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Stamps and Music.

No. A.

This leaflet is not to be considered in any sense a regular philatelic publication. It is issued entirely in the interest of my business and will be mailed free to all my patrons. Aside from regular trade announcements it will contain short items of interest to stamp collectors, newsy notes and possibly an occasional short article. As to size, regularity of publication etc., no promises are required. I find it necessary to issue new price lists from time to time and think this style will prove interesting and attractive.

2c. Die A, 1887 U. S. Envelope.

Since the advent of the new 54th edition catalog the question has been asked many times, what is Die A. in the 2c 1887 issue of envelopes.

There are many collectors who are familiar with this Die A. as the "rejected die," but did not recognize it under this new title while other collectors who pinned their faith entirely to the 53rd edition and consulted no real authorities on the subject did not know of it at all. Of this class there are many and they are greatly surprised to find that this Die A was well known almost as soon as Die B., and not before mentioned in their favorite catalog. The cause of this I will not attempt to explain, but I do know that one of the prominent collectors of Chicago wrote to the publishers of the 53rd edition for information regarding it. He was informed by return mail that "they took no stock in it," probably because they had none in stock.

It was doubted to exist on the various papers by those catalogs that did list it, but I have seen it on all papers and know that it exists.

The rejected die, or Die A as it is now called, was discovered in Brooklyn, and has

been seen in the hands of Chicago collectors for six years.

The description of it is as follows, taken from F. F. Gilberts article in the Dec. 1888 *Philatelic Gazette*, page 34:

The most noticeable feature is the head, which is tipped back, causing the eye to look at an angle of 45 degrees instead of straight ahead. The toe point of the neck points between the third and fourth tooth from the bottom of the inside serrated border in the Die A and between second and third tooth in Die B.

The G in "Postage" is made like a C, the crossbar being left off.

The "stars" at the sides between the upper and lower inscriptions are larger and more nearly round than in the common die.

The T in "United" in Die A is over the depression between two points of the inside serrated border, while in Die B the T is directly over a point.

The letters are taller and finer lined.

Comparing the letter S found in the two dies there is a decided difference.

Last but not least, there are 72 notches in the outside serrated border of Die A and but 67 in Die B.

As this die has been found on only two sizes, three and five, it is sufficient proof that the die was in use but a very short time.

The head being out of plumb, and the G in "Postage" being imperfect, was sufficient cause for the rejection of the die."

As might be expected there are no prices given in the 54th edition and for the guidance of collectors I would place the following prices on them.

	New.	Used.
2c, green Die A on white p	.50	.75
2c, " " " amber p	.6c	1.00
2c, " " " oriental buff	15.00	25.00
2c, " " " on blue	60.00	75.00
2c, " " " on manilla	150.00	200.00
2c, " " " amber manilla	250.00	250.00

At the auction sale of the W. P. U. held in the latter part of 1892 I purchased it on

buff for \$7.80, on blue for \$36.00, and on manilla amber for 146.05.

It is of course oftener met with on white and amber, but it is quite difficult to find a good and plain used specimen.

There are many imperfections in the common die or Die B. Often specimens are found with no crossbar on the G of "Postage and collectors have brought them to me and said "How's that Mr. Wolsieffer? I have found a 'Rejected Die' at last," but like in many cases it was an imperfection in the print, and instead of Die A, it was Die B.

I have looked through thousands of specimens of this issue and found but a very few. The maker of them must have discovered it early, and caused the die to be removed from further use.

A letter addressed to the Department at Washington brought forth the information that after due investigation they would respectfully advise us, that there had been no such die in use, and that only one die had been used.

I feel pretty sure that it was this letter, sent to the department for information which caused the die to be removed or "rejected."

They ought to have an experienced philatelist at the head of the stamp and stamped envelope department to give them pointers. It might however prove a boomerang and give us more varieties or errors.

If you want an all-around, A No. 1 stamp hinge, try a package of Wolsieffer's Special Hinges. Price 10 cents per package, or three packages for 25 cents.

The *Puritan Philatelist*, published "semi-occasionally, once or twice in a while, sometimes oftener," is a humorous production of Mr. Chris. Peterson. It is published in the interest of his business and circulated free.

Music lovers will find a choice list of popular and new music advertised on page six, any of which will be sent post paid at my reduced prices. I can furnish any piece of music, no matter where published, at a

cheaper price than you can get it for elsewhere. Write me for prices before placing your orders.

I am frequently in receipt of orders from unknown parties requesting that goods be sent on approval. I require references from all strangers. My specialties are all just advertised, and if not as represented can be returned and the money will be refunded. Very often I have but a few sets or specimens at the price advertised and cannot send them on approval.

Mr. C. E. Severn, the treasurer of the Chicago Philatelic Society has again taken prize for his literary work. He entered the writers' contest of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* and came out second best. He also took the first prize in writing a criticism of *Mekeel's Album of the World*, which was also published in the *Weekly Stamp News*. Mr. Severn is quite a young man yet and has a promising future before him.

The *Eagle Philatelist* was discontinued with the December number and merged into the *Pennsy.* of Reading Pa. Although it has been widely advertised, requests for sample copies and subscriptions are received daily. All subscriptions are promptly returned, and the intending subscriber notified that it is consolidated with the *Pennsy.*, and that a copy addressed to Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading Pa., will bring them a copy of the popular *Pennsylvania Philatelist*.

I am constantly in receipt of requests from parties who have stamps to sell, to send them a list of buying prices. It is next to impossible to furnish such a list without compiling a complete catalogue. As it depends largely on the kind and the condition of the stamps, it is absolutely necessary that the stamps be sent to me for inspection. If they are desirable stamps they will bring good prices, and if they are very common the price naturally would be in proportion. All common stamps should be free from paper on the back.

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There are many collectors who would like to change their albums but do not relish the work of transferring three or four thousand stamps from one album to another. I have facilities by which I can attend to the transferring of stamps in a collection and can guarantee that it will be carefully and well done. Prices will be furnished on application, but I must be informed as to the general character of the collection, about how many stamps are in the collection, what album they are in and into what album they are to be transferred. Also if the stamps are pasted down solid or hinged. The placing of die varieties of U. S. envelopes, and re-engraved and shades of U. S. adhesives a specialty.

A list of packets giving price and quantity in each packet will be found in another column. These packets are of a superior quality and always give satisfaction. Particular attention should be given to the United States packets, which are above the average. There is also a packet of U. S. Revenues and Mexican Revenues in the list.

Instead of writing for stamps on approval, send in a list of your wants of several countries. We may send you several lots and not be able to satisfy you with the stamps you are looking for. Let us know what you are short of and we will try to fill up the empty spaces in your album.

If you are thinking of selling your duplicates or your collection, write us about it. We often have calls for collections and can place them without resorting to the auction plan. Better prices are received and no risk is incurred by this method.

All stamp collectors should be members of some society and participate in the benefits offered. The American Philatelic Association is the leading American society. The Chicago Philatelic Society is also a leading stamp society and gives its members many benefits. Applications for either one will be furnished on application.

Collectors having duplicates or quantities of revenue stamps or periodical stamps that they wish to dispose of, will find a list elsewhere in this circular, that I will purchase for cash or exchange for.

It is simply astonishing to contemplate the immense proportions to which this stamp business of Uncle Sam's has grown. During the last year he sent out to his 90,000 Postmasters nearly 4,000,000,000 stamped pieces of paper. This number is too large for comprehension. If they had been stamps of the Columbian Style they would have been sufficient to make a single ribbon more than 75,000 miles in length, or enough to wrap around this old globe of our three times. That number of postal cards would put a paper girdle about the earth more than a dozen times.—*Washington Star*

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Date.	Number in set.	Cat. price.	My price.
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1885	7	.31	.20
1886 (Lilacs, incl, 12c)	5	.80	.50
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20c " "	3.00 Charter Party.
30c " "	3.00 Manifest.
40c " "	5.00 Charter Party.
50c Passage Ticket.	5.00 Conveyance.

2nd Issue.

2 Cent.	4 Cent.
3 "	1 Dollar.

3rd Issue.

1c Black & Claret.	70c Black & Green.
4c " Brown.	1.00 " "
6c " Orange.	2.00 " Verm.
15c " Brown.	2.50 " Claret.
30c " Orange.	3.00 " Green.
40c " Brown.	5.00 " Verm.
60c " Orange	10.00 " Green.

Proprietary.

1c—1871.	2c—1878.
2c— "	3c— "
3c— "	4c— "
4c— "	6c— "
1c—1878.	10c— "

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	Cat. price.	My price.
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1883 3c red, buff p. die 5.....	05	04
1881* " pink, white p.....	50	30
" " " pat lines.....		60
" " " buff p.....	35	25
1884 " " " white p.....	05	03
" " " " pat lines.....		30
" " " buff p.....	05	03
" " " " pat lines.....		30
1890 Reay * 2c brown, orange p... 25	20	
" " 3c green, white p.....	02	01
" " " amber p.....	02	01
1884 Plimpton, 1c blue, white p die B	01	01
" " " " amber p " " "	03	02
" " " " cream p " " "	08	05
" " " " manilla p " " "	02	01
" " " " orange p " " "	03	02
" " " " dark blue " " " "	15	10
" " " 2c verm. white p die C	05	04
" " " " amber p " " "	10	08
" " " " fawn p " " "	05	04
" " " 3c green, white p die B	01	01
" " " " amber p " " "	03	02
" " " " cream p " " "	05	03
" " " " blue p " " "	05	03
" " " " fawn p " " "	05	03
1875 Plimpton, * 5c blue amber p		
die A.....	35	20
" " " " " " " " "		
die B.....	35	20
* " " " " " " " " "		

	p.....	35	20
"	" * 10c brown, white		
	p die B.....	50	25
"	" * " " amber p die B	50	25
"	" * 90c carmine		
	white p.....	2.00	1.50
1882	" * 5c brown, white		
	p.....	20	15
"	" * " " " amber		
	p.....	25	15
"	" * " " " cream		
	p.....		10.00
1883	small letters, 2c red, white p...	03	02
"	" " " " amber p...	03	02
"	" " " " fawn p...	10	08
"	" " " " 4c green, white p...	20	10
"	" " " " " " amber p...	20	10
1884	retouched die 2c red, white p...	15	10
"	" " " " " " amber p...	15	10
"	" " two wavy lines, 2c brown, white p	01	01
"	" " " " " " amber p	01	01
"	" " " " " " fawn p	02	01
"	" " " " " " blue p	03	02
1886	" " " " " " buff p	10	08
1887	* 4c carmine, white p.....	10	08
"	" * " " buff p.....	25	15
"	" * " " blue p.....	25	15
"	" " " manilla p.....	10	08

MEXICAN BARGAINS.

1885	laid p 2c carmine.....	50	10
"	" " 3c yellow brown.....	1.00	00
"	" " 7c blue.....	75	45
"	" " 6c brown.....	75	40
"	" " 1c orange.....	1.00	60
"	" " 10c yellow.....	1.00	65
1886	12c lilac.....	50	30
1887	20c scarlet.....	05	03
"	" 25c scarlet.....	05	03
1886	1c green, pin perf.....	25	15
"	" 2c carmine " " " " "	25	15
1888	1c green, blue ruled p.....	15	10
"	" 2c carmine " " " " "	25	20
"	" 5c blue " " " " "	20	15
1888	1c green, blue ruled p pin perf.	10	08
"	" 2c carmine " " " " "	20	15

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1888	10c scarlet.....	05	03
"	20c scarlet.....	10	06

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"	" * 20c olive, buff p.....	1.50	75
Costa Rica, 1886 *	5c blue.....	12	07
"	" * 10c orange.....	20	15
"	1890 * 2c green, buff.....	05	03
"	" * 10c violet brown.....	25	15
Mexico, 1874 *	25c blue.....	10	05
Nicaragua, 1892 *	set complete entire.....		30

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Hesitation, 50cts.	" "
Perhaps, 50c.	" "
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Mary Shane, 50c.	" "
Kiss and lets make up, 50c.	" "
My sweethart's the man in the moon, 40c.	" "
Faded Letter, 50.	" "
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After the ball waltzes, 40c.	" "
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Cradle Song solo, 50c., (Liebling)	" "
Columbus Day waltz, 50c.	" "
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No. B.

As stated in No. A of this CIRCULAR, we did not desire to have it considered in any sense a regular philatelic publication. In order to make it of some value besides an advertisement, we have included some information, notes, articles, etc., etc. The recognition accorded to No. A, induces us to hope that No. B will prove equally attractive and be appreciated in a like manner. We mail it regularly to all our patrons as soon as issued, free of charge. It was our intention of issuing it oftener during the season but our branch house in another city and the summer vacation season interfered and took up most of our spare time.

It will pay you to carefully go over all the bargains advertised in this CIRCULAR. Packets, sets, single stamps and publications of all kinds are offered for sale at and below current quotations. We represent the two largest concerns in the trade, and carry nearly everything in stock at same prices as offered by them. In addition we have our own stock and specialties and can give collectors the advantage of the best and largest stock in Chicago. Local collectors who have never traded with us will find us located on the ground floor in a store (no office), in the busiest part of the business center of Chicago. A few doors to the north of us is that great bee hive, the Masonic Temple, and immediately next door to the south is Marshall Field's great retail establishment. Remember, our number is 75 State street, and our store is in the Central Music Hall Block. Look for the show window with a brilliant display of stamps, the only one in Chicago.

2c. Die C, 1887 U. S. Envelopes.

In No. A of this Circular we gave what probably was the best description of Die A, or *Rejected Die* 1887 U. S. envelope, ever given to the philatelic public. At all events we are led to believe so from the fact that said article was widely copied, and in one instance it was copied by a foreign journal, without credit of course, and recopied by another journal in this country who gave the credit of it to the foreign journal. We are not selfish and don't care so much for the credit or glory, if there is any, but we do hate to see the credit given to some other fellow, particularly when he is a foreigner who thinks nothing worthy of notice can possibly come from this side.

We are drifting from the subject and will return to it—Die C, 1887 U. S. envelope.

This die which we have termed Die C, was noticed by a gentleman in this city, who does not care to be known as its discoverer, but furnishes the principal points of difference, as follows:

1st. The Die C was first noticed by him in November, 1889.

2d. The head of Die C resembles the head of an Indian Chief.

3. Instead of top of head having the pointed appearance of the common die, it more closely resembles the head of Washington, as in the issue of 1880, Die C, 3 cents green, "bullet head" being also wider, measuring from tip of nose to back of head $9\frac{1}{4}$ – $9\frac{1}{2}$ millimetres, and from front of forehead to back of head $8\frac{3}{4}$ millimetres; whereas in the common die they measure $8\frac{1}{4}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ millimetres respectively.

4th. The knot of queue is much larger and profuse and the arrangement of curls of hair from "perriquet" about the ear is entirely different from the common die, having the appearance of a short comb with rather long teeth, whereas in the common die they end in two well defined bundles of hair.

5th. It is thought that the amber and white are quite common. The next in order is buff, blue and third quality of paper. It has not been noticed on the last kind of paper, but it has been seen and specimens are in the collections of several Chicago collectors on the first four papers.

Some collectors to whom we have shown the Die C and explained the points of difference, thought it might be simply a heavy impression of Die B, but even they admit the impression is too clear cut to come from Die B.

We share the belief of the one who first noticed it, that it is a different die, and time will show that such is the case. At all events, collectors who have lots of duplicates of this issue will not lose anything if they succeed in finding it on each paper and placing it in their collection.

4c. Die B, 1884-6 Envelope.

Mr. Geo. W. Frank, Jr., of Kearney, Neb., has been a frequent visitor and purchaser at our establishment, and always looking for something new in the envelope line. One day he surprised us by finding something decidedly new, and as it is of considerable interest we will give his own description of it. It is in the 4c. value and the best way to make the description effective is to describe both dies. We will call the old one Die A and the new one Die B.

DIE A—4c. green envelope. Head of Jackson.

1st. Wide numeral (4) at left.

2d. Top and bottom labels at left *do not* touch third loop.

DIE B.—4c. green envelope. Head of Jackson.

1st. Narrow numeral (4) at left.

2d. Top and bottom labels *do not* touch third loop.

Mr. French has found both die white, amber, manila and manila. He hasn't had an opportunity of examining many blue and buff envelopes if both dies are to be found on those papers. Neither has he been able to find early post-marked specimens to which die was used first.

This instance simply goes to show in U. S. envelopes alone there is a great field for discovery. Collectors find genuine varieties sometimes without the information to themselves, but take pleasure in being able in this number of our PHILATELIC CIRCULARS to show that we have at least two spirited collectors who are willing that others should profit by their discoveries and give complete description of them. Who will be the next?

The only difference between the one we offered a year ago and the one we offer now is, that our present hinges are a decided improvement in every way. The price, however, remains the same, 10 cents per package or three packages for 25 cents. Be sure and ask for Wolsieffer's hinges and take no others.

The American Philatelic Association is a body of stamp collectors that every collector should be a member of. It is the oldest and most influential stamp society in America, and gives its members more benefits than any similar organization. It is incorporated and its members are required to become stockholders. Only one share of stock is allowed to be held by any one member. The dues are one dollar per year and one share of stock costs one dollar. The Association issues a year book which is sent free to members. All members

entitled to participate in the sales and exchange departments, library, annual conventions, etc., etc. Applications for membership will be furnished free by our publisher, who is one of the charter members of the Association.

Very often parties write us to send certain goods we advertise on approval. This we can not do. If goods are not as represented they can be returned and we will refund the money. It often happens that our supply of certain things is limited. We advertise them at a low price to close them out, but to send them on approval is entirely out of the question. They are cash with order only.

Although we sold the *Eagle Philatelist* to Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., last January, to be consolidated with the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, we still receive subscriptions and requests for sample copies. Parties receiving this CIRCULAR with this item marked, will know it is in reply to their favor concerning the *Eagle Philatelist*.

While we are always ready to buy for cash collections of stamps, small lots or large lots, we can not figure on them from descriptions or lists. They must be sent us for inspection, so we can see the condition they are in. We do not publish a list of buying prices. Common stamps in quantities should be free from paper on the back and tied up neatly in packages of 100. Torn or damaged stamps not wanted. Envelope stamps should be cut square with liberal margins. Send what you have to offer by *registered* mail with your lowest cash price. If acceptable a remittance will be sent you at once.

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lists or advertisements they must remit the full amount in cash, and add a sufficient amount for return postage and *registration* in all cases. We fill no order from abroad unless parties are willing to have it sent by *registered* mail and remit a certain amount to cover.

We call special attention to our packet list given elsewhere in this number. The packets are of a superior quality and always give satisfaction. Particular attention should be given to the United States packets which are above the average.

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Panama "Errors." A Traffic in Trash.

A short time since, Mr. Wolsieffer showed me a copy of a letter he had received from a Panama gentleman who was seeking a market for some so-called errors in the "Habilitado" surcharges of Panama. The would-be seller's name is immaterial, but suffice it to say, that his letter purported to be written from the U. S. Consulate, and that it read substantially as follows:

I write with a view of disposing of some of the surcharged stamps of Panama that I purchased when they

were in use here. The stamps surcharged 1 on 2, 5 on 20, and 10 on 50, I will sell at their face value in gold. There are, however, some special stamps a list of which I enclose, some of which are errors, will come much higher. I would like to get your prices on them. Those surcharged 5 cents with green ink were the first surcharged five cents, and as red ink was most suitable, this was substituted. Fifty exist: I have eighteen; the balance were secured by a party in transit. Those surcharged vertically are perhaps the rarest. Those without 1894 are scarce: they are selling high; I have about fifty of them. Those with errors in centavos are the most numerous, but are selling at fifty cents, say twenty-five cents gold, here to-day.

Please let me hear from you."

The list enclosed was a lengthy one including all sorts of surcharge freaks. There were surcharges in different colored inks, and inverted and vertical surcharges. The words "habilitado" and "centavo" were twisted around in the most curious contortions. They were misplaced, misprinted, and misspelled. On some of the surcharges the 1894 was omitted; on others "centavos" was decapitated; on still others "habilitado" was disembowelled. In short, the list was a veritable curiosity, as showing the unlimited possibilities of the "error" business when in ingenious hands.

In addition to seeing this letter, I was also privileged to peruse Mr. Wolsieffer's reply to it, and his condemnation of such "errors" was so plain and outspoken, and his attitude so commendably different from that of many other dealers that I deem it fitting to take his words as the

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text for a few remarks anent the same question.

Let me give the most important portion of his reply in his own language: "I have a full supply of the surcharged stamps of Panama *regular issue* and do not require any others at present. As for the *variety* of surcharges, errors, etc., etc., they do not interest me, and I would not offer them for sale. Collectors are being called on too often to subscribe to such errors, which look to me to have been done 'accidentally on purpose,' and for revenue only. I take every precaution against encouraging it, and find a large field, catering only to legitimate business."

This view of the matter is heartily to be endorsed, and it is a matter of regret that all stamp dealers do not look upon it in a similar light. Errors of suspicious character are becoming altogether too common. Undoubted errors in color or engraving, and some other classes of similar respectability are, of course, entirely collectible; but there are many so-called errors that are such in name only, and perhaps the very worst and most dangerous offenders of this class are those "errors" in surcharging of which these recent Panama varieties are representative examples.

Perhaps they are rather more than representative examples. Few countries ever making use of the surcharge have rolled up such a formidable array of surcharge errors as Panama, and the few that have approached its record are just the ones that have done most to render surcharged stamps unpopular. Philatelists have long felt morally certain that a very large number of the so-called errors in surcharging are born of malice aforethought, so to speak. It is a curious and significant fact that in the days when the surcharging of stamps first began to be practised, when one would naturally suppose that the number of mistakes would be largest, "errors" were far fewer in proportion than they

are to-day, nearly forty-five years after the first surcharge was issued. There is something strange and unaccountable in the rapidity with which errors and varieties of surcharges more or less similar to these from Panama have multiplied within the last few years, and we inevitably conclude that their existence is seldom accidental.

It is an open secret that it is customary nowadays in printing surcharges to fully arrange for a few "errors." These errors are the prey of speculators, the life of speculation, especially when only a few of them are printed (as is usually the case—for reasons that are obvious) and, unfortunately, they are allowed (at fairly high prices) to reach the hands of the philatelic public through the remissness of the dealers, their natural protectors. How much longer must this state of affairs continue? How much longer will the bulk of the stamp trade remain conveniently blinded to the shortcomings of this portion of their wares? The only proper step in this matter is that taken by Mr. Wolsieffer and a few other dealers who, with the courage of their convictions, do not hesitate to live up to them regarding possible consequences.

Viewed from a conservative standpoint, errors in surcharges are very far from desirable property, and the attention they receive at the hands of philatelists, the better for the purpose. Of all philatelic speculations, the execution, and of all philatelic speculations by far the most transparent charge errors are, at best, a delusion and a snare. We can know but little regarding them with absolute certainty, no matter how plausible they may seem; they will always be haunted by the fear that they were brought to life by what Boyle Roche might call "an intentional accident." It is because so many of these "errors" are due to just such accidents that the surcharge error market

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If you receive this Circular with this item marked, you will know it is in answer to your favor regarding stamps on approval.

After reading it, if you are satisfied with our terms and agree to them, we shall be pleased to serve you.

We positively decline all business from unknown parties, who write us on postal cards or fail to give us first-class bank or commercial references.

Our terms are not from 50 to 150 per cent. discount. Nor do we price our stamps way above catalog value in order to be able to quote an unreasonable discount. If you are looking for something for nothing don't waste time by writing to us.

We do not send stamps on approval to foreign countries. Our mail approval trade is confined entirely to the United States.

Substitution or changing of stamps on sheets or books is a criminal offense. Any fraud in which the U. S. mail is used is a criminal offense, and the secret service is quick to take up such cases when their attention is called to them. A number of dishonest collectors have felt the strong arm of the law in trying to defraud in this manner.

It is in order to avoid such unpleasant experiences that we are so particular in requiring A1 references, and no right-minded persons will take offense at our strict regulations.

Our best discount is 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. on mail approval business. On United States postage and revenue stamps the prices are either net, 10 per cent. or 20 per cent., according to the grade of stamps. Scarce foreign stamps are priced net, 10 per cent. and 20 per cent. The discounts are from current catalog values and not from *raised* prices.

From parties not known to us we require references. Business or bank references preferred. Do not refer us to any other stamp dealer, but let your references be in some other line of business.

If applicants for stamps on approval are under legal age, we require a written guarantee from their parents.

We require prompt returns and no lots are allowed to be retained over *two weeks*.

Parties applying for stamps on approval should advise us about *what priced* stamps they wish to purchase.

Under no circumstances can we undertake to make up special books of stamps or send certain particular ones.

Collectors wanting certain stamps should make out a want list and place it with us on file. The filling of want lists does not come under the head of stamps on approval.

Parties receiving books of stamps are responsible for them till they are returned safely and in good order to us. They should not allow the books to leave their possession or loan them to others.

Experience has shown that much of the substitution of stamps on approval lots is traceable to careless handling, and of allowing strangers or others to retain the stamps for a time. Books should not be carried or kept in the pocket and unused stamps often stick to the pages. No words or marks of any kind are allowed on the books.

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We have had large experience in filling the so-called "Want Lists" of collectors, and know pretty well what is expected in that department.

As a rule almost all want lists contain stamps as Sweden 3 and 6 ore with posthorn black and claret 3d issue U. S. Revenue, etc., which are not very expensive, in fact might be termed cheap, but nevertheless are exceedingly hard to pick up and can not be supplied at less than three times catalog value. Some of these so-called *scarce* stamps are really scarcer than many of the high priced varieties.

We fill want lists at a discount of 10 per cent. but there are a number of exceptions in some countries which are priced net.

Stamps filled in on want lists are sent loose in envelope and are subject to approval. If any are rejected for any reason they must be returned.

In making out a list of your wants, take the latest catalog, give the name of the country, the number of the stamp in the catalog. If you want the 2 rs. blue, 1851, of Denmark, just write "Denmark, No. 1." If you want the 100 green, 1865, of Denmark, write it "Denmark 20.

The very best and finest specimens in our collection are used in filling the want lists submitted to us.

There are invariably many blank spaces in want lists that can be filled in no other way. We may look on approval sheets and exchange them for years and not find a certain stamp which is complete, perhaps, a set.

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5c. blue.....	.60	.5
5c. " (unsevered pair).....	1.20	1.2
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5c. " " (unsevered pair).....	1.20	1.2
10c. rose.....	3.00	2.4
5c. blue, small (unsevered pair).....	.20	.3
1863, 10c. (TEN) blue.....	4.00	3.6
10c. dark blue.....	.05	.0
10c. light blue.....	.08	.0
10c. greenish blue.....	.10	.1
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Charleston, 5c. blue envelope, white paper.....	15.00	12.0
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Mobile, 5c. blue, cut close.....	7.50	3.0
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" 2c. brown, orange.....	.25	.15
1880 (Plimpton), 1c. blue, cream paper, Die B.....	.08	.06
1874 " 1c. " orange.....	.10	.06
1879 " 1c. " fawn.....	.15	.10
1874 " 1c. " manila.....	.05	.05
1875 " 2c. vermilion, manila paper, Die C.....	.10	.05
1874 " 3c. green, white paper, Die B.....	.10	.05
" 3c. amber.....	.10	.05
1875 " 5c. blue..... Die A.....	.35	.20
" 5c. " " " " Die B.....	.35	.20
1882 " 5c. brown, white.....	.20	.15
" 5c. " amber.....	.25	.15
" 5c. " cream.....		10.0
1883 (small letters), 4c. green, white paper.....	.20	.10
" 4c. amber.....	.20	.10
1884 (four wavy lines), 2c. brown, blue paper, retouched.....	.50	.25
" 2c. manila.....	.50	.25
(two wavy lines), 2c. " white.....	.05	.05
" 2c. " manila.....	.05	.05
1887, 2c. green, white paper, Die A (rejected).....	.50	.25
2c. " amber.....	1.00	.50
2c. " buff.....	12.00	10.0
2c. " white..... no "g" in Postage.....		.25
4c. carmine, white paper.....	.10	.05
4c. " buff.....	.25	.15
5c. " blue.....	.25	.15

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1853, 3c. red, white paper, Die 1.....	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.20
3c. " " " " 2.....	2.50	2.00	.80
3c. " " " " 5.....	.05	.05	.05
3c. " buff " " 1.....	.25	.25	.20
3c. " " " " 3.....	3.00	2.50	.80
3c. " " " " 5.....	.05	.05	.05
10c. " white " " 2.....	10.00		5.00

1873	10c. red, buff paper, Die 2	3.00	2.50	
	10c. " " " " " " " "	2.50	2.00	
1877-81	3c. red, white paper	.25	.25	.30
	3c. " buff " " " " " "	.15	.15	.12
	10c. green, buff " " " " " "	25.00		20.00
1881	3c. pink, white " " " " " "	.15	.12	.10
	3c. " buff " " " " " "	.05	.04	.03
1882	3c. " white " " " " " "	.05	.04	.03
1883	(Reay), 3c. green, white paper	.02	.02	.01
	" 3c. " amber " " " " " "	.02	.02	.01
	" 3c. " cream " " " " " "	.05	.04	.03
1890	(Centennial), 3c. red " " " " " "	.25	.25	.25
1894	(Plimpton), 1c. blue, white paper, Die B	.01	.01	.01
	1c. " manila " " " " " "	.02	.01	.01
1899	" 1c. " cream " " " " " "	.08	.05	.04
1894	" 3c. green, white paper, Die A	.20	.20	.20
	" 3c. " " " " " " " "	.02	.01	.01
1897	" 3c. " " " " " " " "	7.00	5.60	
1894	" 3c. " amber " " " " " "	.03	.02	.02
	" 3c. " cream " " " " " "	.05	.04	.03
1894-75	" 3c. " blue " " " " " "	.05	.04	.03
1895-79	" 3c. " fawn " " " " " "	.05	.04	.03
1893	October (large letters), 2c. red, white paper	.05	.04	.04
	" 2c. " amber " " " " " "	.03	.02	.02
	November (four wavy lines), 2c. red, white paper	.03	.02	.02
	" 2c. " amber " " " " " "	.03	.02	.02
1894	June (retouched), 2c. red, white paper	.15	.12	.10
	" 2c. " amber " " " " " "	.15	.12	.10
	July (two wavy lines), 2c. brown, white paper	.01	.01	.01
	" 2c. " amber " " " " " "	.01	.01	.01
	" 2c. " fawn " " " " " "	.02	.02	.01
1895	2c. brown, buff paper	.10	.10	.08
1893	Post Office, 3c. black, lemon paper	.02		.01
	6c. " " " " " " " "	.10		.05
1874	" 3c. " " " " " " "	.01		.01
	6c. " " " " " " " "	.05		.03
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