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In this our initial number we launch forth on the troubled waters of an editor or publisher of a curiosity journal's life, at the same time it will be our ambition to guide our craft safely into port for the welfare of our customers and our own pocket. It shall be our aim and endeavor to present to advertisers of Philatelic and other curiosities, a safe and trustworthy medium wherein they may announce their goods to the public, and to buyers the advertisements of reliable dealers of whom they may purchase without fear of fraud or imposition. Although there are plenty of journals treating of the same subject, yet we think there is room for one more, and hope to improve with every issue, until we stand in the front ranks, able to compete successfully with the most ably conducted paper published. We are also happy to say that we have received encouragement beyond what we had expected for our first number, and for which our patrons will please accept best thanks. We also call attention to the fact that in our next we shall start an exchange column, which for that number will be absolutely free, but afterwards open to subscribers only. Believing that brevity is the soul of wit, we merely say in conclusion that hoping to merit and meet with encouragement from both advertisers and collectors, and also the helping hand which we know will be held out to us by our fellow publishers and editors, wishing all a successful and happy New Year, we say au revoir till next issue.

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### A Curious Relic of Nelson.

When the Admiral received his fatal shot at Trafalgar, 84 guineas, mostly of the spade ace pattern, were found in his purse, and these, with other effects of the hero, were sent to Mr. Alexander Davidson, Nelson's intimate friend and navy agent. Davidson had the guineas soldered together, and formed into a pyramidal roof, with the obverse and reverse faces alternately uppermost, the whole being supported at the angles on the shoulders of four full-length weeping female figures in dull metal gilt, a polished gilt ball intervening between the supports and the corners of the roof. In the centre of the canopy thus formed is a metal gilt miniature sarcophagus, which stands upon a plinth, formed of four steps, and is surmounted by a Viscount's coronet resting upon a cushion. The handles of the sarcophagus are composed of the stem and prow of an Admiral's barge. The trophy, which is capped by a trident, bears on its front the following inscription—"These guineas were in Lord Viscount Nelson's purse at the time he received the fatal wound off Trafalgar, Oct. 21, 1805." The back and sides are inscribed thus:—"Battle of St. Vincent, 14th Feb. 1797;"—"Battle of the Nile, Aug. 1, 1798;" and "Battle of Copenhagen, 2d April, 1801." The trophy became the property of the late Mr. William Joy, of Cheam, in whose possession it remained 40 years, and by whose executors it was put up to auction. It is satisfactory to know that the relic is now within sight of the old Victory, Nelson's flagship, and at the centre of the naval service.

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"Let me add that the government of this fortunate island is administered with admirable good sense, and in a manner to do honor to the British flag. The natives, however grateful to their worthy German neighbors as their constant providers and visitors, are ethnologically nearer to the Angles than to the Germans, but are more than content to remain Heligolanders, pure and simple, under the mild and peaceful sway and benevolent protection of the Island-Empire of the Sea."—*M. D. W.*

## A Few Words About English Stamps and Collections.

Of English Stamps there had been printed up to December 1885. 31,301,885, 334! These stamps vary in value from  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to £5, and the numbers printed of each are as follows:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2,970,705,120; 1d. 26,651,930,040;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. 105,603,360; 3d. 385,171,080;  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. 294,475,696; 3d. 223,381,000; 4d. 175,221,180; 5d. 26,413,680; 6d. 217,048,960; 8d. 4,608,720; 9d. 11,235,080; 10d. 5,965,476; 1s. 225,375,060; 2s. 6,715,820; 2s. 6d. 789,884;

3s. 6,413,686; 10s. 461,438; £1 285,054; £5 84,000. The Galliera Collection is said to be worth £57,600, or about \$278,000. Sir Daniel Cooper disposed of his collection to Mr. De Feuari for £3000, or close on \$15,000. These few figures show the prices at which really first class collections have been sold.

—Referring to an announcement that at a recent exhumation in a Western cemetery the body of a woman was found turned to stone, the *Louisville Medical News* says: "Petrification of the body of a warm-blooded animal never has been known, and it is quite safe to say never has taken place. The condition of the body which leads to such a misconception is not that of petrification, but of saponification." It is explained that nitrogenous tissues give off ammonia, and this, attacking the fats in the body, produces adipocere, a hard form of soap. The writer, when at the New Orleans fair, saw a barrel of pork labelled, "Found floating in the Mississippi in an advanced state of petrification." Being skeptical as to the capacity of rocks to float, he chipped off a piece and found that the hog, like the human being under like circumstances, had merely turned to adipocere.

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Interior	5 8	3 8	1 8	2 8	2 8	10 15	5 15	5 20	5 30	8 40	50 1.00
Justice	28 40	15 40	3 7	4 18	4 18	15 20	10 20	15 20	45 70	40 70	1.10 1.40
Navy	15 20	5 12	1 8	6 12	50 75	15 20	10 20	10 30	20 35	20 50	1.10 1.40
Post Office	6 15	5 15	1 5	1 8	1 8	40 50	6 15	6 25	8 30	5 30	50 1.00
State	20 20	15 20	15 20	15 20	20 25	20 25	50 65	30 65	40 75	35 75	1.25 1.50
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### Review.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Lim., have issued another edition of their catalogue.

Will the editor of that sprightly paper, the *Chemung Review*, kindly give us the address of the philatelist living near the North Pole.

We have received a copy of *The Indian*, published at Hagersville, Ont. It is a large, well edited paper, entirely devoted to the interests of the "Red Man."

Among the new journals devoted to philately and other curiosities that have favored us with copies, are these, "The Collectors' Monthly," "Minnesota Philatelist," "Quaker City Philatelist," "London City Philatelist," "National

Capital Philatelist," and others, the majority being good looking and well-edited papers. We wish them long life and success.

We note a movement for the protection of stamp dealers in England by a correspondent of the *Philatelic Star*.

Exchanges.—"Philatelic Journal of America," "Our American Youth," "Capital City Philatelist," "Casson Philatelist," "Chemung Review," "Minnesota Philatelist," "Toronto Philatelic Journal," "Peoples' Press," "Youth's Ledger," and others.

We have received from Mr. J. M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., a copy of his work, "The Stamp Dealers of the World." It has a very neat appearance and seems to be all that could be desired.

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Here we are with number two. Any improvement?

We are informed that *Gossip*, Montreal's society paper, has suspended publication; cause, lack of support.

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Deer are said to be so plentiful at Granite Creek, N.S., that they are killed by miners in the same manner that George Washington killed the cherry tree—"with their little hatchets."

We would direct the attention of our readers to the ads. in this number—they are worth noticing.

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## Mystic Art in Medals

A CABINET OF RARE DESIGNS AND CURIOUS LEGENDS IN METAL.

Mr. William Poillon, of New York, a prominent member of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York, has a collection of medals which excites the admiration alike of numismatists and Freemasons. It is the largest collection of Masonic medals in the world. At one time the medallic collection of the now obsolete Pythagoras Lodge was supposed to be the largest in existence. But when it became accessible to numismatists it was found to contain many casts. Mr. Poillon's attention was first called to this branch of numismatics as a specialty by William T. R. Marvin, now the leading authority on Masonic medals. When Mr. Marvin was collecting data for his work on the subject he wrote to Mr. Poillon, who then had a general numismatic collection, for descriptions of such Masonic pieces as were in his cabinet. Mr. Poillon found these pieces more numerous than he had supposed. In fact, their number was sufficiently large to form a nucleus for a collection. He began adding to them, and afterward purchased Marvin's fine cabinet. An idea of the comprehensiveness of Mr. Poillon's collection may be conveyed by the statement that it contains about 1,000 pieces, or some 200 more than are enumerated in Marvin's book, which is the most complete record on the subject. The cabinet contains struck pieces of all metals, wood and rubber. In it are a number of interesting Washington Masonic pieces. The oldest of these, and one of the oldest American Masonic medals struck, is dated 1797. The obverse shows a bust of Washington in uniform. Prominent in the design on the reverse are two pillars surmounted by globes. Over the pillar on the right is the sun; over that on the left the moon and stars. Over all these are the square and compasses and three lighted tapers; still higher the letter G, and, above all, the all-seeing eye. The pillars stand on a mosaic pavement, upon which lies a trowel. A level and open book, a plumb and gavel are respectively to the right and left of the pillars. The Latin legend is: Love, Honour, and Justice. The letters G. W. G. M. also on the reverse, are supposed to stand for George Washington, General Grand Master. This medal is believed to be of English origin. A Washington funeral medal is classed among Masonics, though the only emblem on it is a skull and cross-bones at the base of the reverse, because it is supposed to have been struck for and generally worn in the Masonic funeral procession,

attended by 1,600 Freemasons in Boston, February 11, 1800. One of the most interesting Washington pieces gives his record as a Mason, as follows:

Entered Apprentice November 4, 5,752.

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The Masonic years in this record correspond to 1752 and 1753. It is interesting to note that in those days it took nine months to reach a degree which now can be reached in six weeks. On the obverse of this medal is a head of Washington, with an all-seeing eye and diverging rays above it, and beneath it a square and compass and the legend: He was a Brother of the Mystic Tie. The piece is two inches in diameter. A recent Washington Masonic medal has on its reverse a view of George with his hatchet, the wounded tree and old man Washington. In the background are trees and a fence. On December 27, 1782, Washington visited Solomon's Lodge, at Poughkeepsie, which was founded April 18, 1771, James Livingstone being first Master. One of the Washington pieces in Mr. Poillon's cabinet commemorates Washington's visit to the lodge. Franklin has been honoured on several Masonic medals. Two of these are French pieces and very rare. On the obverse of one is a bust of Benjamin Franklin and the legend: "Benj. Franklin, Minist. Plent. Des Etats Unis De L'Ameriq. Sept., MDCCLXXXIII." On the reverse is a circular temple on a rocky hill. In the temple are the nine muses, apparently at work. The French legend reads in translation: Their glory springs from their labors. The other French Franklin medal shows on the obverse a bust of Franklin. On the reverse is a serpent coiled so as to form a circle in which is a radiant triangle, and Jehovah, in Hebrew characters. The square and compass, entwined by olive branches, are under the serpent. To the right is a trowel, to the left a gavel. Franklin was a member of a lodge in Philadelphia when he went abroad as ambassador and is variously supposed to have become, while he was in Paris, a member or even a master of the Loge des Neuf Sœurs. An interesting Franklin medal has on its reverse a view of the Boston temple. This reverse is the same as the obverse of a medal struck off to commemorate the dedication of the Masonic Temple in Boston.

### ROYAL FACES ON MEDALS.

Many notabilities of royal and many more of noble blood figure on Masonic medals. One of the most famous medals of this class has a history. It was struck in honor of the care taken by the Princess Albertina Sophia, of Sweden, of certain poor children made homeless by a fire in Stockholm, December 24, 1784. The obverse shows a nude bust of the Princess. A string of pearls is in her loose hair. The point of interest is on the reverse, where, within a closed wreath of oak, is the inscription Vasorum Sorori. This may mean, To the Sister of the Vasas, or, as vasa is the Latin for a lewd woman, may have an equivocal significance. The

legend was suggested by the royal librarian, John Simmingskold, probably in malice, as he soon afterward fled the country. The medal was suppressed, and is, therefore, rare. Another royal Swedish medal is that with the draped bust of King Gustavus III., upon a cubic stone, the front of which is adorned with a blazing star formed by two triangles interlaced. A naked figure of Time, from whose hands both scythe and hour-glass have fallen, and various Masonic tools, are conspicuous in the design. The Swedish inscription on the reverse reads, translated: "Rebellious weapons surrounded the Grand Master at Midnight. Gustavus III. lived, wounded, thirteen days. He died lamented at high noon, on the 30th March."

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### Review.

The *Philatelic Herald* appears without a cover this month.

The *Southern Geologist* for January contains a great deal of useful and instructive information. This paper should be in the hands of every geologist, young or old.

The *Stamp* is the title of a new paper from Denver, Col. From it we clip the following:—"Some credit is due to the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*. Canada is too cold for the average stamp paper." The editor does not seem to be aware of our existence; but, we forgot, this paper is above the average, so, of course, he is right. As to Canada being too cold for stamp papers, we would say that editors of the same seem to live to an older age than most U. S. editors, probably through not having to apply wet towels to their craniums to enable them to get off their sparkling editorials.

The *Universal Collectors' Journal*, of which we have received the first number, is a large monthly, devoted to collecting in all its branches, and is well filled with advertisements for the first number.

The *National Capital Philatelist* has enlarged and is improved in appearance.

The *Philatelic Journal of America*, for February, appears in a new cover of very neat and tasty design; it also contains a portrait of the editor, Mr. Charles H. Mekeel.

No. 2 of the *Chemung Review* to hand, as spicy and interesting as the first.

The *Philatelic News* is a very neat paper from Chicago, we wish it long life and success.

The *Philatelic Tribune*, for February, appears in a greatly improved cover.

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## Mystic Art in Medals

(Continued.)

Among other royal or noble notabilities who figure on Masonic medals, are Frederick Augustus of Prussia, Leopold of Belgium, Louis Philippe and Napoleon III. Several interesting pieces relate to the reign of the Commune in Paris. One of these has on its obverse a head of Liberty with the flowing curls escaping from the Phrygian cap and falling about her neck. The legend is, Republique Francaise. From the reverse this piece appears to be a Souvenir du 29 Avril 5871. The legend on the reverse is, Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité, Philanthropie, Union, Force. On another piece the legend reads: The Delegates of the different Masonic lodges of Paris, started for Versailles in order to stop the spilling of blood, which they leave in horror on 12th April, 5871.

### CURIOUS MEDALS OF ALL KINDS.

Mr. Poillon has in his collection the largest and the smallest Masonic medals ever struck. The largest measures 41 according to numismatic measurement. On the obverse is a burning altar between two pillars. Another conspicuous object in the design is a couchant lion in front of an acacia bush. In etergne is a serpent devouring its tail. The legend is: Grand Orient de la Belgique. This obverse is the same as that on a somewhat smaller "trial piece," struck for the consideration of the brethren of the new Grand Lodge of Belgium. Prominent on the reverse are a triangle with the all-seeing eye and the inscription: Lumen de Lumine. Sceau du Grand Orient—(Light of Light. Seal of the Grand Orient of Belgium). This rare medal is of tin. The smallest Masonic piece is a French business taken three-eighths of an inch in size. It exists in gold, silver, aluminum, brass, copper and gilt. The oldest known Masonic medal was struck in commemoration of the foundation of a lodge in Florence by Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, in 1733. On the obverse is a bust of Lord Sackville. On the reverse is a figure of Harpocrates, the God of Silence, leaning upon a broken column, on his head a crown of lotus. A cornucopia is in his left hand. Various masonic emblems are at his feet. Only one specimen of this medal is known of. The oldest American Masonic medal extant is one presented by the Union Lodge of Danbury, Conn., to a son of a Dr. Babcock, a member of the lodge who died in 1794. On the obverse there is a dais approached by three steps. On the right is a pillar of the Ionic order, on the left a pillar of the Corinthian. The capitals are adorned with cubes. Three burning tapers, over which are the Bible, square and compasses, are on the dais. Above all is an All-seeing Eye within a semi-circle of rays and a triangle

with the letter G. Masonic working tools are to the right and left of the pillars. Above, on the right, are the moon and seven stars, on the left the sun, while in the etergne are a coffin, spade, hour-glass and scythe.

(To be Continued.)

## Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOBERT.

BAVARIA.—A new 3 pfening band has been issued similar to those of Germany.

CEYLON.—There are two new cards without surcharge, 5 cents blue, and 10 cents brown.

CUNDINAMARCA.—The European papers announce a new set of five values, with arms in an oval band and numerals in the lower corners. They are 5c. blue, 10c. vermilion, 20c. green, 50c. violet, 1 pero, red brown.

GIBRALTAR.—They now use the stamps of Bermuda with surcharge "Gibraltar" in black,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 1d. rose, 2d. brown, (Color Chart, 106.)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue, 4d. vermilion, 6d. violet, 1s. pale brown, also some of the post cards and envelops of Natal, Malta, St. Vincent and Barbados.

LIBERIA.—A new series was issued in January, as follows: 1c. carmine, 2c. green, 3c. lilac, 4c. brown, 6c. gray, 8c. blue, 16c. orange, 32c. blue. The first five are of the same type and have larger figure of valbe in hexagon; the 8c. and 16c. have value on an oval, and the 32c. has view of a ship and rising sun with palm tree and plough in the fore ground.

MOZAMBIQUE.—A new series has been issued resembling the stamps of Potugal 1870; the embossed head of the King is surrounded by an oval band inscribed 5 reis, black, 10 reis, green, 20 reis, carmine, 25 reis, lilac, 40 reis, brown, 50 reis, blue, 100 reis, orange.

NATAL.—The 3d. printed in gray has been surcharge in black "Two pence" with the original value obliterated.

NORFOLK, I.—The *Ph. Monthly* says that stamps are already printed in Sidney, N. S. W., and will be shortly issued.

PARAGUAY.—*Der Philatelist* notes a stamp said to have been issued last year; the 3 reals of 1870 surcharged in violet with figure "2."

PERSIA.—The 5sh. green of 1882 and the 10c. carmine are surcharged respectively, "6" and "12" with the word "official" above, not for official purposes but for ordinary correspondence. The 50c. printed in gray, is surcharged for use as 1 toman. There is a band, 1 shahi, carmine on manilla, and two envelopes, 6 shahi, carmine on white and 12 shahi, violet on white, all with stamp resembling the 8 shahi of 1876, but with figures of value and "ch" in corners.

PHILIPPINE, I.—The  $12\frac{1}{2}$  paie blue, (Derecho Judicial) has been surcharged in red, "Habilitado-Correos-6 2-8 cens."

PORTUGUESE, INDIA.—This country has a new set like those noted above for Mozambique. They are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  reis black,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  reis brown, 6 reis green, 1 tanga carmine, 2 tangas blue, 4 tangas lilac, and 8 tangas orange.

PUTTIALA.—One of our exchanges has met with the 4 annas surcharged in black and red.

REUNION, I.—It seems that the stamps lately reported are not genuine but were made in Paris. This is a provisional issue, however which was authorized by the authorities in the island last December, and which is as follows: The 40c. (eagle), 40c. (Liberty), 40c. (figures of Commerce), and 30c. (Napoleon laureated) are surcharged 5c. with capital "R" below, the 40c. (figures of Commerce) is similarly surcharged 10c., and the 40c. (eagle) 25c.

SANTANDER.—The German papers illustrate a new series, somewhat resembling the 1c. of Ecuador. The values and colors are not changed.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON.—The 35c., 75c. and 1 franc of 1877, and the 20c. of 1881 have been surcharged "O 5" with "S. P. M." below.

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TOBAGO.—We have the 6d. surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$  penny" in black.

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## Of the Travels of a Numismatist.

(BY J. G. BINGHAM, MCGRAWVILLE, N. Y.)

A pleasant morning in September last, found the writer accompanied by wife and daughter in the vicinity of Cheyenne City, W. T.

We were seated in a drawing room car of one of the fast trains of the Union Pacific R. R., en route for California and the Pacific Coast. Our meals were served us in the dining room cars that were attached our train, and they were well cooked and given us in as good condition as at any first-rate hotel of New York or Chicago.

Every one had had their breakfast, and felt the consequent satisfaction that results from partaking of the same. The passengers were as happy and agreeable a lot as it has been my pleasure to meet.

Sociability and joviality were the prominent features of the hour. Every one wished to know his neighbors, and to make the time pass pleasantly, and generally with success.

Election matters was one of the topics of conversation and some partisans of certain gubernatorial candidates would get warmly engaged, but still with the greatest good humor, and wind off with a hearty laugh and a friendly slap on the shoulder.

During one of these discussions of a half dozen of us, and after we were tiring somewhat of discussing politics, a scarf-pin, worn by one of the party, was noticed by another, and the remark made that it was a decided novelty.

The gentleman took off the pin and passed it around for inspection, requesting each one to state what they thought it was. Opinions were various; but the general decision was, that it was an ancient gold coin and was rather pretty, certainly.

I coincided with these opinions, but went further, stating the country, name, age of the coin and gave a little history of its time.

This led to a further discussion in regard to the coinage of various countries, and some of the gentlemen spoke so intelligently and so correctly of the historical connections of the words coinages, that all were entertained and interested.

From history, the conversation drifted to telling stories; and I requested that these should be a continuation of the theme of old coins, and that each tell some personal recollection that had occurred in their past history.

The first was related by Dr. B.—of St. Louis, a man well known in the numismatic world; and the following is a digest of the main points of the story in his own words:

"Shortly after the close of the war of 1860 to '65, I held a position in a prominent bank of a large southern city that shall be nameless. The business of the bank was passably good. More borrowers than depositors were among our callers;

for the people had only begun to rise from their ruined plantations, and lacked the means to restock and replenish them again. Help must be hired, and no money to hire with. Everything was demoralized, and of necessity nothing but money could straighten out the complicity of affairs. The banks were ready to furnish means, providing the security was good and ample.

"I remember distinctly a lady calling one morning to negotiate a loan. She was plain and neatly dressed; and as she desired a private interview, I invited her into the inner office, and enquired what we could do for her. She told her story briefly and to the point, and with that air of refinement and grace that denotes the true lady.

To be Continued.

## Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOBERT.

BERMUDA.—The stamps of this colony have been changed in color as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ p., green; 2p., violet; 3p., gray; 1sh., brown, and a post card,  $\frac{1}{2}$ p., carmine on buff.

BRITISH BECHNAULAND.—This is a late addition to Cape of G. H., and the stamps of that colony have been surcharged "British Bechnauland" in two lines. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ p., 1p., 2p., and 6p. are all that are reported as yet.

CAPE VERD.—This colony has changed its stamps, and issued a set similar to those of Mozambique, noted last month.

CEYLON.—A new design, value 5c., has been put in circulation recently. It consists of the head of the Queen to the left in oval, outside of which is inscribed in white letters—"Postage, Ceylon, Revenue, Five Cents." Color is lilac.

CYPRUS.—A 12 piastre red stamp has been issued.

DOMINICA.—The 6p. stamp has been surcharged "Half Penny."

FARIDKOT.—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. has been changed to black.

GIBRALTAR.—There are four sizes of registered envelopes measuring as follows:—131x73, 152x97, 253x175 and 290x152 mm.

GUINEA.—It is said that the stamps prepared some time ago are to be put in circulation soon, and all Portuguese colonies will have similar stamps. The embossed stamps issued lately are only temporary.

HAYTI.—There are two distinct shades of blue of the 7c. (C. C. 43 and 54).

HUNGARY.—A post card, measuring 161x78 mm., with inscription, "Posta-takariklap," is reported. Printed in black on white card. Value 5kr.

LAGOS.—A half-penny stamp, printed

in green, is reported. Same type as the other values.

MACAO.—The following changes have occurred in color:—10 reis, green, 20 reis, carmine, 40 reis, yellow.

MEXICO.—There are letter cards, value 4c., with stamp printed in new color.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—As the 5sh. stamp fell short of the demand, the "Stamp Duty" stamp of same value was surcharged "Postage," and is now in use as such: 10sh. and £1 stamps of same character are also reported.

PERSIA.—Unpaid letter stamps similar to those of France have been issued. The words "A Percevoir" run diagonally from lower left to upper right hand corner "Perse" at top. Value in circle in lower right hand corner. 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15 shahi. 1, 2, 5, prau. 1 toman.

PHILIPPINE IS.—A stamp of the current type, value  $\frac{1}{2}$  centavo, green, has been issued. "Filipas. Impresos" is on the upper label.

PANUTCH.—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 anna have appeared in red on yellow laid paper, and the 4 anna, red on white laid paper.

ROUMANIA.—The 25 b. blue of the new type.

SHANGHAI.—It is reported that the 80 cash lish has been surcharged "40 cash," and the 100 cash yellow "60 cash." The value is in Roman letters and Chinese characters.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—A reply paid card, 1x1, green on buff.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—Mr. Wettern has sent us two new cards, 1x1 carmine, and  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  brown. Design similar to those of St. Vincent.

TOBAGO.—A post card measuring 122x87 mm, cormine on buff, has been issued.

TOLIMA.—An unperforated 20c. lilac stamp has been sent us, which we have not seen noted. Arms in centre with "Estados Unidos de Colombia," below in curved line, "Correos del E<sup>o</sup>. S<sup>o</sup>. del Tolima," above in two curved lines, "Centavos" below in straight label, at each side of which is the value "20."

TURKEY.—Instead of carmine, the 2 piastres is orange.

URUGUAY.—A reply paid card 3x3, Form 4, 130x80 mm, green on violet, has been issued.

VENEZUELA.—The 5c. blue and 50c. green have just been issued. They were prepared several years ago. The 10c. prepared at the same time has not been issued yet. Several post cards are reported similar to last, but with "Targeta Postal" in ornamental shaded letters instead of plain letters.



## Ink Drops.

We have received a copy of "Morell's Directory" from the publisher, Mr. H. Morell, Toronto, and can fairly say that it is the best directory we have ever seen. It is well worth the price asked, only 25c. Mr. Morell has our congratulations on the success of his work.

"Our American Youth" has changed its name to the "Stamp Collectors' Guide."

Mr. H. T. Hawks, Atlantic, Iowa, has sent us a copy of his directory, which, considering the small price asked for it (10c.), ought to have a large sale.

The "Toronto Philatelic Journal" comes out in a new form, with eight pages and cover. It contains some very good articles, and is improved in every way.

The "Philatelic Exchange List" is a neat paper from London, Eng.

The "P. J. of A." looks better than ever, but is rather hard on the philatelic story of the "Empire State Philatelist."

We received a copy of "Bric-a-Brac," Montreal's leading amateur journal. It is ably edited by Mr. H. W. Robinson.

The "Stamp" for March comes in improved form. Long may it "stick."

"Tidings from Nature" is transferred to R. B. Trouslot, Valparaiso, Ind., who carries it on in connection with the "Hoosier Naturalist."

The "Philatelic News" for April looks very well, though there might be fewer typographical errors.

The improvement in form and size of "The Stamp" shows enterprise on the part of its owners.

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Is there such an institution as a Philatelic Press Association? If so, will some one favor us with the address of the secretary.

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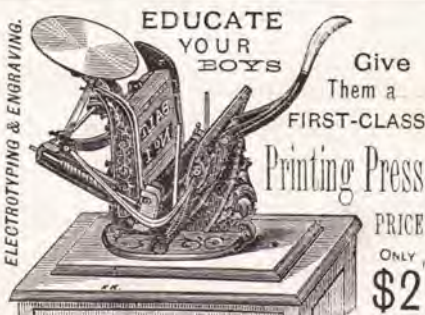
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