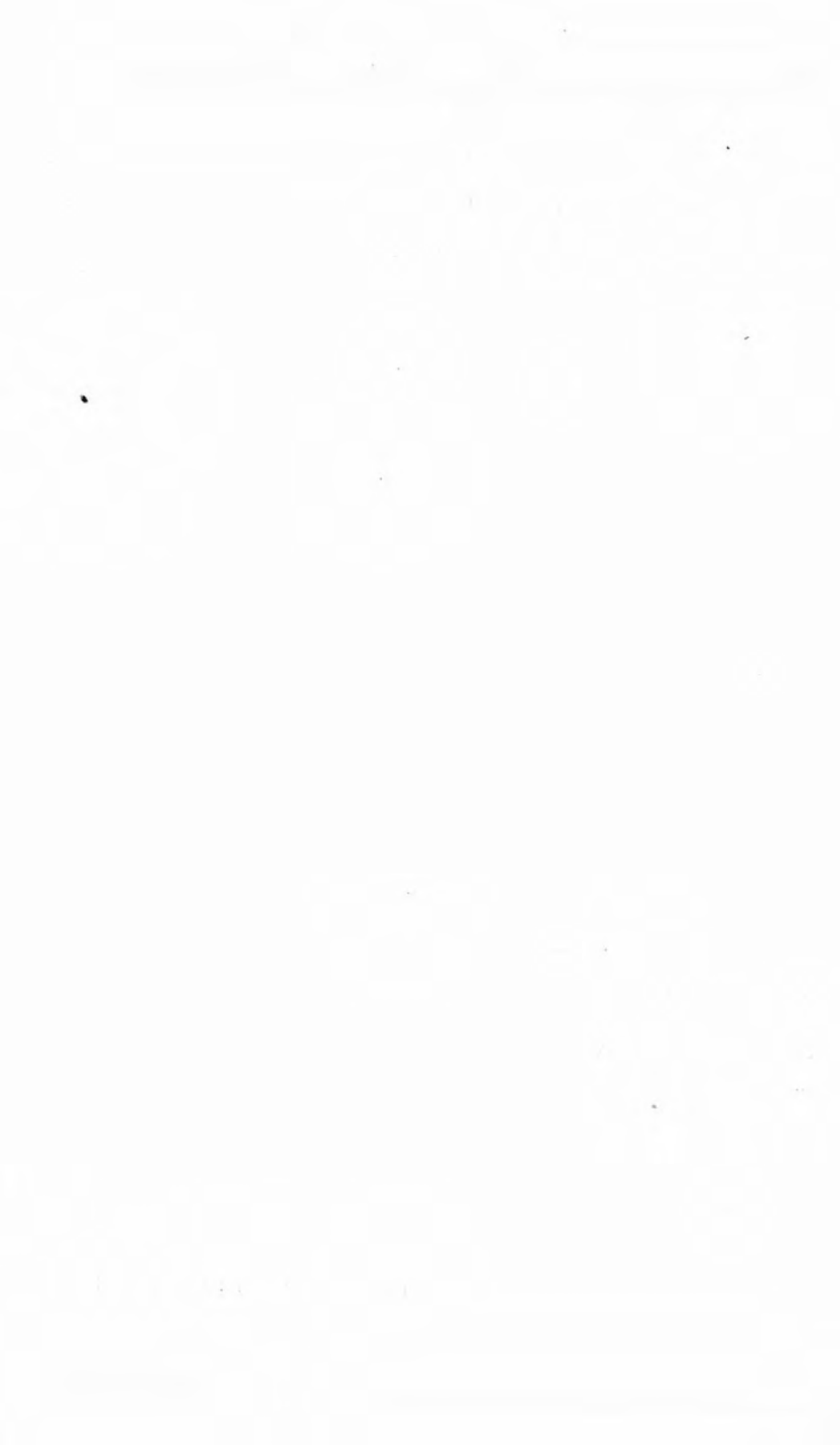
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AZOORES, 5 r.,	.04	
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BARBADOS, 1856, ½d.	.04	
" 1874, ½d.	.03	
BERMUDA, 1d.		.04
BERGEDORF, 1½s.	.05	
BRAZIL, 1866, 10 r.,	.03	
" 50c.		.05
BRITISH GUIANA, 1c.	.04	
CAPE GOOD HOPE, 1, 4d.		.02
CURACOA, 2½c.	.10	
CEYLON, 2c.	.05	
" 96c.		.15
CHILI, 1c.	.04	
" 1852, 5c.		.05
" 1867, 5c. 10c.		.05
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1861, 5c. green,		.15
" 10c. blue,		.35
1862, 2c. green,		\$1.25
5c. blue,		.20
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1863, 1c. orange,	.10	
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10c. green,	.10	
TEN blue,	\$3.00	
20c. green,	.05	
DUTCH INDIES, 1c.	.04	
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" 1873, 5p.	.03	
FINLAND, 20-40		.04
FRANCE, 5 francs	.15	
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HONG KONG, 96c.		.05
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JAPAN, ¼cen.	.05	
LUBECK, 1½ s.	.05	
LUXEMBURG 1,	.02	
MADEIRA, 5r.	.04	
MALTA, ½d. 1874,	.05	
MECK SCHWERIN, 4-4 large,	.10	
MEXICO, 1874, 10c.	.10	
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" 10, 20c.	.03	
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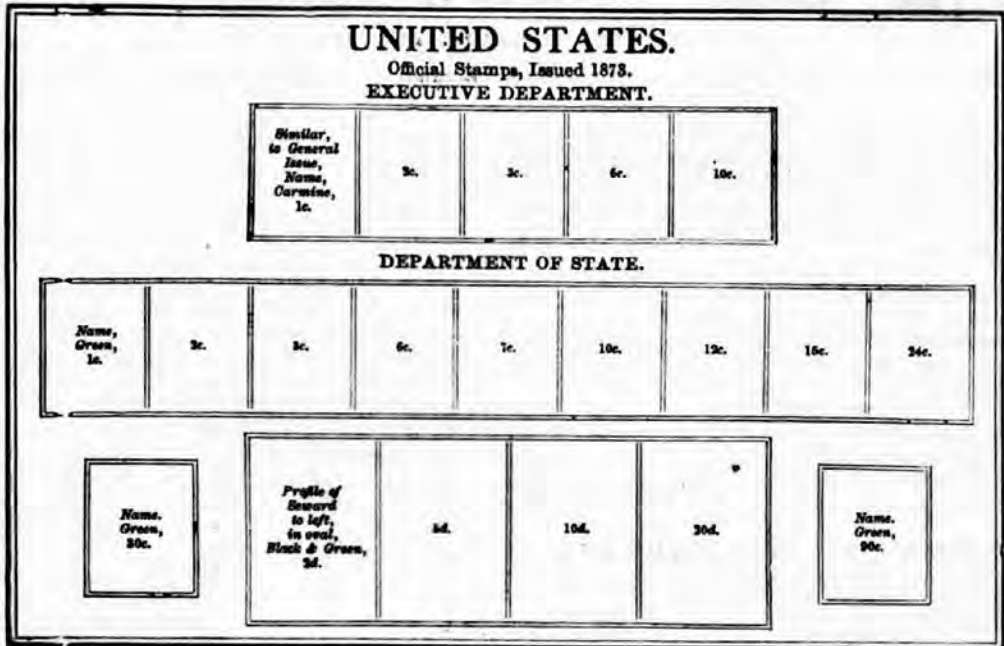
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	Set of	25	\$0.40
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BRAZIL,	"	4	.12
BRITISH GUIANA,	"	2	.12
*BREMEN ENVELOPES,	"	6	.10
*BRUNSWICK,	"	13	.20
CANADA,	"	5	.20
CAPE GOOD HOPE,	"	4	.20
CEYLON,	"	4	.15
CHILI,	"	12	\$5.00
†CONFEDERATE STATES,	"	5	.25
" " " " " "	"	11	.20
DENMARK,	"	3	.10
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FRANCE,	"	10	.10
NORTH GERMAN CONFED.,	"	4	.30
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HOLLAND,	"	5	.15
HONG KONG,	"	4	.10
HUNGARY,	"	12	.20
*ITALY,	"	15	.25
" used,	"	4	.10
INDIA,	"	6	.15
JAMAICA,	"	6	.30
*LUBECK,	"	5	.15
LUXEMBURG,	"	5	.25
NAPLES,	"	5	.12
NEW SOUTH WALES,	"	3	.10
NEW ZEALAND,	"	12	.25
NORWAY,	"	5	.25
*OLDENBURG,	"	4	.15
PORTUGAL,	"	5	.40
*PRUSSIA, 1850, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6,	"	16	.35
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QUEENSLAND, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d.,	"	5	.15
*ROMAN STATES,	"	4	.10
" " " " " "	"	12	.30
ROUMANIA,	"	3	.20
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" old issue,	"	14	.75
*SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN,	"	25	.50
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" " " " " "	"	7	.30
STRAITS SETTLEMENT,	"	10	.15
SWEDEN,	"	12	.20
SWITZERLAND,	"	3	.15
" RAYONS,	"	3	.12
TASMANIA,	"	14	.75
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" " " " " "	"	4	.12
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